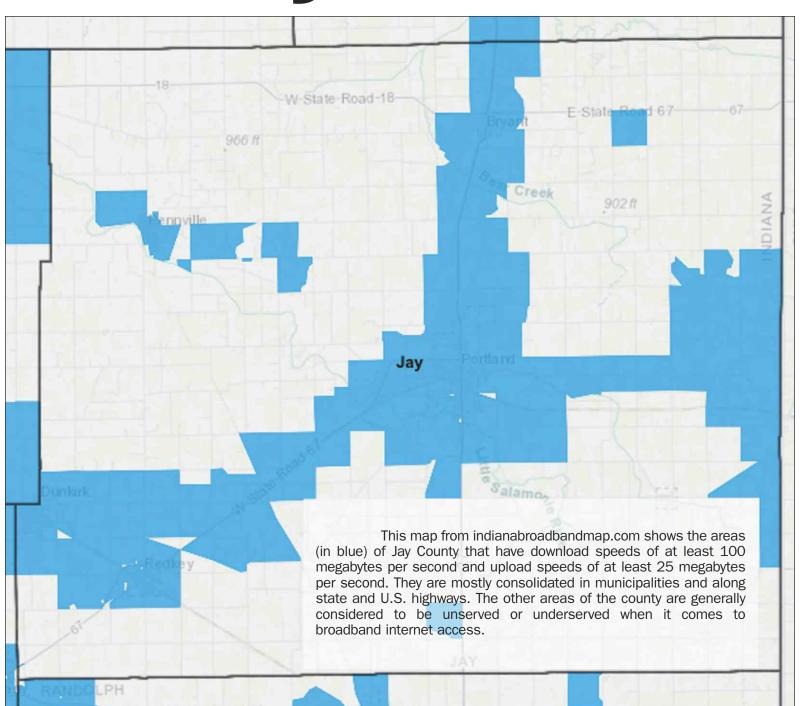
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County commits



Local match approved for Mainstream Fiber to apply for grant funding for high-speed internet

By BAILEY CLINE

It's time to get connected.

Jay County Council and Jay County Commissioners agreed County Commissioners agreed at some point if they don't Monday to commit \$3.9 million already." toward a project from Mainstream Fiber Networks to install 395 miles of fiberoptic or fixed wireless internet across the county. The project is designed to set up internet connections in all homes and businesses categorized as unserved or underserved in Jay County.

"I think this is something that's going to get Jay County into the 21st, 22nd century, I

mean, this is something we're company, with the other \$9.5 works and data from the Federal going to need," said commis- million to be targeted via sioners president Chad Aker. grants. "Everyone's going to need this

County officials heard a proposal Jan. 25 from Mark Gabriel of Mainstream Fiber Networks to outfit the county with fiberoptic internet. The \$19.4 million plan calls for a 20% match — \$3.9 million from the county, with \$6 million covered by a partnership between MainStream Fiber Networks and Searchlight Capital, a New York private equity

will be applying for two grants through the Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Pro- in gram, which allows up to \$5 million per application. If denied, the business will apply for funding through the federal Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment program, which has allocated \$868 million for Indiana to promote reliable internet con-

According to information provided by Mainstream Fiber Net-

Communications Commission (FCC), about 36% of homes and Mainstream Fiber Networks businesses in Jay County approximately 3,900 locations — are unserved or underserved broadband("Unserved" individuals are categorized as residents with less than 25 megabytes per second downloads and 3 megabytes per second uploads, and "underserved" individuals are categorized as those with less than 100 megabytes per second down-

> ond uploads.) See Commits page 2

loads and 20 megabytes per sec-

Bond upped to \$30 million

Funds will cover cost of wastewater improvements

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

As the cost of construction increased, the bond amount did as well.

Portland City Council on Monday approved an amended bond ordinance, increasing the amount of the bond that will cover the cost of a new equalization basin and wet weather pump station to \$30 million.

The equalization basin and wet weather pump station are required as part of the city's agreed order with IDEM. They must be installed at the same time because they work togeth-

"It takes both parts ... to meet the statutory requirements of the long-term control plan," Jeff Hersha of Fort Wayne's Jones and Henry Engineers explained at a meeting in December.

The city's board of works opened bids for the project at that Dec. 21 meeting, with proposals for the equalization basin coming in between \$4.57 million and \$5.73 million. (All were significantly higher than the most recent engineer's estimate of \$2.9 million in March.)

There were no bids for the wet weather pump station. It was speculated at that time that the lack of bids was because of projected increased costs from the engineer's estimate of \$9.3 million.

The increase in the cost of the equalization basin and the projected increase for the wet weather pump station — it has been put back out for bid — required the city to increase its bond amount for the overall project, clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips explained after the meeting. Portland City Council had previously approved the bond at \$23.8 million.

See **Bond** page 2

R to seek Safe Routes

The Commercial Review

Plans are in the works to apply for grant dollars to make students' daily school transportation

Fort Recovery Village Council heard Monday about plans to apply for Safe Routes to School Funding with Fort Recovery Local Schools for street work. Formal legislation on the matter will be presented at council's next meeting Feb. 19. (The application is due at the beginning of March.) To be eligible for Safe Routes to

School Funding through Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), communities must develop School Travel Plans or Active Transportation Plans. The plans outline a community's 'intentions for enabling students to engage in active transportation (i.e. walking or bicycling) as they travel to and from school, according to ODOT's website. Fort Recovery created its

School Transportation Plan in installing flashing beacons and

Program offers funding for promoting 'active transportation'

July after a nine-month planning process. It started with a team of school, community, local government, health, public safety and other representatives. The plan identifies several construction projects and new programs as goals for increasing safe pedestrian and bike travel to school.

Diller noted plans discussed at a committee meeting last week, which included the recommendation to improve safety measures at the intersection of Elm and Center streets. (The total cost is anticipated at \$60,000, with the school and village splitting the cost. The work — it involves enhancing crosswalks — would be conducted separately from the grant.)

If approved, plans are apply for a grant for several infrastructure projects, including: building a crosswalk in front of Fort Recovery High School along First Street, improving visibility of markings at the five-point intersection of Butler, Boundary, William and Third streets, and constructing a sidewalk from Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School to Sharpsburg Road to match with the upcoming sidewalk project for the front of the

See Safe page 2



Andrew Balko/The Commercial Review

Spence entrance

Jay County High School athletic trainer Spencer Tonner "elbow bumps" elementary schoolers Friday before the girls basketball sectional championship game at Yorktown. The students were waiting to give high fives to the Patriots as they came out for warm ups, and greeted Tonner with similar enthusiasm after he finished tending to a bloody nose.

Deaths

Eugene Siefring, 73, New

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 32 degrees Monday. The low was 25.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the upper 30s. Expect mostly cloudy skies Thursday with a high in the mid 50s and winds gusting to 30miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Portland Board of Works has scheduled a meeting for 4 p.m. Thursday in the mayor's office at city hall. The agenda includes discussion of the demolition of the building at 208 and 210 N. Meridian St.

Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of this week's Portland Park Board meeting.

Friday — Preview of the Jay County wrestlers at the semi-state tournament.



Weston, Ohio Details on page 2.

Bond

Continued from page 1 members McClung, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Dave Golden and Ashley Hilfiker approved the amended bond. Mike Aker and Ron May were absent from the

The amended bond ordinance will now head to the State Revolving Fund loan program to continue the process, with a closing expected in March.

The deadline for bids for the wet weather pump station is 10 a.m. Feb. 29. Bids will be opened at 4 p.m. the same day during a board of works meeting in council chambers at Portland Fire Station.

In other business, council:

•Approved a five-year tax abatement for FR Holdings on \$1.05 million in renovations to allow space for growth for Priority Plastics to the city's tax abatement advisory committee. The abatement is projected to save FR Holdings \$90,000. The expansion is expected to generate \$225,000 in property taxes over 10 years.

•Heard McClung compliment the work of Jay County Public Library Board. His comments came in response to Indiana Senate Bill 30, authored by Sens. James Tomes (R-Wadesville) and Gary Bryne (R-Byrneville), which called for public libraries to submit an annual budget to advertised.

county or municipal government. McClung expressed the opinion that the library board is effective and no such changes are needed. (The bill died without a hearing in the Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee. Sen. Travis Holdman (R-Markle), who represents Jay County, is the committee's chair.)

 Agreed to an additional appropriation of \$183,820.98 for the purchase of a new trash truck from Best Equipment of Indianapolis. Portland Board of Works approved the purchase last week. The additional appropriation will need to be formally approved again after it has been

•OK'd the closure of Morton Street between the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association Grounds and Jay County Fairgrounds from noon Aug. 16 through noon Aug. 25 for Tri-State's annual show. Also approved was a golf cart permit waiver, effective from Aug. 10 through Aug. 25, for those who receive a permit through Tri-

 Heard Golden praise Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards for his efforts and those of JCDC to help the city in a variety of areas. (Richards presented the abatement request during the meeting.)

State.

Obituaries

Eugene "Gene" Siefring, New Weston, Ohio, died Sunday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Paul Catholic Church, Sharpsburg, Ohio.

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

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

CR almanac

Thursday 2/8	Friday 2/9	Saturday 2/10	Sunday 2/11	Monday 2/12	
56/48	58/41	49/32	46/35	45/29	
Another day of mostly cloudy skies on Thursday, with a 60% chance of rain at night.	Friday's forecast shows a 30% chance of showers with temperatures in the mid to upper 50s.	Mostly sunny on Sat- urday, when the high will be in the upper 40s. Rain is possible late.	Another chance of rain on Sun- day. Other- wise, mostly cloudy.	There's a chance of rain on Monday when the high will be in the mid 40s.	

Lotteries

Powerball

Monday 1-2-27-30-67 Power Ball: 9 Power Play: 5 Estimated jackpot: \$228 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$358 million

Hoosier

Monday Midday Daily Three: 2-5-2 Daily Four: 3-8-8-7 Quick Draw: 7-9-15-16-20-21-22-25-28-30-31-33-36-48-57-61-68-72-76-77

Daily Three: 4-6-9

Quick Draw: 3-15-17-21-31-32-36-37-40-42-43-44-45-48-49-55-67-68-76-80

Daily Four: 4-4-9-2

Cash 5: 14-21-23-27-28 Estimated jackpot:

\$356,500

Ohio

Monday Midday Pick 3: 2-6-8 Pick 4: 3-5-0-3 Pick 5: 3-2-5-7-3 **Evening** Pick 3: 4-9-3 Pick 4: 1-6-0-4 Pick 5: 2-0-6-6-8 Rolling Cash: 2-22-24-31-35

Estimated jackpot:

\$120,000

Commits

Continued from page 1 Council vice president Cindy Bracy, a rural Portland resident who lives east of Salamonia, referenced the preliminary design map and asked about some gaps in the coverage, specifically on the eastern side of the county.

Gabriel explained that those areas are designated by the FCC as served parts of the county.

"I would beg to differ because it looks like that (gap) would be in Salamonia, and they are not served," she responded.

Gabriel pointed out the FCC's data may not be 100% accurate. He noted there is a process for proving addresses that are incorrectly marked as served, and he pointed out residents in those areas may contact the state to register their address and provide data to show they are not served. (To learn more about an area's coverage per the FCC's data, visit broadbandmap.fcc.gov/ho me, or for a map showing where providers report

cific speeds, go to indianabroadbandmap.com.)

Bracy asked where residents need to go in order to correct coverage data. Gabriel suggested contacting the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs or Indiana Broadband Office, noting both groups have links available from their websites to test broadband connectivi-

Council member Harold Towell questioned if the county should invest in the project. Council member Jeanne Houchins referenced offers from various companies in the past regarding high-speed internet.

"Yes, Jay County does have some high-speed internet, I know there's fiber in places, but the progress made has not kept up with the promises made," she said. "How is this any different?"

Gabriel noted the grant process has a 24-month contractual period starting from the time the project is awarded. Likewise, Mainstream Fiber Netavailable service and spe- works will have to report

Indiana Broadband Office also inspecting their work.

Commissioners vice president Brian McGalliard noted the county will be able to pay for the work over the next few years instead of contributing a lump sum. Gabriel confirmed this, suggesting the county could stretch payments over 36 months.

County officials have multiple revenue sources they can pull from for their contribution to the project. County auditor Emily Franks compiled a list of potential funds, which include \$2.37 million in American Rescue Plan Act dollars, \$1.94 million in the rainy day fund, \$1.83 million in economic development income tax dollars, \$965,000 in economic development wind farm dollars and \$850,000 from Jay Redevelopment County Commission. (The redevelopment commission's board would need to approve use of its funding from the tax increment financing (TIF) district

monthly to the state, with ally.) She also included potential usage of other funds in the budget, such the infrastructure, cumulative capital development and general funds.

Council and commissioners reviewed their funding options for a few minutes during the meeting, with Houchins pointing out likely upwards of \$1 million will be needed for upgrades to county emergency responders' radios in the near future. Council member Faron Parr also noted potential plans for housing development, but he pointed to the fact that outside entities would be contributing \$16 million to the fiberoptic project as a reason to move

The grant application to Next Level Connections is due Friday. With that in mind, council and commissioners, absent council member Randy May and commissioner Rex Journay and with Towell dissenting, agreed to commit to the project.

They'll decide which that is currently generat- funds to use to pay for the ing roughly \$550,000 annuproject at a later date.

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In 2011, Portland

Capsule Reports

Intersection crash

Ridgeville woman's car at the intersection of county roads 250 West and 800 South about 10:33 a.m. Mon-

Angel L. Sewell, 17, was driving her 1996 Oldsmobile Ciera south on approached its intersection with 800 South.) Sewell drove into the was towed.

county road 800 South. Sewell told A Portland teen 's vehicle struck a police she wasn't familiar with the area and didn't notice the stop sign. At the same time, 59-year-old Annette M. Wall was driving her 2024 Kia Sportage west on county road 800 South near the intersection. (There isn't a stop at the inter-

intersection at the same time as Wall, causing the vehicles to collide.

Sewell lost control of her car and it went into a ditch on the southwest side of the road. Wall also lost control of her car and drove into a field on the northwest side of the road.

Damage is estimated between county road 250 West as she section for traffic on county road \$5,000 and \$10,000. Sewell's vehicle

Continued from page 1 If awarded -Diller pointed out the whole process will likely take two to three years — the infrastructure projects would be 100% covered by the grant.

> Fort Recovery Local Schools is also submitting a grant application to start programs encouraging students to walk and bike to school, noted Diller.

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

•Heard Mayor Dave Kaup will be organizing a meeting with state officials regarding increases in property tax. Diller noted the problem is in the way the system is set up, pointing to assessed value jumping by 40% to 50%. Kaup added that property taxes

for adjoining parcels cur- Iota Xi to close the brick rently aren't matching up. The meeting, which will be open to the public, will be held in March. More details will be available on the village's website and social media closer to the date.

•Learned a company has offered an alternative solution to the village's issues with meeting Environmental Protection Agency standards with testing at its wastewater lagoons. (Discussion has previously centered on the need for a mechanical plant.) The firm's proposed \$1 to 2 million dollar solution, noted Diller, would meet Environmental Protection Agency testing requirements for ammonia, phosphorus, dissolved oxygen and other elements present in the

•OK'd a request from Psi

portion of Wayne Street from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 27 for the annual Brick Street Market.

 Were informed reconstruction of portions of Gwendolyn and Wiggs streets will begin with utility work this month. PAB Construction of Coldwater should be finished with the project by May. •Heard Fort Recovery

Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual awards banquet at 6 p.m. March 10 in the auditeria at Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School. Tickets are \$15 each, and the reservation deadline is March 1.

•Met David Penno, a Republican running in the May primary for a Mercer County Commissioner

SERVICES

Thursday

Zehringer, Rosemary: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery. Shockey, Mike: 3 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109

W. Windsor St., Montpelier. Brotherton, Mary: 7 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Friday

Siefring, Eugene: 10:30 a.m., St. Paul Catholic Church, 517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery,

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"Little House" series. In 1962, country \$100,000 in economic music singer and song- development

Today in history

Dickens was born in Mayor Bruce Hosier

Landport, Portsmouth, announced Fort Recov-

in the United Kingdom. ery Industries pur-

writer Garth Brooks from Bitter Ridge Wind was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma. One of his most popular pieces is repairs at Portland the 1990 song, "Friends Water Park. in Low Places.

Portland Industrial Park for \$383.554.63. (The sale had been finalized three days earlier.) It included 8 acres around the building on county road 100 North consin. She wrote the just east of U.S. 27. In 2022, Portland City Council allocated

"A chased a building in

Farm to Portland Park Board to be used for

–The CR

Citizen's calendar

Thursday

Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, Portland.

Monday

rium, courthouse, 120 St. N. Court St., Portland. Public Library Board ing, 131 S. Main St.

of Trustees, communi-4 p.m. — Portland ty room, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

5 p.m. — Jay School 321 N. Meridian St., Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

6 p.m. — Dunkirk 9 a.m. — Jay County Board of Works, city Commissioners, audito- building, 131 S. Main

7 p.m. — Dunkirk 4 p.m. — Jay County City Council, city build-







Showing fairness

East Elementary recently recognized students for displaying fairness. Pictured above are kindergartners (front) Ainsley Hamilton, Ashten Bentz and Bella Grayson. In the back row are kindergartners Russell Vogel, Quinn Alt and Ivan May. Not pictured is Camryn Foreman.

Seattle bans tossing batteries

By LAUREN GIRGIS

The Seattle Times

Tribune News Service being disposed of in the

garbage due to fire risk. The ban includes small button and alkaline batteries, lithium-ion batteries used in electric bikes and vehicles, and items with batteries embedded in them. Electronic items like computers, monitors and TVs also cannot be thrown in the garbage.

effect Jan. 1.

If not disposed of properly,

the batteries and electronics chemicals — like lithium, cadrisk catching fire.

Seattle Fire Department SEATTLE — Seattle Public Chief Harold Scoggins said in Utilities has banned all batter- a news release that the departies and some electronics from ment has responded to 79 lithium-ion battery fires in the past two years.

"This is a growing fire safety concern across the nation as consumers purchase more items with lithium-ion batteries," Scoggins said. "Fires involving batteries can start and spread quickly, so properly storing, charging, and disposing of batteries becomes key to The SPU Director's Rule took preventing fires where injuries tion to keep communities and and property loss could occur."

mium, mercury and lead that pose risks to people and the environment, and need special handling to be safely disposed of, the release said. Alkaline batteries also contain acids that corrode metals.

Those materials are also valuable, and can be reused and recycled, SPU General Manager and CEO Andrew Lee said in the release.

"Too often residents are confused about how to dispose of batteries — this new Director's Rule provides needed clarificaour employees safe," Batteries have hazardous Mayor Bruce Harrell said.

Affair threatens woman's health

DEAR ABBY: I have been involved with a married man for the last five years. He lied to me about his status. He told me that a woman he'd had a 15-year relationship with had left him. I recently learned he has been with her for more than 30 years, and she's the mother of his kids. I have tried to walk away many times, but I always go back. I don't blame him, but I am very hurt by the deceptions. I have been hospitalized for depression three times since I've been with him. I'm not a homewrecker. He's not a demon. I just need help. I can't go on like this. My mental health is deteriorating rapidly now. Please help me. — HEART-BROKEN IN MARYLAND

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: You are stuck in a self-defeating cycle that isn't going to change. In my book, this married man IS a demon. He is an awful person with no conscience. Seeing the effect this affair has had on you (three hospitalizations for depression!?), if he had ANY conscience at all, he would have ended it. If you don't have a licensed mental health professional to talk with to help you disentangle yourself permanently from this destructive cycle, PLEASE ask for a referral to one now, before you have to be hospitalized again.

DEAR ABBY: I was a devoted son. I called and visited my parents regularly and took them on trips with my family. I have two grown kids I seldom see or hear from. Some of my friends tell me their kids are the same. Is this common with this generation or is it an anomaly? WONDER-ING IN FLORIDA

DEAR WONDERING: It may more common today. Whether because of insensitivity, the fact that younger people face more challenges

Dear Abby



and distractions than previous generations or some unresolved resentment toward their parents, I can't say. But your problem seems to have become less unusual over the last several decades. Phone calls have been replaced by texting, but texts lack the warmth and immediacy of verbal communication that former generations enjoyed. Could that be what you are missing?

DEAR ABBY: I have a wonderful husband and four beautiful kids. But lately I've started crushing on his best friend, and I sometimes fantasize about him. I love my husband with all my heart, and I'm truly happy with our marriage. How can I rid myself of these feelings? I don't know what they mean. — MYSTI-FIED IN MISSOURI

MYSTIFIED: DEAR means you are human. A way to control your fantasies would be to quit feeling so guilty about having them. You are far from the only woman to develop crushes on unattainable men. Fan clubs for actors and television personalities come immediately to mind. The time to worry and possibly seek professional help would be when the crush starts having a negative effect on your marriage. You say you love your husband. If that's true, show him the respect he deserves by reminding yourself not to follow through on those fantasies.

Community Calendar

space is available. To submit an item, news@thecr.com.

 Will meet at 8 a.m. in 589-4496. east room of ties and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Cen-Meridian St., Portland.

SINGLES AND SEPA-RATES SUPPORT GROUP

Community Calendar as ing from an illness, the at (765) 369-2085. group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. TAL OSTOMY SUPPORT WEDNESDAY MORN- For more information, ING BREAKFAST CLUB call Sarah Conrad at (260)

FAMILY AL-ANON Richards Restaurant. All GROUP — New Beginwomen are invited to nings, a support group attend. Includes activi- for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday played from 11 a.m. to 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 ter for Learning, 101 S. all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist — For anyone Church, 122 W. Main St. who's lost a loved one or Come early for a meal. has a spouse living in For more information,

Thursday

INDIANA UNIVERSI-TY HEALTH JAY HOSPI-GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

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

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical 125 Lutheran Church, 218 E. Dunkirk.

Notices will appear in long-term care or suffer- call Pastor Randy Davis High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-

Sunday

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. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

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

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

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALI-TION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E Walnut St, Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

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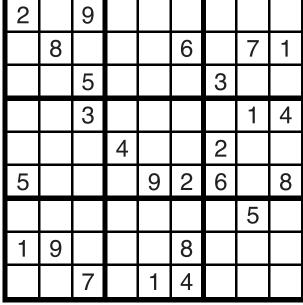
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Sudoku



Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

The objective is to fill nine-by nine grid so that each column, each row, an each of the nine three-by three boxes (also calle blocks or regions) contain the digits from 1 to 9 on one time each.

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How did they all become so young?

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Feb. 6, 2008. The job fair was a regular stop for editors and publishers from The Commercial Review before the event slowly faded away as fewer and fewer newspapers sent representatives. It was a valuable tool and brought many reporters to our newsroom, even if it did make Jack feel old.

By JACK RONALD The Commercial Review

There's nothing quite like a job fair to make you feel older.

All that youth. All that potential. The future stretching as far as the eye can see.

Saturday was the annual event sponsored by the Indiana Associated Press Managing Editors and the Hoosier State Press Association Foundation.

It alternates between Ball State University and Franklin College, and this year was Ball State's turn.

Back in the Saddle



these events since the project was launched by my old friend Andy Lippman of the AP. The first was a near disaster.

For some reason, no institution of higher learning was interested in hosting it, so we ended up crowding into offices of journalism faculty at IUPUI. We were back at IUPUI a few years later for a venue even less conducive to getting things done: The natatorium. It was chilly, and it echoed. It was like conducting job interviews in a bathroom.

The purpose of taking part in I've attended all but a few of the event is simply to get an

idea of what sort of young jacket, sort of like Minnie Pearl same question two minutes reporters are entering the tal- and her hat. ent pool. Other years, like this year, we have some newsroom vacancies we'd like to fill.

For the kids — sorry, budding young journalists — it's an opportunity to practice interviewing skills while networking and finding out what jobs and

internships may be available. For some, it's clearly their first attempt at such a thing.

And sometimes things don't go all that well.

More than once, I've been handed a resume with a typo in it. Not really a good thing when you're applying for a job at a newspaper.

Like the resumes, the attire for the day is often seeing its first use. The budding young journalists have bought their interview suit or new outfit. One nice young guy a couple of years ago still had the tags attached to the cuff of his suit

Saturday's crowd was a bit more polished than that, and they showed much more initiative than usual. Time and again, young folks stepped up, stretched out a hand, offered a smile, and asked if I had a few minutes to talk with them. It was precisely the sort of coldcall effort that impresses every

By the end of the day, I'd conducted 14 interviews with students from Ball State, Purdue, Bowling Green, Grace, Earlham, and Hanover and maybe a couple of other schools. Not surprisingly, the interviews began to blur together after awhile.

About 3 p.m., I found myself wondering if I were repeating

And the students were in the same boat, a little fuzzy on whether they'd answered the

On Sunday afternoon, I reviewed the resumes and jotted notes, delighted that some kids

(sorry) stood out. There was the young woman from Marion who got her first newspaper job in high school, going behind the back of her father who was an editor at the

There was the young guy from Purdue who told me about the moment in an engineering class when he suddenly realized he had no interest in being an engineer, what he wanted to do was

tell stories. There was the young woman from Rensselaer who has worked long hours waiting tables to

work her way through Ball State. It was a good day, and it's a good crop of talent entering journalism in Indiana.

But they're all so doggoned

Federal measure can improve 911

Duluth News Tribune

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The first call to 911 was dialed 56 years ago this month. Quickly and conveniently connecting to help in times of emergency and disasters has become commonplace, lifesaving, and as routine as popping an Advil or applying a bandage.

But the emergencyreporting system isn't perfect. Is anything? And legislation introduced U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and others aims to make important updates to the system, including helping to ensure that help is actually reached when a natural disaster takes down communications. The legislation also would recognize 911 dispatchers as the "protective service workers" they are and no longer as "clerical" staff.

The Enhancing First Response Act deserves overwhelming, bipartisan, no-duh support in Klobuchar's Senate and in the U.S. House. It then nto law by President Joe Biden.

"During natural disas-

ters, reliable communicanetworks lives," Klobuchar said in a statement last week to the media, including to the News Tribune Opinion page. "This bipartilegislation will ensure people are able to connect to 911 during major disasters and improve the resiliency of our 911 system against

outages and disruptions." Dispatchers' "critical roles during times of crisis" also need to be recognized, Klobuchar said of the bill.

More specifically, the would require the Federal Communications Commission to issue a report after major natural disasters on the extent to which people were able to — or, of more to call 911." concern so problems can be addressed, unable to reach 911. Unreported outages would be studied. The FCC also would be required in its report to make recommendations to improve outage report- ly with technology. And if ing and communication it takes federal legislaand 911 centers. The idea let it be quickly passed in is preventing service dis- D.C.

Guest Editorial

ruptions at the most critical moments.

In other words, the legislation would require the system to be scrutinized and then made better following every natudisaster, like ice storms, floods, and torna-

Additionally, the FCC would be required by the federal bill to report on the extent to which multiline telephone system manufacturers and vendors are complying with "Kari's Law," which Sen. Klobuchar worked to pass in 2018, which requires the manufacturers of multi-line telephone systems to create systems that allow callers to reach 911 without dialing a prefix or postfix.

Joining the Democrat Klobuchar in introducing the needed-now Enhanccan be quickly signed ing First Response Act or surely before the next natural disaster — were Republican Sen. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee, Democratic Sen. Martin Heinrich of New Mexico, and Republican Sen. John Thune of South Dakota. Co-sponsors Sens. Angus King, an independent from Maine, and Ted Budd, a Republican from North Carolina.

"During natural disasters, it is especially important that folks who are in need of emergency assistance are able to contact 911 for help, "Thune said in the statement. "Our bill would provide much-needed some reforms to the emergency-response system by increasing its resiliency, classifying 911 professionals as first responders, and reducing obstacles for those attempting

Our effective emergency-reporting system has been around a long time and serves us well. That doesn't mean it can't be regularly scrutinized and made better, especial-



Defeat is disappointing

By NIKI KELLY Indiana Capital Chronicle

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I knew the amendment would fail before Rep. Sue Errington, D-Muncie, even began speaking. That's how it works with Democrat Republicans have a supermajority.

But I was interested in the debate on whether Indiana should consider allowing citizens to initiate a statewide ballot question, whether for a law or constitutional change. In Indiana, only legislators can do so.

Errington's proposed amendment to a House elections bill would have placed a non-binding public question on the November ballot: "Shall citizens be allowed to initiate a ballot referendum in Indiana?"

The amendment was easily defeated 66-27, with every Republican who voted opposing the meas-

Think about that. It was nonbinding. Advisory. Guidance only. And House Republicans don't want

to hear what you have to say. Errington said more and more citizens have asked her why Indiana doesn't have the same rights as citizens in other states like Ohio to initiate change that lawmakers won't do on their own.

It mostly comes up in the context of legalizing marijuana and protecting access to abortion.

Errington quoted public, wellpolling showing respected Hoosiers want both by significant

"Is it any wonder that the people in this state are losing confidence between mobile carriers tion to require that, then in us to make laws that reflect their views?" she asked. "Is it any won-

Niki Kelly



voting when their legislators don't listen to them after they have been elected? And when their legislators actually do the opposite?"

Ohio is one of 19 states that allow direct ballot initiatives, either for laws or constitutional amendments. Voters in Michigan and Illinois also have that option. But Republicans spoke against

the amendment.

Rep. Matt Lehman, R-Berne, said Indiana's founders were smart enough to set up a representative government instead of putting every issue on the ballot and getting nothing done.

'(Voters) do weigh in. It's called an election. And that is how we change things in this body, is through elections," he said.

Rep. Tim Wesco, R-Osceola, said the statewide public question would be an unprecedented "waste of Hoosier's time and attention."

He also noted it should be hard to change the state constitution, and I have to agree. But you can create a direct ballot system that gives a path to citizen-led initiatives with a bar high enough to deter constant upheaval.

In Ohio, for instance, petitions for a constitutional change must be gathered from 44 of the state's 88 counties. And the number of petitions is equal to 10% of votes cast for governor in previous election. der that they are losing interest in That meant more than 413,000 sig-talchronicle.com.

It was non-binding. Advisory. Guidance only. And House Republicans don't want to hear what you have to say.

natures for a recent abortion initiative.

That is a ton of work to achieve and means it won't be used on every little issue-of-the-day. For comparison, Indiana is considered to have a strong signature requirement to run for governor or Senate, in which a candidate must collect 500 signatures from all nine congressional districts. That's only a total of 4,500.

Perhaps House Minority Leader Phil GiaQuinta, D-Fort Wayne, said it best: "I am not scared of what the voters have to say. You shouldn't be either.'

Kelly has covered the Indiana Statehouse since 1999.

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Anthem donates

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield recently awarded a \$1,000 grant County Jay Conservation Club for A Better Life - Brianna's Hope at its Interfaith Summit, which focuses on improving physical, mental, social and spiritual health. The funding will go toward addressing substance abuse disorder and recovery efforts. Pictured from left are Matt Ransom, Dee Humble and Jim Humble of the conversation club and Amanda Deardorf of Anthem.

Assets hit nearly \$88 million

CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union held its annual meeting Jan. 27 in the Bubp Building at Jay County Fairgrounds, with controller Jeff Whetstone reporting that assets rose by \$1.2 million in 2023 to a record \$87.8 million. Total deposits were \$76.8 million.

The credit union has 9,229 members

Also during the meeting Craig Faulkner and John McFarland were elected to three-year terms on the CrossRoads board and Reda Theurer-Miller was selected to fill the remainder of Joseph Vormohr's term. Jerry Zearbaugh was appointed membership officer and Donald Gillespie as assistant treasurer.

Employees were also congratulated for their years of service, including Jeanna Ford for 35 years as she plans to retire this fall. Other anniversaries were Jo Ellen Mays (20 years), Kaela Southworth (15 years), Aaron Helm (10 years) and Angel Perez (five years).

CrossRoads has offices in Portland, Dunkirk and Winches-

Cutting the ribbon

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon Friday, Feb. 16, for Toddlertown Early Learning Center.

N. Wayne St., Portland.

Staff added

Mercer County Fair Board has hired Tafi Stober as director of development for its The Grand Event Center + Market Hall proj-

Stober has served as executive director of the Van Wert Area Performing Arts Foundation. She will manage the event cen-

roundup

Business

100,000-square-foot campus to host indoor events.

"Stober brings a special energy to the project," said fair board president Bart Leininger in a press release. "Her admiration for the work ethic and values of Mercer County and the Grand Lake Region is shown in her desire to build something that will impact generations to come. As President of the Mercer County Fairgrounds, Inc. unanimously Board. we approved her appointment and are united in our efforts to see the Grand Event Center become a reality.

A grand opening for the facility at 1001 W. Market St., Celina, Ohio, has been scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19.

Fair scheduled

Jay County Chamber of Commerce announced that the 2024 Jay County Career Fair is scheduled for Sept. 12 at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Additional information about the event will be provided in the The facility is located at 1505 coming months. Businesses that would like to be placed on the list to participate should call the Jay County Purdue Extension office at (260) 726-4707.

Shop opens

North Star Hardware & Implement Company recently opened its new service shop.

The business began building its new shop at 169 S. Main St., North Star, Ohio, in May 2023. ter/hall project that involves a The 2,000-square-foot expansion

and includes an indoor pressure washing room.

'We are excited to start utilizing the new shop," says Dan Creager, North Star service manager. This expansion will allow us to be fully equipped with up-to-date tools and technology to continue to provide top-tier service for our customers.

Closing site

The Bluffton RediMed Urgent Care facility will close at the end of February.

Lutheran Health Network announced the closure of the 1980 N. Main St. site, effective Feb. 29, in a press release last week.

Services offered at the facility will be consolidated to other facilities. Urgent Care services will shift to Bluffton Regional Medical Center's emergency department via a "fast track" model for those with lower level injuries and illnesses. Those who use RediMed for occupational health services will be offered the option to shift to the Business Health North Center, 315 E. Cook Road, Fort Wayne.

Grants available

CenterPoint Energy Foundation is accepting grant applications for its 2024 cycle.

The foundation awards grants **Deal unveiled** to organizations and programs that support "community vitality and education." Priority is given to programs serving low-to-moderate income families and underresourced communities.

"As we reflect on the impact of the Foundation's funding in 2023, we are filled with renewed enthusiasm to continue building meaningful partnerships with our community stakeholders," said Alicia Dixon, director of community relations at CenterPoint. "Our focus remains on investing next step on our sustainability

houses all service employees in initiatives which enhance lives today and lay the groundwork for a better tomorrow. We invite eligible organizations to apply for a grant during our first cycle of funding for 2024."

For more information, visit CenterPointEnergy.com/Foundation. The application deadline is Feb. 16.

BSU appoints

Ball State University has appointed April Hay as its new registrar.

Hay has served as a registrar for more than 20 years, including the last 13 at Indiana State University. She took over her new role Monday.

'We are grateful and excited to bring Dr. Hay aboard as our new university registrar," said BSU vice president for enrollment, planning and management Paula Luff in a press release. "April is a seasoned professional with a proven track record of success in leading and managing academic records, registration, the course catalog, and more. Throughout her career, she has cultivated strong relationships with students, faculty, and staff, demonstrating a deep commitment to student success and institutional excellence.'

Ardagh Glass Packaging – Europe last week announced a 10year renewable energy power purchase agreement with RenewablePower Capital's Vitberget wind facility in Sweden.

The agreement calls for Ardagh to utilize the entirety of Vitberget's 161-megawatt capacity when it begins operations in 2026. The facility will cover about 40% of Ardagh's power needs in Europe.

"We are delighted to take this

journey, securing renewable energy from RPC in a long-term partnership." said Martin Petersson, CEO of Ardagh - Europe in a press release.

Ardagh operates glass manufacturing facilities in Winchester and Dunkirk.

Partnering

Eli Lilly and Indiana University Indianapolis are partnering to launch a new internship program.

The partnership calls for placing students in full-time paid internships at Eli Lilly as part of the undergraduate coursework, Axios Indianapolis reported. Participants will also have opportunities to work with the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership and 16 Tech Innovation District.

The first applicants will be enrolled this year.

Heading to court

A U.S. Court of Appeals will review a federal order regarding an electrical equipment upgrade.

NextEra Energy planned to ask the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Washington, D.C. to overturn a federal order requiring it to upgrade equipment, Bloomberg Law reported.

Avangrid argues that under the Federal Power Act, NextEra is required to replace a circuit breaker at a New Hampshire power plant in order to accommodate a \$1 billion electric transmission line. NextEra said the circuit breaker is not a transmission device and therefore not subject to the Federal Power Act rule.

The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday.

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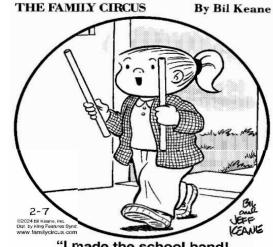
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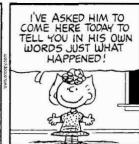


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North

East

Consider this deal where East wins the opening spade lead with the king and returns the five to dummy's ace. Declarer leads the ten

2-7

of clubs from dummy, and the question is whether East should cover with the king.

In the given situation, he should.

Observe what happens when he doesn't. The ten wins, and a club continuation gives South four club tricks and the contract. But if East plays the king on the ten, South makes only three club tricks and goes down one, since West's nine

becomes a stopper in the suit.

East has nothing to lose by covering, but stands to gain, depending on declarer's club holding. If, for example, South has A-Q-9-3, A-J-8-3, Q-J-8-3 or his actual holding, the failure to cover costs a trick,

while covering gains a trick. Declarer can sometimes foil the defense by not leading an honor in the first place. Thus, in the present case, once South appreciates the futility of leading the ten because East will play the king if he has it, he should lead the deuce instead.

When the queen wins, South returns to dummy with a heart and again leads a low club (not the ten). As it happens, East is forced to play the king, and South's worries are

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blacked out," Muhlenkamp said. "I saw the ball on the floor and knew I couldn't let them get it, so I dove for it."

The Indians safely inbounded the ball on the ensuing possession and went 5-of-6 from the foul line in the final 28.5 seconds. Cali Wendel hit all four of her free throws, including the final two with 1.5 seconds to ice the

"We knew they had five fouls," Wendel said. "Our coach told us to be strong get on the free throw line three-point play.

Continued from page 8 and make these shots to "Really, I kind of just get ahead in the game and close it.

> "I knew I could hit them. We work on a lot of pressure free throws in practice. I got a lot of confidence from coaches and teammates and knew I could do it."

Offensive woes plagued the Bulldogs in the second and third periods as they managed just nine points. The Indians boasted a 12-point lead going into the fourth quarter, but turnover trouble allowed Celina to rally and tie the game with the ball because we with 1:22 left as Alex want them to foul us and Kimmel converted a 16 points to Celina's total.

the advantage, Muhlenkamp saved the key loose ball and free throws finished off the win.

'There were times where we played well and times where we didn't," Celina coach Bret Baucher said. "We put ourselves in a hole. That's kind of been our M.O. this year.

"We found a way to dig out, but it's hard at this level to get over that hump."

Kimmel led Celina with a game-high 17 points on an efficient night from the floor shooting 6-for-7. Brooke Baucher added

But FRHS reclaimed 18 of the Bulldogs' 21 points in the fourth quarter to fuel the comeback.

> Muhlenkamp's career offensive output couldn't have came at a better time, as Celina held Niekamp and Huelskamp to a combined five points.

> Wendel tied Muhlenkamp with 14 points after a solid first quarter shooting the ball.

> Leuthold also finished in double digits for the Indians with 12 points.

Fort Recovery boasted an advantage on the outrebounding glass, Celina 32-24. Niekamp pulled down the most of anyone in the game, The two combined for securing seven boards.

Turnovers kept the in the quarter, while Bulldogs in the game. Despite giving up the rock 18 times, they forced Fort Recovery to turn it over 26 times, including eight in the final period during the comeback.

Junior varsity

the second half, the Indians pulled out a 26-25 victory over Celina to pick up their third win of the year.

Fort Recovery (3-14) was outscored 19-12 in the second half, but a strong second quarter them enough gave padding to hold on. Muh- fend off Celina's comelenkamp had four points back.

Homan and Bridget Madie Schoenlein each added three.

Muhlenkamp also led the junior varsity game with eight points, with four in both the second

and third quarters. Allana Carroll led the Despite struggling in Bulldogs with 10, seven of which came in the final period.

After Carroll, Alaina Vehorn scored six points on a pair of third-quarter triples.

Sophia Guggenbiller scored all seven of her points for Fort Recovery in the second half to help

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Disbursements

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Jefferson Township, Jay County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2023 Local Beg. Cash Local Fund and Inv. Bal Fund Jan. 1, 2023 Disbursements Number Name Receipts Governmental Activities \$4,365.78 \$14,189.55 \$16,256.73 Township General 11 Firefighting Fund \$77,929.56 \$15,909.06 \$6,277.90 61 Rainy Day Fund \$255.91 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$7,037.69 81 Township Assistance Fund \$0.00 \$0.00 Levy Excess Fund \$0.00 \$0.00 91 \$87.13

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Jefferson Township Trustee

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Richard nixon, Jefferson Township Board Chairman CR/NS 2-7-2024 HSPAXLP

End Cash and Inv. Bal. Dec. 31, 2023 \$2,298.60 \$87,560.72 \$255.91 \$7,037.69 \$87.13 Payroll Withholdings Fund -\$191.59 \$1,327.08 \$1,518.67 Total All Funds \$89,484,48 \$31,617.28 \$23,861.71 \$97,240.05

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Amount Approved COUNTY GENERAL 1000-011-10-0015 Extension- Wages 1st Secretary \$1.592.24 1000-232-30-0055 Circuit Court- Court Appt Doctor \$5,000.00 SURVEYOR CORNERSTONE PERPETUATION

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14 for the freshman

Cameron Muhlenkamp has career day as Indians pull away with win

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review FORT RECOVERY Cameron Muhlenkamp entered the starting lineup in early January after her sister, Kennedy, suffered a season-ending

In the freshman's first nine starts, she totaled 13 points.

Start number 10 beat the previous nine combined.

Muhlenkamp had a career night to lift Fort Recovery High School's girls basketball team to a 47-43 victory over the Celina Bulldogs on Mon-

"Anytime we can get a win at this point in the season going into the tournament is huge, especially with a bit of a slump we've been on since we went on that (winning) streak mid-January," FRHS coach Deitsch Tyler said. "Obviously we would have liked to not lose the big lead, but being able to fight through and overcome some obstacles to make sure we got back into the position that we needed to ... is huge for us. Definitely building momentum going forward and into the rest of the year and in the tournament."

Muhlenkamp's first start came on Jan. 4 at Versailles and she scored only one point in the game. In the eight games between then and Monday, her highest total was four points in a win over St. John's.

Against the Bulldogs



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Fort Recovery High School freshman Cameron Muhlenkamp gets fouled by Celina's Kate Braun on a step through in Monday's 47-43 win. The freshman completed the three-point play as part of a career day with 14 points.

(7-13),in the second half.

Her sole bucket in the

Muhlenkamp first came off of a drive basket in the third quar-3-point play.

scored a career-high 14 where she drew a foul, ter came in transition as points, 12 of which came but couldn't complete the she led the break off of a steal by Makenna Huel-Muhlenkamp's first skamp. Later, she scored

on a step-through from the middle of the lane, drew a foul and finished the three-point play with the free throw. The freshman added one more point by splitting a pair of bonus free throws.

In the fourth quarter, Muhlenkamp finished with two more hoops on which she cut behind her defender and received a pass for an easy layup.

"I just saw it wide open and I wanted to score, so I went for it," Muhlenkamp said. "It just helps having the upperclassmen to help guide me, and our coach tells me exactly what to do, so I don't have to do a lot of things.

"It feels really good and I'm ready to go into the next game with my confidence boosted."

The freshman added five rebounds and an assist to her stat line.

Outside of numbers that show up on the box score, Muhlenkamp came up with a huge play late in the game for the Indians in a different way. With 39.6 seconds left and a one-point lead, Fort Recovery (7-12) had a sideline-out-of-bounds play out of a timeout, but

was struggling to enter the ball. With the five-second count looming, Karlie Niekamp tried to inbound to Saige Leuthold, but Kate Braun knocked the ball loose. Muhlenkamp was able

to quickly dive on the floor to save the possession as Deitsch called

another timeout. See Freshman page 7

Box score

Celina Bulldogs

Girls varsity summary

	Celina (7-13)				
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PT:		
ammel	0-4	0-2	0		
elver	0-0	1-2	1		
ehorn	2-4	0-0	6		
arroll	0-1	0-0	0		
lolstad	0-6	0-0	0		
orte	1-8	0-0	3		
immel	6-7	5-8	17		
aucher	7-13	0-0	16		
hreffler	0-2	0-0	0		
raun	0-1	0-0	0		
otals	16-46	6-12	43		

Def. rebound percentage: .520 Fort Recovery (7-12) FG-FGA FT-FTA PTS Niekamp 0-0 Guggenbiller 1-2 14 12 Leuthold Mhlnkmp Homan Huelskamp 0-9 Totals .390 .667

Def. rebound percentage: .690

Score by quarters: Celina 13 4 5 21—43 Ft. Rec. 13 10 12 12—47 3-point shooting: Celina 5-22

(Vehorn 2-4, Baucher 2-6, Korte 1-4, Carroll 0-1, Rammel 0-2, Shreffler 0-2, Holstad 0-3). Fort Recovery 3-10 (Wendel 2-5, Leuthold 1-2, Niekamp 0-1, Huelskamp 0-2) skamp 0-2). Rebounds: Celina 24 (team 6, Holstad 3, Kimmel 3, Baucher 3, Braun 3, Korte 2, Rammel, Felver). Fort Recovery 32 (Niekamp 7, Leuthold 6, Muh-

lenkamp 5, team 5, Guggenbiller 4, Huelskamp 4, Wendel). Assists: Celina 6 (Felver 2, Kimmel 2, Rammel, Braun). Fort Recovery 5 (Huelskamp 2, Niekamp Leuthold,

Blocks: Celina 4 (Braun 2, Kimmel. Baucher). Fort Recovery 2 (Leuthold, Homan).

Personal fouls: Celina 22 (Felver 4, Kimmel 4, Baucher 4, Braun 4, Rammel 2, Carroll 2 Holstead, Korte). Fort Recovery 13 (Huelskamp 4, Leuthold 3, Niekamp 2, Guggenbiller 2, Wen-

Turnovers: Celina 18. Fort Recovery 26.

Patriots take 19 of 24 events in opener

MUNCIE — The Patriots with a pair of victories.

The Jay County Junior High swim team started off the seaover the Delta Eagles as Jav County claimed victories in 19 of the 24 events in Monday's

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Maria Laux and Brooklynn freestyle with a 2:20.15 swim. opened their season with a Byrum led the girls with a pair bang on Monday, and five swim- of victories to help the Patriots mers started off even stronger (1-0) knock off the Eagles 122-

Laux dominated the 100-yard freestyle, finishing in 1 son with a pair of victories minute, 4.21 seconds. That time was 17.7 seconds faster than Delta's Sophia Riley-Vannatta in second place.

Laux also won the 200

Byrum claimed the 100 backstroke by over seven seconds, as she earned a 1:18.25 time. Her other victory came in the 50 butterfly (30.02 seconds).

Three boys ended as doubleevent winners for the Patriots (1-0). Cooper Glentzer had victories in the 200 and 400 freestyle events, Carson Westgerdes claimed the 200 individ-

ual medley and 100 freestyle and Raif Beiswanger handled the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke.

Glentzer demolished the opposition, winning by an average time of 31.56 seconds. Westgerdes took both of his events by over four seconds. while Beiswanger swam in the sprint events to earn a 2.21 second average margin of victory.

Other swimmers to win events include Kaitlyn Fisher (200 individual medley), Elly Byrum (50 freestyle), Jordyn Champ (1-meter diving), Grady Warvel (50 butterfly) and Rockland Beiswanger (100 backstroke).

Both the boys and girls took first place in the 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay, but neither took the 400 freestyle relay.



Thursday

Jay County — Junior high boys

swimming at Norwell – 5 p.m. Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Minster – 6 p.m.; Eighth grade boys basketball at MAC tournament at St. Henry - 5 p.m.; Seventh grade basketball at MAC tournament at Fort Recovery - 5 p.m.

7 p.m. — NHL: Tampa Bay Lightning at New York Rangers (TNT)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Alabama at Auburn (ESPN2); Wisconsin at Michigan (BTN); Villanova at Xavier (FS1) 7:30 p.m. - NBA: Golden State Warriors at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)

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9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Nebraska at Northwestern (BTN): Texas A&M at Missouri (ESPN2) 9 p.m. — Women's college basketball:

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