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Fun at the festival

Pennville Pumpkin Festival on Saturday at Pennville Park featured a costume contest, kids games, a hog roast and a variety of other events. Pictured above, Rowles family, dressed as characters from "Alice in Wonderland," celebrates as they're announced winners of the costume contest. From left are Chad Rowles as the mad hatter. Rebecca Rowles as the queen of hearts, 11-year-old Abbie Rowles 13-year-old Alice, Gracie Rowles as the rabbit and 11-year-old Allie Rowles as the Cheshire Cat. At left, Levi Bishop, 7, exclaims after pulling off a brick from the tower during a game of giant Jenga.

Funding approved

Commissioners give OK to funding after cutting back council's amount

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review Jay County Baseball Club will be getting financial support from the county.

Jay County Commissioners approved contributing \$175,000 for the nonprofit organization's new facility during their meeting Monday.

Jay County Baseball Club recently bought a building on county road 500 West for \$575,000, planning to renovate it into a turfed sports facility. Preliminary plans for the interior included a main room with turf and six batting cages, a golf simulator, a classroom area for teams and an office space.

Jay County Council agreed Oct. 11 to a onetime match of \$220,000 in wind farm economic development dollars toward the nonprofit organization's new building, The Clubhouse. At that time, parents, children and other club members crowded into Jay Courthouse's County auditorium in support of the project, taking up at least half of the room.

Brady Johnson, Zac Green and Kyle Teeter. all members of the club's new building. board ot directors, must decision be approved by both council and commissioners.)

Teeter asked council on Oct. 11 to consider a onetime match of about \$200.000 in American Rescue Plan Act dollars, with council deciding on a 3-2 vote to bump the amount by an additional \$20,000

and instead to take the money from wind farm economic development funds. (Council members Matt Minnich and Cindy Bracy dissented, explaining they would feel comfortable with a lesser amount.)

The group started a fundraising campaign for the project in August. (To donate, visit bit.ly/ClubhouseFundraiser.) So far, Jay County Baseball Club has raised \$185,000, with another \$35,000 pledged.

Facility start-up costs not including the building purchase are estimated at \$180,000, according to a handout distributed by the group. Those costs include purchasing equipment and related

Commissioner Journay asked how the organization plans to handle situations in which an individual isn't able to pay dues but wants to use the facility. Teeter said they plan to offer "free days" or open house hours a couple times each month at no cost to participants.

"How do we not charge? We get it completely funded," explained Teeter, noting the club took out a \$420,000 loan to pay for its

He added that the approached commission- board has made "angel ers with the same fund- contributions" for chiling request Monday. (The dren who aren't able to afford rates but would benefit from joining the

"We are a nonprofit, we're not in it to make money," said Johnson. "There's a lot of ideas out there, how to make Jay County better. We believe this is one of them.

See **Funding** page 2

Aker and May are seeking District 4 seat

Portland City Council District 4 will have someone new representing it in 2024.

A former council member and a former board of zoning appeals member are hoping to earn the

Democrat Judy Aker and Republican Ron May are vying for the Portland City Council District 4 seat in the Nov. 7 municipal election.

They are seeking to replace incumbent Republican Don Gillespie, who chose not to run for reelection.

Aker is a former four-term council member who decided not to seek a fifth term in 2019. She is the office manager at Mark Aker Plumbing and is a 1978 graduate of Ohio State University.

May served 17 years on Portland Board of Zoning Appeals. He is a U.S. Army veteran and retired Jay County probation officer who earned a bachelor's degree from Ball State Universi-

respond to a questionnaire from The Commercial Review. Their answers follow.

Two of the issues most discussed at Portland City Council meetings over the past couple of years have been the golf cart and trash collection ordinances. If elected, how would you handle both of those

Aker: The city-wide clean-up needs to be reinstated to at least a minimum of twice a year if not more. Residents do not always have the means to take large items to the street department. Since the golf cart ordinance has been changed, I would leave it like it is. I would encourage our police department to make sure the ordinance is enforced.

May: The issue I have with golf carts is the safety of the children who ride on them. I have seen infants on the laps of parents who are driving and chil-

The candidates were asked to dren on the back seat without who owns the buildings and see fit to Portland. I believe the high any safety restraints. This is an issue that needs to be addressed. Trash pick-up for the residents of Portland should be provided free of charge. It should be included in our property taxes. We also need to bring back trash away pick-up week twice a year. Many residents do not have the ability to take large items to the city barn.

> Downtown revitalization improving buildings, attracting new business — is frequently identified as a key to economic growth. What would you do to help improve Portland's downtown area?

> Aker: Business and building owners need to be made aware of grants and monies available to expand and build their business-

May: Several of the buildings that are empty in downtown Portland do not have for sale signs in them. We need to find out town store would be a great benelet's make Portland great again.

what their intentions are with the buildings. I believe it is the obligation of the city to do everything in its power to improve downtown Portland, including financial help.

Other than those discussed above, what is the most important issue facing Portland and how would you handle it?

Aker: We need to update the current ordinances and delete the outdated ones and involve the board of works, city council and the city attorney in this process. Also educate the downtown business owners and future downtown business owners on available funding to assist them such as revolving loans and grants.

May: I would like to see a new grocery store move into Portland. Walmart is confusing to navigate for many people, especially the elderly. A small, home-

cost of the city water bill needs to be addressed. Many people living in Portland are on a fixed income and I don't believe our city leaders took that into account when they raised the water bill by at least 20%. Portland leaders should consider the people living on fixed incomes before increasing billing on the residents of Portland.

What makes you the best candidate for city council?

Aker: My 16 years of experience as a city council member.

May: I grew up in Portland and I have called it my home my entire life. I would like to give back to the community. I am a retired probation officer and businessman, not a politician, but we need new faces in our local government with fresh ideas. I have no hidden agenda and I will dedicate myself to the residents of Portland. Together,

Deaths

Bobby Betz, 67, Bryant James Pogue, 94, Frank-

Betty Gibson, 80, Hamilton Mary Landis, 94, Montpe-

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 55 degrees Sunday. The low was 39.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the upper 50s with winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. Wednesday's high will climb into the 70s with mostly cloudy skies and a 40% chance of rain. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council will meet in a joint executive session at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Jay County Courthouse.

Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals has scheduled a meeting for 6 p.m. Thursday at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from the FRHS volleyball team in the district semifinal.

Thursday — Another story about candidates for the upcoming municipal election.



Funding

but it takes a crumb to make a full loaf, you know."

Plans are to apply for other grants, including through The Portland Foundation. The county's financial support will help to enhance their application, said Teeter.

Commissioner Chad Aker

'Now, we might be a crumb, more business to Jay County and pointed out the land offers room for expansion.

"I think there's endless possibilities out there," said Aker. His largest concern, he said, is families or children who couldn't afford to use the new facility.

concern as Aker.

He also noted the group's fundraising total (\$185,000 before pledges) so far compared to the \$220,000 approved by council. He referenced other organizations that have Commissioner Brian McGal- as Jay County Humane Society,

project, but he shared the same lion to purchase and renovate monthly. a building and received an additional \$275,000 from the

county for the project. McGalliard advocated for contributing a lesser amount than what council approved about \$150,000 — for start-up received less of a match, such costs. Teeter, Johnson and

said the new facility will bring liard voiced support for the which raised more than \$1 mil- gage, which is about \$3,700

Commissioners ultimately decided to pay for six months of the group's mortgage as well as an additional \$153,000 toward equipment and utility costs for a total \$175,000.

••••• For additional commissioners Green also pointed to the mort- news, see Wednesday's newspaper.

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Today in history

In 1861, the first transcontinental telegram arrived via telegraph, bringing an end to the need for the Pony Express. The telegraph became the new way to transmit messages from coast to Nations was founded coast.

In 1917, more than manent members. 600,000 Italians surrendered at the Battle of during Caporetto World War I.

1926, In artist Harry Houdini Baseball at the time, performed for the last time at Garrick The-lyn Dodgers in 1947. ater in Detroit, Michigan.

traded more than \$12.89 million in shares, caus- ed States team to win ing the infamous stock the World Series. market crash of 1929, also known as "Black activist Rosa Parks Thursday." In related died at the age of 92. history, nearly eight Parks refused to give decades later on the up her seat on a public same day in 2008, stocks worldwide had recordbreaking declines, earning the ican civil rights moveday the name "Bloody ment. Friday."

In 1940, the United States Fair Labor Standards Act enacted the 40-hour work week. It has become the industry standard in today's world.

In 1945, the United by 46 states and 5 per-

In 1972, Jacie Robinson died. The famous baseball player was the first African American escape to play in Major League starting for the Brook-

In 1992, The Toronto Blue Jays beat the In 1929, stockholders Atlanta Braves, making them the first non-Unit-

> In 2005, civil rights bus to a white man in 1955, sparking what steep later became the Amer-

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Citizen's calendar

Tuesday

6 p.m. — Dunkirk ing, 131 S. Main St.

Commissioners and Jay County Council joint executive session, auditorium, Jay Courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Thursday

6 p.m. — Jay County Park Board, city build- Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource 6 p.m. — Jay County Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Friday

4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

Obituaries

Bobby Betz

April 4, 1956-Oct. 19, 2023 Bobby Joe Betz, age 67, of Bryant passed away Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023, at his residence.

He was born in Portland on April 4, 1956, the son of Homer and Rosalyn (Brotherton) Betz.

He worked for JAT in Fort Wayne as a truck driver. He was a member of the Moose and Tri-State Gas

Association, and enjoyed truck and tractor pulls, dirt track racing and demolition derbies.

Engine and Tractor

Surviving are one son, Justin Betz of Bryant; two daughters, Bobbie Betz of

Portland and Jill Gilbert (husband: Jeremy) of Uniondale; ex-wife and caregiver Mary Betz; four sisters, Ann Lugar (husband: Jim) of Portland, Kathy Steen of Portland, Jean Ault (husband: Melvin) of Pennville and Diane Lake (husband: Wayne) of Portland; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Betz

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant. Visitation will be Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the Bryant Community Center.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

James Pogue

Nov. 16, 1928-Oct. 20, 2023 James K. "Jim" Pogue, of Frankfort, died Oct. 20, 2023 at Mulberry Health.

He was born Nov.16, 1928, in Clinton County to Marvin E. and Audra M. (Kelley) Pogue. He married Patri-

cia Joan Miller on Jan. 28, 1951, at St. Evangelical Church in Frankfort and she preceded him in death on April 30,

Jim was a 1947 graduate of Frankfort High School and a 1951 graduate of

Purdue University. He proudly served in the U.S. Army in counterintelligence from 1951 to 1953. He worked at the National Cigar Company in 1953 and served as president from 1988 until his retirement in

Pogue

May 2016 at the age of 87. He was a former member of the

Jim's memberships include the for her son and Antioch Church, Lebanon Elks daughter-in-law, Troy Lodge, Frankfort Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, American Legion, past president of Frankfort Optimist Club, Frankfort Country Club and Purdue Club of Clinton County. He was a life member and past director of the Purdue Alumni Association and a member of the John Purdue Club. Jim coached Little League from 1954 to 1967 and was an avid golfer and diehard Purdue fan.

His family includes his daughter Denise (Kenneth) Wolf of Frankfort; son Jeffrey K. (Carla) Pogue of Portland; sister-in-law Margaret Miller of Frankfort; six grandchildren, Nicholas (Brandi) Wolf of Zionsville, Douglas (Laura) Wolf of Indianapolis, Angela (Brandon) Cottrell of Frankfort, Michael (Chrissy) Pogue of Fishers, Susan (Ben) Peters of Indianapolis and Christopher (Nicole) Dull of Celina, Ohio; 16 great-grandchildren; three greatgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Mary Jane Greene; brothers-in-law Bill, Jack and Phil Miller, Orval Greene and William Campbell; and sisters-in-law Beth Campbell and Pam Thompson.

Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, at Goodwin Funeral Home, 200 S. Main St., Frankfort. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 26 at the funeral home. Entombment will be in the Clinton County Mausoleum at Green Lawn Cemetery, Frankfort.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Antioch Building Fund, 4625 S. Indiana 39, Frankfort, IN 46041.

Please visit goodwinfuneralhome.com, where you may leave a condolence.

Betty Gibson

Feb. 1, 1943-Oct. 12, 2023

Betty Jean Gibson, 80, of Hamilton, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, at Orchard Pointe in Kendallville.

Sr. and Emma (Mitchel) Newell. son High School in Jay County Indi- Montpelier.

Betty married Jack D. Gibson on Feb. 15, 1964, in Salamonia, Indiana, and he passed away Aug. 19, 2011.

Betty worked at GTE in Fort Wayne in accounting, business management and customer service for 28 years. She was a secretary for served as deacon for over 50 years. Angola for 14 years and then worked homes or mortuary services.

and Kelly Gibson's family business Byhalia.net, in customer service for eight years.

She was an active member of Hamilton United Methodist



Church and also was a member of the church choir.

Betty also was a member of Sweet Adeline's Singing Group in Fremont, Hamilton Garden Club, Hamilton Lions Club, Hamilton American Legion and the Red Hat Society.

She enjoyed reading mystery novels, playing computer games and cooking, especially cooking. She would feed everyone who visited and would love to hear stories and laughter over a good meal.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Todd and Jenny Gibson of Waterloo and Troy and Kelly Gibson of Bellefontaine, Ohio; six grandchildren, Tanner Gibson, Conner Gibson and Hayley (Grant) Sinn, Ryley Gibson, Gavin Gibson and Alanna Gibson; brother Kenneth Newell Jr. of Kokomo; and a sister, Cheryl Newell of Warsaw.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Sue Hilfiker.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, prior to the service at the funeral home.

A ceremony by the Hamilton Lions Club will start at 4 p.m. and will be followed by a memorial service on Friday, October 27, 2023, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Jerry Burghduff officiating.

Private family burial will take place at Eddy Cemetery in rural

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be directed to the Hamilton Garden Club or Hamilton United Methodist Church. To send condolences, visit

fellerandclark.com.

Mary Jane Landis, Montpelier, the She was born Feb. 1, 1943, in grandmother of a Dunkirk woman, June Chicago, Illinois to Kenneth Newell 3, 1929-Oct. 21, 2023. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Walker & Glan-Betty was a 1961 graduate of Madi- cy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, First Christian Church where he Educational Opportunity Center in which are accepted only from funeral

SERVICES

Today

Betz, Bobby: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland

McFarland, Robert: 5 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Wednesday

Landis, Mary: 2 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Thursday

Pogue, James: 10 a.m., Goodwin Funeral Home, 200 S. Main St., Frankfort.

Vance, Phyllis: II a.m., Tabernacle Baptist Church, 31 Douglass St., Cartersville, Georgia.

Friday

Gibson, Betty: 4 p.m., Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn.

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Autumn is wonderful time of year

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

Fall is possibly my favorite time of year. The air is no longer heavy, instead it is crisp and cool, beckoning me to go outside. The leaves have begun to fall. All of the plants that are living inside for the winter have already been moved to their cold weather homes. There is a sense of urgency that warns me to finish up my ongoing projects, especially ones that have to do with anything outside.

neighbor's house to pick apples like we did when I was young. There was always fresh cider and honey to buy, along with the apples. I don't remember if they also made apple butter or

I am told that the apple

As I See It



orchard has been gone for many years and is now home to several families. Nothing stays the same.

That is a good thing. Sometimes it seems that I am falling I miss going over to the farther and farther behind in a race to keep up with the rest of the world. I can barely figure out how to use my flip phone. My daughter gave me a smartphone and to her dismay, I begged her to lend me a kid to teach me how to use it

decided to stay with the flip confusing algebra and even a phone instead. I secretly long for the old black phone with the extra long cord. It never got lost. It never lost the signal. It was a lot cheaper than today's phones. Oh, and it never took pictures. We had cameras for

Fall is also a time of new beginnings. School starts again and no matter what grade our children are in, it is a time of making new friends and trying to figure out exactly what it is that our teachers want us to say.

I remember thinking that I things I learned in school. True, I have never diagramed a sentence or had to remember all the dates of all the wars we humans insist on fighting, but I I never did figure it out and actually did use much of that

bit of geometry.

The most useful class I ever took was an experimental one. They were trying out a course on speed reading. I'm so glad that it was an ungraded class. I felt like I was constantly scrambling to keep up with the words racing by on the screen and falling more and more behind. I can now finish a paperback book in an afternoon and still tell you what it was about. I learned far more than I real-

I have heard it said that we would never use many of the spend the first couple of years of school learning to read and the rest of our lives reading to learn. This was before YouTube, Wikipedia and the endless and often unreliable information found online.

I also found that the bookkeeping classes were useful. Each numeral had its own space. That was so much better than the wavy line of numbers I usually made.

One thing that has never been useful is the dreaded dodgeball games. Once I was the only one left on my team. I assumed that meant that the game was over. The instructor kept telling me to throw one of the balls back. Why should I? They already won the game. I don't remember if I ever did throw the ball or not.

One of the best things about autumn is that I never again have to play dodgeball. Instead I can concentrate on enjoying the beautiful weather or if it is raining curl up with a good book. I do like this time of year.

Family can't stomach dad's meals

DEAR ABBY: My husband loves cooking for the family.

Unfortunately, he's a horrible cook. My kids hate what he prepares, so most of the food goes in the trash.

I have had many conversations with him about this, begging him not to do it and telling him if he wants to cook, he should make something for himself.

His reply is always, "I'm not forcing you guys to eat my food. You are welcome to eat something else." But when we do that, he sulks and ruins everyone's day, so we end up giving in. I don't know how to get through to him about TASTES BAD IN THE **EAST**

DEAR TASTES BAD: You can talk till you're blue in the face, and your husband still won't get the message because he doesn't want to hear it. He doesn't CARE about the waste.

Of course, you and the kids could explain EXACTLY what you don't like about what he has prepared, and offer suggestions about the seasoning, etc., which might help him. And perhaps you could all cook together from time to time.

In the future, when your children achieve independence and the family gathers, each family member may want to bring their food with them. However, while they live under your roof, fully base your decision on

Dear Abby



they'll have to accept what their father insists on giving them.

DEAR ABBY: My son is getting married in Mexico in six months. I would like to take a special friend with me as my plus-one. My wife has dementia. It is quite severe, and she has been in a care facility for two years. She no longer recognizes anyone, including me.

Would it be wrong to take my lady friend to Mexico?

We haven't been intimate yet, but romance at the beach in Mexico is very possible. What do I do? UNCERTAIN IN IOWA

DEAR UNCERTAIN: Your son's wedding is not the time to 'surprise" anyone with this lady's presence. Depending upon how large your family is and how close you all are, some people may already be aware that you're involved with someone and why. But ask your son and his fiancee if bringing her would be disruptive, and gracetheir response. A wedding is supposed to be about the bride and groom on their special day with no distractions.

DEAR ABBY: I heard my old high school boyfriend was arrested. It made the news. I hadn't seen or heard from him in more than a decade.

While I'm relieved that I dodged a bullet (I am happily married to someone else now), I feel terrible for his mom. We are still friends on social media and keep up with each other.

Should I reach out to her in what must be a humiliating and concerning time, or should I keep to myself? — HESITANT IN TEXAS

DEAR HESITANT: Because you and this woman have a relationship that extended beyond the one between you and her son, by all means reach out. Tell her you heard what happened, and that you care about her and want to be supportive. She may or may not contact you, but she'll know you care about her. Knowing someone cares could make all the difference for her.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at Dear Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

LifeStream set to celebrate caregivers

LifeStream Servic- deadline is Wedneses of Muncie will host a National Caregivers Month event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Ball University State Alumni Center.

The event is intended to recognize caregivers for the work they do to improve the lives of others. All caregivers are invited to attend.

event is \$10 and the or call (765) 759-1121.

day, Nov. 8. Peter Rosenberger,

an author and radio host who has served as caregiver to his wife for more than 30 years, will be the guest speaker. There will also be a book signing, art show and lunch.

To register, visit lifestreaminc.org/NC Mevents, email ajenk-Registration for the ins@lifestreamin.org

HAUNTED WOODS Fridays and Saturdays Oct. 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 7:30 to 11:00 pm For more Info: Phone: 765-768-6122 Address: County Road 450 South Between 1100 W & 1150 W Dunkirk, Indiana 7 per person \$6 with canned good

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in starts at 6 p.m. and the space is available. To suban item, email news@thecr.com.

Today

AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIbased recovery group for each Tuesday at Church of substance abuse. Meal God of Prophecy, 797 N.

Community Calendar as 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 JAY COUNTY PASTORS more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — 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-ANNA'S HOPE — A faith- MOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m.

For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

WEDNESĎAY MORN-ING 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

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Čenter.

ROTARY PORTLAND CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland. ÉUCHRE 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 - BRI-

ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will N. Park St., Portland.

Creagor Ave. in Portland. meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

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

LAWYERS 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. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenantlandlord issues, bankruptcv. debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 5:30 p.m. at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre, 200







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Saturday's Solution

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

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The world came to our aid in **Guest** 2011, now it's our turn again. In Ukraine. In the Middle East. But how? Here are some ways

International Committee of the Red Cross: They are known for humanitarian work on behalf of victims of wars and violence and, according to published reports, have been in both Israel and the occupied territories since 1967.

Navigator, it has been honored Nations and U.S. government

Editorial

with the Nobel Peace Prize three times. That's a pretty good endorsement.

Doctors Without Borders: According to Charity Naviga-Doctors Without While not rated by Charity Borders works with the United

ing from Charity Navigator. Save the Children: Another four-star rating from Charity Navigator, they are active in the Mideast and in Ukraine.

According to Save the Children's website, they have been

on humanitarian concerns and providing services and support war in sight. More than 6 milto Palestinian children caught in the ongoing conflict since 1953, and have had a permanent presence in the occupied Palestinian territory since 1973.

'In Egypt, Save the Children is partnering with the Egyptian Red Crescent to send supplies to the Gaza strip as soon as a safe passage for aid across the border is established.

Also, according to their website: "18 months of war has been a catastrophe for children in Ukraine. They live in constant fear, with no end to the

lion people in Ukraine remain internally displaced, while over 8 million have fled to neighboring countries as refugees.

There are many more ways to

Go to charitywatch.org or the Better Business Bureau's give.org to learn about these and other charities.

The world came to our aid. May the day never come when we are unable or unwilling to

help. Give wisely, but give generously.

Let's get rid of junk fees

By SARAH ANDERSON

My contact lenses are crazy expensive. So when I'm about to run out, I do some comparison shopping to get the best deal on an online order.

Like any normal consumer, I click first on the lowest price. When I did that recently, I got an offer for \$135.98 for a threemonth supply. Pricey, but tolerable.

I went through the tedium of entering my prescription, eye doctor's name, credit card number, and address. And that's when I finally got to the actual price: \$262.41 — a whopping 93 percent more than the original offer.

Boy, did I feel like a sucker. And I'm guessing you can relate.

These kinds of undisclosed, surprise charges are a classic example of the "junk fees" that are now everywhere, deceiving consumers into paying more for banking and internet services, concerts and movies, rental cars and apartments, and more.

A Consumer Reports survey found that 85 percent of Americans have experienced such fees in the past two years. The cost of all this swindling? Tens of billions of dollars a year. Junk fees also make it hard for businesses that are honest and transparent about their costs to compete against the cheaters.

President Joe Biden is determined to put junk fees where they belong in the trash.

He recently announced that the Federal Trade Commission plans to force companies to disclose the total price of goods and services up front. Violators would face big fines and have to refund consumers.

This is a big deal. Of course, fans of consumer deception in the banking, travel and auto industries could file lawsuits to try to block the plan. But if the Commission prevails, it will mean no hidden fees and more money in ordinary Americans' pock-

administration's progress to date in reducing junk fees in certain industries, particularly financial services.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has like overdraft charges, by \$5.5 billion annually. They've also extractpanies that charged illegal Studies.

Sarah Anderson



... if the Commission prevails, it will mean no hidden fees and more money in ordinary Americans² pockets.



Telehealth is important for teens

does suggest that more children had

access to care than before the pan-

demic, says Mariah Kalmin, the

RAND health policy researcher who

rates of usage and spending went up

in lockstep, meaning this wasn't a

will look at this data and decide tele-

health is making it a little too easy

for people to get needed care. But

insurers should remember that an

investment in mental health care

today can translate into savings

tomorrow. As I've written in the past,

untreated anxiety can snowball into

larger issues later in life; failure to

address behavioral health issues can

disrupt a child's education and

diminish their future success in the

or virtual appointments are just as

effective as in-person visits, and that

a telehealth option makes patients

more likely to consistently connect

with their therapist. During the pan-

demic, no-show rates dropped

sider a virtual appointment less inti-

mate than a face-to-face meeting with

a therapist, it probably doesn't feel

weird to teens — so many of their

interactions already happen through

through that space, so trying to pro-

vide behavioral health services

adapted to the generation we're try-

ing to serve makes a lot of sense,"

says Warren Ng, president of the

American Academy of Child and

Nor do adolescents and teens have

to miss big chunks of their school

Adolescent Psychiatry.

comfortable

"They're

And while some adults might con-

Data has long suggested that phone

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devices.

A cynic might worry that insurers

more expensive form of care.

junk fees for things like fake paper bank account statements or worthless add-on products for auto

The Bureau is now working to eliminate fees on basic information servproviding like account balances, and making it easier for consumers to switch banks.

lashed out about surprise

My husband and I had spent a weekend at a crowded Miami rental on a busy street, several blocks from the beach. We'd picked that hotel for our budget vacation because their advertised rate seemed like a decent deal. That was before we found out about the \$36 per night

This new plan builds on tion's crackdown will help sumers.

Anderson directs the Global Economy Project reduced banking junk fees, and co-edits Inequality.org at the Institute for Policy Studies.

ed \$140 million in con- torial service published by sumer refunds from com- the Institute for Policy

I first heard about President Biden's contempt for junk fees when I watched his State of the Union address this year. When he resort fees at "hotels that aren't even resorts," it really resonated.

"resort fee."

Nobody likes to be taken for a sucker. But for too long, businesses have been able to get away with using junk fees to profit off deception, making suckers of us. The administraturn the tables, giving a leg up to honest businesses and hard-working con-

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The COVID pandemic seemed to worsen teems' and adolescents' mental health, according to several recent studies. But now, new research shows a reason for hope: Telehealth seems to be giving many more kids access to support. That's a win worth celebrating. And it should push us to ensure virtual care is more permanently and equitably integrated into mental health services for minors.

The worrisome gap betw who need help and those who get it predates the pandemic. For example, the rate of major depression among kids doubled between 2009 and 2019, and an estimated 1 in 5 kids have experienced a mental, emotional or behavioral disorder. Yet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that just 20% of them get help from a specialized provider.

The new study, conducted by the public policy research group RAND Corp., found that telehealth use, which had been negligible among kids before spring 2020, did far more than simply fill the void of in-person mental health visits that were suspended during the early COVID shutdowns. Once telehealth became an option, use of mental health care rose - a trend that has persisted even as the pandemic has faded. Although inperson services were back up to 75% of their prepandemic levels by August 2022, telehealth visits were 2,300% higher. Overall, that translated into nearly 22% higher usage than in January 2019.

The study has some limitations. The data only captures children with private insurance, and it's hard to know whether those with public insurance benefited equally. Most mental health providers don't accept insurance. And researchers can't parse whether many more people got care, or if existing patients were more consistently seeing their therapist — that's something the team hopes to disentangle in future studies.

But the magnitude of the increase day, or lose a whole afternoon of care and the pharmaceutical industry.

Lisa Jarvis



appointment. For parents, telehealth makes it easier to participate in their children's plan of care. Every caregiver

knows the challenge of juggling a job (or two) with daytime appointments. It's much easier to briefly duck out of the office for a virtual check-in with a child's therapist.

sports or activities, to travel to an

None of this means that telehealth is always the best option for struggling kids. Schools are still an essential place for adolescents and teens experiencing anxiety or depression to be identified and treated.

And there are other challenges to accessing telehealth that must be addressed. Some of the pandemic-era services that might have made it easier to access, regardless of socioeconomic status, have been lost. For example, many kids received free devices and access to the internet so they could participate in remote school — something that also opened the door to virtual visits with a ther-

And another recent paper from researchers at Harvard Medical School found that Black and Latino adolescents were less likely to be transitioned from in-person to virtual appointments during the pandemic than their White peers, a disparity the researchers think could be managed by a combination of better fund-

ing and clinician education. The Harvard paper reiterated a point that has become abundantly clear in the past year: All kids, regardless of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, are struggling, and all groups are experiencing a gap in care. Given the enormous need and the critical role telehealth could play, every effort should be made to ensure

all kids can be met where they are. There are plenty of changes from the pandemic we can happily toss; readily accessible mental health services are among the things we should keep.

Jarvis is a Bloomberg Opinion columnist covering biotech, health

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Bank donates

First Bank of Berne recently made multiple donations. The bank gave \$1,500 to Dunkirk Glass Days Inc. for the annual Glass Days festival. Pictured, above left, Tracy Carpenter (left) and Kent Liechty (right) of the bank present a check to Rose Morgan and Dru Hall of the Glass Days committee. The bank also donated \$1,000 for Jay County Development Corporation. Pictured, Carpenter (left) and Angela Paxson (right) of the bank present a check to Travis Richards, executive director of Jay County Development Corporation.

I&M gets OK for solar facilities

A regional utility company will be expanding its solar footprint.

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on Wednesday approved Indiana Michigan Power's plan to construct four new solar plants.

The new plants include the 245-megawatt Lake Trout facility in Blackford County. Others will be in Pulaski, DeKalb and Elkhart counties. They are expected to go online by mid-2026.

"These four Clean Energy Projects will diversify I&M's energy mix, support reliability, provide environmental benefits and safeguard against fuel-cost volatility," said Steve Baker, I&M president and chief operating officer, in a press release. "The availability of renewable energy is important to support economic development opportunities in the communities I&M serves. Increasing the amount of renewable energy available to businesses will be a significant benefit to maintaining and attracting new investments and jobs to the area."

The facilities are part of an effort by I&M and parent company American Electric Power to reach not zero carbon dioxide Firm investing emissions by 2045.

ford and Pulaski counties. It will Protix. own and operate both.

Trout facility is planned to begin in fall 2024.

Trick-or-treat set

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host its Merchant Trick-or-Treat Walk from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31.

ticipate by offering trick-or-treat investment by Tyson Foods in items at their locations. Those groundbreaking solutions that

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Funeral home hosting

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland will host a free advance planning seminar on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Jay County Public Library.

The seminars will feature elder law attorney Michael J. Huffman and advance planning specialist Andrea Thornburg. Sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

Tyson Foods announced last I&M will have about \$1 billion week that it has reached an invested in the plants in Black-agreement for investment with

Tyson will become a minority Construction on the Lake owner in Protix, an insect ingredients company. The investment will be used to "support the growth of the emerging insect ingredient industry and expand the use of insect ingredient solutions to create more efficient sus-

tainable proteins ..."
"Our partnership with Protix Businesses are invited to par-represents the latest strategic

drive added value to Tyson health and substance abuse care Foods' business," said Tyson chief financial officer John R. "Without effective advocacy, drugs." online pharmacies to prevent them from selling certain drugs. Tyson in a press release. "The insect lifecycle provides the opportunity for full circularity within our value chain, strengthening our commitment to building a more sustainable food system for the future.'

The company operates Tyson Mexican Original in Portland.

Ball State promotes

Ball State University has promoted John Foster as its new assistant vice president for public safety and chief of police.

Foster has been with the BSU police department for 30 years. He takes over for James Duckham, who retired Aug. 30.

"I am excited to welcome Chief Foster to this new role as he continues to dutifully serve the campus and its surrounding communities," said Ro-Anne Royer Engle, vice president of student affairs at Ball State, in a press release. "John has devoted his life to understanding the complexities of policing while taking steps to continually learn and improve upon past performance. I look forward to working with John as we optimizing the effectiveness of our police operations."

CEO recognized

The National Council for Mental Wellbeing recently named Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers president and CEO Zoe Frantz as its National Advocate of the Year.

Frantz was honored in part for her work with the state and fed-

we can't accomplish our goals to increase access to mental health and substance use care to anyone who needs it and to support and grow the behavioral health workforce," said National Council for Mental Wellbeing senior vice president for public policy and advocacy Reyna Taylor in a press release. "Zoe exemplifies the type of tireless work needed to keep these issues top of mind including Certified Behavioral Health Clinics for policymakers.'

Frantz was also recently named to Gov. Eric Holcomb's Indiana Behavioral Health Commission.

Partnership extended

Dollar General last week announced that it has extended its partnership with the American Red Cross Disaster Responder Program.

The extension includes a \$250,000 donation. It will be used to help provide resources such as food, shelter and other essentials following natural disasters.

"For over 20 years, Dollar General has supported the Red Cross Torr, Dollar General's vice president of corporate social responsibility and philanthropy, in a press release. "We are grateful for the shelter, food, emotional support, and hope the Red Cross continues to provide our neighbors and communities during times of need.'

Company suing

The Indianapolis-based pharmaceuticals firm is seeking to stop the pharmacies from importing, selling and distributing products that claim to contain the active ingredient in its diabetes drug Mounjaro, Reuters reported last week. The suit will go to the U.S. international Trade Commission.

Lilly said it has tested some of the drugs in question and that they do not contain the active ingredient as claimed.

"The unapproved drug products are dangerous research chemicals that are not approved for human consumption and have no connection to Eli Lilly or Mounjaro," Lilly said in its lawsuit.

Summit is Nov. 1

Indiana Manufacturers Association will hold its inaugural Indiana Health Care Summit for Manufacturers on Nov. 1 at Ivy Tech Community College Culinary and Conference Center in Indianapolis.

The event is designed to provide attendees with informastrive to enhance the quality of efforts to prepare for emergention regarding health care life for Ball State students while cies and provide relief during issues that impact Indiana man-optimizing the effectiveness of times of crisis," said Denine ufacturers. There will be panel ufacturers. There will be panel discussions about pharmaceutical costs, health care options and insurance, with a best practices panel of manufacturers highlighting their experiences.

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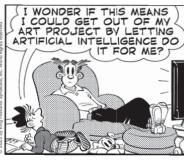




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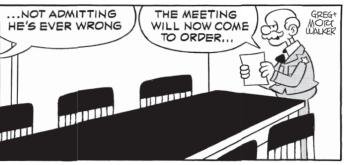


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on dummy's clubs.

But East wins the spade and

returns a trump, whereupon West takes the ace and leads another

trump. Assuming proper defense thereafter, South winds up down

However, declarer can make his

contract if he plays a bit more carefully. All he needs to do to affect at

least a three-trick difference in the

outcome is to duck West's king of

This maneuver leaves West with-

out recourse. If he next plays the

ace and another trump, South winds up with 11 tricks. If West

continues with another spade

instead, declarer wins, crosses to

the ace of clubs, ruffs a spade in

dummy and discards two diamonds

on dummy's clubs to finish with 10

And so, in this case at least, the irritating entry problem can be

resolved quite neatly by the simple

expedient of ducking the king of

spades at trick one!

the king of spades against South's four-heart contract. Let's say West dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH declarer takes the king with dum-**♠**A3 my's ace, leads a club to his singleton ace and then exits with a spade, planning to ruff a spade in dummy and discard some of his diamonds

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Bridge

♥K Q J 10 8 3 ♣A The bidding: East South

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Opening lead — king of spades. Entry problems are frequently a source of frustration for declarer. He sometimes finds himself with lots of good tricks in one hand either the dummy's or his own—but is not able to collect them for lack of an entry to that hand. About all declarer can do in this situation is to resort to his own ingenuity in an effort to overcome

the bothersome communications Take this deal where West leads

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Sports/Classifieds



Jay County High School freshman Caleb Garringer runs in the regional meet at The Plex in Fort Wayne on Saturday. Garringer ran a time of 17 minutes, 52 seconds to place 126th.

Ends

Continued from page 8 Sibray, a sophomore, ran a consistent race, similar to what she did the previous week to place 17th in the sectional. The sophomore crossed the finish line in 21 minutes, 32.2 seconds, about 12 seconds off the time she posted a week earlier.

"Going into it, realistically, we were just trying to get a PR and have a good performance, something to grow on for the next year," said Wood. "She didn't follow up a good sectional performance last year with a like regional performance."

She was able to change that script Saturday.

"I thought she ran really well, better than her regional performance a year ago," said Wood.

The final girls regional qualifying spot went to Blue River Valley's Charlee Gibson at 19:26. She finished 30th.

Boggs, a sophomore, was never able to put himself at a state berth, sitting outside the top 100 early and unable to make much headway from there. He ran a different strategy from a week earlier, trying to split each mile of the race at about 5:18.

"The first mile, they were pretty much dead on," said Wood, noting that he had figured it would take a time in the 16:30s in order to have a chance at state. (Boggs' sectional time of 17:01.8 was a career-best.) "Second mile, they were about 15 seconds off of the pace that it would have taken. And I'm not sure what happened in their third mile. Joseph wasn't able to keep up that 5:18, 5:19 pace, which is understandable. It's not something he's ran

Boggs ended up 116th, finishing in 17:45.5. (Wood's estimation was correct, as New Haven sophomore Bryan Garcia's 29th-place finish in 16:31.5

in a position to make a run earned him the final state berth.)

> Garringer, a freshman, was close behind his teammate most of the way. He was nearly able to match his career-best sectional pace — 17:48 — as he posted a time of 17:52 for 126th place out of 247 competi-

He was 17th among freshmen in the regional

"That whole atmosphere for that race is just way bigger than anything we see," said Wood. "Sectional is not anywhere close to that. ... I think he did a real nice job with it. ...

That included some jostling among the field that sounded like a thundering herd as it squeezed through the narrow gap in the tree line about 200 meters from the start line.

"There was some contact in there," said Wood. "Probably not something he's had to deal with in a cross country race."

Second

Continued from page 8 "It was a very solid day all around," Fort Recovery coach Christy Diller said. "We got done what we came to do."

Last season, Heitkamp won the district meet with a time of 16 minutes, 16 seconds. Armed with the knowledge that he can succeed at this level and the fall from the MAC meet, Heitkamp decided to take things easy.

Even so, he established himself early, sitting third behind Lincolnview's Conner Baldauf and Minster's Ryan Halpin. At the 2-mile mark, he pulled ahead of Haplin and held second place the rest of the way, crossing the finish line at 16:22.89.

Baldauf held a 20-meter lead as they got to the track inside Columbus Grove's football stadium for the final stretch and won the race with a 16:14.11.

"I thought it went perfectly," Heitkamp said. "I did exactly what I wanted to do. ... "So the goal today was just to

qualify. When you're in the tournament, you just want to move on no matter what it takes. So in order to do that, I needed to make sure I was feeling good. ... Halfway through the race, I just remember thinking like, 'This is an easy run.'

Natalie Brunswick paced the girls, finishing fourth with a

Brunswick led the race most of the way, in front of a pack of Minster Wildcats. About 2.5 miles into the race, Chaney Cedarleaf, Margaret Hemmelgarn and Maria Niekamp flanked Brunswick from both sides before passing and pinching her off. The trio formed a shield to stop Brunswick from Her final time was 20:43.6.

overtaking them for the final stretch of the race.

Cedarleaf and Hemmelgarn both finished at 19:16.63 while Niekamp was only 0.03 seconds behind.

"The whole race I felt very comfortable," Brunswick said. "Obviously Minster has a strong leading pack and I knew they were going to come up at some point. Halfway through the last mile, they all just built a wall right in front of me. So, I had nothing else to do but to just continue to run my race, and that's exactly what I did."

Beyond Brunswick, the girls had two more athletes, Ellie Will and Joelle Kaup, that would have qualified for regional as individuals. Will jumped out to 10th place, holding the position until slipping to 12th in the final half mile.

Kaup was floating around (23rd - 21:36.07) and Jenna the No. 17 mark for the entire race. At the same time Brunswick and Will started to fall back, Kaup caught her stride.

She worked her way to 16th with a half a mile left. She really caught wind with 100 meters left in the race, overtaking Ava Stammen of Minster and Ariyah Pfenning of New Knoxville to finish 13th right behind Will with a time of 20:44.48 to set a new career best.

"Kids just stepped up and went above and beyond," Diller said. "She took 40 seconds off her lifetime best last week. She dropped another couple seconds this week. She is running confident right now, that's what we need.

The final two finishes for the girls came from Anna Roessner

8 p.m. — College volleyball: Indiana at Illinois

Hart (28th – 21:57.08). Parker Brunswick finished

one spot away from a regional berth in the boys race. The sophomore held 13th place the entire way, finishing at 17:45.97, 22.91 seconds shy of 12th.

"He ran a great time today," Diller said. "He ran a great race, it's just this venue and the way these races are set up it just gets so spread out so it's really hard to try to push when you're that far off of somebody.'

Other finishes for the boys came from Reese Diller (20th -18:15.11), Evan Evers (47th -19:47.95) and Russell Hart (54th 20:50.04).

Also competing for the Indians were Madison Heitkamp (33rd), Nicole Braun (43rd), Milo Fiely (55th) and Aiden Heitkamp (68th).

Sports on tap

Local schedule Wednesday

Fort Recovery — Potential Volleyball regional championship vs. the winner of Coldwater and Ottawa-Glandorf at Kalida - 7:15 p.m.

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8 p.m. — College volleyball: Indiana at Northwestern (BTN)

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11 p.m. — NHL: Philadelphia Flyers at Vegas Golden Knights (ESPN)

Wednesday

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7 p.m. — NBA: Washington Wizards at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)

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Joelle Kaup (159) of Fort Recovery High School runs at the district cross country meet Saturday at Columbus Grove. She finished strong, passing two runners, including Ariyah Pfenning (287), down the stretch to place 13th.

Tribe runners finish second

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

COLUMBUS GROVE, Ohio — Running on Saturday wasn't a guarantee for Trevor

On Oct. 14, Heitkamp collapsed during the Midwest Athletic Conference cross country meet and in turn was taken to the emergency room.

After nine hours in the ER, multiple tests and a doctor's appointment Oct. 16, it was determined that Heitkamp had suffered from lactic acidosis which is when lactic acid builds up in the bloodstream because cells aren't getting enough oxygen uring anaerobic exercise.

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Heitkamp made it out of the OHSAA Division III district cross country meet at Columbus Grove Saturday while the Fort Recovery High School girls cross country team tallied 78 points to place second in the district meet to advance to the regional

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The top three teams and top 12 individuals earn spots in the regional for the boys. They boys team had 131 points landing them fourth place and just short of a berth. Lincolnview (31), Minster (54) and Heitkamp was cleared to run, but wore a Crestview (78) were the three teams to punch their tickets.

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Jay ends at regional

JCHS runners close season at meet in Fort Wayne

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

FORT WAYNE Joseph Boggs was going to need to run a career-best time for the second consecutive week just to have an outside chance at earning a state berth.

Alexis Sibray and Caleb Garringer faced even longer odds.

The strength of the field proved too much for the Patriots to overcome.

Sibray's 112th-place finish in a field of 246 girls led the way for the Jay County High School cross country trio during the regional meet hosted by New Haven on Saturday at The Plex.

Boggs finished 116th in the boys race, with Garringer just 10 spots behind him.

Ultimately, the Patriots are hopeful that their experience at the regional level in the new tournament format — the new regional is more akin to a semi-state from years past — will help them grow moving forward.

"If you're planning on being a competitor that wants to make it to state, you've got to put yourself

in these kind of races," said JCHS coach Bruce Wood. Each race Saturday had nearly 250 competitors, compared to the about 100 a week earlier at the sectional level. "You've got to learn how to run in those type of environments. ... You have to learn how to run your race, how to run in that crowd."

The IHSAA has reformatted the tournament this season, with five sectionals each sending five teams and 15 individuals to one of five regionals. (Previously, two sectionals fed into a regional.) The semi-state level has been eliminated, with the top five teams and top 15 individuals not on an advance team from each regional heading on to the state finals.

Concordia won both team championships its girls are ranked third in the state and boys 14 and was joined by advancing teams No. 16 Warsaw, Wabash, Angola and Carroll in the boys race and No. 2 Homestead, No. 9 Carroll, No.

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Warsaw for the girls.