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Pentagon tracking spy balloon

By ROXANA TIRON and TONY CAPACCIO

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is tracking a Chinese surveillance balloon that's lingering at high altitude over the western U.S., home to sensitive sites including nuclear-Thursday.

spotted earlier this week, was loitering over Montana for a short time and briefly caused the grounding of planes in Billings as a precaution, a senior official told reporters on cuscondition

risk of falling debris. "The U.S. has detected and is tracking a high-alti-

"It is currently traveling at The Chinese balloon, not to shoot it down an altitude well above commercial air traffic and does not present a military or physical threat to people on the ground."

Pentagon meeting of his top advisers vide, the official said.

The U.S. official declined

tions about the balloon, including the precise target of its surveillance, its size or other specifications. It's well above the altitude used by civilian aircraft – about 40,000 feet (12,000 meters) — but not at the edge of space, the official

Austin was in the Philippines as part of a U.S. effort Department officials said poses no intelligence threat spokesman, told reporters. while on a trip to the to rally allies and counter what officials believe is China's increased assertiveness in the South China Sea and toward Taiwan. The U.S. secured access to more Philippine military bases, clearing the way for a greater American

presence in the region. See **Tracking** page 5

Attorney to assist the city with sale

Outside help sought to ensure IDEM compliance

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

The sale of the former Sheller-Globe south property has taken another step toward becoming a reality.

Portland Mayor John Boggs on Thursday explained during a special meeting of the city's board of works that an outside attorney has been hired to craft a purchase agreement between the city and rural Portland resident Chad Fifer.

The board held an executive session to discuss details of the purchase agreement prior to the special meeting.

Boggs said because of environmental issues with the Sheller-Globe south property, 510 S. Bridge St., city attorney Wes Schemenaur suggested hiring outside council to craft the purchase agreement with Fifer. To that end, the city has contracted environmental attorney Chris Braun of Indianapolis firm Plews Shadley Racher & Braun.

Braun suggested a step back, Boggs said, in order to make sure all of the required steps covenants with Indiana Department of Environmental Management are met and handled in the correct order. The mayor added that the step is intended to make sure the city fulfills all IDEM mandates and to protect Fifer as well.

Board of works members Jerry Leonhard, McIntosh and Steve in September Boggs approved the sale of the Sheller-Globe former south property to Fifer for \$50,000.

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Chinese surveillance balloon is lingering over western U.S.

missile silos, Defense anonymity. Officials said it Ryder, a and a decision was made because of the possible

tude surveillance balloon that is over the continental United States right now,"

Once U.S. officials became aware of the balloon, Defense Secretary

Philippines on Wednesday and informed President Joe Biden. Its technology doesn't offer any intelligence-gathering capability beyond what China's loworbit satellites already pro-

of Brigadier General Pat Lloyd Austin convened a to answer several ques-

Tax bill meets opposition

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

What could be Hoosiers' best bet at property tax relief was met with opposition Thursday from education advocates and local government officials who maintained they would take a financial hit if lawmakers approve the proposal.

The bill would temporarily provide a supplemental homestead credit and lower the 1% cap on residential property taxes.

It was filed by Rep. Jeff Thompson, R-Lizton, who chairs the House Ways and Means Committee. Thompson's rank could help the bill get more traction in a GOPdominated legislature that has so far expressed hesitation about addressing property tax spikes in the current session.

The bill was heard in committee Thursday but has not yet been scheduled for a vote.

"There's been — by all estimates — a significant, unusual increase in assessed values of homestead across the state,"

Schools, local officials push back because of expected financial hit

Thompson said Thursday during a Ways and Means committee hearing. "This is an issue that has to be addressed. I

believe taxpayers expect that." He emphasized that his bill is not a reduction in revenue for local governments rather, it's a reduction in the increase they will get. Currently, local units are set to see a 10% increase in revenue. That would drop to a 6% increase if the bill passes, according to a legislative services analysis referenced by Thompson, but which has not been made available publicly.

Thompson also suggested sizable school funding increases in the upcoming state budg-

et that would offset losses. He said it's too early to provide

details, though. Taxable assessed values shot up 15% from 2021 to 2022 even after tax abatements, deductions and credits according to data from the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC). Homeowners' bills this year could payable increase as much as 15% more than double what previous reports estimated for the upcoming bills.

But naysayers of the bill argue that local governments and under that umbrella, public schools — would take on the brunt of any relief given.

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Indiana Capital Chronicle/Monroe Bush

The House Ways and Means Committee hears testimony on a bill. A bill discussed Thursday regarding property tax relief met opposition from education advocates and local government officials worried about the financial hit they would take if it is approved.

Deaths

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 41 degrees Thursday. The low ws 22.

The forecast calls for a low of 12 tonight. Skies will be sunny Saturday with a high of 37 and winds gusting to 35 miles per hour. Windy conditions will continue through Sunday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

One additional candidate filed Thursday to run in this year's municipal elections. Incumbent Dave Golden turned in his paperwork to run for the Democratic nomination for Portland City Council at-large.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's JCHS girls basketball sectional semifinal.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.



Breanna Reef, 19, Dunkirk Details on page 2.

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Between 2024 and 2027 — during which property owners would pay reduced taxes under Thompson's bill — school corporations are estimated to lose more than \$364 million in revenue. Cities, towns, counties and other units are also expected to see decreased revenues into the millions.

'Our concern is teaching and learning and that costs money," said Gail Zeharalis, representing the Indiana State Teachers Association. "We don't believe that your local public schools should have to pay that price while they are trying to provide a program to serve kids.

House Speaker Todd Huston, R-

Fishers, said his caucus is well aware of constituents' concerns about upcoming property tax bills. He suggested that House lawmakers would likely support some sort of legislation this session to affect future tax bills, but he didn't offer specifics.

Even so, it's still not clear if the bill could prevail in the opposite chamber.
"We're working on something

to limit the amount of increase that can happen," said Republican Senate Pro Tem Rodric Bray. "But really, our hands are tied for doing anything in this legislative session that would affect those bills that are going to come due on May 10th of this year."

temporarily reduce the homestead tax cap for taxes payable in 2024 and gradually increase the cap back to 1% in 2028.

Caps would be set at 0.9% for property taxes payable in 2024, 0.925% in 2025, 0.95% in 2026 and 0.975% in 2027.

The bill also creates a supplemental homestead credit to be applied to tax bills after all other credits are applied. The added credit for each homestead would be equal to \$100 in 2024, \$75 in 2025, \$50 in 2026, and \$25 in 2027. The credit is not allowed to exceed what a taxpayer owes, however.

The reduced property tax bills for homeowners is estimated to Thompson's legislation would result in \$357 million in tax relief

in 2024, according to Indiana's Legislative Services Agency. The tax savings for homesteads is then estimated to drop to \$275 million in 2025, \$183.4 million in 2026, and \$136 million in 2027.

Denny Costerison from Association of School Business Officials said that while he understands the issue facing homeowners, he noted that property taxes provide necessary income for schools to afford expenses like utilities and school buses.

Those costs have already shot up due to inflation, he said. If Thompson's bill passes, schools might be forced to reallocate money for education into operating funds.

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Obituaries

Breanna Reef, Dunkirk, Feb. 24, 2003-Jan. 30, 2023. Services will be at 6 p.m. Monday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Pennville.

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 time/date/location of serv-

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

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Saturday 2/4	Sunday 2/5	Monday 2/6	Tuesday 2/7	Wednesday 2/8
37/33	43/25	47/40	52/32	47/38
Saturday's forecast shows sunny weather with winds gusting up to 35 mph.	cloudy skies is in the works	ly sunny skies are expected Monday. The high will be	Tuesday has a 30% chance of rain. Other- wise, mostly cloudy.	Another slight chance of rain Wednesday with a low temperature of 38.

Lotteries

Powerball

Estimated

\$700 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 8-0-3 Daily Four: 9-7-4-5 Quick Draw: 5-7-13-20-22-23-25-29-39-51-54-56-58-61-69-74-76-77-78-80

Evening Daily Three: 5-2-0 Daily Four: 0-0-3-1 Quick Draw: 4-5-10-12- \$110,000

27-29-30-33-34-37-38-44-46jackpot: 49-51-56-58-64-73-78

Cash 5: 10-18-29-30-40 Estimated jackpot: \$664,500

Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 1-6-9 Pick 4: 0-6-1-0 Pick 5: 0-9-1-2-8 Evening Pick 3: 7-1-6 Pick 4: 8-6-7-8 Pick 5: 8-7-1-6-1 Rolling Cash: 11-21-29-

Estimated jackpot:

Felony court news

Dealing methamphetamine

A Bryant man was sentenced to prison after a jury found him guilty of dealing methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony, and several other charges.

David L. Claytor, 46, was also found guilty by a Jay Circuit Court jury of two Level 6 felonies for maintaining a common nuisance and unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia and three counts of being a habitual offender.

He was sentenced to 11 years in Indiana Department of Correction with an additional 13 year-sentence tacked on for being a habitual offender. Claytor was assessed \$185 in court costs and charged a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Burglary

Two people were sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to burglary.

Natasha M. Newsome, 25, pleaded guilty to burglary, a Level 4 felony. She was sentenced to eight years in Indiana Department of Correction with four years suspended and given credit for time served. Newsome was placed on probation and assessed \$185 in court costs. She was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, the court would consider modifying her sentence.

Donald D. Kimble, 25, 9852 W. 500 South, Redkey, pleaded guilty to burglary, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to four years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Kimble was assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, his charge was lessened from a Level 4 felony, and a Level 6 felony for theft was dismissed.

Neglect

A Salamonia man was sentenced to jail after he pleaded guilty to neglect of a dependent and resisting law enforcement, both Level 6 felonies.

Mathew Campofiore-Audet, 30, 3982 S. West St., pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court. He was sentenced to 18 months in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served. He was assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 5 felony for battery, a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement and two Class A misdemeanors for criminal trespassing.

Battery

Three Portland people were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in Jay courts to domestic bat-

Colton T. Bost, 25, 404 W. Race St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to domestic battery, a Class B misdemeanor. (His original charge was lessened from a Level 6 felony.) Bost was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but two days of his sentence suspended and given two days credit for time served. Bost was placed on probation for one year, assessed \$185 in court costs and charged a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee.

Tyler J. Hough, 34, 6693 U.S. 27, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to battery resulting in bodily injury to a pregnant woman, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to four and a half years in Indiana Department of Correction. Hough was assessed \$185 in court costs and charged a \$50 domestic violence prevention fee.

Brandon C. Wible, 23, 203 East Arch St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to battery on a public safety officer, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given 164 days credit for time served. Wible was assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for one vear 4 agreement, the following charges agreement, a Level 6 felony for operwere dismissed: a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement, a Class B misdemeanor for disorderly conduct and a Class B

misdemeanor for public intoxica-

Strangulation

A Terre Haute man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to strangulation, a Level 6 felony.

Jordan S. Anderson, 25, 1221 E. Wood Lane, was sentenced to one year in Indiana Department of Correction with all but 12 days suspended and given credit for time served. Anderson was assessed \$185 in court

Drunk driving

Two Indiana residents were sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to drunk driving. Juan Jose Sierra Puente, 33, 916

Oliver Ave., Union City, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given 10 days credit for time served. Puente was placed on probation for one year, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and charged a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. He was also ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor for leaving the scene of an accident was dismissed.

Brittany N. Rivera, 38, 2905 Old State Road 22, Hartford City, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, endangering a person with a passenger younger than 18, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to $180\,\mathrm{days}$ in Jay County Jail and given 162 days credit for time served. Rivera was assessed \$185.50 in court costs and charged with a \$200 drug and alcohol countermeasures fee. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend her license for 180 days retroactive to As part of her plea ating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.08% or more was dismissed.

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Today in history

In 1943, the U.S. transport ship SS Dorchester, which was troops carrying Greenland, sank after being hit by a German torpedo in the Labrador Sea during World War II.

In 1917, the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany after the SS Housatonic, an American cargo ship, was sunk by a U-boat off Britain after the crew was allowed to board lifeboats.

In 1959, rock-and-roll Buddy Holly, stars Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson died in a under a travel warning small plane crash near as it worked to dig out. Clear Lake, Iowa.

In 1966, the Soviet probe Luna 9 became the first manmade object to make a soft landing on the moon.

In 1972, an unidentified man carrying a shotgun robbed the Spur Station on Votaw Street in Portland of \$56.38.

In 1994, the space shuttle Discovery lifted off, carrying Sergei Krikalev, the first Russian cosmonaut to fly aboard a U.S. spacecraft.

In 2022, an additional 8 inches of snow fell in Jay County after it saw 4 inches the previous day, shutting down schools and putting the county

Assist

He plans to install a sawmill and in the future expand to furniture produc-

Fifer, the owner of Fifer Services, had the highest of three offers for the property.

In addition to getting Braun started on the purchase agreement, the board of works has also prepared an extension of an independent contractor agreement with Fifer for the property to allow him access to the building to begin preparations for the sawmill. The original agreement, which does not allow any removal of items or digging and requires Fifer to carry indemnity insurance, was approved by the board last month.

During a brief phone call prior to Thursday's meeting, Fifer asked that the agreement be sent to his attorney for review.

Also related to the Sheller-Globe month hired three new officers.

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south building, Boggs noted that he has signed a site access agreement with Indiana Brownfields.

Because the property is still cityowned, the state program will remove three petroleum tanks from the property at no cost.

The board of works last week approved a contract with IWM consulting to apply for Indiana Brownfields to remove the tanks.

Boggs also reported to the board that he has accepted the resignation of police officer Dustin Garringer, who has been with the department for about a year. Garringer is leaving the position to take a job at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, though he plans to continue with the police department part time, the mayor

His departure opens another position with the police department, which last

SERVICES

Saturday

Ludwig, Jerry: 3 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

Monday

Reef, Breanna: 6 p.m., Williamson, Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 190 S. Union St., Pennville.

May 13

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

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Citizen's calendar

Today

Commissioners special meeting, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Monday

City Council, council chambers, fire station, Park Board, council 1616 N. Franklin St.

7:30 p.m. — Fort 1616 N. Franklin St.

Recovery Village Coun-2 p.m. — Jay County cil, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Tuesday

4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corpora-Community Resource Center, 118 S. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland

chambers, fire station,

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Spread awareness about heart health

February is American Heart Month.

Community Healthy Alliance of East Central Indiana is hosting three events throughout the region this month, which is observed to raise healthy heart awareness and encourage habits to reduce the risk of heart disease.

Healthy Community Alliance of East Central Indiana will offer free ford City blood pressure checks at

Taking

the following times and locations:

•3 to 5 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Invitation Health and Wellness clinic in Hart-

•9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 16

at Jay Community Center apply for emergency food (CARES) Act, according to in Portland

•9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 23 at Muncie Mall

The organization will also offer heart health and wellness information.

All attendees getting blood pressure their checked will be entered in a drawing for a 50-inch flat screen TV.

Food, shelter grants

Today is the last day to Economic

and shelter grants through the United Way of Jay County.

The organization has received funding made available through the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emer-Management gency Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program and through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and

Security

a press release from the United Way.

It's currently seeking applicants for the funding. Public or nonprofit agencies interested should contact Jane Ann Runyon at the United Way of Jav County by calling (260) 726-7010 or sending an email to unitedwayofjaycounty@gmail.com.

Music Time Get ready to jive.

Fort Recovery Public Library is hosting "Music Time," a 30-minute session of movement and songs, for parents or guardians with babies through children in preschool at the beginning of each week. Sessions are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13, Feb. 20, Feb. 27, March 6 and March 13.

Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call (419) 375-2869.

Former friend doesn't know the whole story

DEAR ABBY: About 10 years ago, my longtime best friend, "Byron," abruptly cut me out of his life. I never clearly understood why. I reached out to him on and off for several years without success. Then I ran into him, traded pleasantries and we followed up. He returned my email, we began communicating again about things that mattered, and it appeared our friendship was on the mend.

A short time later, my wife (only an acquaintance of his) divorced me and began a massive social media attack against me. Most of my friends saw through her lies. I took the high road and never said anything about her lunacy. Then she ramped it up by going after Dear Abby



were important in my life, including Byron. Soon after, I heard she had her hooks in him and he stopped communicating with me. My ex-wife has since passed away.

I have dreams that Byron and I are friends again, doing the things we used to do, and I would like to try "Rebuild No. 2" but don't know where to start. He never got the full story, only the part that made me look bad.

or do I just try and start over myself. I cheated on my husagain? And if so, how? — UNFRIENDED AGAIN IN **MICHIGAN**

DEAR UNFRIENDED: True friends do not treat each other the way that Byron has treated you. They discuss their differences instead of cutting each other off. Your "friend" could have come to you after he was contacted by your ex-wife. He could also have asked some of your mutual friends if what she was spreading was true. Byron did neither. Go on with your life and don't look back, or you will receive more of the same from this person.

DEAR ABBY: I'm very some of the people she knew Do I mention my ex-wife's lies, depressed and upset with before I cheated. What do I do? ed, it may be better.

band, "Hal," and told him after I realized I had gotten an STI from the man I cheated with. Hal was very upset, and we didn't talk for a day and a half, but he didn't yell or call me names. I feel so guilty and confused. He's being really nice, not cussing at me. It's strange.

Things are different between us now, and it's my fault. It will take time and patience, I guess. But I miss the intimacy and affection Hal and I once shared. Is it normal for me to want him to yell at me and show his anger? When I try to talk about him getting tested for STIs, he gets quiet and brings up the past. Please help me. I just want things back the way they were

 RELUCTANT CHEATER IN OREGON

DEAR RELUCTANT CHEATER: Hal needs to talk to his doctor and schedule an appointment to be tested, and you must be willing to talk to him about "the past" and why you cheated on him. You owe your husband an explanation. That he hasn't yelled or called you names doesn't mean he isn't hurt and furious about what happened. It may take counseling with a licensed marriage and family therapist for your marriage to repaired. If you do this, although your relationship may never go back to the way it was before you cheat-

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Birth announcements

Ashley

Romey Maclan, a son, was born Jan. 27 to Isaac and Mackenzie Ashley at St. Vincent Randolph in Winchester.

Romey weighed 5 pounds, 15

Grandparents are Jim and Tamra Burge of Winchester, Clint Mikesell of Winchester and Lloyd and Karen Ashley of Winchester.

Great-grandparents are Mary Reno of Winchester and Betty Ashley of Winchester.

Dahlinghaus

daughters, were born Jan. 11 to Michelle and Ryan Dahlinghaus of Celina, Ohio, at Miami Valley Hospi-

Olivia weighed 5 pounds, 7 ounces.

Eliza weighed 6 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Carol Dirksen of rural Bryant. Paternal grandparents are Paul and Donna Dahlinghaus of New Bremen, Ohio. Great-grandparents are Sally Dirksen of Portland, Julitta Overman of Fort Recovery, Ohio, Don Dahlinghaus of Coldwater, Ohio, and Norman and Hilda Alig of Coldwater,

Notices will appear in an item,

Friday

SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

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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.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYspace is available. To sub- MOUS — Will meet at 10 email a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland, For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

DUNKIRK HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113. S. Main

MUSEUM OF THE SOL-DIER — Is open from noon Saturday and Sunday of 510 E. Arch St., Portland. mofthesoldier.com.

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LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Feb. 3, at Har-

St., Dunkirk.

to 5 p.m. the first and third the month. It is located at The website is museu-

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-

ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday, Feb. 6

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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

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

PREGNANCY

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

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY FAMILY MEAL Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland.

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland.

Tuesday

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday.

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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. CARE Center St., Dunkirk.

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Holidays were made a bit brighter

The 2022 holidays were made a little brighter with a substantial donation from Payton's Northern in Bluffton.

The Cruis'n the HoliJay Lights committee was contacted by Peyton's Northern employee Jennifer Schug, encouraging it to participate in receiving semi loads of holiday merchandise. After a generous offer from Wade Kohler to use a Pioneer Packaging warehouse, the loads of mer-

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chandise arrived. Holiday merchandise including Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter, was given to the committee for the sole purpose of being given away.

More than 50 organizations, including not-for-profits, nursing homes, schools, daycares, the hospital and the library received truck loads of Squishmallows, blankets, stuffed animals and various other holiday items.

Kohler and Wade Lewellen for the offer of the use of a warehouse and to Pioneer Packaging for helping to move and unload the merchandise. Thank you to

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Scott Swingley for being there with a skid loader we needed.

Alice Strohl, Gail Compton and Maria Snow spent countless hours unboxing merchandise to be given at the Cruis'n the Holi-Jay Lights gate.

ems. Thank you Trent and Sarah A big thank you to Wade Paxson for the use of their horse trailer at the light's gate.

Christmas stockings, totes, blankets, stuffed animals and Squishmallows were handed out to the light's cruisers.

Thank you to all who helped move what seemed like a ton of free merchandise for Santa's house. A great, big thank you to Kristi Barron, who was beside me many, many evenings working in the ware-

house. The merchandise has all been given away and Jay County's Christmas was hopefully a

little brighter. Debi Gillespie Portland

Indiana needs moderate, sensible

Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

It would be hard to deny that Hoosier voters have made it clear what

they want in a governor.

Going back as far as the 1970s, when Otis Bowen started a long string of two-term governors, the politicians most likely to run, win and serve effectively in Indiana's top elective executive position have been moderate in tone and politics, accessible and affable, and possessing of a degree of competence and common sense that citizens like and trust to

run the affairs of state. Regardless of party affiliation, most of the governors over that time span have worked hard to rise above the politics of the moment and be a governor of all the people, not just a partisan ideological base.

Over that time, there have been five Republicans and three Democrats to serve as governor. Only two — Joe Kernan and Mike Pence — did not serve the maximum two terms allowed by the state's constitution.

Kernan served the final admirably. 16 months of Frank O'Bannon's second term O'Bannon died while in office. Pence vacated his candidacy for reelection when Donald Trump chose him as his vice presidential running mate in mid-2016.

considered a conserva- more than 56% of the tive state, despite its jog vote in his reelection bid. toward liberalism in the 1960s and "Kennedy" Birch Bayh and Vance office. Hartke served as Indiana's U.S. senators.

displayed by Republicans such as Bowen and Mitch Daniels was based on a blend of pro-business policies and fiscal restraint. They rarely, if ever, ventured into the socalled "culture wars" that roiled the national political scene.

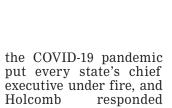
served as governor were tics, will be difficult. likewise more conservative than their national climate counterparts and avoided remain being drawn into political fights over divisive social issues.

While the governor's office in the Statehouse was occupied by individuals of both political parties, they were more alike than not. They shared similar leadership attributes and governed with the sort of sensibility that Hoosiers have long admired and embraced.

Current Gov. Eric Hol-Hoosier mold and has The health crisis triggered by citizens.

Hoosier **Editorial**

The national political climate will likely remain in turmoil through the next election cycle. But Indiana doesn't have to embrace that rancor.



Even when his own party resisted his steady leadership, he calmly stood his ground and allowed common sense and constitutional principles to guide the way.

Voters rewarded Holcomb for his job perform-Indiana has long been ance in late 2020 with Last month, he passed

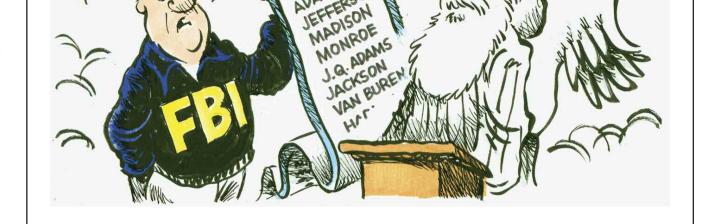
begin searching for a can-But the conservatism didate to succeed Holcomb. Will they choose someone to continue in the mold they've crafted over the past 50-plus years?

Voters would be wise to do so, although bucking recent trends of nominating candidates with more extreme views, especially The Democrats who in Republican Party poli-

> The national political will likely in turmoil through the next election cycle. But Indiana doesn't have to embrace that ran-

> The Hoosier way would be to continue demonstrating a preference for gubernatorial candidates with experience, substance and sensibility rather than be drawn into the arena of political stunts, showmanship and ideological warfare.

Hoosiers have a temcomb fits into the plate that works when it comes to tapping goverhad his mettle tested vig- nors that strive to make public Indiana better for all its



'Tripledemic' reveals broken system

By LAHARI VUPPALADHADIAM

Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

An exhausted mother of four brought in her youngest child, not even 6 months old, to the doctor's office where I was working for a barking, unending cough. The baby struggled to catch her breath and threw up her milk as she cried. Her test was positive for respiratory syncytial virus, and her mother. who was also now sick, wondered aloud about how she would be able to take time off from work.

When I lived in Missouri, I worked at a pediatric clinic, and such situations were not uncommon. Parents would bring '70s when the halfway point of his dren to the clinic for RSV testing, Democrats second and final term in often after a day care outbreak, and stay home from work or rely on In 2024, Hoosiers will other family members — if they were lucky — to care for their sick children. My experience at the clinic taught me that access to affordable child care is more than a concern for families — it is a public health issue that needs to be a big-

ger priority. This winter, RSV, influenza and COVID-19 cases have plagued our hospitals in a "tripledemic" that only recently has started to decline. With 16% of families in Chicago having at least one child with asthma (compared with a 12% national average), the prevalence of RSV is especially concerning. RSV is a respiratory virus that most children encounter by the age of 2, but children with more severe RSV are at higher risk for developing childhood asthma as a result. Catching a serious respiratory infection can therefore have long-term ramifications on children's health — and their parents' livelihoods.

With day care closures and quarantine requirements, parents' paychecks and productivity suffer. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 100,000 people missed work due to child care problems in October. Adding the number of people missing work due to COVID-19-related illness, especially considering the removal risk mitigation strategies, reveals an alarming worker crisis.

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Low-income families have been disproportionately affected, with a higher percentage having less access to paid leave and facing more child care disruptions compared with their higher-income counterparts. Many of them have even lost their jobs due to not being able to

sures. With the three respiratory viruses spreading rapidly, day cares are requiring symptomatic children to stay at home for days, and without affordable alternatives for child care, their parents and guardians have to stay home with them. Child care is already expensive in Illinois. The average yearly cost for a young child is more than \$10,000 and is nearly \$14,000 for infant care. When a sick child stays home, most day cares do not offer families a refund. Without paid leave, parents lose money they cannot afford to lose, and when they get sick themselves, they often do not have an option other than to go in to work despite

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their ongoing illness. I have friends and relatives who are unable to take time off and have gone into work despite being sick, infecting their co-workers. The same is likely happening in day cares, where regardless of the precautions staff may take, children congregate and spread infections.

We need to address this public health concern by restoring accessible child care in the United States and, in the meantime, by investing more time, money and resources to support parents and guardians. Tax credits, minimum wage policies and paid leave are initiatives that can ease the undue burden of inconsistent child care for families, according to a report released by the University of California, Berkeley in *Policy Review*.

2020, along with the more permanent solutions that can be implemented in the system itself.

Illinois offers a refundable earned income tax credit for families, and a bill that would require paid time off for workers sits on the governor's desk. With the help of state or federal incentives, employers are willing to provide those benefits and subsidize child care expenses, since highquality child care helps parent wellbeing and efficiency, and hence, the

Restoring federally funded child care in the U.S. or increasing the availability of lower-cost homebased child care are just two possible long-term solutions to the dilemma. Home-based child care could provide an affordable alternative to day care for lower-income families. and there are programs for sick children that should be made more accessible. President Joe Biden's Build Back Better Act and Massachusetts U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren's Universal Child Care and Early Learning Act have attempted to bridge the child care gap in the recent past, but with their failure, it is clear we need more voices to elevate the discussion.

New policies and investments require additional funding and resources that can be difficult to acquire, but we need to prioritize child care to help parents return to the workforce knowing that their children are being cared for. This strategy not only helps the families directly affected but also the entire workforce as a whole.

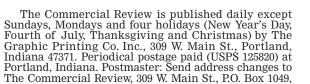
In Illinois, we can start with offering parents paid leave to care for sick children at home and let our policymakers know we want longterm solutions for affordable child care. The child care system has been falling apart for years, and with this RSV-flu-COVID-19 tripledemic, we might have finally gotten the push we need to call for reform.

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Marking the 30th

U.S. President Joe Biden and former President Bill Clinton attend an event Thursday to mark the 30th anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act at the White House in Washington, D.C.

Tracking

Continued from page 1 Tensions Washington and Beijing have been running high, with the Biden adminisexplicit about its willingness to defend Taiwan in the event of a conflict. didn't

between believed the U.S. and day. China would be at war by 2025

The senior official said tration becoming more the U.S. had raised the balloon issue with China. The Chinese embassy immediately Last week, an Air Force respond to an email seek-

Montana is home to the Wing, Missile 341st which is headquartered at Malmstrom Air Force Base and maintains Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles.

It wasn't the first time a was the case.

general told his staff he ing comment on Thurs- spy balloon had been spotted over U.S. territory, though this one is staying longer than in past cases. The official declined to say why the U.S. believed the balloon belonged to China but said the U.S. had high confidence that

Continued from page 2 'Many districts can use that education money for teacher salary increases we all support wanting to do more of that," Costerison said.

Terry Spradlin, executive director of the Indiana School Boards Association, said the group representing 290 school corporations across the state also opposes the bill. Spradlin said he's especially concerned about how Thompson's legislation combined with other bills floating through the General Assembly impact school revenues.

"There's a confluence of issues that are constraining local resources for us, so that is of significant concern for the future of our ability to provide quality schools," Spradlin said.

Muncie Mayor Dan Ridenour additionally testified against the bill, noting that a majority of Hoosier cities are struggling to grow.

Ridenour said he is trying to run his city "properly," with 65% of the general fund revenue coming from property taxes. All expenses in the city have skyrocketed," however.

"I was disappointed to see that there was no way that the cities and the local governments and schools were being assisted (by the state) to help get through this," he said.

Ryan Hoff from the Association of Indiana Counties said assessment Its website is indianacapiincreases are an anomaly talchronicle.com.

and that Thompson's bill offers "a temporary fix for what appears to be a temporary situation."

But Hoff said the association still opposes the bill because it would cost counties \$172 million. Thompson's proposal additionally fails to "specifically target those paying higher taxes,' Hoff said.

We have to ask whether or not the mechanisms of the bill really get to the taxpayers who are seeing dramatic increases in property tax assessments." Hoff continued.

Thompson noted repeatedly that any relief offered by his legislation wouldn't be reflected on tax bills until next year.

When asked what tools locals have to lower tax bills without the state getting involved, Thompson said they don't have to go to the max levy allowed, or they could use income tax dollars.

Rep. Ed Delaney, D-Indianapolis, questioned if Thompson would be receptive to the state paying for the supplemental homestead credit.

Thompson responded that he would rather focus on a substantial increase for K-12 schools, adding that schools will be "quite well pleased" with the increase they will see in the upcoming state budget.

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Felony arrests

Failed to appear

A Geneva man was arrested Wednesday for failing to appear

Richard D. Hough, 51, is **Drug possession** charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Class C misdemeanor for pos-

session of paraphernalia and a Class A infraction for driving with a suspended license.

Two Indiana residents were arrested this week for drug pos-

Cassie C. Miller, 24, 215 S. Jef- 538 W. High St., Portland, was Tuesday for dealing drugs.

ferson St., Hartford City, was arrested Wednesday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine. She's being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Kaitlyn R. Morningstar, 21,

arrested Tuesday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of a narcotic drug. She's being held on a \$750 bond in Jay County Jail.

Dealing drugs

A Muncie man was arrested

Logan K.M. Johnson, 21, 1114 W. 15th St., Muncie, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for dealing in a schedule I, II or III substance and a Class A misdemeanor for possession paraphernalia. He was released on a \$4,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

Felony court news

Continued from page 2 Common nuisance

Court to maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony.

Dusti J. Gillum, 30, was sentenced to 18 months in Jay County Jail with 10 months suspended and given credit for time Gillum assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for neglect of a dependent, a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Lana D. Wheeler, 65, 460 W. Lafayette St., Portland, was sentenced to one year and 12 days in Jay County Jail with all but 12 days suspended. Wheeler was assessed \$185 in court costs and given 12 days credit for time served. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 4 felony for dealing methamphetamine was dismissed.

Donald E. Stipp, 51, 914 W. Water St., Portland, was sentenced to 18 months in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served. Stipp was assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, two Level 5 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and possession of a narcotic drug as well as a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Dealing marijuana

An Anderson man was placed on probation after pleading guilty to dealing marijuana, a Level 6 felony.

Jalen D. Blaylock, 24, 628 Hawthorne Ave., was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to 18 months in Indiana Department of Correction with all but and ordered to serve 178 Guntle, Level 6 felony

two days suspended and days on home detention. given two days credit for He was assessed \$185 in Three people were sen-time served. Blaylock court costs. As part of his tenced to jail after plead- was placed on probation plea agreement, a Class B ing guilty in Jay Circuit for one year, five months misdemeanor for failure and 28 days. He was fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and charged a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Theft

A Hartford City woman was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to

Brittany N. Rivera, 38, 2905 Old State Road 22, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail.

Her sentence will be served consecutive to another case in which she pleaded guilty to a Level 6 felony charge for drunk driving. Rivera was assessed \$185 in court costs.

Resisting law

Two people were sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to resisting law enforcement, a Level 6

Quentin L. Guntle, 27, was sentenced to 1,460 days in Jay County Jail with 730 days of his sentence tacked on for being a habitual offender. Guntle was given 228 days credit for time served. He was assessed \$185 in court costs and fined \$25. As part of his plea agreement, two Class A misdemeanors for resisting law enforcement and driving with a suspended license along with a Class C misdemeanor for reckless driving were dismissed.

Steven M. Rines, 31, 4300 E. 700 South, Portland, was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Rines was placed on probation for one year

to remain at the scene of an accident was dismissed.

Illegal driving

A Portland man was sentenced to prison after he pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle after forfeiture of license for life, a Level 5 felony.

Dustin J. Pfeifer, 40, 928 W. Arch St., Portland, was sentenced in Jay Superior Court to 1,095 days in Indiana Department of Correction with three days credit. Pfeifer was assessed \$185 in court costs.

Nonsupport

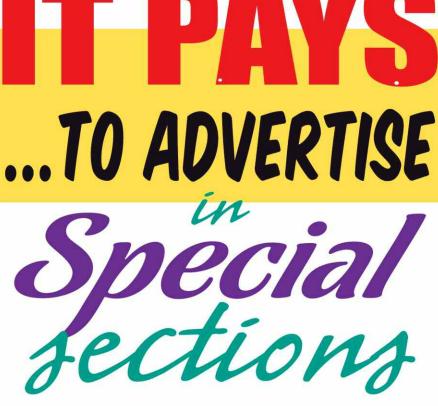
A Portland man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to non-support of a dependent

Jacob A. Bowdell, 35, 101 S. Pierce St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 60 days of his sentence suspended and given 60 days credit for time served. Bowdell was assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 485 days.

Paul J. Townsend Jr., 39, 335 Richfield Lane, Geneva, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to nonsupport of a dependent child, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 910 days in Jay County Jail with all but 100 days suspended and given 100 days credit for time served. Townsend was assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 810 days. Townsend was ordered to make weekly child support payments.

Cases dismissed

Indiana v. Quentin L.



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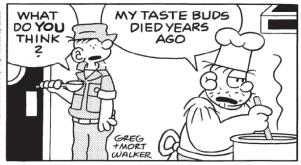


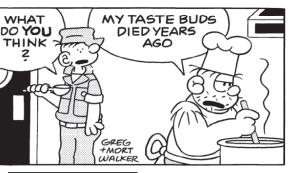
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Bidding quiz

Your right-hand opponent opens One Heart, both sides vulnerable. What action would you take with What action would you take wil each of the following five hands? 1. ♠ KJ83 ♥ 6 ♦ A KJ762 ♣ A8 2. ♠ AQ ♥ 8643 ♦ AQ ♣ Q9832 3. ♠ AK9653 ♥ K92 ◆ 87 ♣ A5 4. ♠ QJ7 ♥ 75 ♦ AQ874 ♣ KQ2 5. ♠ KQ5 ♥ K984 ♦ QJ6 ♠ AQ9

1. Double. There is too much danger of missing a spade fit if you overcall with two diamonds instead of doubling. Partner could have nothing but five spades to the queen, in which case a game might be lost by failing to double for takeout. If partner bids two clubs in response to the double, you plan to retreat to two diamonds; you have the sufficient extra strength necessary to justify this action.

2. Pass. Despite your 14 highcard points, it is best to pass. It would be wrong to double with inadequate support for either 1. Double. There is too much

inadequate support for either spades or diamonds, and it would be equally dangerous to bid two clubs on such a weak suit with four heart losers on the side. The heart opening has substantially reduced the value of your hand, and any action other than a pass would be

courting disaster.

3. One spade. The choice lies between a double and a simple overcall, with the latter getting the nod. The double of a suit generally

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indicates support for the three remaining suits or a very powerful hand, and this hand doesn't pass nand, and this hand doesn't pass either test. An overcall on the one-level shows a good suit and roughly nine to 16 high-card points, and partner should react accordingly.

4. Double. This hand is worth a

competitive bid, but with reasonable support for all of the unbid suits, a double is preferred to bidding two diamonds. Most likely only a partscore is at stake, but partscore battles cannot be ignored merely because the stakes are lower than in game or slam hands. It should be kept in mind that in rubber bridge or Chicago, two partscores, back-to-back, usually make a game and are therefore worth fighting for, while in dupli-cate bridge competing for partscores is an essential part of

5. One notrump. You have the high-card values for a double, but your point count and balanced distribution can be more accurately. tribution can be more accurately described by a notrump overcall. A double is always a highly ambiguous bid, since it may be based on anywhere from 12 to more than 20 points in high cards and may also be made with a variety of distributions. A notrump overcall is not ambiguous; it tells a very precise story, and for that reason should be preferred here.

Tomorrow: Death of a monarch

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Fights

Continued from page 8 "Here's what we accomplished tonight," said coach Jerry Bomholt, "we got a win and now we have a chance to play for a conference championship. That was the objective.

The victory moved the Patriots to 4-1 in the Allen County Athletic Conference, tied for first place with Adams Central. (Heritage is 3-1.)

Jay County, which is 6-8 overall, could earn a share of the ACAC regular-season title with a win Feb. 10 over Heritage, the team it lost to in the opening round of the conference tournament.

The performance Thursday, though, was not what the Patriots wanted.

We came out flat again," added Bomholt. "I then went up 49-41 with 17

think a lot of that had to seconds left after Ben do with Dusty ... and then we have to make some lineup changes and it's not our normal rotation."

Pearson was out after tweaking his knee in practice Wednesday. Though the details of his injury and timeline for his are unclear, return Bomholt said he expects to be without the 6-foot, 6inch forward in the game that was added to the JCHS schedule Saturday at Northeastern.

Thursday's game was tied at the end of each of the first three quarters before the Patriots took the lead for good on a Bogenschutz hoop 18 seconds in to the final period. They pushed the advantage to 42-37, traded hoops with Southern Wells and

Crouch and Josh Dowlen combined to hit three out of four free throws.

Those foul shots JCHS was in the bonus with 5:32 remaining and went to the line 19 times in the final period essentially sealed the game. The Raiders (4-12) pulled to within the threepoint final margin when Chandler Oswalt drained a 3-pointer from half court along the left sideline as time expired.

"I just felt like other than the last two minutes of the first half, we played about as well as we could play, and I would like to see us rewarded for that," said Southern Wells coach Joel Roush, pleased with his team's effort but disappointed with the result. "And the reward that you get for this game is a tally in the W column."

The other key stretch for the Patriots came in the final two minutes of the opening half.

Southern Wells (4-11, 1-4 ACAC) was up 21-14 but failed to score again before the intermission. The Patriots tallied the final seven points of the half, including a Bogenschutz fade-away from the right baseline with three seconds remaining. The Raiders were able

to pull ahead by seven again - 30-23 - early inthe second half thanks to consecutive triples from Oswalt, Kedrik Sonnigsen and Jenson Nusbaumer, but were still left to lament the lead they could have had if they had finished stronger in the first

defensively the whole half," said Roush. "We let a couple guys shake loose, we got back cut. It was just unfortunate for us to lose that lead.'

Bogenschutz, who had missed the previous two games because of a concussion, gave Jay County the offensive spark it needed. He shot 7-of-8 from inside the arc and made nine free throws for a game-high 23 points.

We had a stretch there at the end of the first half, we were down eight. So we ran a couple sets for him, said Bomholt. Bogenschutz had six of the Patriots' seven points in their run to end the second quarter.

Ben Crouch followed Bogenschutz with eight points, and Abraham

"We had been so good Dirksen, Josh Dowlen and Bennett Weitzel each scored six.

The Patriots outscored Southern Wells 20-5 at the foul line.

Junior varsity

A strong second quarter put Jay County in control on the way to a 51-32 victory over the Raiders.

An 18-point first quarter put the Patriots up by seven and their defense came through in the second period. The result was a 33-15 halftime lead that carried them through the second half to the win.

Liam Garringer powered JCHS with 19 points, including five 3-pointers. Trevin Dunnington added 14 points.

Bryar Gearheart and CJ Reber each scored 11 points for Southern Wells.



Zion Beiswanger of Jay County swims the backstroke leg of the 200-yard individual medley Thursday. She earned the No. 10 seed in the event and is also seeded seventh in the 100 breaststroke.

Continued from page 8 Aubrey Millspaugh, a JCHS sophomore, had a huge evening in terms of climbing the sectional ladder. Projected seventh in the 500-yard freestyle based on seed times, she dropped almost 16 seconds to move all the way up to the No. 3 seed in 5:57.03 behind Nussbaum and Delta's Addison Shue. She also sliced about 6.5 seconds off her

and is seeded seventh at 2:12.32. Her more than 22 seconds of time dropped from her seed marks were part of an evening in which the Patriots had career-best swims in 98% of their events and dropped a total of 110 seconds.

seed time in the 200 freestyle

"Aubrey shaving time — all three of our distance kids, early on (this season) they said this is what we want to do,' said Slavik. "They had to do a lot on their own. It paid off.

They left it all in the pool. is seeded seventh.

All of our kids did last night."

Continuing a long-standing tradition of strength in the 100 breaststroke, DeHoff, a sophomore, picked up the No. 3 seed for Jay County behind Bader Arnold at 1:15.42.Beiswanger, a junior, gave the Patriots a third swimmer in the championship race in the event as she earned the seventh seed at 1:19.09.

Fisher, a freshman, joined Bader and Millspaugh in qualifying for two championship races. She had times of 1:06.55 for the No. 5 seed in the 100 butterfly, cutting almost six seconds from her seed time, and 27.07 for the No. 8 seed in the 50 freestvle.

Kenzie Huey, a sophomore, earned the No. 5 seed at 1:08.67 in the 100 backstroke. Junior Hannah Laux cut more than 6.5 seconds from her seed time in the 200 individual medley and

Bader, DeHoff, Fisher and Huey finished in 1:59.31 for the No. 3 seed in the 200 medley relay, and Millspaugh, Laux, Sophia Hoevel and Avery Wentz had a time of 4:13.45 for the No. 6 seed in the 400 freestyle relay.

Union City's Elly O'Connor. who trains with the Patriots and was a state qualifier in the freestyle sprints last season, is the No. 2 seed behind Groves in the 100 freestyle at 56.39. She also earned the No. 3 seed in the 50 freestyle, posting a time

Advancing to swim in Saturday's consolation finals for the Patriots were Laux (ninth - 100 butterfly), Hoevel (ninth – 100 freestyle, 10th - 200 freestyle), Beiswanger (10th - 200 individual medley), Wentz (11th - 100 backstroke, 13th freestyle), DeHoff (12th - 100 butterfly) and Abigail Johnson (15th – 500 freestyle).

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

Jay County — Girls basketball sectional semifinal vs. Hamilton Heights at Hamilton Heights – 6 p.m. Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at Minster - 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4

Jay County — Wrestling hosts regional – 9 a.m.; Girls swimming hosts sectional - 9 a.m. diving, 1 p.m. swimming; Boys basketball at Northeastern - noon Fort Recovery — Eighth grade boys basketball in Midwest Athletic Conference

Tournament at New Knoxville - 10 a.m.: eventh grade boys basketball in Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament at Cold-10 a.m

TV sports Today

3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League – Fulham at Chelsea (USA)

7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Sacramento 7 p.m. — NBA Dasketball: Sacramento Kings at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana) 7 p.m. — NHL hockey: All-Star Skills Challenge (ESPN) 9 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

Boise State at San Diego State (FS1)

10 p.m. — Top Rank Boxing (ESPN) 11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Fresno State at UNLV (FS1)

Saturday

7:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League – Arsenal at Everton (USA) 10 a.m. — NFL football: Pro Bowl Skills Showdown (ESPN2) Soccer: Premier League

Leicester City at Aston Villa (USA) Noon — Men's college basketball: Virginia at Virginia Tech (ESPN2); Kansas at lowa State (ESPN); Connecticut at George

Soccer: Premier 12:30 n.m.

League – West Ham United at New Castle United (NBC)

Men's college basketball 1 p.m. -Texas Tech at Baylor (CBS); Wake Forest at Notre Dame (Bally Indiana); Morgan State at Delaware State (TNT)

2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Auburn at Tennessee (ESPN); Butler at Marquette (FS1); Florida State at Louisville

2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball Illinois at Iowa (FOXO; George Mason at Loyola Chicago (USA) 3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour - AT&T Pebble

Beach Pro-Am (CBS)

3 p.m. — NHL hockey: Team Central

vs. Team Pacific (ABC) 4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Purdue at Indiana (ESPN); Texas at Kansas

4 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Notre
Dame at Michigan State (BTN)
4 p.m. — NHL hockey: Team Metropolitan vs. Team Atlantic (ABC)

5 p.m. — Men's college basketball: St. John's at Xavier (FOX)

6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Bradley at Northern Iowa (ESPN2) 6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

North Carolina at Duke (ESPN) 6:30 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Penn State at Ohio State (BTN)

Florida at Kentucky (ESPN) 9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Maryland at Minnesota (BTN) 9 p.m. — Mix martial arts – Bellator 290 (CBS)

7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball

Villanova at Creighton (FOX) 8:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Dallas

Mavericks at Golden State Warriors (ABC) 8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball

9:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Washington at USC (FS1) 10 p.m. — Men's college basketball

Oregon at Arizona State (ESPN2) 10:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-ball: Gonzaga at Saint Mary's (ESPN)

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peals a petition, #SpExc2023-01-

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wit:

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Top-three team

Bader earns two No. 1 seeds, Patriots dropped significant time in sectional prelims to position themselves behind Delta, Norwell

Mara Bader positioned herself for another double trip to state.

The Patriots showed they are still solidly one of the top teams in the sectional.

Bader earned a pair of No. 1 seeds and the host Jay County High School girls swim team is projected for a third-place finish after seven Patriots earned berths in individual championship races during Thursday's sectional preliminaries.

Based on the preliminary results, JCHS is the No. 3 seed as a team about 15 points behind the favorites to battle for the title — defending champion Norwell and Delta. (Projections do not include points for diving.)

"I don't even know how to describe it," said JCHS coach Matt Slavik. "This is a really great group of kids. They're extremely hard working and they're extremely coachable. ...

"Last night all their hard work and dedication and long hours paid off, top to bottom."

Delta led the way with six No. 1 seeds, including all three relays. Jay County and South Adams were next with two apiece, and Huntington North had one.

The meet continues with diving preliminaries at 9 a.m. Saturday followed by swimming and diving finals at 1 p.m. Sat-

Bader, a three-time state qualifier in the 200-yard indievents again. She was 3.53 sec- Adams in the 100 breaststroke and 100 freestyle) of Delta second behind Delta by 1.3 secvidual medley who also onds faster than No. 2 seed Ella in 1:11.1. advanced in the 100 breaststroke last season, showed her-



Jay County High School sophomore Aubrey Millspaugh swims during her heat of the 200-yard freestyle in Thursday's sectional preliminaries. Millspaugh hacked more than six seconds off of her seed time to earn the No. 7 seed for Saturday's finals and went on to trim almost 16 seconds in the 500 freestyle, in which she is seeded third.

Krug of Norwell in the 200 IM

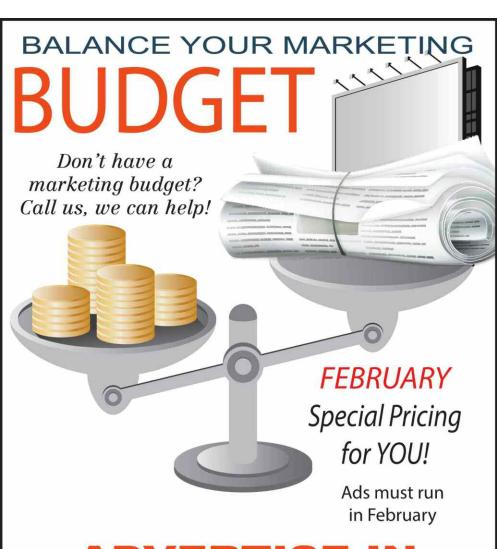
Senior Maggie Nussbaum of in 2:23.47 and finished nearly South Adams (200 freestyle and

matched Bader in each earning onds. Lauren Fisher, Zion a pair of top seeds.

self to be the dominant swim-four seconds ahead of No. 2 500 freestyle) and freshman Patriots came in the 200 1:47.37. mer in the sectional in both seed Julia Arnold of South Eleanor Groves (50 freestyle freestyle in which they were

Beiswanger, Morgan DeHoff The top relay seed for the and Bader put up a time of

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Wendel sets record

Another meet, another record for Sage Wendel.

The Fort Recovery LOCA High School junior took down a more than roundup decade-old record as the Indians placed third Thursday in a three-team meet against Versailles and Coldwater.

The Indian boys scored 39 points to trail the Tigers (106) and Cavaliers (52).

The FRHS finished in the middle with 42 points while Versailles won with 106 and Coldwater was third with 28.

Wendel's record came in the 100-yard breaststroke as he won the event in 1 minute, 11 seconds, flat. He broke the Fort Recovery record of 1:11.89 that was set by Andy Gray in 2012.

Teigen Fortkamp, Paige Guggenbiller, Audra Bubp and Joelle Kaup teamed to win the 200-yard medley relay for the Tribe girls in 1:59.09. They were more than eight seconds ahead of the runner-up from Versailles.

Fortkamp posted a time of 56.78 to win the 100yard freestyle and Audra Bubp took the top spot in the 100 breaststroke in 1:13.79.

Abby Knapke (122.9) and Caleb Smith (103) of the Indians were uncontested in their diving victories.

Four pins key win Jay County's junior high wrestling team knocked off

the South Adams Starfires 48-42 Thursday behind four Earning victories by pin for the Patriots (6-5) were

Corbin Lothridge (85), Jason Landers (132), Julian Hudson (140) and Varen Ridgway (150). Cooper Glassford (110) added a 13-7 major decision and Freddie Lingo (175) won by a 4-2 decision.

Picking up junior varsity wins for Jay County were Grant Linville (95), Kevin Dues (102),Reynolds (117), Brayden Fox (125), Caleb Sibray (140), Gavin Hambrock (140), Victoria Hernandez (140) and Wyatt Bihn (175).

JC fights off Raiders

Victory gives the **Patriots** chance at ACAC share

By RAY COONEY

PONETO — The Patriots got one senior back from injury but were without another.

They won't be looking back at the game film as a pristine display of how they'd like to play. But they

did enough to get a win. With Blake Bogenschutz back in the fold and Dusty Pearson out, the Jay County High School boys basketball team was able to finally open a lead in the fourth quarter and held on for a 52-49 victory over the host

Southern Wells Raiders. See Fights page 7



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Blake Bogenschutz, a Jay County High School senior, puts in a layup in front of Perrin Gates of Southern Wells during the second quarter of the Patriots' 52-49 win Thursday. Bogenschutz led JCHS with 23 points.