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Choosing Trinity

Pittsburgh photographer picked church in northeast Jay County as focus for eclipse

The Commercial Review Across the sky, the sun is gradually covered by the moon and then gradually reappears.

The moment of totality lines up with the cross atop the Church of the Most Holy Trinity

The image by Pitts-burgh photographer Dustin McGrew is one of the many that has circulated on social media since Monday afternoon's solar eclipse.

It begs a question. Why here?

While the path of eclipse visibility was limited, it still stretched nearly 2,000 miles.

Why, and how, of all of the possible locations from southwest Texas to northwest New York, did a photographer from western Pennsylvania choose a church in northeast Jay County as the setting for his photo of an event that won't happen again in the United States for 20

"It was very random," McGrew said.

Originally, the web designer who operates his photography business (dustinmcgrewphoto.com) on the side planned to head to Erie, Pennsylvania, about 125 miles north of Pittsburgh along the southern shore of Lake Erie.

The weather forecast nixed that idea. Cloudy skies were expected in northwest Pennsylva-

"Two or three days out from the eclipse it looked like the best place was going to be Indiana or western Ohio," said McGrew.

With that information in hand, he pulled up Google Maps.

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Pittsburgh photographer Dustin McGrew created this image of Monday's solar eclipse at Church of the Most Holy Trinity in northeast Jay County. McGrew utilized Google Maps to hunt for a new location to shoot the eclipse when the weather forecast indicated cloudy skies in northwest Pennsylvania. "Two or three days out from the eclipse it looked like the best place was going to be Indiana or western Ohio," said McGrew.

County receives grant for paving

INDOT to provide \$1.18 million for project

By RAY COONEY and BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review In November, the municipalities received grant funding.

This week, the county got its share.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb and the Indiana Department of Transportation announced Wednesday morning that portation Jay County was awarded a \$1.18 million Community Crossings grant for road

The roads set to be paved via the funding are Knox Road and county roads 100 South and 150 South, west of Indiana 1. Jay County highway superintendent Bob Howell, expressed excitement for the project, noting that it will help decrease the county's spending on stone in the future.

"It's going to be a good thing," he said. "We put a lot of gravel down on those roads when ... traffic is bypassing Indiana 1 due to the flooding."

Plans are to request bids for the project soon, with the paving completed before the end of 2024.

"Now we can get the ball rolling," said Howell.

Community Crossings grants require a 25% match, meaning Jay County will provide about \$393,914 for the project.

The county initially planned to apply for Community Crossings funding to replace the Seventh Street Bridge over the Sala-monie River between Blaine Pike and Meridian Street in Portland, but that project has been delayed because of issues with receiving right-of-way access for the project from an adjoining property

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Court reinstates a near-total ban

Arizona law criminalizing abortion is from 1864

By MARY ANNE PAZANOWSKI Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

An 1864 law that criminalized nearly all abortions in Arizona can take effect, the state's top court said Tuesday.

The law — enacted before Arizona became a state — wasn't repealed or restricted by a later law that banned abortions after the 15th week of pregnancy, Justice John R. Lopez IV said. That 2022 state law didn't "create a right to, or otherwise provide Court in Roe in 1973, Lopez said.

independent statutory authority for, an abortion," he said.

It's a consequential decision in a state that's became an abortion battleground after a Democraticled administration took over in early 2023. Reproductive rights advocates are collecting signatures for a November ballot measure to enshrine abortion rights in the Arizona Constitu-

The state will also be crucial in determining the presidential election and possibly control of the Senate, and Democrats have been successful in using the issue to drive turnout in elections across the country. A statement from President Joe Biden called the 1864 law a "cruel ban." and Vice President Kamala Harris released a statement blaming former President Donald Trump for the decision.

Arizona's 2022 law was predicated entirely on the federal constitutional right to abortion established by the U.S. Supreme

Roessner as rabbit

Helena performs as the White Rabbit during rehearsal for the Tuesday Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School production "Dorothy in Wonderland" the musical. Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students, with children younger than 5 admitted free.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 72 degrees Tuesday. The low was 54.

Heavy rainfall with possible thunderstorms is expected tonight with winds gusting to 35 miles per hour. More rain is possible Friday with continued windy conditions and a high in the mid 50s.

A flood watch is in effect through Friday morning.

See page 2 for an extended out-

In review

Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the USDA Service Center, 1331 W. Votaw St., Portland.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of this week's Jay County Council meeting.

Saturday — Results from the Jay County vs. Fort Recovery softball game.

Tuesday — Coverage of the JCHS baseball team's game against Centerville.



Grant

Continued from page 1 With that effort on hold, the county shifted its attention to 100 South and 150 South.

across the state. The announcements were made at Clay County Courthouse.

"Year after year Indiana's

program enables hundreds of critically important infrastructure improvements to happen," Knox Road and county roads said Holcomb in a press release. "I cannot overstate the The grant to Jay County was transformative significance of part of \$207 million awarded to this program and the positive cities, towns and counties impacts it has throughout our cities, towns and counties across the Hoosier State known as the Crossroads of America."

In the previous round of local Community Crossings Community Crossings funding crack sealing in Portland —

announced in November, Red- will also be completed this communities is vital to enhanckey received \$163,686.75, Portland got \$153.164.10 and Dunkirk was awarded \$132,093.75. Projects related to that funding — paving sections of Union Street, Mitchell, Washington and Oak streets as well as Delaware Avenue in Redkey; paving of Hart Drive, Merry Court and Shrack Lane in Dunkirk; and widespread

vear.

Area municipalities and counties receiving grants in this round were Adams County (1.5 million), Delaware County (\$1.5 million), Muncie (\$1.5 million), Randolph County (\$1.07 million), Winchester (\$1.04 million), Yorktown (\$348,960), Blackford County (\$225,858) and Saratoga (\$40,316.21).

"Partnership with our local ment projects since 2016.

ing our state's transportation network," said INDOT commissioner Mike Smith. "Community Crossings is just one of many ways INDOT is working with local agencies to improve safety, mobility and connectivity in the places they call home.'

Community Crossings has provided \$1.7 billion in matching funds for local road improve-

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Friday 4/12	Saturday 4/13	Sunday 4/14	Monday 4/15	Tuesday 4/16
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55/41	65/52	73/55	74/57	72/58
There's a 70% chance of showers on Fri- day when wind gusts will reach up to 35 mph.	are in the fore- cast for Satur- day, when the	There's a slight chance of showers Sunday. Other- wise, mostly sunny, with a high of 73.	Monday's forecast also shows rain is possible, along with thunder- storms.	More rain is in the fore- cast for Tuesday under mostly cloudy skies.

Lotteries

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$31 million

Mega Millions

34-43-51-52-69 Mega Ball: 25 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$120 million

Hoosier

Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 8-1-7 Daily Four: 3-6-5-1 Quick Draw: 1-2-3-7-12-21-22-27-32-34-38-49-50-61-68-71-73-74-79-80

Evening Daily Three: 4-4-2 Daily Four: 0-8-8-7 Quick Draw: 2-3-4-7-9-12-13-26-31-41-45-46-56-57-58-71-72-73-76-78

Ohio

Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 0-6-0 Pick 4: 1-9-7-0 Pick 5: 5-7-4-7-5 **Evening** Pick 3: 3-8-2 Pick 4: 0-7-0-9 Pick 5: 1-4-5-1-8 Rolling Cash: 16-25-26-

27-30 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000

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Today in history

abdicated leadership of France at Fontainebleau. He was facing an invasion during the Napoleonic Wars and was pushed to step down imposed by an Israeli by his own officers.

In 1815, Mount Tambora erupted on the island Hospital Board elected of Sumbawa — it is now officers for the year part of Indonesia killing an estimated as president, Max Lyons 10,000.

1862, Charles In Evans Hughes was born in Glens Falls, New York. He was a jurist and statesman, serving on the Supreme Court from 1910 through 1916 — he resigned in order to run for president — as Secretary of State from 1921 through 1925 and as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from 1930 through 1941.

Jose Julian Marti landed a flood mitigation project in Cuba as he led an that called for the creinvading force with a ation of two detention goal of winning inde- ponds on the southeast pendence from Spain.

In 1961, the trial of

In 1814. Napoleon Adolf Eichmann, a Nazi leader, began Jerusalem. He was eventually sentenced to death.

It stands as the only

death sentence ever

court. In 1973, Jay County including Joe Woolslager as vice president and Wayne Hobson as secretary-treasurer.

In 1998, Portland Board of Zoning Appeals granted a variance to Dr. David Fullenkamp to allow for expansion of his practice at 1111 N. Meridian St., Portland.

In 2022, Dunkirk City Council voted to allocated \$400,000 from its federal coronavirus relief funds through the Amer-In 1895, Cuban patriot ican Rescue Plan Act for edge of the city.

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Citizen's calendar

Today

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

Monday

5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Port-

land. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station,

1616 N. Franklin St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.

7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.



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Forum discussion

Jay County Commissioner president Chad Aker and Jay County Council vice president Cindy Bracy share their brainstorming ideas Tuesday at Jay County Public Library. East Central Indiana Regional Planning District hosted a public form at the library for aiding in the creation of its five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) plan for Jay, Blackford, Delaware and Grant counties.

Trinity

Continued from page 1 He clicked on random locations - his searches stretched from Franklin (south of Indianapolis) to rural northwest Ohio south of Findlay — using the site's street

view feature to scope out his

options. McGrew spent hours Friday and Saturday on the process, looking specifically for an old barn or church. Knowing the sun was going to be high at the time of the eclipse, he wanted a tall subject to

"I came across the church and I basically marked that as the top of my priority list because that was to set up his series of photos such I could have ever imagined."

the best place that I found," he said.

Rather than making the 300-mile drive across Ohio on Monday morning, McGrew spent Sunday night in a hotel just north of Cincinnati. Still worried that someone else might get to his chosen location at 7321 Indiana 67 ahead of him, he woke up at 4 a.m. Monday to make the drive and stake his claim.

"I wanted to get there first and just kind of sit there," said the 40-

year-old father of two. McGrew used PhotoPills, an app that shows where the sun and moon will be in the sky at specific times,

Abdifatah D. Yusuf, 35,

driving a 2009 Freightliner

Cascadia west on county

road 400 South and did stop

at the intersection with Indiana 1, according to a

Jay County Sheriff's Office

report. Cody J. Wright, 35,

Pennville, was driving his

2015 Chevrolet Silverado

south on the highway when

Yusuf drove in his path,

causing Wright to hit the

trailer attached to the truck

Wright complained of

Yusuf was cited with an infraction for not stopping

The vehicle Yusuf was

driving is registered to

Amal Transportation of

Louisville, Kentucky.

Yusuf was driving.

lower leg pain.

at the stop sign.

that the eclipse at the moment of totality would be in line with the steeple of the church. He had three cameras, including his Sony a7R III with a 12-24 millimeter lens on a tripod set up for the wide-angle shot of the church.

He set it up to take photos each minute through the process of the eclipse. Utilizing Adobe Photoshop, he

layered those images on top of each

"That creates that effect where you see each phase of the eclipse going across the sky," McGrew said. "It turned out probably better than

Capsule Reports

The Jay County High Louisville, Kentucky, was School Senior Academic Team earned a pair of victories Tuesday during the final Eastern Indiana Academic League meet of the season at Monroe Central.

help fill out the sky.

Jovana Markovic was on both winning teams, joining Hannah Boggs for first place in fine arts at the four-school event. She also teamed up with Ella Stockton and Izzy Winkles for first in English.

Markovic, Boggs, Stockton and Winkles were also on the second-place interdisciplinary team along with Corbin Bishop, Brenna Chrisman and Trenten Hamilton.

Didn't stop

Between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in damage was caused in a collision Friday when a driver failed to stop at the intersection of Indiana 1 and county road 400 South.

SERVICES

Friday Hyatt, Lydia: II a.m., Church of the Most Holy Trinity, 7321 E. Indiana 18, Bryant.

Saturday

Marchal, Winifred: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.

Sunday Williams, Helen: 4 p.m., New Life Ministries, 415 S. Helen St., Portland.

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Make informed choices about health care

By CHRISTINA SCHEMENAUR

Caring for your overall health can help prevent disease, reduce health problems, give you more energy, help you feel better both physically and mentally, and improve your overall quality of life.

Finding the health care provider and being involved in your care is important for vour overall well-being.

What health care is available locally?

There are numerous valuable health care services available locally for residents and their loved ones. Ensuring you few. receive the best possible

Your Health **Matters**



care should be your top priority.

Researching health care providers and facilities can help you find one to meet your needs. Talking to trusted friends and family about their experiences can also give you insight. In addition, you check validated resources such as The Joint Commission, Hospital Compare and Con-

It is also important to

sumer Reports, to name a

know what your insurance covers, including what is "in-network" and your "out of pocket" expenses along with any pre-authorization that is required. You should also contact your insurance company prior to appointments or services to verify coverage.

How do I choose the right health provider for me?

•Determine your health care needs — assess your overall medical care needs to help choose the provider right for you.

•Do your research on providers, their practice and facility — after you understand your medical needs, research the available providers and facili-

•Consider location — to receive the care you explain your symptoms Frequency of appoint- deserve. Make sure to ask ments and travel time to get to them should be considered when choosing a care provider.

After you choose your health care practice and provider, it is important to establish a relationship and be involved in your overall care. Having a good and trusting relayour with tionship provider who you can openly and honestly discuss any health concerns, can lead to a more positive experience and better health outcomes.

What is the best way to stay involved in my health care?

active in your health care your health record and ford and Jay.

questions about the care you are receiving and understand the answers.

Before any appointment with your health care provider, make sure to prepare a list of medications including prescription medications, non-prescription medications, vitamins herbal supplements. It is also helpful to keep a record of medical conditions, past and present, along with surgeries and any illnesses. In addition, write down questions as you think of them, so you remember them at your next appointment.

thoroughly so the appropriate care can be provided. It is also essential to ask questions about tests ordered, instructions given, medications prescribed, and any followup that is needed, so you understand them completely.

After an appointment, it is also imperative to follow the instructions given by the provider and reach out to their office with any questions or concerns. Also, schedule any necessary follow-up appointments.

Schemenaur is the vice president, chief operating During your appoint- officer/chief nursing offi-It is important to be ment, make sure to share cer for IU Health Black-

Spouse endures second loss after wife's death

DEAR ABBY: I am trying to come to terms with the passing of my wife, "Charlotte," a month ago. Many old friends and family have been supportive. What hurts, in addition to my grief, is the silence from a particular cou-

For years, we were very close with this family when we both had young boys growing up. We celebrated all the joys and lifechanging events together, including going out to dinner every Friday and vacationing together. Once our boys were on their own, we gradually saw less and less of the couple, but still kept in touch occasionally.

When Charlotte passed, they were two of the first people I notified. They were out of town Dear Abby



memorial a day so they could attend. I felt they were so important to us that they should be

I have not heard one word from this couple! They live a mile away, and I haven't received a dinner invitation or even a phone call. I'm shocked by their lack of caring, knowing I am home alone and devastated over Charlotte's passing. A simple

think about this? — ABAN-DONED IN NEW YORK

DEAR ABANDONED: I am sorry for the loss of your wife. Because it is so recent, your pain must be overwhelming. Regarding this couple, I suspect that once your sons were grown, their friendship with you was already on the wane.

While it would have been compassionate for them to have stepped up when they received the news of your wife's passing, they (as many other people) may not have known what to say or do, so they did nothing.

them, by all means, call them.

would be helpful. What do you expect them to offer more than are still here. I also have never cursory condolences. Concentrate instead on the friends who have shown they ARE willing to be there for you.

DEAR ABBY: I met a man online and have been dating him off and on for the past four years. His parents have been living with him since the pandemic, and I have vet to be invited to his home or to meet them. He is from Bolivia and says his parents want him to marry a Catholic Bolivian girl — and someone without children. I am divorced, American and the mother of

He tells me he's afraid that if I If you wish to talk with meet them, our relationship will be over. He keeps saying they are at the time, so I postponed her phone call to ask how I'm doing But when you do, do not moving back to Bolivia, but they

met his friends. He says he never does anything with his friends, between his parents living with him and studying for his architectural exams. After all these vears. I have vet to meet one of his friends. What should I do? — OFF THE RADAR IN WISCON-

DEAR OFF THE RADAR: Recognize that this man may not have been entirely truthful with you about his circumstances. Bluntly put, he may be married, or he may not be who he has represented himself to be in other aspects of his life. Because your relationship hasn't progressed after four years of dating (off and on), what you should do is MOVE ON.

Community Calendar

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

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addition that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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.

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet Thursday, April 11, at 5 p.m. at Pizza Hut in Portland.

AUXILIARY POST 211 — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at 211 W. Walnut St., Portland. All Auxiliary members are welcome.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL **SUPPORT** OSTOMY GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy each Thursday in the IU 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 SERV-ICES — 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 AMERICAN LEGION at 100 N. Meridian St., Port-

tion, call (260) 251-3259.

Saturday ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-

land. For more informa-

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-

meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant. PING PONG — Will be

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

played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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

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

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

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will month at Richards Restau rant.

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday COMPASSIONATE ERY SUPPORT GROUP -A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

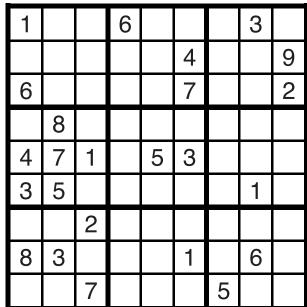
CONNECTIONS RECOV-

JAY COUNTY PASTORS meet at 6 p.m. the first and AND CHAPLAINS — Meet third Monday of each at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospi-

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

FRIENDS COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

Sudoku



Wednesday's Solution

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

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The Commercial Review

Costs, income are below average

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Last week in this space we wrote: In 2022, the average Hoosier worker had a wage of \$67,088, 33rd-highest in the nation.

This level of income permits them to buy the same basket of goodies as \$73,067 buys in Averageton, USA.

This statement supports our Hoosier article of faith: It's cheaper to live here than most other places in the United States. It doesn't mean we live better, just spending less than folks in other states to satisfy our cravings for the goodies of the market place.

There's still more evidence. Indiana's median household Eye on the Pie



lowest in the nation. Likewise, our median housing costs were 13th-lowest among the 50 states. Our household income level was 11% below the national median and our housing costs were 24% below the comparable national figure.

Taken together, our median household income of \$66,785 and our median housing costs (owners and renters combined) income in 2022 was the 13th- of \$11,640 means we spent

The seventh-lowest percent in the nation.

That 17.4% of income going for housing costs in Indiana was 14.2% for homeowners and 29.4% for renters. Home owners account for 71% of occupied housing units in the state with a balance of 29% of units rented.

These numbers tell us the relative cost of renting is twice that of home owning — 29.4% being more than twice 14.2%. Nationally, the corresponding figures are similar but higher at 31.7% for renters and 16.2% for homeowners.

In addition, when examined in detail, the 2022 American Community Survey reported that 49% of renters and 17% of

17.4% of income on housing. Indiana homeowners spent by a group of federal statistimore than 30% of their respective incomes on housing.

Is this evidence of a housing shortage? Of the households spending 30% or more on hous-106,200 (16%) have incomes of more than \$50,000 a year. And the remaining 577,500 households are not without housing.

Setting aside legitimate questions of what is meant as income and what is meant as the cost of housing, we should ask: "What is this 30% of income rule?"

Why is 30% a line in the sand, a standard accepted by lenders and housing advocates alike? That figure is like the federal poverty line created one weekend in the early 1960s

cians and adjusted subsequently, but never challenged.

The 30% of income line was originally 25% for renters of public housing nearly 60 years ago. It was raised because of rising housing prices.

A shortage means the quantity demanded by consumers exceeds the amount offered by sellers at a given price. Could it be that consumers are wanting too much, too many amenities, so much more floor space?

Maybe, but to challenge consumer sovereignty is a form of treason for which I do not wish to be charged.

Marcus is an economist. Email him at mortonjmarcus@gmail.com.

Can we all agree to protect youth?

The San Diego **Union-Tribune**

Tribune News Service The complexity of immigration issues is hard to exaggerate.

On one hand, Donald Trump promises immediately deport tens of thousands of people a week without anything akin to due process if he returns to the White House.

On the other, some of President Joe Biden's key policies are faulted by many far from the MAGA camp — even if this helps Trump.

The list includes bigcity Democratic mayors such as New York's Eric Adams. A broad consensus feels beyond reach.

But this editorial is about a much more limited part of this debate, one that should be considered on its own specifics.

We refer to the utterly treatment the roughly 600,000 people still living and working in the United States as part of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

Created in 2012 by an executive order from President Barack Obama, it allows many young "dreamers" who were brought to the United States illegally as children to receive work permits and renewable stays of deportation so long as they can show they're on track to lead constructive lives.

The order immediately faced challenges from many states, which used an argument that Obama himself once made: only Congress could create such a program. But while many conservative judges have agreed, the Supreme Court passed on opportunities to pull the plug — even as it accepted a block on new DACA approvals.

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in which immigration policies were dominated by pragmatic politicians in both parties.

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Remember, the only GOP candidate to get more than half the popular vote since 1988 was George W. Bush in 2004, when he ran for re-election while pressing for broad immigration

reform. Now the only thing that most federal lawmakers can agree on is that massive deficit spending is no big deal. Measured immigration views seem rare. But even in this polarized era, it should be possible to reach agreement in this niche That is a reasonable hope of politics: The callous of these who lived through an era "dreamers" must end.



"ANOTHER VICTIM OF AN IDF AIRSTRIKE."

Moment comes just in time

By MICHAEL LEPPERT Indiana Capital Chronicle

Standing on the 17th tee on Saturday, England's Lottie Woad was one shot behind American golfer, Bailey Shoemaker in the Augusta National Women's Amateur. Shoemaker had finished her hogev-free 66 about an hour earlier and was staying loose on the range in case anyone caught her and a playoff became necessary.

Woad coolly birdied 17 and 18 for the comeback victory. And when I say cool, I mean it. I found myself standing in front of my TV as she made the winner. The gallery around the final hole was enormous, exploding as the

Something is happening in the world of sports. Finally. And thankfully, there is no turning back.

Hitting stride

I watched more women's college basketball than men's this year. My transition started a few years ago when some high school friends of mine had an all-star daughter commit to play for Teri Moren at IU. She was good. The whole team was good. And the program has grown into something great.

Then came February 22nd of this year. I wanted to see IU play Iowa and Caitlin Clark in Bloomington. The cheapest tickets on the secondary market were going for \$125 a piece for an unreserved seat on a Thursday night. Students waited outside for hours to get in, and I just got lucky. A friend got me a seat in the bleachers behind the basket. Watching the beatdown our Hoosiers put on them that night is one of the most memorable sporting events of my life. And I've been to a Super Bowl.

For me, the competition is the primary attraction to whatever game I'm watching. But women's college basketball has been a better display

Michael Leppert



of the game's fundamentals, in my opinion, for a long time. You know, it looks more like the way kids in Indiana are taught to play the game from the start. So, when I watch IU's Mackenzie Holmes move without the ball, I feel myself nodding. It looks familiar to me. It makes sense to me.

And then when I see her lead the whole team into the student section at a packed Simon Skodt Assembly Hall to celebrate the team's trip to the Sweet Sixteen, I am exhilarated by the collective's hard-earned joy.

Coach Moren is special. She's two years younger than me, we work at the same place, and if I saw her walk into a room, I'd sit up straight. But she's not alone. South Carolina's Dawn Staley has the same kind of charisma. When she speaks, I'm going to listen. And then there's Iowa's coach, Lisa Bluder.

The future

Bluder has coached the Hawkeyes for 24 years, and she is the winningest coach in Big Ten history. It was striking to see her deliver the bad news to one of her other star players, Molly Davis, that her injury would cause her to miss the Final Four. It was video that shouldn't have been made. It was an emotional and private moment. But it displayed the kind of connection every coach should want to have while helping mold a young person's life. Then Bluder subbed her in at the end of Sunday's championship loss anyway.

I went alone to the Iowa game talchronicle.com.

back in February. In front of me was a mom and rabid Hoosier fan, with her 12-year-old daughter. The mom stood for half the game, occasionally blocking my view. The daughter relentlessly tugged at her mom's jacket, trying to get her to sit down and quit blocking those behind her. I finally leaned up and told the girl, "She's not bothering us." The grin on her face told me, "She is embarrassing me.

As the clock was winding down and it was clear that IU was going to upset the Hawkeyes, I heard the little girl tell her mom that when she hears the final buzzer, she was going to charge the floor.

I said to her, "You didn't want your mom blocking our view, but you're planning on running out there?" She looked back at me with the brightest smile I've ever seen and sternly said, "Yes, I am."

So, I told her, "If you go, I'm going with you.

Security was on the job. None of us charged the floor that night. It's

probably best.

Martha Burk led the now famous protest of Augusta National, formerly, one of the world's most famous all-male clubs, in 2003. Nine years later, the club admitted its first two women members. One of them is former Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, who annually presents the trophy to the women's amateur champion, now in its fifth

Sports are better today than they once were. Predictably, it's women who made it happen.

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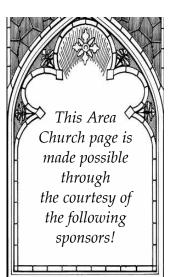
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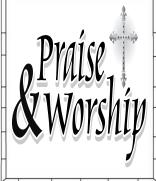
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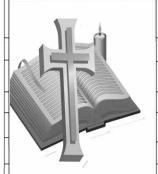
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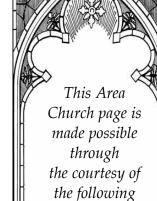
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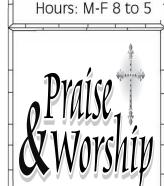
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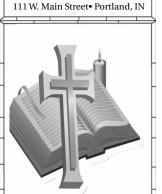
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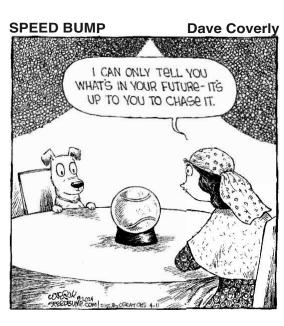
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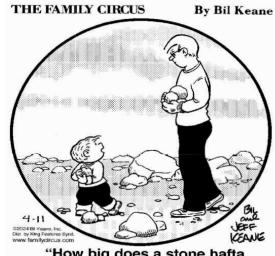


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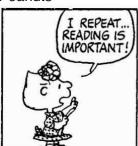
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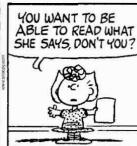


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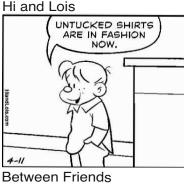


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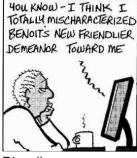












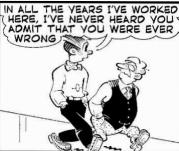


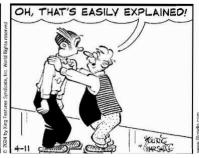






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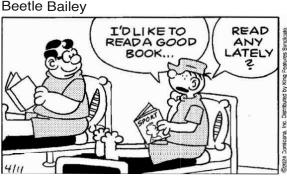














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♣A K 6 5 The bidding: South West North Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT Pass Opening lead — king of spades.

When Sylvia first heard about the

Stayman convention, a brand-new world opened before her eyes. Gad-get-minded by nature, Sylvia readily adopted every convention she came across with an exuberance that left her frantic partners limp with each additional experience.

Consider this deal that arose at the club shortly after Sylvia took up Stayman. Sylvia held the North cards, and when her partner opened

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with one notrump, her face was joy to behold. She responded wi wo clubs, asking South to bid four-card major suit if he had or The fact that she did not have four-card major herself did n concern her in the least.

South obediently responded wi two spades, after which Sylvia, ha exploited her newest to jumped to three notrump.

But South naturally assumed th if Sylvia did not have four spade she had to have four of the oth major, so he bid four hearts. Sou was apparently worried about h diamond weakness and thoug the hand might play better in hear than notrump, even though would be playing in a 4-3 fit.

Sylvia passed, of course, West led the king of sp West led the king of spade Declarer was surprised to find on three hearts in dummy, but this d not stop him from scamperii home with the contract.

He took the spade lead with t. ace, ruffed a spade, played a club the king, ruffed another spac played a club to the ace and ruffi his last spade. The A-J-10 of trun and ace of diamonds then round out 10 easy tricks. Three notrum of course, would have had virtual no chance of succeeding.

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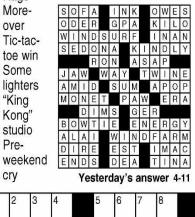
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Hail

Continued from page 8 A.J. Griesdorn led off the inning with a single to right-center field. Joel Gehret followed the single with a bunt that moved the runners to third and second off of an error by pitcher Alex Dues. Matt Subler then drew a walk to load the bases with zero outs.

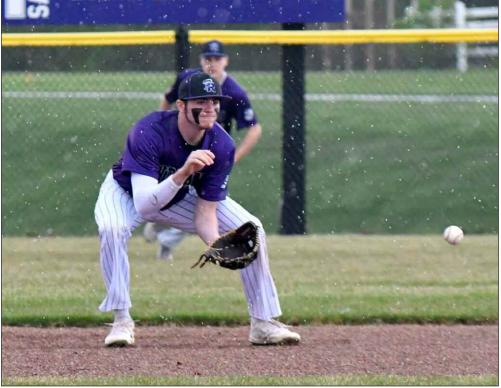
The first run scored off of another error, this time committed by second baseman Sage Wendel who overthrew Riggs Tobe at home plate for a

Gehret soon scored on a passed ball before Carson Bergman hit a sacrifice fly to push Subler across the plate.

A third error on a low throw from shortstop Alex Gaerke allowed the final run to score before a 1-6 fielder's choice, walk and strikeout closed out the inning.

"I think the first two errors were just fundamentals," Eyink said. "It led to a couple of bad are down and it just of builds on each other."

The Indians nearly



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FHRS senior Sage Wendel fields a ground ball during the Indians' game against Versailles. Fort Recovery trailed the Tigers 4-0 before the game was suspended. For more photos, go to www.thecr.com.

the fourth, Caden Grisez

and choice with no outs. outs to hold FRHS score-

earned some of those Gavin Faller both started Griesdorn then worked a throws. Then our heads runs back in the bottom the inning with singles popup to Gehret in the but before Troy Homan foul ground just beyond couldn't get the job done. reached on a fielder's third base and two strike-

To start the fifth, Dues struck out Griesdorn and got Gehret to roll over a ground ball to second base. Subler and Chase Monnin both hit singles to put pressure back on Dues.

Dues delivered two balls to Bergman before the hail started coming down, prompting the umpires to send the teams back to their dugouts and the Indians to scramble to get tarps over the mound and home plate. After the rain cleared, it was determined that the rest of the infield was too wet to continue play.

One benefit to the weather delay is that the Indians will get a chance to regroup, while giving Dues, their ace, the chance to rest and come back in at full strength.

"It's kind of weird and you're basically starting over like a new game,' Eyink said. "It's a good opportunity for us to regroup and start over again. We've hopefully come out fresh and have a chance to bounce back."

Box score

Fort Recovery Indians vs. Versailles Tigers

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Roundup

Continued from page 8 punched Jay County (0-3) in the mouth right out of the gate with four runs. Eastbrook scored the triple-event winners. first-inning runs on two doubles, a single, a walk the sprints for the boys and an error.

The Patriots commitpitching struggles.

Jay County tied the game at 4-4 in the top of the third inning, but was trio events, claiming the outscored 11-1 over the 110 hurdles (16.03), 300 rest of the game.

The only earned runs for JCHS came from a by Drew Schemenaur.

Aiden Phillips suffered the bottom of the third. jump. He ended the game giving up five runs, only one of the boys came from which was earned, on Joseph Boggs in the 1.600 two hits and two walks in run (4 minutes, 50 secthree innings.

Track sweeps

County track teams both prised of Blake Collins, took down the South Adams Starfires and the Alart Mateo and Hidy Adams Central Jets in a (47.21 seconds). three-team meet on Tuesday at SAHS.

points to take the top inches) and Kenzie Huey spot, while the Starfires in the discus (87 feet, 1 finished as runners-up inch).

with 59.5. The girls nar-The Panthers (1-0) rowly escaped with a 2point win over South Adams by scoring 58.

Three Patriots were

Garrett Hidy topped with victories in the 100 (11.86 seconds) and 200ted four errors in the meter dashes (24.38). He game, compounding their also won the long jump with a distance of 19 feet, 4 inches.

Adam Alig also won a hurdles (44.33) and high jump (5 feet, 8 inches).

Jenna Dues nearly single by Parker Nichols matched Hidy for the and a two-run home run girls, winning the 100 (13.75) and 200 dashes (27.77), but taking the the loss after surrender- high jump (4 feet, 8 inching the go-ahead run in es) rather than the long

Other wins came for onds), Caleb Garringer in the 3,200 run (10 minutes, 54 seconds and the BERNE — The Jay 4x400 relay team com-Caden Gambill, Oaskar

Other girls wins came from Jordyn Hutzler in The boys tallied 66.5 the shot put (31 feet, 4

Calapari leaves UK for Arkansas

By BEN ROBERTS

Lexington Herald-Leader Tribune News Service

LEXINGTON, Ky. — What was inevitable by Sunday night was made official less than 48 hours later.

John Calipari is leaving Kentucky.

In a video message record from his house in Lexington and posted to social media on Tuesday afternoon, Calipari confirmed that he was stepping away from the program, though he did not say what the next chapter in his Hall of Fame career would be.

He has been named the head coach at Arkansas less than three weeks after the Wildcats were upset by 14-seeded Oakland in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the latest in a string of postseason losses that ultimately led to the departure of one of the most celebrated figures in the history of UK's storied program.

In his message, Calipari — strikfirst weeks of the offseason reflecting on their time at Kentucky, including the successes the Wildcats have had on the court during those 15 seasons.

"It's been a beautiful time for us," he said. "This is a dream job. It was my dream job. Anybody in our profession looks at the University of Kentucky in basketball and says, 'That is the bluest of blue.' The last few weeks, we've come to realize that this program probably needs to hear another voice. That

the university as a whole has to basketball, looking forward to a have another voice giving guidance about this program. And the fans need to hear another voice.

'We've loved it here, but we think it's time for us to step away. And step away completely from the program. There have been opportunities that have been presented to us, so we're discussing them as a family. I love coaching. I love coaching young people. I loved this year's team. I loved every day walking in. They invigorated me. I love the chase for championships. I love bringing the kids together. It's what I do. It's who I am.'

While fan discontent was at an all-time high for Calipari's 15-year tenure, the coach's apparent departure for an SEC rival was still a stunning turn of events in a Kentucky basketball offseason that had been filled with drama.

Calipari's future with the program was called into question in the immediate aftermath of the loss to Oakland on March 21, and and his wife. Ellen, had spent the UK athletics director Mitch Barnhart was forced to issue a public confirmation that the 65-year-old coach would return to Lexington for a 16th season.

> Barnhart's vote of confidence was followed the next day by a joint TV appearance with the longtime athletics director and Calipari acknowledging that the recent results for the men's basketball program were not acceptable. In that interview, both men affirmed their commitment to each other and "the standard" of Kentucky

time when the Wildcats would once again compete for national championships. 'Our fans know what the stan-

dard is. We know what the standard is," Barnhart said. "And that's part of it. The mantle we've been entrusted with is critically important to both of us.

Less than two weeks after that interview, Calipari is gone. And Barnhart will now be looking for his replacement, a list of possible coaching candidates that could include Baylor's Scott Drew, Chicago Bulls head coach Billy Donovan or even a run at UConn's Dan Hurley, who led the Huskies to their second consecutive NCAA title Monday night.

Barnhart released a statement Tuesday afternoon thanking Calipari for his time in Lexington.

"We're appreciative of John Calipari leading our program for the last 15 years, adding to the legacy of championship success at ing a somber tone — said that he the backlash was so intense that Kentucky," he said. "We're grateful to John for his many contributions to the University, and our state, both on and off the court.

"We are working diligently to hire a proven, highly dedicated coach who embraces the importance of this program to our fans and the state of Kentucky.

If UK had parted ways with Calipari this offseason, the university would have owed him \$33.4 million 75% of the remaining salary on his 10-year contract extension signed in 2019 — as a severance package.

Sports on tap

Local schedule Today

Jay County — Boys golf vs. Wapahani – 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at Yorktown - 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Bluffton - 5 p.m.: Softball vs. Fort Recovery - 5 p.m.; Track at Delta -5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Muncie Central - 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Driver - 4:30 p.m.; Junior high track at Wes-Del - 5:30

Fort Recovery - Track vs. 6-team meet - 5 p.m.; Baseball at St. John's - 5 p.m.; Softball at Jay County - 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. St. John's - 5:30 p.m

Friday Jay County - Baseball at Coldwater -

5 p.m.; Softball at Norwell - 5:30 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Eastbrook – 5 p.m. Fort Recovery Softball vs. Fort Loramie - 5 p.m

TV sports Today

1:10 p.m. — MLB: Milwaukee Brewers at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

3 p.m. — The Master golf tournament

5 p.m. — College hockey: Denver vs. Boston U. (ESPN2) 5 p.m. — High school baseball:

Steubenville at Wheeling Park (FOX) 7:30 p.m. — NBA: New York Knicks at Boston Celtics (TNT)

8 p.m. — The Master golf tournament (ESPN)

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Hail ends game early

Tigers led Fort Recovery 4-0 before the game was suspended for weather

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review FORT RECOVERY — Light showers fell over the BattleGrounds during the second inning.

The Indians felt like they had a storm cloud over their heads in the fourth inning.

One actually appeared in the fifth.

Hail rained down on Tuesday afternoon while soaking the infield, resulting in the game between the Fort Recovery High School baseball team and the Versailles Tigers to be suspended until a later date.

At the time of the storm, the Tigers led the Indians 4-0 with two outs and two runners on in inning there and that one the top of the fifth bad inning really puts inning. Because the game you down." did not complete the fifth

inning, it could not stand alone but will have to be resumed at a later date.

Versailles (5-2, 0-0 Midwest Athletic Conference) did all of their damage to FRHS (2-1, 1-0 MAC) in the fourth inning. After only allowing one baserunner per inning through the first three, batted around due to a handful of mistakes.

"I'm a bit disappointed with the bad inning in the fourth," FRHS coach Kevin Eyink said. "We were playing really well with guys making nice plays and Alex (Dues) pitching really well. Then for whatever reason, three errors in the

See Hail page 7



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Members of the Fort Recovery High School baseball team quickly put a tarp over home plate after hail started coming down during Tuesday's game. The game was suspended in the top of the fifth inning and will be picked up at a later date.

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Softball builds

on strong start

Mady Fraley put togeth-

MARION — The Patri-

er a strong offensive performance for the Jay County High School softball team that beat the Eastbrook Panther 15-0 after just five innings on Tuesday.

Fraley ended with three hits, three runs and four RBIs to lead the Patriots (3-0). The highlight of her day was a two-run home run in the fifth inning.

Mallory Winner also smashed a home run, hers coming in the third inning and plating three runs. Winner secured the victowhile striking four hitters game of the season.

Only three of the Panthers (0-1) reached base in the entire game.

JCHS smashed five other extra base hits. Hallie Schwieterman legged out an RBI triple, while Jozey Shimp added a pair of doubles. Cali Yates and Carley Trinidad also hit doubles as well.

JCHS scored two or more runs in each inning.

Offense topples

MARION — Jay County's baseball team couldn't ry in the circle, throwing quiet the Eastbrook Panthree shutout innings thers' offense on Tuesday, without giving up a hit, falling 15-5 in the third

See **Roundup** page 7

Tribe picks up first MAC win

VERSAILLES, Ohio – A key error and some timely hitting helped the Indians pick up their first Midwest Athletic Conference win of the season.

The fifth inning ended up being the difference maker for Fort Recovery High School's softball team, as it snuck away with a 3-2 win over the Versailles Tigers on Tuesday.

With the game tied at 1-1, Ava Grisez led off the fifth inning with a single past first base for the Indians (2-3, 1-1 MAC) before reaching second on a passed ball. Grisez crossed home to break the tie on a flyball by Ella Schoen that was dropped by Kailey Jenkinson in right field.

Two batters later, Jenna Homan hit a single to right to score Schoen and give FRHS a two-run lead.

Homan gave up a home run to Jenna Dirksen in the bottom of the inning, but locked the Tigers (6-1, 0-1 MAC) down the rest of the game. She went the distance to pick up the win while only allowing five hits and two runs.

Both teams' first run came in the third inning on a Grisez groundout and a single by Lydia Hecht.

Track bounces back

DELPHOS, Ohio — Both Fort Recovery track teams finished as the runner-up in a quad-meet hosted by

St. John's on Tuesday. The girls team tallied 67.5 points for second 4x400 relay.

FRHS roundup

place, falling to Versailles who had 112.5. Versailles also dominated the boys competition with 149 points, while the Indians racked up 57 for second.

The girls had two athletes to win a pair of events. Anna Roessner handled the sprints by claiming the top spot in the 100 and 200-meter dashes. While doing so, she broke her own school record in the 100 dash by 0.03 seconds with a new time of 12.13 seconds.

Natalie Brunswick took care of the distance events, cruising to victory in the 1,600 run (5 minutes, 31.46 seconds) and the 3,200 run (11:58.72).

Tevor Heitkamp won the same events as Brunswick for the boys with times of 4:31.95 and 9:49.41.

The girls also won both hurdles events with Maddie Heitkamp topping the 100 hurdles (18.77) and Kiana Matsuda dominating the 300 hurdles (49.72)

Other victories for the Indians came from Austin Steinbrunner in the 100 dash, Isaac Roessner in the long jump, the girls 4x100 relay and the girls