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## High water

Various roads and areas in Jay County were flooded Friday, the result of more than 7 inches of rainfall in the last few weeks. Pictured above, a Toyota driver passes through a body of water Friday along Indiana 1 between county roads 100 and 150 South about four miles north of Redkey. Jay County issued a flood warning through 5:49 p.m. today.

## LRE seeks adjustment

*Connection process has caused a delay*

By BAILEY CLINE

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Interconnection delays have been impacting energy companies across the nation.

One of those companies planning a facility in Jay County has requested to adjust its project timeline.

Jay County Council heard Wednesday from Leeward Renewable Energy, the business proposing to build Rose Gold Solar in Jay County. The company will return next month with a formal request to amend its economic development agreement with the county in respect to its construction and commercial operation start dates.

A planned 150-megawatt solar facility located on about 1,430 acres of land north of Dunkirk, Rose Gold Solar would connect to American Electric Power's system via the Jay substation on county road 400 South and is estimated to have a lifespan between 30 and 40 years once in operation.

Leeward Renewable Energy completed local government legal requirements in 2021 and 2022, including a tax abatement, road use agreement, decommissioning plan and economic development agreement. (Leeward would give \$1.95 million to the county in economic development payments over a four-year period after the facility begins generating electricity. It would also result in an estimated additional \$68.1 million in assessed value.)

Brooks shared hopes Wednesday to amend the economic development agreement so that the dates align with the company's current outlook on its project timeline.

Originally, the company

had planned to begin construction in late 2022. However, those plans were delayed when PJM Interconnection — the regional transmission organization coordinating wholesale electricity movement across 13 states, including Indiana, and the District of Columbia — announced plans in April 2022 to revamp its analysis process for new services joining the power grid.

PJM Interconnection placed its existing queue projects, including Rose Gold Solar — it is now undergoing the required study process through September 2025 — into clusters at the end of 2023.

Leeward Renewable Energy anticipates to break ground on Rose Gold Solar beginning in March 2026, with the first day of operation slated for August 2027. If there are more delays with the interconnection process, however, the company foresees those dates could be pushed back to June 2027 and December 2028, respectively.

"Those changes really mean nothing, do they?" said council member Harold Towell. "They're something you can change again, and again, and again."

Kelly Pacifico of Leeward Renewable Energy noted PJM's Interconnection process changes are an attempt to fix delay issues.

"They were coming in and tackling these projects first come, first serve," she said. "It was just backing things up. The thought is, they're going to be looking at these as batches, which is how other ISOs (Independent System Operators) are structured."

She added that the organization is notorious for delays but expressed optimism that the new process will be more efficient as it catches up to the projects on its list.

Schemenaur said he would coordinate with Leeward Renewable Energy's legal representative to review the economic development agreement in the next 30 days.

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## Israel bracing for an attack

By DONATO PAOLO MANCINI, JENNIFER JACOBS and ALEX WICKHAM

Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

Israel is bracing for a direct and unprecedented attack by Iran on government targets as soon as Saturday, according to people familiar with western intelligence assessments, a move that has the potential to trigger an all-out regional war.

An assault from Iranian soil has emerged as one of the main scenarios expected by the Jewish state and its allies, said the people, who asked not to be identified as they aren't authorized to discuss the matter publicly. A bombardment with drones and precision missiles

could come within the next 48 hours, they said.

Oil jumped to the highest level since October on the news, rallying as much as 2.6% to top \$92 a barrel. Futures have surged 19% this year with the war adding risk premium to the market.

The U.S. is preparing defenses and moved additional military assets to the region, while intensifying diplomatic efforts to rein in hostilities, the people said. The attack still hasn't been approved by Tehran's highest-ranking officials, they said.

An Iranian missile and drone barrage would represent a retaliation for a deadly strike on its diplomatic compound in Syria last week, which the Islamic Republic blames on Israel. Supreme Leader Ayatollah

Ali Khamenei has repeatedly said Israel will be "punished" for the assault, though stopped short of saying what form such a counter move would take.

One of the people said it's possible that the increasingly inflammatory rhetoric between Israel, Iran, and the U.S. could be grandstanding, but said the working assumption for Israel and allies is that an attack is imminent. Diplomatic back-channels are in overdrive, the people said.

U.S. officials including Jake Sullivan and Brett McGurk have been working to send messages to Iran, including through an established Swiss channel, one of the people said, while talking to Israel, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and other governments.

## Retrospect

# Patriots rallied in cold for comeback win

Twenty-five years ago this week, the Patriots came roaring back for a victory.

The April 13, 1999, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the Jay County High school baseball team's comeback from an 8-0 deficit for a 9-8 win over the visiting Marion Giants.

After a rough first half of the first inning, the Patriots chipped away at Marion and pulled even in the fourth.

The game was stilled tied in the sixth inning when Jay County opened with consecutive walks. Jody Missicano then smacked a single to score Brian Journay with the lead run.

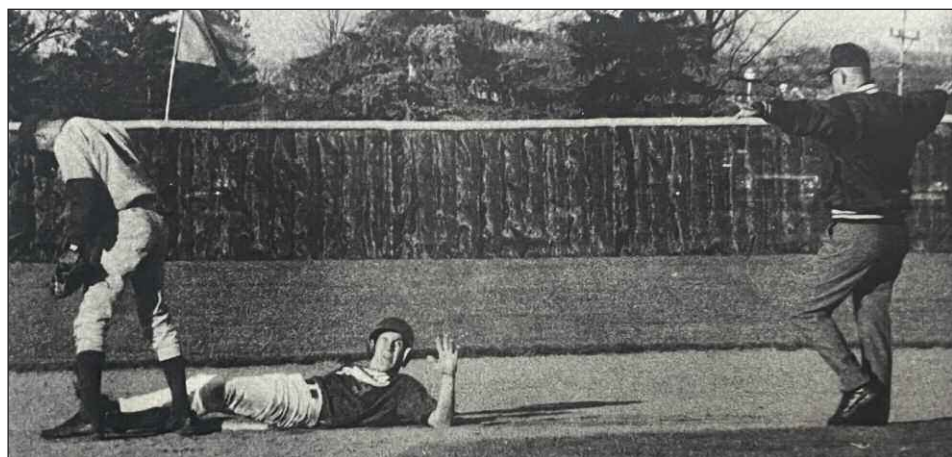
The Giants put runners on second and third with one out in the top of the seventh inning against Pete Selvey — he tossed five-plus scoreless innings of relief to allow the Patriots to come back — before JCHS coach Lea Selvey went to his bullpen again. Sean Landess struck

out the only two batters he faced to earn the save and preserve the win for Byrum.

"I thought Pete did one heck of a job," said Selvey. "We put ourselves in a position where we had to play well and our pitching had to hold them. Pete did about as well as you could ask."

Jay County got in the hole thanks to committing four errors in the first inning that led to six of the runs for the Giants being unearned.

The Patriots chipped away after that, cutting their deficit in half by the end of the third. The breakthrough came in the fourth inning, starting with Doug Evans smacking the team's first home run of the year. An Aaron Wilson single pulled the home team to within one, and then designated Derek Bantz drove him in to tie the score and set the stage for Missicano's heroics in the sixth inning.



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The umpire rules Jay County High School's Derek Bantz safe at second base during the Patriots' 9-8 comeback victory over visiting Marion on April 12, 1999.

### Deaths

Anita Houser, 85, rural Portland  
Loretta Martin, 84, Albany  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 57 degrees Friday. The low was 46.

Skies will be sunny today with a high in the lowers 60s and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. Windy conditions will continue tonight with a low in the lower 50s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

A "Teen Talk" about addiction and recovery is slated for 6 p.m. Tuesday at IU Health Jay. Local service providers are hoping to learn from the youth how to help teenagers with peer substance use and overdoses. Those ages 12 to 18 are invited to attend. To learn more, call (260) 251-3259.

### Coming up

**Tuesday** — Results from today's JCHS baseball game against Centerville.

**Wednesday** — Coverage of this week's Jay School Board meeting.

**Thursday** — Results from the JCHS track meet against Bluffton.



Obituaries

Anita Houser

March 1, 1939-April 10, 2024 Anita (Losure) Houser, age 85, a resident of rural Portland at Antville, passed away on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at IU Health Jay in Portland. Anita was born to Donald and Hildred (Brineman) Losure on March 1, 1939, in Poneto, Indiana. She was the valedictorian of Van Buren High School Class of 1957. By 1961, she earned her math education bachelor of science degree from Huntington College where she met R.D. Houser, whom she married July 9, 1961. She taught math in Geneva, Portland and Berne. Later she earned her pilot's license. Together they lived in Bryant, Indiana, Cahokia, Illinois, and Williamsburg, Virginia, and finally settled at Antville, north of Portland, to raise their family.



Houser

In 1985, she earned her second bachelor of science degree from Taylor University in computer science so she could help put her kids through college. Some of Anita's favorite activities were gardening and preserving food for her family. She modeled a determination in using and appreciating wild foods: black raspberries, wild strawberries and morels. Flowers were her joy. The fragrance of lilacs and hyacinths gave her the greatest pleasure. Sewing was a hobby she never gave up from making her wedding dress, her children's clothes and endless mending through grandchildren's pajamas. Classical music was always playing at home. She encouraged Don in band and Marie in piano. Later in life, she was eager to attend her grandchildren's recitals and band concerts. She was always active in her local churches: Bryant Wesleyan, Portland Nazarene and lastly Union Chapel. She supported world missions through Wycliffe Bible Translators, Mission Aviation Fellowship and World Gospel Mission. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and a sister. Survivors include: Her husband — R.D. Houser, rural Portland, Indiana Her children — Don Houser (wife: Kyong), Seattle, Washington, and Marie McKinley (husband: Mark), rural Portland, Indiana Six grandchildren Visitation will be held on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Anita's life will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with visitation one hour prior to the service. Pastor Richard Secor will officiate and burial will follow at Gravel Hill Cemetery, west of Bryant. Memorials may be directed to World Gospel Mission, 3783 E. Indiana 18, Marion, IN 46952, or Mission Aviation Fel-

lowship, P.O. Box 47, Nampa, ID 83687. Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com. son), Portland, Andrew Smith (Jamie), Muncie, Triston Cox and David Mays (Tiffany), Redkey; and great-grandchildren Nick and Emily. She is preceded in death by her son Gary Smith, who died in 2023; and parents Samuel and Flossie Morgan. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at Meacham Funeral Service. Burial will take place at Alberson Cemetery, west of Geneva. Visiting hours are Wednesday from noon until 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Condolences may be given at MeachamFuneralService.com.

Loretta Martin March 15, 1940-April 7, 2024 Loretta (Morgan) Martin, age 84, Albany, died Sunday, April 7, 2024, at Albany Health Care & Rehabilitation Center. Born in Bluffton on March 15, 1940, she grew up in the Geneva area and graduated from high school in Adams County. Loretta was a homemaker and home health aid. Over the years she enjoyed tropical fish and at one time had several fish tanks at home. She also enjoyed doing macrame. Survivors include sons Terry Cox (Brenda), Portland, and Mike Smith (Susan), Bluffton; her daughter Debra Dahlstrom, Albany; grandchildren Donna Valentine (Madi-



Martin

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

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Sunday 4/14, Monday 4/15, Tuesday 4/16, Wednesday 4/17, Thursday 4/18. Includes weather icons and forecasts.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 6-3-0 Daily Four: 1-4-3-9 Quick Draw: 1-4-5-10-15-28-30-34-40-44-45-46-47-51-64-66-71-72-76-79 Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$46 million Ohio Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$125 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn 4.41 May corn 4.36 Wheat 4.37 ADM Montpelier Corn 4.15 May corn 4.19 Beans 11.59 May beans 11.62 Wheat 5.27 Heartland St. Anthony Corn 4.24 April corn 4.28 Beans 11.32 April beans 11.37 Wheat 4.85

Today in history

In 1973, Portland firefighters put out a fire in the garage of a 703 E. Walnut St. home owned by Gerald Thornton. Fire chief Ray "Bud" Williams said the fire broke out in a car parked inside the garage. In 1998, Jay County Commissioners tabled discussion on the possible replacement of a bridge on Walnut Corner Road. The bridge had been closed since the mid 1980s. In 2013, WPGW's Rob Weaver was honored as the Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association Sportscaster of the Year at the organization's Hall of Fame banquet in Indianapolis. In 2022, Crosby Heniser and Quinn Faulker of Jay County High School both signed to continue their athletic careers at Manchester University. Both were set to play baseball for the Spartans, with Faulkner also to play football.

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board of Directors, Jay County Community Center Senior Area, 115 E. Water St., Portland. 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. Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, municipal airport, 661 W. 100 North.

Adjustment ...

Continued from page 1 The company will return to council in May for a formal approval. Council president Matt Minnich suggested the county and Leeward Renewable Energy could use the situation to open discussion about increasing economic development payments and, subsequently, lengthen the timeline of the tax abatement. Also Wednesday, council decided not to adjust a tax abatement with Scout Clean Energy for Bitter Ridge Wind Farm, a 130-megawatt facility located in Jefferson and Richland townships. The company began operations in September 2020. Council approved Scout Clean Energy's compliance forms for its wind farm's tax abatement in October 2023. At that time, council member Jeanne Houchins noted the company had not been paying its county property taxes but that taking it to court in an effort to recoup those funds would be costly. Scout was sent bills to correct the error. County auditor Emily Franks explained Wednesday the company responded that the bills were more than the original estimates. Franks said after a back-and-forth conversation, Scout Clean Energy cited an accounting mistake on its part and asked to adjust the abatement. (It paid bills for 2021 and 2022 in December 2023, about a month after the November tax deadline.) The company requested to adjust the percentage of the assessed value subject to the tax abatement, which would include reducing the year 2023 payable in 2024 by more than \$113,100 in Jefferson Township and \$46,300 in Richland Township. The request would also involve a refund of just over \$139,000 from its previous taxes paid in Jefferson Township and just over \$57,000 from its previous taxes paid in Richland Township, both of which would be used to reduce its tax owed for the year 2023 payable in 2024. Council vice president Cindy Bracy noted the company didn't pay its property taxes on time and suggested denying the request. Schemenaur noted the company also misunderstood how economic development payments worked. "Through a series of errors, mostly theirs, but there was some shared blame all around, we straightened that out," he said, noting the company wasn't technically compliant with its abatement but was given grace to resolve the issues. Council decided not to grant the adjustment. In other business, council members Dave Haines, Randy May, Faron Parr, Towell, Bracy and Minnich, absent Jeanne Houchins: •Heard from Arleace Green, a public affairs specialist with United States Small Business Administration. Green shared information

about the economic injury disaster loans for businesses and nonprofits. Those economically impacted as a result of the tornado March 14 could be eligible for up to \$2 million at a low, fixed interest rate to meet financial obligations. To learn more, visit sba.gov/disaster or call (800) 659-2955. •Heard from Bill Wilson, Jail Services Coordinator with Indiana Sheriffs' Association, and Sheriff Ray Newton regarding a jail study. Wilson, who shared a recent staffing study conducted at Jay County Jail, cited a need for nine additional full-time personnel. •Made the following additional appropriations: \$43,250 from the Indiana Residential Care Assistance Program in a reimbursable grant to be used on repairs and maintenance at Jay County Country Living; \$31,987.29 in American Rescue Plan Act dollars (Bracy opposing) for services provided by Rundell, Ernstberger Associates for planning of the development of the county owned 68 acres on the west side of Portland; \$15,000 (Towell opposing) for Jay County Campus of Arts Place's match toward the Our Town Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA); \$11,038.74 and \$2,677.56 moved from different funds to be used for firearms and accessories for Jay County Sheriff's Office; \$5,000 to Pennville Economic Development for the town's park revitalization project; and \$1,110 for pauper counsel.

Capsule Reports

Lost control An Albany man lost control of his vehicle along county road 275 South and drove off the road about 9:40 p.m. Wednesday. Rodney Welsh, 58, was driving his 2001 Lincoln Continental west on the road near its intersection with U.S. 27 when he approached a curve in the road. Welsh lost control on the wet surface and drove off the road. His vehicle was towed, with damage between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Intersection crash Damage is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000 after a Portland woman turned in front of an Ohio truck driver on Meridian Street, causing an accident about 8:30 a.m. Wednesday. Patricia E. Timmons, 66, was driving her 2013 Chevrolet Equinox west on Votaw Street when she began to turn south on its intersection with Meridian Street. At the same time, 43-year-old Chad M. Seger of Minster was driving his 1997 Freightliner truck north through the intersection. Seger wasn't able to avoid colliding with Timmons' vehicle.

SERVICES Today Marchal, Winifred: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery. Sunday Culy, Norma: 2 p.m., Antioch Cemetery, rural Portland. Williams, Helen: 4 p.m., New Life Ministries, 415 S. Helen St., Portland. Tuesday Houser, Anita: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland. Wednesday Martin, Loretta: 1 p.m., Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany. Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com

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Jay County Solid Waste Management District Rain Barrel Workshop Interested in harvesting rainwater from your rooftop? April 18th at 6:00 pm District Office 5948 W. State Road 67 Join Bettie in making a FREE rain barrel

## Fort Recovery students make honor roll

Fort Recovery High School recently named its third quarter honor roll students. Making the list with all A's were seniors Lucas Acheson, Wes Bechtol, Myah Breen, Katie Bruns, Natalie Brunswick, Chloe Bubb, Alex Dues, Alex Evers, Megan Evers, Teigen Fortkamp, Carson Grube, Paige Guggenbiller, Trevor Heitkamp and Troy Homann.

Also Addy Jenkins, Autumn Jutte, Nate Jutte, Evan Keller, Allison Knapke, Ella Kremer, Drew Langenkamp, Saige Leuthold, Rex Leverette, Jose Martinez, Mara Pearson, Matthew Romer, Brynn Stammen, Tiffany Taft,

Riggs Tobe and Ellie Will. On the list with A's and B's were seniors Drew Bihn, Kenadie Ervin, Gavin Faller, Kensey Gaerke, Reece Guggenbiller, Jenna Hart and Aidan Heitkamp.

Also Easton Hoying, Lydia Kahlig, Conner Kaikala, Abby Keller, Brett Lauber, Joscie LeFevre, Libby Schlarman, Marissa Schoen, Cole Shoemaker, Olivia Smith, Austin Steinbrunner, Britney Tebbe, Sage Wendel, Ella Westgerdes and Brooklyn Weyerick.

Earning all A's were juniors Drew Backs, Alivia Bergman, Samantha Brackman, Cassidy Dues, Evan Evers, Ava Grisez,

Kyle Huntsman, Joelle Kaup, Lindsey Knapke, Baillie Muhlendam, Keegan Muhlendam, Kennedy Muhlendam, Karlie Niekamp, Kylie Post, Ben Reinhard, Anna Roessner, Ella Schoen, Bella Taft and Emma Will.

Making the list with A's and B's were juniors Olivia Albers, Layla Bihn, Madison Bihn, Nicole Braun, Tucker Brockman, Kaleb Coleman, Calleigh Crabtree, Mason Diller, Amber Dirksen, Brennan Dues, Ava Englehardt, Gavin Evers, Marlee Fiely, Jacob Foote, Sarah Fritz, Riley Grieshop and Caden Grisez.

Also Brooke Hart, Ethan Hartnagel, Kayla

Heitkamp, Eva Kahlig, Cody Klenke, Gabe Knapke, Emily Lauber, Norah Meyer, Seth O'Connor, Bristol Roth, Zach Schoenlein, Victoria Tchelidze, Cooper Thompson, Reid Timmerman, Eowyn Vela and Mara Wenning.

On the list with all A's were sophomores Evvie Briner, Elisa Evers, Alivia Grube, Brodie Hart, Aubrie Heitkamp, Madison Heitkamp, Olivia Knapke, Brylee Kremer, Cora Kremer, Lily Schwieterman, Megan Weitzel, Georgia Wenning and Leah Wuebker.

Earning A's and B's were sophomores Gabe Acheson, Ella Bechtol, Aiden Brunswick, Rylee Bubb,

Emma Coleman, Kyliya Dues, Zoe Dues, Nevaeh Elsass, Zach Ervin, Malloery Evers, Luke Fortkamp, Carson Fullenkamp, Eli Hawk, Jameson Heitkamp, Maleiah Kaffenberger, Cayson Kaikala, Reece LeFevre, Autumn Leuthold, Anthony Roessner, Dani Schmitt, Jesse Springer and Reece Wendel.

Making the list with all A's were freshmen Kenna Dues, Tyler Dues, Cadence Eber, Carter Fortkamp, Alexis Grisez, Makenna Huelskamp, Meredith Jones, Breaker Jutte, Grace Lochtefeld, Ian McCain, Jake Meyer, Cameron Muhlendam, Isaac Roessner, Kiera Stump, Jennifer Wen-

del, James Westgerdes and Brynn Willmann.

On the list with A's and B's were freshmen Brody Barga, Carley Buckland, Kendall Buckland, Reese Diller, Destiny Ervin, Brady Evers, Grant Fortkamp, Ava Fullenkamp, Sophia Guggenbiller, Russell Hart, Aubree Heitkamp, Madelyn Heitkamp and Theresa Hipple.

Also Hudson McAbee, Trinity Rammel, Emma Schmitz, Madelyn Schoenlein, Angel Serio, Cara Shoemaker, Riley Stammen, Amber Timmerman, Ava Timmerman, Ivy Tobe, Kaylor Wendel, Ethan Wenning, Reed Westgerdes, Will Westgerdes and Jase Wuebker.

## Boyfriend's contact with exes raises doubts

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have dated for seven months. We have a good relationship in terms of compatibility. We are both Christian and educated, and we have good professions. We are fun-loving and both of us like to invest and travel. He enjoys my company and says I am the girl with the best qualities he's ever dated.

But I do have one issue: He stays in close contact with his former on-and-off girlfriend of 10 years and other women he dated. When I asked him about it, he said he cares about other people and likes to keep in touch with them.

An example: Last year when he was single, he wanted to take his long-term ex-girlfriend out for a day trip, dinner and a musical so she could get away from her apartment. Her daughter and grandkids, who were living with her, made her life very tough. My boyfriend and this ex also text each other often to keep up with each other's family and life. I feel uneasy about this. Would-

### Dear Abby



are inexperienced kids yourselves. If you really want a future with him, you may have to accept that he won't be happy if you try to curtail his social contacts. If you can't summon up enough self-confidence to manage that, perhaps you should find someone else.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 68-year-old married man with no close friends. I worked for 35 years in my family-owned bar and restaurant, until they lost it. After that, I worked as an assistant manager in a few fast-food places, then as an assistant manager in a major pharmacy.

At 65, after three knee surgeries and a foot fusion, I retired from working full time. I now work part time for a physical therapy center, mostly to keep busy and make a few bucks. I have no hobbies or major interests. I have a few health issues, which are under control.

I feel lonely most of the time. I know a lot of people and get along with people — I just FEEL lonely.

I have two sons I'm very proud of who have families of their own, but they're busy with their lives. I have no one to talk to who won't judge me for feeling the way I do. Can you give me any direction? — A BIT LONELY IN THE EAST

DEAR LONELY: You say you are married. Is it a happy marriage? You also have part-time employment. These are things to be grateful for. Your persistent loneliness may be something to mention to your doctors. The problem could be emotional, spiritual, existential or physical, or it may simply be boredom. But the place to start would be a doctor or a spiritual adviser.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are planning a cruise to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary as well as his retirement next year. We invited my brother and his wife, "Rita," to join us. Because my brother has always wanted to visit our cruise destination, they accepted. Rita then shared our cruise

plans with her brother and his wife, "Jewel." Jewel expressed interest in the destination and said she wouldn't mind going. In response, Rita welcomed them to join us! When I was told this, Rita said her brother doesn't like cruises and probably wouldn't want to go, so I just let it go. Still, I am annoyed at her presumptuousness.

Am I wrong to feel the way I do? Rita did say she was sorry, but I'm still annoyed. I love my brother and sister-in-law, and I'd hate to cause family drama. I'd welcome your thoughts. — CRUISING IN HAWAII

DEAR CRUISING: I agree that what Rita did was presumptuous. It was also thoughtless. She did not have the right to invite anyone along on your holiday. If Jewel tells Rita that she and her husband HAVE decided to come, it will then be Rita's responsibility to straighten the matter out by rescinding the invitation, and you should "sweetly" make that clear.

## Community Calendar

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

**Today**  
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — 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) 729-7000.

**Sunday**  
A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each 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 Restaurant.

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

JAY RETIRED TEACHERS — Will meet at noon Monday, April 15, at Richards Restaurant in Portland. No reservations are required.

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 CARE

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

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY 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 meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — 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 CONNECTIONS RECOVERY 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.

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

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

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

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

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

## Sudoku

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|   |   | 8 |   | 9 |   | 4 |   |   |

Level: Advanced

### Friday's Solution

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

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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For Jay County elementary Schools  
**April 15-19**

**Monday: Main Entrees:** Classic cheeseburger in bun  
**Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lunch, Ham & cheese salad, breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** BBQ baked beans

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**Wednesday: Main Entrees:** Chicken tenders **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lunch, Ham & cheese salad, breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** French fries

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# Thanks for being gracious hosts

To the editor:  
I'd like to thank the folks in Portland and Jay County for accepting visitors from far away on Monday, April 8.  
Nobody there asked to be in the path of the total solar eclipse, but you handled it well. Our family did what we could to avoid putting a strain on your resources (in particular, we didn't try to access the internet while we were there).  
Hudson Family Park was a delightful venue, large enough for all the people and cars. It helped that the weather was perfect.  
Thanks again.  
Mike Blake  
Oak Park, Illinois

## Letters to the Editor



# It's physics, not a message

St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
Tribune News Service  
What is this lunatic doing in Congress?

## Guest Editorial

No, seriously. It's a real question.  
There comes a time when the diplomatic niceties of political discourse must give way to bluntly spoken truth. When a sitting member of Congress repeatedly displays classic symptoms of psychosis — that is, a literal, psychological break with reality — it must be addressed head-on.  
We refer to (who else?) U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga. Yes, her frequent outbursts of crazy can be entertaining in a parlor-game sort of way. But the fact that she and a small cadre of fellow fringe-dwellers have effectively been allowed to take the U.S. House hostage speaks to a deadly serious symptom of the poor health of the republic just now.

eclipses are predictable and earthquakes happen and we know when comets are passing by, however God created all of these things and uses them to be signs for those of us who believe."  
Huh?  
Disturbingly enough, this is nowhere near the most unmoored rhetoric from Greene since she babbled and heckled her way onto the national stage. That distinction would probably go to her suggestion that California wildfires were caused by a space-based laser controlled by Jewish investors.  
Not all of her piffle has been that random. Her contributions to our poisonous political divisions today have included suggesting a "national divorce" between red and blue states, limiting the voting rights of anyone who relocates between those states and disenfranchising anyone who doesn't make enough money to pay taxes.

*... the fact that she and a small cadre of fellow fringe-dwellers have effectively been allowed to take the U.S. House hostage speaks to a deadly serious symptom of the poor health of the republic just now.*

For anyone who has lost track of Greene's latest descent into madness (it's easy to do), she has suggested that last week's East Coast earthquake was God's warning to America to "repent." Also: The eclipse!  
On Friday, a 4.8 magnitude earthquake shook New Jersey and New York City. It was an unusual location for a major quake — but not, it must be said, anything requiring a divine explanation. Ditto with the rare-but-perfectly-natural (as opposed to supernatural) full solar eclipse that occurred Monday, right on its long-calculated schedule.

When Democrats controlled the House, they removed Greene from her committee assignments (with the help of almost a dozen Republican votes) for espousing political violence.  
But when the GOP took over last year, not only was this cultural arsonist invited back into the fold, she was elevated to key committee posts during Kevin McCarthy's brief stint as House speaker.  
McCarthy needed Greene to shore up his tissue-thin margin of support for his speakership. As we wrote back then, he endangered his own caucus and the very functionality of the House by inviting her back in from exile.  
We now find that prediction prescient — though, in all modesty, it was a common and stunningly obvious one.  
In flailing desperately to attain and keep his speakership last year, McCarthy agreed to a process that allows any member of the Republican caucus to call for a vote to oust the speaker. That was ultimately McCarthy's undoing.  
Now Greene is using that provision to threaten current House Speaker Mike Johnson. His offense? Working with Democ-

rats to prevent a government shutdown and potentially moving ahead with crucial aid to Ukraine in its fight for survival against Russia. In Greene's MAGA-addled mind, the latter is "one of the most egregious things that he can do."  
Democrats, too, have their fringy extremists. St. Louis is home to one of them, Rep. Cori Bush, whose looper pronouncements have included suggesting that Israel's war with Hamas is somehow an expression of "white supremacy." (Again: Huh?)  
Here's the difference: Bush is part of a hard-left sideshow that distracts the mainstream of the Democratic Party from its leadership responsibilities now and then, but which remains (appropriately) on the outside of the core of party power.  
Greene and her fellow right-wing extremists, conversely, are a core of party power for the GOP. In real ways, they are running the Republican table. They are the reason the House today is so dysfunctional it can barely keep the government open, let alone protect democracy in Ukraine.  
For the record: Earthquakes happen when tectonic plates slip against one another deep underground. Eclipses happen when the moon drifts between Earth and the sun.  
It's all physics. It has nothing to do with messages from God to an unhinged member of Congress — nor to the party that has recklessly empowered her.

But don't try telling that to Greene, a self-described Christian nationalist whose typical right-wing footsie-playing with racists and antisemites is augmented, in her case, with a less-typical belief system that is somewhere between religious fanaticism and science fiction.  
"God is sending America strong signs to tell us to repent," Greene wrote on X on Friday. "Earthquakes and eclipses and many more things to come. I pray that our country listens."  
"Repent" for what? She didn't say. We're guessing it's not for the congressional dysfunction that actually should require repentance — dysfunction for which Greene herself has been largely responsible.  
When others on the social media platform predictably fact-checked the fact-averse congresswoman, she bemoaned being "mocked and scoffed at," quoted the Bible and wrote: "Yes

# Eclipse gave us unifying moment

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Niki Kelly



I was told I might cry when seeing the total solar eclipse in person. While no tears fell, I felt the moment in a much deeper way than anticipated.

And as I spent a few days trying to understand why, I realized it's because the eclipse was a unifying moment — one that I crave as politics continues to divide us.

Right now, the country is polarized in so many ways. Liberal and conservative, white and black, male and female, young and old. And it's not just differences of opinions. Those are fine. But now people spew hatred at anyone who doesn't feel the same way they do; there is no listening to each other or learning. There is no empathy.

But on Monday, underneath an impossibly perfect April sky, I was reminded society can come together. And we need to find more of these moments.

For more than an hour, a group of about 20 of us watched the moon slide slowly over the sun. We compared the shape to a croissant, then a banana and then nothing at all. We googled when the next eclipse would be, wondered why the bugs were suddenly everywhere, and estimated how many degrees the temperature dropped.

This group of us, a mix of family and friends, cheered together when darkness hit and stood with our faces to the sky, taking pictures and laughing.

I was amazed at how science ruled the day. We knew when totality would begin down to the minute. I was in awe of how the alignment is known decades out, making it clear there is order in what sometimes seems a chaotic world.

Then as everyone grabbed their chairs and filtered back to reality, I opened my phone to enjoy the collective social media frenzy. But the first thing I saw was Attorney General Todd Rokita posting a Trump-shaped eclipse picture complete with hair and nose in silhouette. And it was from his official government account — not his campaign one. Within a few minutes I had 10 direct mes-

sages, texts or emails about it, questioning the use of state resources for political purposes.

And I sighed. Rokita had taken this amazing national phenomenon and made it political and partisan. He couldn't let a day go by — or even a minute — without diverting focus back to his exalted leader.

I reached out to Rokita's office, who declined to comment. To be clear, Indiana law says a state employee can't engage in political activity when acting in an official capacity. It's hard to see posting a reference to Donald Trump not being political. But the impact was minimal and there won't be any consequences.

I put my phone back down and prepared for another unifying moment — rooting on the Purdue Boilermakers in the national championship game. They came up short. Heck, I did too (falling asleep in the second half because the game started too darn late).

But it was another example of a bonded experience bringing people together.

It's too bad an election can't have the same impact. We all want the same thing — for Indiana to be a good place to live, work and play. For our families to be safe, for our loved ones to be healthy, for our community to prosper. We need to focus more on the things that make us similar and not what drives us apart.

We need to stop reverting to our like-minded corners. I learn something every time I talk to a Republican or a Democrat or a Libertarian. There are more grays in life than black and white. Let's find common ground there — just like the common ground the eclipse gave us.

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WXTVA JGWA NK EITJNDE TD  
AIUU AIVDQK, AGUIU ZTVSC  
XU YTKK ZTDBVKNTD.

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** WHILE PUTTING ON CHARCOAL-COLORED CLOTHES, TWO SILLY GUYS SANG, "DON WE NOW OUR GRAY APPAREL."

**Today's Cryptoquip Clue:** M equals P

### Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

#### Connected to O.J.

1) What O.J. Simpson attorney also defended the "Boston Strangler" and Patty Hearst?

2) These now-famous siblings once referred to O.J. Simpson as their "uncle"?

Answers: (1) F Lee Bailey (2) The Kardashians

4-15 CRYPTOQUIP

UTWWXHITYXR RZHM YDTY  
JHNDY JTMX KXPKAX  
XCKXZHIXU T YXILX WXXAHN

**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** IF PEOPLE ARE MISTAKEN ABOUT WHAT IS GROWING ON TREE TRUNKS, THERE COULD BE MOSS CONFUSION.

**Today's Cryptoquip Clue:** K equals P

### CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to Lyme disease. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 8 = L)

A. 16 22 13 24 9 25  
Clue: Biting insect or organism

B. 5 8 8 23 22 26 26  
Clue: Causes one to be sick

C. 6 8 9 9 11  
Clue: Flows through the body

D. 6 12 13 24 22 25 5 12  
Clue: Microorganisms that can cause disease

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Lyme disease.

KTCI

Answers: Tick

### Guess Who?

I am an actress born on April 13, 1980, in Georgia. I studied theater at the University of Evansville in Indiana. I am best known for my role on the soap opera "All My Children" and for playing a detective on "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

Answer: Kelli Giddish

### kids' corner

### ANIMAL FACT!

FROGS HAVE A BACKBONE AND ARE COLD-BLOODED VERTEBRATES. THEY LIVE ON BOTH LAND AND IN WATER, MAKING THEM THIS TYPE OF ANIMAL.

ANSWER: AMPHIBIAN

### Creative Coloring

Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

### Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

MJPU 5  
ORFG 4  
SKELA 8  
DPTEOLA 10  
C C H 9  
Y 10

Answers: Jump, Frog, Lakes, Tadpole. Frog catches a fly.

### THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

APR 12

- 1606: THE UNION FLAG IS ADOPTED AS THE FLAG OF ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH SHIPS.
- 1900: PRESIDENT WILLIAM MCKINLEY SIGNS THE FORAKER ACT INTO LAW, GRANTING PUERTO RICO LIMITED SELF-RULE.
- 1980: CANADIAN RUNNER AND ATHLETE TERRY FOX BEGINS HIS MARATHON OF HOPE RUN IN ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

### New word

## TOAD

a tailless amphibian with a stout body and short legs

### LYME DISEASE WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS: BITE, BLACK-LEGGED, BULLSEYE, DEER, DIAGNOSTIC, DOG, FEVER, HOST, ILLNESS, INFECTION, JOINTS, LYME DISEASE, NYMPH, PAIN, PARASITE, PATHOGEN, PREVENTION, RASH, RESPONSE, SPIROCHETE, SPREAD, STIFFNESS, SYMPTOMS, TICK

### How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Frog  
**SPANISH:** Rana  
**ITALIAN:** Rana  
**FRENCH:** Grenouille  
**GERMAN:** Frosch

### Did You Know?

A FROG COMPLETELY SHEDS ITS SKIN ABOUT ONCE A WEEK. AFTER IT SHEDS THE DEAD SKIN, IT USUALLY EATS IT.

### GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: FROG

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 "Va-moose!"  
6 Convent authority  
12 African desert  
13 In a dreary way  
14 Beer gut  
15 Angular measure  
16 "Mamma Mia" group  
17 "I smell —!"  
19 Reuben bread  
20 Lawn mower brand  
22 — Na Na  
24 Catchall abbr.  
27 Tibetan monk  
29 Molecule part  
32 Prudence  
35 Deal (with)  
36 Lotion ingredient  
37 "Help!"  
38 Dol.  
40 "Once — a time ..."

**DOWN**

42 Italian article  
44 "Meet Me — Louis"  
46 Fascinated by  
50 Become fond of  
52 "Nothing for me, thanks"  
54 Tarzan type  
55 Available  
56 G.I. Joe producer  
57 Curt denial  
1 Swedish car  
2 Great Lakes fish  
3 Rushed toward  
4 Curved line  
5 Hindu royal  
6 Taj Mahal city  
7 Spoiled kids  
8 Auction action  
9 Arab states  
10 Do in  
11 "Auld Lang —"  
12 Hot tub  
18 Brother to Remus  
21 Vintage Glazed Easter entree  
23 Garter key  
25 Overly  
26 Iced bakery treats  
28 Animal shelter activity  
30 Sean — Lennon  
31 Peaks (Abbr.)  
33 Safety precaution for an acrobat  
34 Logical beginning?  
39 "Norwegian Wood" instrument  
41 Dark period  
42 Hexagonal state  
43 Valley in California  
45 Forbidden act  
47 Linguist Chomsky  
48 Vocal quality  
49 Quirky  
51 Diplomat's res.  
53 6 on a phone

**Solution time: 26 mins.**

Yesterday's answer 4-13

### Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

#### A bold venture

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 8 7  
♥ A K 5 2  
♦ K  
♣ Q J 7 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ J 9 6 3 2  
♥ Q J 3  
♦ 8 7 3 2  
♣ 4

**EAST**  
♠ K 5 4  
♥ 10 9 6 4  
♦ Q J 10 9 4  
♣ 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 10  
♥ 8 7  
♦ A 6 5  
♣ A K 10 9 8 5

The bidding:  
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
2 ♣ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
3 ♦ Pass 4 ♣ Pass  
6 ♣ Pass 7 ♣

Opening lead — four of clubs.  
This hand was played by Italian star Giorgio Belladonna, who found himself in seven clubs following a series of highly optimistic bids.  
Seven clubs is a dreadful contract, and you might wonder how it could ever be made. But exhibiting his flair for pulling hot chestnuts out of the fire — after having set the fire in the first place — Belladonna did not let his partner down.  
He won the opening trump lead with the five, played a diamond to the king and a low trump to the eight. Next, he cashed the ace of diamonds, discarding a spade from dummy, and ruffed a diamond. The A-K of trump were then played, producing this position:

North  
♠ A 8  
♥ A K 5 2  
West  
♠ J 9 6  
♥ Q J 3  
East  
♠ K 5  
♥ 10 9 6 4

South  
♠ Q 10  
♥ 8 7  
♦ 10 9  
♣ 10 9

The ten of trump was cashed, West and dummy each discarding a spade, but poor East was up against it for a discard. In practice, he pitched the five of spades. Belladonna thereupon led the spade ten to dummy's ace, caught East's king and so brought in the grand slam. Had East discarded a heart instead, Belladonna would have cashed the A-K of hearts and ruffed a heart to produce the same result.

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### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Curved lines  
5 Vat  
8 "Let's go!"  
12 Boxing match  
13 Pub pint  
14 Exceptional  
15 Expose  
16 Levy that helps fund schools  
18 Set sail  
20 Gnawing critter  
21 High tennis shots  
23 Fish-fowl link  
24 Insurance giant  
28 Thailand, once  
31 French monarch  
32 Thin pancake  
34 "Hail!"  
35 Stereo alternative  
37 Governor's guideline

**DOWN**

39 Sheeran and Harris  
41 Crooned  
42 Size up  
45 Trailed the pack  
49 Idaho nickname  
51 Cleopatra's river  
52 Some JFK guesses  
53 Acquired  
54 Lena of "The Reader"  
55 Comic Carvey  
56 Mornings (Abbr.)

17 Heavy weight  
19 Campus mil. group  
22 Dele undoes  
24 Branch  
25 Privy  
26 Football official  
27 Shoulder ornaments  
29 Director DuVernay  
30 Kitten's cry  
33 Sicilian volcano  
36 Black Sea port  
38 Yule quaff  
40 Concorde, e.g.  
42 Matured  
43 — good example  
44 Long story  
46 Coat with gold  
47 Kazan of film  
48 Contradict  
50 Male cat

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

Saturday's answer 4-15

### Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

#### Famous Hand

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q  
♥ Q J 10 8 2  
♦ A  
♣ A K J 8 7 4

**WEST**  
♠ K 7 3 2  
♥ K 6 5 3  
♦ 10 9 6  
♣ 6 2

**EAST**  
♠ J 10 8 5 4  
♥ A K J 7 5 4  
♦ 10 5

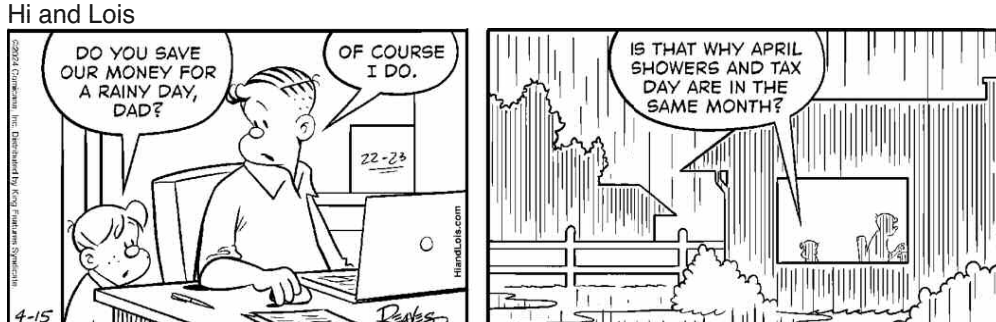
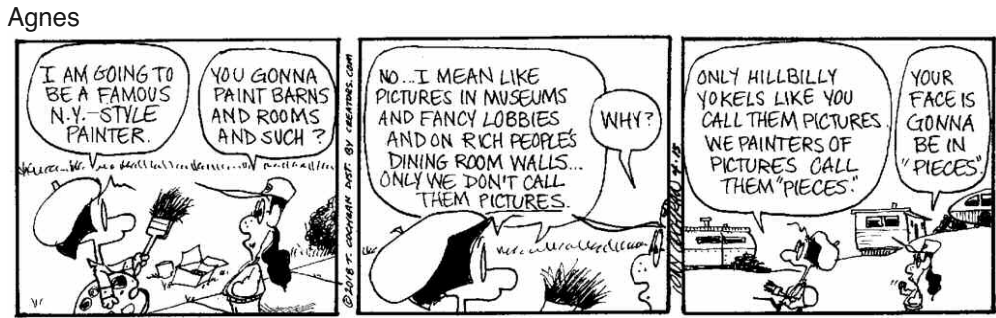
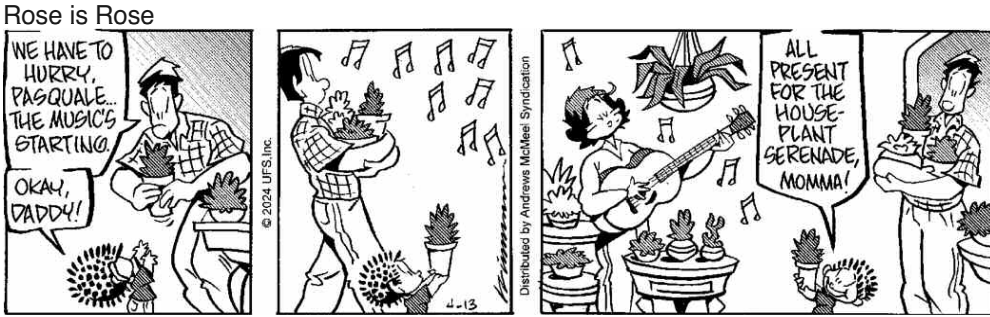
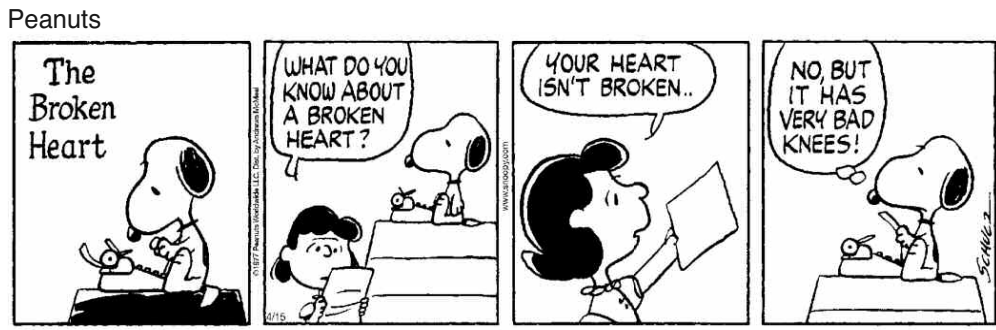
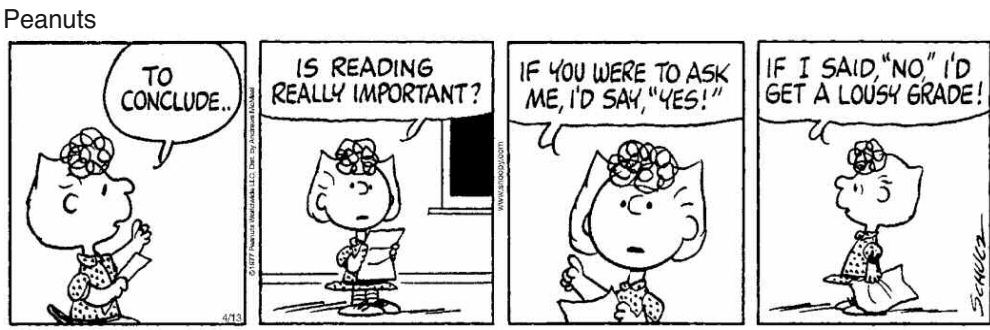
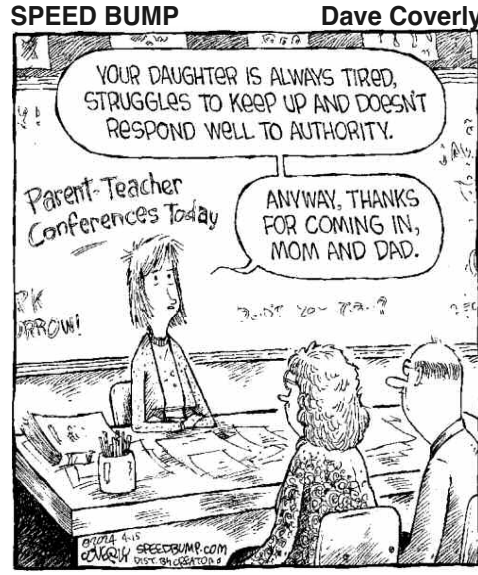
**SOUTH**  
♠ 9 6  
♥ A 9 7 4  
♦ Q 8 3 2  
♣ Q 9 3

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♣ 1 ♦ 1 ♥ 2 ♦  
5 NT 6 ♣ 6 ♠ 6 ♠  
6 ♥ 6 ♠

Opening lead — three of diamonds.  
This deal occurred during the playoff to determine which of five teams would represent the United States in the 1981 world championship.  
From the standpoint of drama, the timing of the deal was perfect. It was the last board of a 72-board match between the winners of the Spingold and Reisinger team-of-four championships. The teams were virtually tied after 71 boards, and the outcome of the 72nd hand would determine which team would be eliminated.  
At the first table, with a Reisinger pair North-South, the bidding went as shown. North's five-notrump bid was the so-called Grand-Slam Force; it accepted hearts as trump and instructed South to bid seven hearts with two of the three top honors in the suit. South's six-club response indicated one of the top two honors, and North signed off at six hearts.  
East realized that South would almost surely make the vulnerable slam, worth 1,430 points, so he bid six spades as a sacrifice. This was doubled and went down only three tricks — 500 points — after a diamond lead by South.  
At the second table, the bidding went:  
North East South West  
1 ♣ 1 ♦ 1 NT 2 ♠  
3 ♦ 5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠  
5 ♥ Pass 6 ♥

Here, the Reisinger East did not gain nearly as much information about the adverse hands as East had gained from the bidding at the first table. He passed six hearts, apparently hoping that his pre-emptive tactics had jockeyed the opponents into a shaky contract. Unfortunately for East, this did not prove to be the case. Six hearts could not be defeated, so the Spingold team gained 930 points on the deal to win the match.

Tomorrow: The art of card-reading.  
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# Sports

## Just do your job

### Everyone contributes as FRHS track teams sweep

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians have plenty of veterans with state experience.

Many of them showed out in the first home meet of the season as Natalie Brunswick and Trevor Heitkamp dominated distance events for two victories each.

Anna Roessner, Mara Pearson and Kiana Matsuda all took the top spot in their best events as well.

The Indians also had three new faces claim the top spot to support the veterans.

Aubrey Shuttleworth, Karlie Neikamp and Carson Fullenkamp all placed first to help the Fort Recovery High School track teams take first place at the first home meet Thursday, beating out four teams each.

The girls team dominated with 127 points, beating out Parkway who ended with 72. The boys team tallied 86 points to claim the top spot over New Bremen (79), Parkway (77) and New Knoxville (75).

"I didn't even realize our boys won," FRHS coach Christy Diller said. "This is kind of a big deal for them."

"The weather was not on our side, people were grumpy about being out there but the (boys and girls) showed up. We talk a lot about not just going through the motions, but coming in and doing work. ... For them to have that pay off is great and I'm so happy for them." The Indians garnered a

lot of points from their athletes with state experience, but also got some key points from athletes who won their first events at a larger meet.

Shuttleworth, a freshman at FRHS, wasn't happy with her performance from Tuesday's meet at St. John's and was determined to have a better start off of the block.

The extra focus on starting her races stronger led to a first-place finish in the 400-meter run and a career best time of 1 minute, 11.69 seconds. She beat the runner-up, Isabell Young of Parkway, by 3.51 seconds.

"Tuesday I didn't have the best meet, so I pushed myself really hard to get the win," Shuttleworth said. "I'm really excited about getting my first high school win."

Along with the victory in the 400 run, Shuttleworth scored in the 200 dash (fourth place) and 100 dash (fifth).

Fullenkamp and Neikamp both picked up their wins in the discus. Diller confirmed that this was Neikamp's first top finish at a meet and the first time Fullenkamp won at a meet with more than two teams.

Neikamp's distance of 96 feet, 8 inches, beat Brynn Egbert of New Knoxville by seven feet and topped her own career best by nearly a foot.

"She's hit some really good ones in practice," Diller said. "So it's really nice to see it, even on a poor weather night. ... She just needs to get one



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Fort Recovery High School senior Lucas Acheson takes his final attempt of the high jump during the home track meet on Thursday. Acheson finished second with a jump of 5 feet, 8 inches, to help the Indians to a first-place finish with 86 points to beat out Memorial, New Bremen, New Knoxville and Parkway.

or two of those and then your confidence gets flowing and then things start rolling."

Fullenkamp previously set a career best mark of 108 feet, 5 inches, during Tuesday's meet, but only needed a throw of 100 feet to take Thursday's competition by seven inches.

Similar to Neikamp, Diller hopes this will help improve Fullenkamp's confidence and mindset going into meets.

"He's on a good streak right now," Diller said. "He's got a lot in the tank,

he just doesn't always know he's got a lot. This should be a great confidence booster for him to know that he doesn't need to hit out of the park all the time. He just needs to show up and keep getting base hits and that's going to translate."

The five teams at the meet, Fort Recovery, New Bremen, New Knoxville, Parkway and Memorial, had to fight rain and wind all evening. Coldwater originally was at the meet but left after a 30-minute lightning delay during the field events.

With poor weather, Diller and the other FRHS coaches just wanted their teams to get reps in — they had only had two full meets before Thursday — and to practice competing against those next to them rather than focusing on times or marks.

This translated into 12 first-place finishes and 12 second place finishes for the girls and boys teams.

The girls' dominance was spread all throughout the events, while the boys team found particular strength in the field events, claiming

one of the top two spots in all four events, including the long jump and shot put in which the Indians placed second, third and fourth.

"It really illustrates the point that you don't need a whole team of superstars," Diller said. "People need to just get a little bit better each day. We had multiple kids scoring (for the boys) which isn't something that's always happened for us in recent years."

"It just proves that you showing up and doing your job makes a huge difference."

First and second place finishes outside of the wins by Shuttleworth, Neikamp and Fullenkamp include:

- Anna Roessner and Mara Pearson in the 100 dash
- Paige Guggenbiller (second) in the 200 dash
- Natalie Brunswick and Ellie Will in the 800 run
- Brunswick (first) in the 1,600 run
- Maddie Hietkamp (second) in the 100 hurdles
- Kiana Matsuda (first) in the 300 hurdles
- The girls 4x100 relay team (first)
- The girls 4x800 relay team (first)
- Pearson and Heitkamp in the long jump
- Austin Steinbrunner (second) in the 100 dash
- Reese Diller (second) in the 800 run
- Trevor Heitkamp (first) in the 1,600 run
- Heitkamp (first) in the 3,200 run
- The boys 4x100 relay team (second)
- The boys 4x400 relay team (second)
- Lucas Acheson (second) in the high jump
- Isaac Roessner (second) in the long jump
- Connor Kaikala (second) in the shot put

## Jay County baseball drops fourth straight to start season

COLDWATER, Ohio — The Patriots had one final push left at the end.

However, a pair of three-run innings will prevent them from picking up their first win.

The Jay County High School baseball team fell to the Cold-

water Cavaliers on Friday by a score of 9-5, leaving the Patriots winless to begin the season.

Down only one run heading into the bottom of the fourth inning, the game started to unravel for Jay County (0-4). Kade Sommers got the first two

Coldwater batters out before a walk gave the Cavaliers (6-0) an opening. They followed the walk with a double and two singles that all scored a run and put the Cavaliers up 6-2.

JCHS chipped away in the top of the fifth inning with an

RBI double by Parker Nichols, but three more runs in the bottom half started to put the game out of reach.

Back-to-back hits by Cody Rowles and Jackson Edwards took two runs back in the top of the sixth, but Coldwater

turned the water off after to hold on for the win.

Sommers is saddled with the loss, having given up five earned runs on eight hits over 3.2 innings pitched.

Nichols' two hits and two RBIs led the offensive effort.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Girls tennis at Eastern Hancock Invitational — 9 a.m.; Baseball vs. Centerville — 12 p.m.; Track at Oak Hill — 11 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Baseball double header at South Adams — 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Softball tournament at Aversville — 11 a.m.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Boys golf vs. Delta — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Winchester — 5 p.m.; Softball at Saint Henry — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Bellmont — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Elwood — 5 p.m.; Junior high track at South Adams — 5:30 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Shawnee — 5:30 p.m.; Softball at Wapakoneta — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high track four-team meet — 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Boys golf at Bluffton —

4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Norwell — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Frankton — 5 p.m.; Track vs. Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Richmond — 5:30 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Track at Saint Henry — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Coldwater — 5 p.m.; Softball at Coldwater — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Coldwater — 5:30 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur at Newcastle United (USA)  
10 a.m. — Premier League: Wolverhampton at Nottingham Forest (USA)  
11:20 a.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 400 (FS1)  
12 p.m. — College football: Purdue spring game (BTN)  
12:30 p.m. — NHL: New York Islanders at New York Rangers (ABC)  
12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Man-

chester United at AFC Bournemouth (NBC)

1 p.m. — UFL: Arlington Renegades at D.C. Defenders (ESPN)  
1:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Andy's Frozen Custard 300 (FS1)  
2:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Chicago White Sox (Bally Indiana)  
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: The Masters (CBS)  
4:45 p.m. — MLS: Los Angeles FC at Portland Timbers (FOX)  
6 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — UFL: Birmingham Stallions at Memphis Showboats (FOX)  
8 p.m. — NHL: Boston Bruins at Pittsburgh Penguins (ABC)  
10 p.m. — Boxing: Jared Anderson vs. Ryad Merhy (ESPN)

**Sunday**  
12 a.m. — UFC: Alex Pereira vs. Jamahal Hill (ESPN)  
9 a.m. — Premier League: Crystal Palace at Liverpool (USA)  
11:30 a.m. — Premier League: Aston Villa at Arsenal (USA)  
12 p.m. — UFL: Michigan Panthers at Houston Roughnecks (ABC)  
12 p.m. — College baseball: Nebraska at Rutgers (BTN)  
12:30 p.m. — La Liga soccer: Villarreal at Athletic Club (ESPN2)  
1 p.m. — NBA: Chicago Bulls at New York Knicks (ESPN); Atlanta Hawks at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)  
1 p.m. — NHL: Seattle Kraken at St. Louis Blues (TNT)  
2 p.m. — PGA Tour: The Masters (CBS)  
2:30 p.m. — MLS: Philadelphia Union at Atlanta United (FOX)  
3 p.m. — UFL: San Antonio Brahmas at St. Louis Battlehawks (ABC)  
3 a.m. — College football: Ohio State spring game (FS1)  
3:30 p.m. — NBA: Los Angeles Lakers at New Orleans Pelicans (ESPN)  
3:30 p.m. — NHL: Colorado Avalanche at Vegas Golden Knights (TNT)

3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 400 (FS1)  
4:45 p.m. — MLS: Austin at St. Louis City (FOX)  
7:10 p.m. — MLB: San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN)

**Monday**  
8:30 a.m. — Boston Marathon (ABC)  
3 a.m. — Premier League: Everton at Chelsea (USA)  
7:30 p.m. — WNBA draft (ESPN)  
9:30 p.m. — NHL: Minnesota Wild at Los Angeles Kings (ESPN)  
9:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Seattle Mariners (Bally Indiana)

**Tuesday**  
3 p.m. — UEFA Champions League: PSG at Barcelona (CBS)  
7 p.m. — College baseball: Michigan State at Michigan (BTN)  
7:30 p.m. — NHL: Toronto Maple Leafs at Florida Panthers (ESPN)

9:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Seattle Mariners (Bally Indiana)

### Local notes

**Challenge set**  
The Adams County 5K Run/Walk Challenge for the 2024 season will begin April 20, where participants 19-years-old or older can compete in a total of eight races within Adams County. The cost to register for the challenge is \$150 and will enter participants in all eight races, with five needing to be completed for the Challenge Series award. Challengers don't need to be from Adams County, but only the first 100 entries will compete. Participation in individual events is available as well. To sign up or for more information, visit [www.adamscounty5kchallenge.com](http://www.adamscounty5kchallenge.com).  
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