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On the court

Fort Recovery High School will hold its prom Friday night, with promenade at Fort Site Fieldhouse beginning at 6 p.m. (Doors will open at 5:15 p.m.) Pictured front row from left are queen candidates Chloe Bubb, Kensey Gaerke, Saige Leuthold, Mara Pearson and Ellie Will. Back row are king candidates Sage Wendel, Riggs Tobe, Lucas Acheson, Rex Leverette and Drew Bihn.

Program process to start May 28

Up to \$25,000 offered for house projects

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Applications will open next month for the owner-occupied rehabilitation project.

Jay County Commissioners heard applications for the \$1 million program will be accepted from May 28 through June 28.

Mainly funded through a grant from Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), the owner-occupied rehabilitation project is intended to help residents pay for home improvements such as replacing a roof, water heater or heating, ventilation and air conditioning unit, doing electrical work or making a home more accessible.

Projects are limited to \$25,000 per household and will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis. To be qualified, applicants must make at or below a salary threshold. Those amounts are as follows: one-person household, \$44,200; two-person household, \$55,500; three-person household, \$56,800; four-person household, \$63,100; five-person household, \$68,150; six-person household, \$73,200. The program will help a minimum of 40 households.

Community coordinator Nate Kimball explained applications will be solely paper-based and must be submitted in-person. They will be available at Kimball's office at the Community Resource Center in Portland, Redkey Town Hall and Dunkirk's city building. (He mentioned Penn Township Library in Pennville as another potential location, and commissioners later suggested making a printable version available at jay-county.net.)

Once submitted, a building inspector — the county has not officially designated personnel for the job yet — will review the homes of approved applicants. Environmental testing on each property is also required, per OCRA standards, before the county can accept bids for each project.

The county is contributing a match of about \$90,000 in federal coronavirus relief funds toward the program, which was offered as an incentive for communities allocating their American Rescue Plan Act dollars through OCRA's Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP).

Also Monday, commissioners talked about installing dash cameras in Jay Emergency Medical Service (JEMS) and Jay County Highway Department vehicles.

JEMS director Gary Barnett shared an estimate from Brigade Electronics of Portland for a dash camera, which would record audio and video and store up to 32 gigabytes of footage.

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Senate passes aid package

By DAVID LERMAN
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — The Senate cleared a war funding package Tuesday night for President Joe Biden's certain signature, capping a six-month struggle over Ukraine aid that divided GOP lawmakers, delayed Western weapons deliveries and gave Russia some breathing room in a military offensive against its neighbor.

The 79-18 vote to aid

Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan came as a show of solid bipartisan support for a measure that had deeply divided Republicans in both chambers for months. The House passed the \$95.3 billion package Saturday in the form of four individual bills that were combined for Senate action.

Unlike an earlier version of the measure the Senate passed in February, the revised package won support from a majority of

Senate Republicans. A slim majority of House Republicans, however, still opposed the final package.

The vote marked a victory for the Biden administration, most Democrats, and traditional Republicans who have resisted the GOP's ascendant populist, isolationist wing.

"Today is a day of celebration because we finally did get the job done," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, a staunch advocate

for Ukraine who is seeking to steer his party away from isolationism as he prepares to step down from leadership. "It's not too late. We don't have to give up on Ukraine. And we are not going to."

Critics said the push for more funding was a misguided overreaction to foreign threats that sapped U.S. resources and neglected domestic needs.

Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, D-New York, was quick to declare

victory Tuesday even before the final vote on passage. And he punched back at critics like Vance who had held up the aid since at least last fall.

"These isolationists have now secured their ignominious place in history as the ones who'd see America stick its head in the sand as our enemies sought to undermine us," Schumer said on the floor. "Had they won, they would have presided over a declining America."

Candidates squabble with debate moderator

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Five of the six Republicans hoping to be Indiana's next governor squabbled more with the moderator than they did over policy issues during their last pre-primary debate on Tuesday — just two weeks before the May election.

And although U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, largely considered to be the frontrunner in the race, was absent from the debate, he was sparsely mentioned by his competitors.

The candidates met at IUPUI's Hine Hall Auditorium at the 90-minute debate hosted by the non-partisan Indiana Debate Commission.

On the stage were former Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch; former Indiana Economic Development Corp. (IEDC) leader Eric Doden, former Attorney General Curtis Hill and conservative activist Jamie Reitenour.

Braun pulled out of the debate

unexpectedly Monday evening, however, saying he needed to be in Washington, D.C. to vote.

Multiple questions posed by Schwantes, the moderator, drew pushback from the Republican hopefuls, though.

That included a series in which candidates were asked to raise their hands — signaling yes or no — about whether they would have voted for the CHIPS Act; if they are confident in the integrity of Indiana elections; and if they agree that the 2020 election was "stolen" from former President Donald Trump.

Schwantes additionally asked if they would accept the results of the 2024 Election. Reitenour specifically spoke out, saying there's "no way to know what will happen before now and then."

At one point, Schwantes even gave Braun's reasoning for supporting a gas tax increase when he was a state representative.

Speaking to reporters after the debate's conclusion, candidates largely took issue with which



Indiana Debate Commission

Eric Doden speaks Tuesday during a debate organized and hosted by the Indiana Debate Commission in Indianapolis.

questions were selected — and how they were asked. They also complained that many of the debate topics were centered around national issues, not state ones.

"I think we spent too much

time fighting with the moderator," Hill said. "It's the damndest thing I've seen. I wish we'd had questions that were more engaging for the public."

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Deaths

Wilma Balle, 89, Portland
Belinda Bowdell, 66, Portland
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Weather

The temperature in Jay County hovered in the 50s Tuesday with a high of 55 and a low of 52.

Tonight's low will be in the upper 30s. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with a high in the upper 60s and a chance of showers in the afternoon.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Psi Iota Xi sorority will host its Brick Street Market and Chicks on the Bricks event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday on the brick sectional of Wayne Street. It will include vendors, food trucks, an art show and a puppet show.

Coming up

Friday — Next step coming for the Meridian Street project in Portland.

Saturday — Results from the JCHS boys golf match against Blackford.

Tuesday — Coverage of Saturday's JCHS softball game against Woodlan.



Obituaries

Wilma Balle

Nov. 26, 1934-April 3, 2024
Wilma Jean Balle, age 89, of Portland passed away on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, in Albany Healthcare and Rehabilitation.
She was born in Portland on Nov. 26, 1934, the daughter of Linley and Ida (Lanning) Walker. She was married on April 25, 1953, to Nickolis Balle, and he passed away on Nov. 29, 2006. Jean had worked for Beal's

Restaurant, Horizon Homes and CTS. She was a charter member of the New Beginnings Holiness Church.
Surviving are two daughters, Jackie Smith (husband: Randy) of Portland and Kay Abdulah of Portland; one sister, Pat Miller of North Star, Indiana; five grandchildren, Mandi Glassford, Charity



Balle

Rogers, Makayla Smith, Faisal Abdulah and Hannah Bricker; and five great-grandchildren, Trinity Glassford, Cooper Glassford, Deric Coons, Benjamin Rogers and Colby Abdulah.
She was preceded in death by her siblings Bill Walker, Fred Walker, Mable Holcomb, Margaret Smith, Inez Motter, Helen Wood, Barbara Burkett and Esther Burkey.
A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, April 26, 2024, in Baird-Freeman Funeral

Home with Pastor Randy Smith presiding.
Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home.
Memorials can be made to New Beginnings Holiness Church.
Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.
Belinda Bowdell, Portland, Oct.

4, 1957-April 22, 2024. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Claycomb Cemetery, rural Portland.
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Friday 4/26	Saturday 4/27	Sunday 4/28	Monday 4/29	Tuesday 4/30
68/60	77/64	81/64	75/57	71/53
There's a 50% chance of showers on Friday, along with more rain expected at night.	There's a 30% chance of thunderstorms Saturday in the morning, with a slight chance of rain later.	Another slight chance of thunderstorms. Otherwise, mostly cloudy and warm.	There's a 60% chance of thunderstorms and rain on Monday.	Mostly sunny skies with the possibility of rain. The high may reach 71.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$129 million	Evening Daily Three: 9-2-9 Daily Four: 8-4-3-4 Quick Draw: 4-10-11-13-16-17-21-27-29-32-36-39-46-47-48-54-58-60-68-76
Mega Millions 11-17-33-39-43 Mega Ball: 14 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$228 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 7-6-6 Pick 4: 5-5-2-5 Pick 5: 7-6-3-7-9 Evening Pick 3: 8-9-1 Pick 4: 0-7-1-9 Pick 5: 6-1-6-0-4 Rolling Cash: 11-13-18-35-38 Estimated jackpot: \$150,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 7-1-1 Daily Four: 1-5-3-1 Quick Draw: 1-8-14-15-18-29-30-31-33-41-44-50-55-58-65-67-68-76-78-80	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.42 May corn.....4.42 Wheat5.13	May beans11.70 Wheat 5.73
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Today in history

In 1781, British troops led by Benedict Arnold and William Phillips captured Petersburg, Virginia, during the American Revolution.
In 1859, construction of the Suez Canal got underway. It took 10 years to complete the waterway that connects the Mediterranean and Red seas across the Isthmus of Suez in Egypt.
In 1940, Al Pacino was born in New York City. After a start on Broadway, he became a star when he portrayed Michael Corleone in the 1972 movie "The Godfather." The reprised the role in "The Godfather, Part II" two years later.
In 1976, Tim Duncan was born in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Duncan is one of the greatest power forwards in NBA history, having helped the San Antonio Spurs to five championships. —The CR

In 1973, Don Rush, who had coached football at Portland High School for five years, signed a contract to coach and teach at South Adams. He had resigned as the coach of the Panthers the previous week.
In 2022, as part of an ongoing effort to address mental health among local emergency personnel, Jay County Commissioners agreed to pay \$2,000 for John McFarland of Jay Emergency Medical Service to be trained and earn certification as an instructor of mental health first aid.
In 2013, an explosives team from Delaware County buried and detonated a World War II era Japanese grenade that a representative from Wilbur Puckett Auctioneer and Realtor found in a Dunkirk home.

Citizen's calendar

Today
4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 Floral Ave., Portland.
5 p.m. — Jay School Board special meeting, General Shanks, 414 Floral Ave., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council work session, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.

Friday
8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Capsule Reports

English to state

The Jay County High School Academic Team's English Team will compete in the state finals.
The JCHS English, fine arts and math teams all finished first April 16 in the Academic Senior Super Bowl Regional Area Contest at Richmond, with the English team earning

a state berth. (Scores from regionals are compared statewide, with the top five teams advancing to the state finals.)
Jay County placed 10th overall out of 49 teams in Indiana's Class 2.
The English team of Jovana Markovic, Ella Stockton and Izzy Winkles won the regional in Rich-

mond ahead of Connersville and New Castle. It ranked fourth out of 48 teams in Class 2 across the state and will compete in the state finals on May 4 at Purdue University.
Also winning at the regional level were the fine arts team of Hannah Boggs, Jovana Markovic and Sarah McClain, and

the match team of Trenten Hamilton, Jensen Avery and Hannah Boggs. They were 14th and 15th, respectively, in Class 2 statewide.
The science team, made up of Jensen Avery, Labibah Awliyah, Joseph Boggs, Brennan Chrisman and Hamilton, was 11th in the state rankings.

Program ...

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The devices were priced at just over \$350 each, with related GPS services costing approximately \$7.99 per month for each unit. He mentioned a setup fee also estimated around \$188.

Commissioner Chad Aker noted the highway department is also considering dash cameras. Schemenaur talked about amending the personnel policy to address employees being recorded, noting the intent isn't to "listen in" on employee conversations but could help in any potential legal action taken against the county, such as vehicle accidents.

"I think that there's several times where (recording) could save the county from liability issues if there's a dispute over something," said Schemenaur.

In other business, commissioners:
•Agreed to discuss the contract with Jay County Development Corporation during a special session following the commissioners' meeting May 13. The meeting will be open to the public.

•Set June 14, 2024, as the deadline for non-profit organizations and others to submit applications for economic development income tax (EDIT) funds to be distributed in 2025.

•Approved the following: a resolution proposed by Portland Evening

County considering cameras for JEMS and highway department vehicles

Optimists to declare April 29 through May 4 as appreciation week for local law enforcement; purchasing a Western Star truck and five-year extended warranty for \$131,940 from Stoops of Fort Wayne and outfitting the truck for the highway department at \$96,198 from WA Jones of Columbia City; transferring a 2006 Sterling truck from the highway department to Jay County Surveyor's Office; a \$50,000 annual permit fee for Jay County Landfill, which increased this year by \$15,000 for the first time in more than 20 years; \$9,539.01 for repairs to a highway department vehicle; purchasing about \$3,600 in equipment from Handtevy for pediatric emergency care for JEMS, with director John McFarland noting the state chipped in to the original price and it will annually cost about the same amount; and a \$2,553 settlement agreement with Robert Armstrong, a former Jay County Sheriff's Office employee who left the department prior to his contract, which stipu-

lates employees must stay for a certain amount of time to pay back education fees.

•Heard from Jon Eads of Jay County Country Living's advisory board, who noted plans to do a pest inspection on the facility in the near future. He also pointed out furniture and equipment, including commercial washers and dryers, are available from a residential center in Adams County that is closing. (Jay County Country Living is seeking new washers and dryers.)

•Accepted bids for oil from KTech and Asphalt Materials.

•OK'd buying one 20-foot and two 40-foot outdoor containers for \$7,844 from Skymax for storing sandbags and related highway department equipment. Emergency Management Agency director Samantha Rhodamel noted sand has been donated by U.S. Aggregates of rural Portland for sandbags.

•Signed other claims totaling \$2,317,612.01.

Felony arrests

Methamphetamine

Two rural Portland residents were arrested Tuesday for possession of methamphetamine and related charges.

Rita K. Micheau, 56, 1958 S. 825 West, is charged in Jay Circuit Court with a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She was being held on a \$14,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

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Amber S. Hicks, 39, 1958 S. 825 West, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She was being held on a \$14,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Candidates ...

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Crouch said following the debate that she mostly refrained from attacking Braun because she preferred to "speak to the issues that I thought, that I believe, that the voters are interested in — at least the voters I've talked to."
Doden said he wanted to

focus on his campaign's plan: "If Mike Braun thought it was important, he should have been here."

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Today
Bowdell, Belinda: 11 a.m., Claycomb Cemetery, rural Portland.

Friday
Fugiett, Ernest: 1 p.m., Redkey Faith Ministries, 9811 Indiana 67, Redkey.
Balle, Wilma: 6 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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FFA awards

Fort Recovery FFA hosted its annual banquet last month.

Pictured above are Ohio FFA Degree recipients (front row) Allison Knapke, Mara Wenning and Cassidy Dues, and (back row) Matthew Romer, Evan Evers, Drew Backs and Zach Schoenlein.

Pictured at left are banquet top honorees Carter Fortkamp as Star Greenhand, Allison Knapke as Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment award winner, Liz Hartings as Star in Agribusiness Placement and Lucas Acheson as Star Farmer.

Daughters take sides in divorce

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for nine years. Before that I was a stay-at-home mom raising four children. I had an in-home business, and most of the money went to our family's needs. My husband became an alcoholic 20 years into our 28-year marriage. After we divorced, my two adult daughters abandoned me because I receive spousal support from their father. Whenever I let them know how much I miss them, the only answer they give is that they will resume a relationship when I stop "taking the money."

My younger daughter and I were close for years after the divorce. Then, all of a sudden, everything changed, and she ceased all communication. I used to have wonderful relationships with both. They have since blocked communication with me and moved far away from me and their father. I would love to have a relationship with them, but everything is a dead

Dear Abby



end. Yes, the money is used for living expenses. Please help. — INCREDULOUS IN OREGON

DEAR INCREDULOUS: So your daughters have decided to side with their drunkard of a father and are trying to blackmail you into submission. PLEASE don't allow them to get away with it. Continue taking the alimony to which you are ENTITLED, and go on with your life. You can only hope that your daughters eventually will see the light. As I see it, you really have no other choice because, at this point, you are dependent on those funds to survive.

Market on Brick Street is Saturday

It's that time of year. Fort Recovery Chapter of Psi Iota Xi is hosting its annual Brick Street Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in downtown Fort Recovery.

More than 30 local makers, crafters, vendors, kids booths and food trucks will be set up along the brick portion of Wayne Street in town. The Friends of Fort Recovery Library will also be hosting a puppet show from 10

a.m. to noon Saturday in front of the library. Fort Recovery middle and high school students' artwork will also be displayed at the library and other area businesses.

All proceeds from the event are used for community projects.

For more information, contact Psi Iota Xi at theta.zeta.fortrecovery@gmail.com or visit Fort Recovery Psi Iota Xi on Facebook.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call

Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

LAWYERS — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

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

Friday

PAST RECOVERY

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

Saturday

MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at Jay County Historical Society. Paula Book, committee chair of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution, will be speaking. Call regent Kathy Selman at

(260) 251-1694 or call Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

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.

JAY COUNTY DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

(400 Ft. Minimum) Cost. .. \$1.56 per foot

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION CONDITIONS:

- 1.) Your dust control flag markers must be in place, at BOTH ends, of your application area by Thursday, May 30th.
- 2.) If potholes appear, during the summer months, in your dust control area; please contact the Jay County Highway Dept @ (260) 726-8701 and request grading or stone applied.
- 3.) The Jay County Highway Department retains full control and authority to maintain said dust controlled areas by grading. Grading will usually be necessary if the surface has deteriorated to a hazardous condition in the opinion of the Highway Department.
- 4.) I agree to pay, in advance, for the dust control solution applied by GREAT LAKES CHLORIDE, INC.
- 5.) Dust mats will be applied in 50 feet increments only. (400 feet minimum)

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DEADLINE: Thursday May 30th, 2024

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For More Information, call 726-8701

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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.

Help us choose our TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Graphic Printing Company will honor its second Teacher of the Year in a special section in May (We may honor multiple teachers based on your nominations.)

- Anyone can nominate a teacher. The award is open to anyone who:
- Teaches in our coverage area (Jay, Randolph and Blackford counties, eastern Delaware county and Fort Recovery)
 - Is a teacher who lives in our coverage area
 - Is a teacher who previously lived in our coverage area.

To nominate, send us a letter that includes your name, the name of the teacher being nominated, their school, the grade(s) and subject(s) they teach and your reasons for nominating them.

You can send it to
news@thecr.com

The deadline is April 30.



Lawmakers should spend a night

By TIFFANY TAGBO
OtherWords

If there's one thing I could tell lawmakers, it would be to bring back the expanded, monthly, fully refundable Child Tax Credit.

Those monthly payments of up to \$300 per child cut child poverty nearly in half in just a few months. And when the credit expired in late 2021, child poverty immediately shot back up. So we know it works.

Lawmakers are now considering a more modest expansion. It doesn't go far enough, but it could lift another 400,000 kids out of poverty — children like the ones I worked with.

I grew up walking the fine line of having something and nothing all at the same time. I've experienced tumultuous times as an adult, and I've worked with people experiencing poverty and homelessness. I can tell lawmakers firsthand no matter which side of the coin families end up

Tiffany Tagbo



on, legislation and programs such as the Child Tax Credit, SNAP, WIC, and other safety net programs make a difference.

When I was growing up, my mother worked several minimum-wage jobs and relied on social programs to fill the gaps left by low wages. As a result, my siblings and I never had to sleep on the streets, go to school hungry, or wear tattered clothing like many children do.

With that help, I went on to graduate from the University of Central Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree. Eventually, I became a Child Welfare Investigator at the Oklahoma Department of

Human Services following up on claims of neglect and abuse.

While I saw some of both, many of these cases were simply the conditions of poverty. Many caseworkers had never experienced poverty and couldn't make the distinction, but I could. Unfortunately, poverty landed many children in the child welfare system.

With decent pay and benefits, I was able to buy a house. But the work was soul-crushing and I eventually burned out.

You do everything right, and still — boom! You're knocked right down. One day you are employed with a good salary and benefits, the next you are unemployed without the means to afford the basics, even with a college degree. Married, pregnant, and unable to find decent work, I relied on SNAP and Medicaid to get by — barely.

My job changed, but the clients I work with haven't.

Poverty puts them in impossi-

ble situations. They must choose between food or shelter, medical care or poor health, running water or electricity. It's a vicious cycle of suffering.

Without a fixed address or help navigating the system, families can't always access assistance programs that would help them.

If my clients had the expanded monthly Child Tax Credit, many could have afforded housing, clothing, and food — and escaped the cruel cycle of poverty. In his recent budget proposal, President Biden called on Congress to restore the expanded, pandemic-era Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit that lifted tens of millions out of poverty in 2021.

A newer bipartisan tax proposal before the Senate would help. It would modestly expand the Child Tax Credit, lifting 400,000 kids out of poverty and helping 16 million overall.

The bill passed the House with an overwhelming bipartisan majority but has stalled in the

Senate, where some senators are blocking it for political gain. Families deserve better. The time for delay is over. The Senate needs to vote.

I challenge lawmakers to live on the \$6 a day that SNAP recipients do, or to come and spend just one night in a shelter. Once they experience these hardships, they'll restore the expanded Child Tax Credit faster than they can say "expand it." Perhaps this should be a requirement of the job.

We must make our voices heard and speak for those who are silenced and often left out of policy discussion. We must restore the Child Tax Credit expansion and ensure the thriving of all children.

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Truth Social is a sucker's bet

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

P.T. Barnum may or may not have said, "There's a sucker born every minute." He gets the credit in the popular mind.

Whoever was the true originator of that 19th century classic observation likely would get a proper chuckle out of the ways that Donald Trump continues to make saps out of a dismayingly large slice of the American public.

The latest example: The stock of Trump Media & Technology Corp., owner of the social media platform Truth Social, on which Trump routinely posts his "thoughts" of the day. Call letters: DJT.

The company made a splashy public debut on March 26 via a so-called SPAC transaction. Sure, the roughly \$9.7 billion market value at the open seemed a tad high for a company that generated just \$4.1 million in revenue last year and posted a net loss of \$58.2 million.

It didn't take long for market realities to break through what remains of the Trump mystique; the stock within days began plunging relentlessly. It's now lost more than two-thirds of its value from its \$70.90 opening. Last week had been particularly rough, with the stock falling 30% as of midday April 16.

The latest news weighing on Truth Social's market value was the disclosure April 15 that the company may sell up to 146 million shares in a secondary offering, with much of that stock owned or controlled by Trump himself. If Trump decides to unload any or all of his shares, he can't do so until September per a so-called lockup agreement aimed at preventing quick cash outs by founders and original investors.

But the signal sent wasn't a positive one to those who think investing alongside Trump is the path to riches. For a man who has strived over his decades-long career to cultivate an image of a brilliant and incredibly wealthy businessman, recent events have helped to puncture a myth that already had taken a beating during

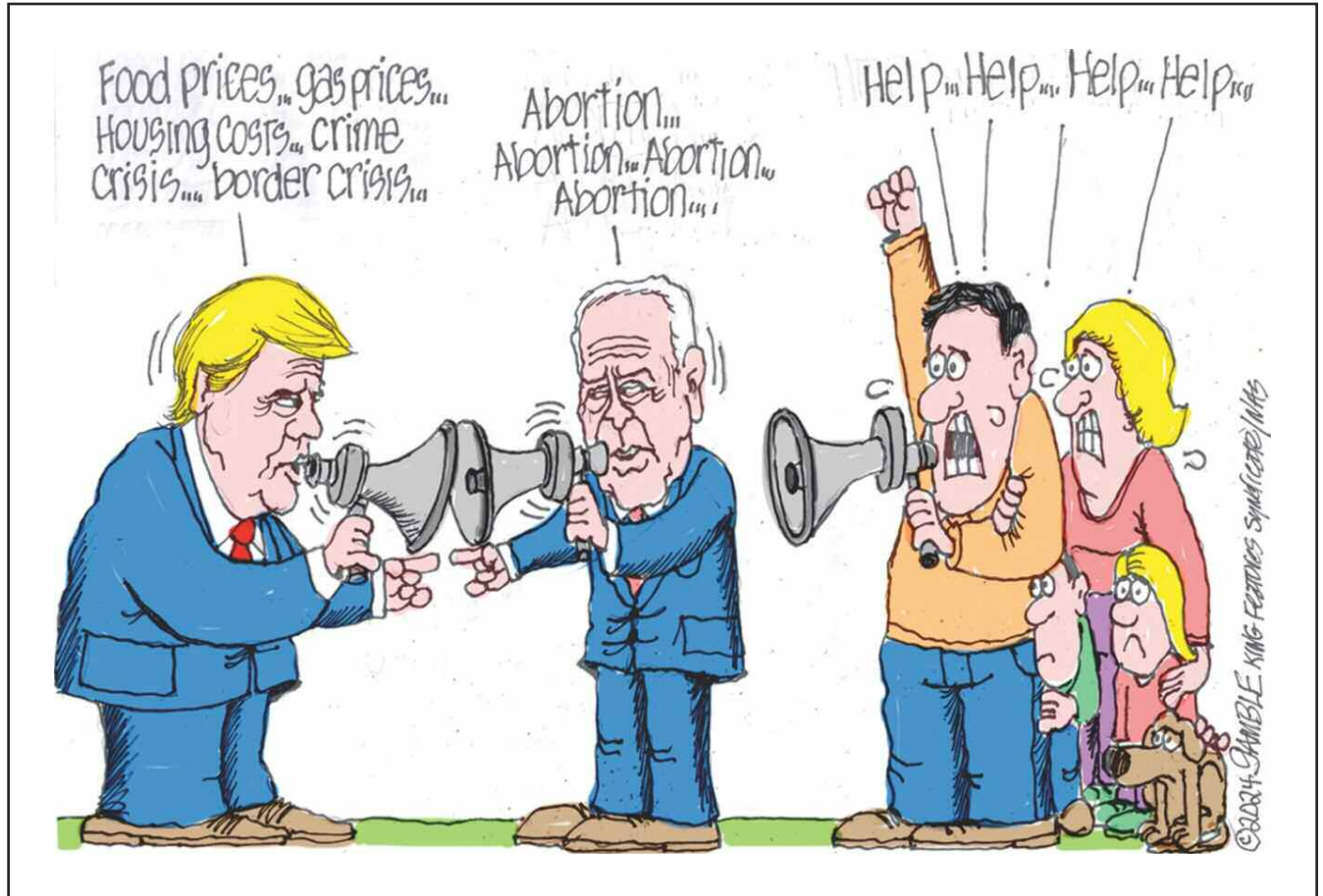
Guest Editorial

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Trump's presidency. The most recent — and embarrassing — example was Trump's inability to post the \$454 million judgment in the civil fraud case brought by New York Attorney General Letitia James while he appeals. An eleventh-hour bond deal saved him from worse financial trouble.

Trump has other potential legal clouds hanging over his head, of course, and now has revealed himself to be a guy who could use some more cash. So forgive the many Truth Social investors who've dumped shares in recent days for thinking the former president is a solid bet to sell at the first opportunity.

The question now is, what will Truth Social's stock look like in September when Trump will have his first liquidation opportunity? If Trump is to reap a windfall that — even after the precipitous stock decline Truth Social has suffered — is worth about \$2.6 billion on paper, it looks like some more suckers will need to step up.



Holcomb will be hard to follow

By NIKI KELLY
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Gov. Eric Holcomb is in the final months of his eight years leading the state, and his legacy is coming into focus. So is his popularity.

In the last few years — since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 — a loud group of ultra-conservative Republicans have demeaned Holcomb's leadership and record. But a new poll from State Affairs/Howey Politics shows the governor remains popular within his party.

His approval rating among Republicans and GOP-leaning independents is 69%. That's 10 percentage points higher than U.S. Sen. Mike Braun's approval in the same poll, but not nearly as high as former President Donald Trump at 83%.

The real question is whether Holcomb's popularity translates into lasting accomplishments. Over the years, Holcomb has established several key goals, and it's time to see if they will come to fruition.

Grading the goals

One of Holcomb's top priorities has been that 95% of students in third grade can read proficiently by 2027. Obviously, the progress can't be measured yet, but a bill this year to increase literacy support and hold back third graders who fail the state's reading assessment three times will likely have an impact. This will be a heavy lift since the most recent numbers showed one in five students aren't reading proficiently.

The Times of Northwest Indiana recently reported that Holcomb almost certainly won't achieve his

goal of reducing Indiana's infant mortality rate to the lowest in the Midwest. Indiana has lagged most states in the region for at least a decade, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

A recent report from the Indiana Department of Health found that infant mortality in the Hoosier State rose to 7.2 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2022, up from 6.7 in 2021 and 6.6 in 2020. The state health agency said preliminary data suggests Indiana's infant mortality rate is due to fall to 6.5 deaths per 1,000 live births for 2023. But that early result remains subject to revision and is unlikely to be official for months to come.

Holcomb has a good shot at another of his objectives: raising average Indiana teacher pay to \$60,000. He even went ahead and called it a win in his 2024 State of the State Address.

"Thanks to the historic investments this body has made, average teacher pay across the state will reach our salary goal of \$60,000 a year," the governor said in January.

The average teacher salary in Indiana was \$58,531 during the 2022-23 school year — up from about \$57,000 the year prior — according to the most recent state teacher compensation report by the Indiana Education Employment Relations Board (IEERB). Another report will come at the end of the year and

include any new negotiated salary increases.

Holcomb's last major goal focuses on college attainment and looks to be well out of reach. He hoped to have 60% of Hoosiers equipped with a quality degree or credential beyond high school by 2025.

A 2022 report found that Indiana's college-going rate not only lags behind the nation but is also declining. Currently, the rate is just over 48%. But many Hoosiers are obtaining credentials so that's a positive.

More than numbers

Holcomb is far more popular than he gets credit for, largely due to a few key decisions he made during the pandemic. And while he won't reach all his goals, he also has other accomplishments to be proud of.

One is the ongoing economic development investment keeping Indiana in the running for a top spot to locate and grow jobs. Another is \$1 billion funneled to regions around the state to improve quality of place.

Holcomb also gets credit for a much-needed infusion of cash into Indiana's public health system. This one has the most chance of a long-term gain in reducing Hoosiers' poor health rankings. And don't forget lower individual income taxes, less state debt and the 70,000 households and businesses now connected to broadband.

Frankly, the next Indiana governor has big cowboy boots to fill.

Kelly has covered the Indiana Statehouse since 1999.

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nbholiness.com

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drkayfairchild.com

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RedkeyFaith.org

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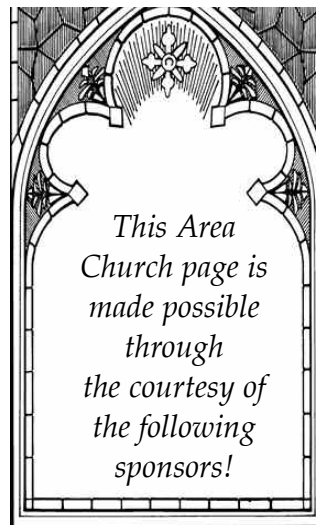
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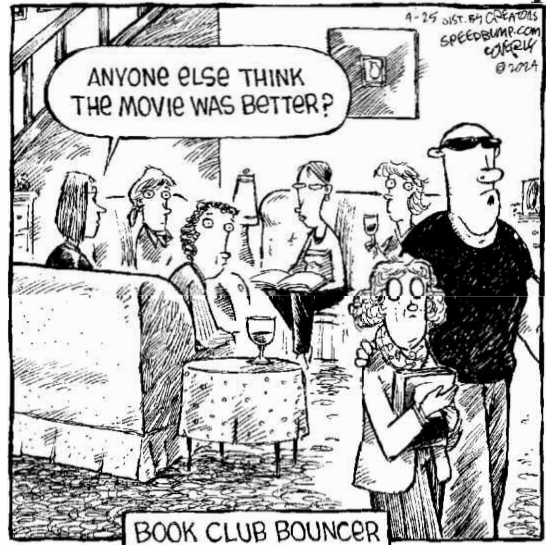
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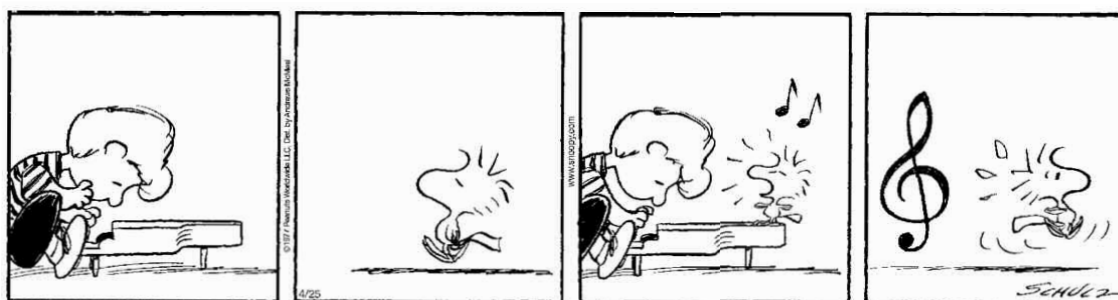
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"Poems are like rap without music."

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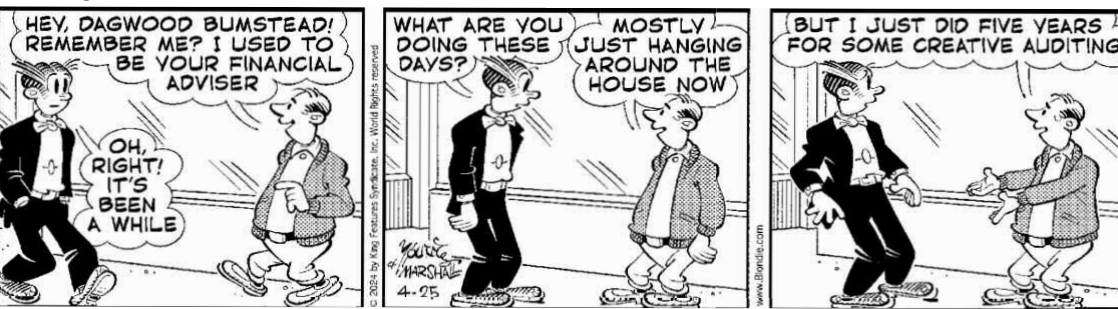
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A critical choice

West dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORIH ♠K8 ♥8743 ♦Q1065 ♣J98 WEST ♠QJ109752 ♥J5 ♦94 ♣K7 EAST ♠63 ♥Q1062 ♦A87 ♣6432 SOUTH ♠A4 ♥AK9 ♦KJ32 ♣AQ105

The bidding: West 3♠ North Pass East Pass South 3NT Opening lead — queen of spades. In notrump, declarer often must choose which of two suits to attack at the outset. The choice may not at first seem clear-cut, but declarer can usually come to the right conclusion by weighing all of the possibilities carefully. In this hand, for example, South's proper play is to win the spade lead in dummy and try a club finesse. As it happens, the finesse loses and South's remaining spade stopper is dislodged, but he makes the contract because West has no entry

card to his established spades. Note that if South wins the spade lead and tackles diamonds first, he goes down. East takes the ace and returns a spade, and South cannot score more than eight tricks. Now let's see how South goes about solving the problem of whether to tackle diamonds or clubs first. In light of West's threatening spades — probably a seven-card suit, judging from his opening bid — the immediate aim is to eliminate his potential entry card or cards, if possible. The only entry cards West can have are the ace of diamonds and king of clubs. If he has both, the contract has no chance; if he has neither, the contract is in the bag whichever suit is played first. The only cases that matter, therefore, are those where West has the diamond ace and East the club king, or East the diamond ace and West the club king. Tackling clubs before diamonds succeeds against both possibilities. In the former case, the club finesse wins, and South makes five notrump. In the latter case, the club finesse fails, but West is permanently out of the picture because he has no reentry, and South makes four notrump.

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4-25 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE TWO POOL SHARKS PREPARING TO PLAY DERIDED EACH OTHER, WERE THEY TRASH-CHALKING? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals A

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Dues ...

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Part of the reason Dues was able to throw his curveball as much as he did is due to the trust he has in Tobe behind the plate. He wasn't afraid to throw off-speed pitches regardless of the situation or count.

"He's been my catcher for four years," Dues said. "I definitely trust him and he's very good at what he does."

A prime example of that trust came in the second inning. After a one-out double by Logan Dehan, Dues tossed a curveball that Tobe needed to block. Dehan took off for third base on the pitch, but Tobe kept the ball close enough that he was able to fire it down to Caden Homan at third base from his knees to get the out.

Dues' best inning came in the third as he faced the minimum number of batters (one of three times he went three-up-three-down against St. Henry). He started the inning off with a five-pitch strikeout as he got Brody Schwartz to swing and miss at high fastball. A curveball got Carter LaGuier after four pitches, while Hayden Boeckman

only saw three in his strikeout swinging.

Both runs for the Indians (5-5, 2-2 MAC) came in the first inning. Reece Wendel led off the bottom of the inning with a single to left field. A double by Alex Gaerke over Drew Bergman's head in left put two runners in scoring position for Homan.

Bergman miss played a line drive off of Homan's bat by running in before it hit off the top of his glove, allowing Wendel and Gaerke to score for the only runs of the game.

"That was huge," Eyink said. "We always try and talk about trying to score first. We want to be on that board first and keep a lead. That was huge tonight because both teams settled down and got shut down really."

St. Henry's best opportunity to do some damage

came in the fifth. Dehan started the inning with an infield single and Jacob Schwieterman followed it up with a screaming ground ball that slipped past Gavin Faller at first base.

Dues settled down to get the next two outs on a fly ball to left and a strikeout, but walked LaGuire on six pitches to load the bases. Boeckman worked a 2-1 count before hitting a long fly ball to right field. Fortunately for the Indians, Rex Leverette had enough time to spring back and track the ball down to get the out and end the inning.

"We had what I thought was a ball to the right-center gap," St. Henry coach Mike Gast said. "(Leverette) made a really nice running play on it. That would have cleared the bases for us and got three runs there."

'I definitely trust him and he's very good at what he does.'

—Alex Dues



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Right fielder Rex Leverette ranges back to back right shoulder to make a catch that ended the fifth inning while stranding the bases loaded for St. Henry on Tuesday. The out played a key role in Alex Dues' shutout.

Box score

Fort Recovery Indians vs. St. Henry

St. Henry (6-7, 3-1 MAC)				
	ab	r	h	bi
LaGuire ss	2	0	0	0
Boeckman cf	3	0	1	0
DSchwtrmn 1b	2	0	0	0
Gonzales pr	0	0	0	0
Zimmerman 3b	2	0	0	0
Bergman lf	3	0	0	0
Dehan c	3	0	2	0
JSchwtrmn dh	3	0	2	0
Lefeld pr	0	0	0	0
Bowers p	2	0	0	0
Clune ph	1	0	0	0
Schwartz rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	24	0	5	0

Fort Recovery (5-5, 2-2 MAC)				
	ab	r	h	bi
RWendel lf	2	1	1	0
Gaerke ss	3	1	1	0
CHoman 3b	3	0	0	0
Faller 1b	3	0	1	0
Evers pr	0	0	0	0
THoman cf	3	0	0	0
Tobe c	2	0	0	0
SWendel 2b	3	0	0	0
Leverette rf	2	0	0	0
Dues p	2	0	0	0
Totals	26	2	3	0

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LOB — St. Henry 6, Fort Recovery 5. 2B — St. Henry 1 (Dehan), Fort Recovery 1 (Gaerke). SB — Fort Recovery 1 (Evers).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Henry						
Bowers	6	3	2	0	2	5

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fort Recovery						
Dues	7	5	0	0	3	10

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PUBLIC AUCTION

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9:30 A.M.

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Dues dominates

Alex Dues shuts out St. Henry while striking out 10 batters

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — At times this season, Alex Dues has shown the signs of being an ace for the Indians.

He had been the man on the mound in their first four Midwest Athletic Conference games. He picked up one win, one loss, one no decision and fell behind in a game that was suspended for weather in those first conference contests.

He fully returned to form on the bump in the fifth MAC game.

Alex Dues shut out St. Henry in all seven innings of the Fort Recovery High School baseball team's 2-0 victory Tuesday to pull the Indians even in conference play and snap a three-game losing streak.

"That's a win we needed," FRHS coach Kevin Eyink said. "It can get our sails back on track

hopefully. A good opponent and a good win. We always want to beat St. Henry or anybody in the MAC. We finally played clean and had a good game."

Dues controlled the game the entire way, only allowing St. Henry (6-7, 3-1 MAC) to get runners in scoring position three times. Dues found particular strength in his curveball, which he threw to punch out at least five of the 10 batters he struck out.

"First inning, I usually try to call more fastballs than anything," said catcher Riggs Tobe. "But I know St. Henry is a good team, so I had to mix it up earlier. The curveball at the beginning was great and the slider was great."

"There were a couple where the ball was wet and he lets the ball go loose, but if he had it, he had it."

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Fort Recovery High School sophomore Caden Homan receives a throw down from Riggs Tobe during the Indians' 2-0 win over St. Henry on Tuesday. Tobe and Homan successfully recorded the out as Tobe had to throw from his knees after blocking a curveball.

Tribe offense fuels victory

ST. HENRY, Ohio — The Indians got down early.

A five-run deficit wasn't enough to hold them back as they slowly chipped away before taking a strong lead.

A five-run fifth inning both took away St. Henry's lead and gave the Fort Recovery High School softball team some padding as it completed the comeback for a 14-9 victory on Tuesday.

The Indians (6-9, 3-5 MAC) scored three runs in the top of the first but lost it over the next two innings. St. Henry (6-8, 0-4 MAC) pushed two across in the first before exploding for six runs in the second inning.

FRHS chipped away in the third inning with one run and the fourth with three before the fifth inning takeover.

Alexis Grisez opened the inning with a walk to put the tying run on first base. St. Henry made a change in the circle, as it went to Jalynn Everman to take over. Everman started by striking out Cali Wendel.

Everman quickly put Kayla Heitkamp in an 0-2 count as the Fort Recovery junior fouled off two pitches. Heitkamp then reclaimed the lead for the Indians as she sent a home run over the centerfield wall.

Back-to-back doubles by Emma Will and Ava Grisez plated another run. The final two runs of the inning scored on a double by Jenna Homan and a wild pitch.

The Indians tacked on two more insurance runs in the seventh while St.

Fort Recovery softball picks up third Midwest Athletic Conference win against St. Henry 14-9

Henry could only manage one.

Jenna Homan picked up the win as she went the distance for the Indians. She gave up nine runs on eight hits and four walks, while striking out eight batters on 125 pitches.

Everman suffered the loss for St. Henry as she gave up six runs, three of which were earned.

Heitkamp, Homan and Ava Grisez powered Fort Recovery's offense.

Grisez drove in two runs, scored three runs and notched four hits, including a solo home run in the third inning.

Homan also had four hits and three runs, while also tallying three RBIs.

Heitkamp drove in three runs and hit a home run.

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