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Changing pattern



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Meridian Street traffic lights (pictured looking south) at High, Walnut, Main and Water streets as well as at Lafayette Street will be removed next week as part of Indiana Department of Transportation's project in Portland. Temporary four-way stop signs will be placed at the intersection of Meridian and Water streets. The other intersections involved will be two-way stops. The project includes installing new traffic signals, constructing new sidewalk ramps and paving Meridian Street.

Traffic lights will be removed next week as part of Meridian Street project in Portland

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Those driving through downtown Portland will see new traffic patterns beginning next week.

Brooks Construction, which is handling Indiana Department of Transportation's current Meridian Street (U.S. 27) project in the city, announced that temporary stops signs will be in place beginning next

week as it works to replace traffic signals and install curb ramps.

In a press release, INDOT says traffic signals along U.S. 27 at its intersections with Water, Main, Walnut, High and Lafayette streets will be removed beginning "on or after Monday, April 29."

Temporary stops signs will be placed at the intersection of Meridian and Water streets,

making it a four-way stop. The other intersections involved will become two-way stops, with traffic free-flowing along Meridian Street. (Temporary "buzz strips" will be placed along Meridian Street at each intersection in an effort to encourage drivers to slow down.)

The traffic signal removal is part of a larger project that includes Brooks, a Fort Wayne

company, paving Meridian Street between county roads 100 North and 200 South. It also includes reconstructing Americans with Disabilities Act ramps to sidewalks with extended "bump outs" at some intersections in the downtown area.

The street will stay open during construction with temporary lane restrictions.

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Update receives initial approval

Day care, and early education are added

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Jay County Redevelopment Commission is updating its economic development plan.

Commission members formally agreed Wednesday to amend a declaratory resolution regarding the county's economic development area, the first step in updating the plan.

The legislation next moves to Jay County Plan Commission, then Jay County Commissioners before returning to redevelopment commission for a final decision. (The process also includes a public hearing.)

Jay County Redevelopment Commission also decided Wednesday to add early education or daycare projects to the plan, which will serve as a guide for how to allocate dollars coming in from the tax increment financing (TIF) district.

Created about 15 years ago after plans to build an ethanol plant in rural Jay County were announced, the TIF district covers approximately 191 acres southwest of Portland in Greene Township. TIF dollars have been used since then to pay off bonds associated with road work and sewer improvements near the plant.

Jay County paid off its final bond for the project in 2023, and the redevelopment commission has been looking into options for dollars coming in from the district for the next 13 years. As of March, the redevelopment commission had more than \$851,000 in TIF dollars available, with another \$573,448.82 expected by the end of the year.

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Arizona House votes to repeal 1864 ban on abortion

By DAVE GOLDINER

New York Daily News

Tribune News Service

Arizona lawmakers Wednesday voted to repeal an unpopular near-total abortion ban that was enacted in 1864.

The Republican-controlled state house voted 32-28 to approve repealing the draconian, 160-year-old law after a handful of GOP lawmakers defected to join Democrats.

The bill now moves on to the state Senate. The GOP also narrowly controls that body, but it recently voted in favor of a similar resolution. That means the pre-Civil War law should be on track to be repealed in the coming weeks.

Gov. Katie Hobbs, a Democrat who supports abortion rights, backs a repeal.

"I am glad to see the House follow my calls to repeal the archaic 1864 total abortion ban that could jail doctors and endanger the lives of women in Arizona," Hobbs said after the vote.

Law set to go into effect in June following state supreme court decision

If the repeal fails, the old law, which was passed long before women could vote or Arizona was even a state, will go into effect in June after the state supreme court recently ruled it could stand.

Democrats have pushed for three straight weeks to repeal the so-called zombie law, which was still on the books when the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

Republicans are deeply divided on the issue, with many abortion opponents supporting the old law even though the only

exception it includes is to save the life of the mother.

Some more pragmatic GOP lawmakers have come out against the law and instead back a previously passed ban that outlaws abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

Former President Donald Trump also denounced the law and vowed Arizona would soon "straighten out" the issue after the state supreme court ruling made national headlines.

Even without the 1864 law on the books, Arizona will be a national epicenter for the debate over abortion rights in the fall election.



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Rebecca Noble

Members of Arizona for Abortion Access, the ballot initiative to enshrine abortion rights in the Arizona State Constitution, hold a press conference and protest condemning Arizona House Republicans and the 1864 abortion ban during a recess from a legislative session at the Arizona House of Representatives on April 17 in Phoenix.

Deaths

Alma Burkhardt, 75, Muncie
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 52 degrees Wednesday. The low was 41.

There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight with a low in the upper 50s and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. Expect a high in the upper 70s Saturday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Coverage of this week's Redkey Town Council meeting.

Tuesday — Results from Saturday's JCHS softball game against Woodlan.

Wednesday — Coverage of the Fort Recovery baseball game against Wapakoneta.



Update ...

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The last economic development plan created for the redevelopment commission dates back to 2007, the same time the TIF district came into existence. The new plan maps out a list of potential projects the redevelopment commission could contribute toward with TIF dollars. (It was originally based on Jay County Commissioners' capital improvement plan.)
Items on the list now include projects for transportation enhancements, public safety enhancements, utility infrastructure, Jay County Highway Department improvements, a new building for Jay County

Solid Waste Management District and a public safety building and development of the 68 acres owned by the county on the western edge of Portland.
The board agreed Wednesday, per recommendation from board member Chuck Huffman, to add child care projects — he suggested options such as contributing toward early education or daycare facilities or providing scholarships for children to attend those institutions — to the list.
Answering a question from board member Ted Champ, consultant Ed Curtin of CWC Latitudes confirmed the board isn't yet tied to allocating specific amounts of TIF dollars to the

projects in the list. It will instead serve as a guide moving forward.
Also Wednesday, the redevelopment commission learned it will need to determine and report the amount of any excess assessed value within the TIF district before June 15. (If reported, it may be allocated to the respective taxing units.) In years past, the redevelopment commission has not reported excess assessed value, instead using the funds to pay off the bonds associated with the ethanol plant.
Jason Semler of consulting and accounting firm Baker Tilly will explain more about the topic and review redevelopment

commission's 2023 financial report at its next meeting at 5 p.m. May 22.
The redevelopment commission also heard from county attorney Wes Schemenaur about hopes to create a new TIF district encompassing prospective solar farms in Jay County. Solar farms are expected to be located on 5,350 acres in the county total and include Skycrest Solar in Penn and Jackson townships, Rose Gold Solar north of Dunkirk, Sun Chief Solar northeast of Redkey and New Jay Solar east of Dunkirk.
Schemenaur suggested speaking with town and city officials in those areas to gauge potential projects for TIF dollars.

Obituaries

Alma Burkhart, Muncie, Aug. 17, 1948-April 22, 2024. No services are scheduled.
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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

Saturday 4/27	Sunday 4/28	Monday 4/29	Tuesday 4/30	Wednesday 5/1
77/63	80/64	77/57	71/53	78/53
Mostly cloudy in the morning, then becoming partly cloudy with a chance of showers and storms.	Skies will be partly cloudy with the high climbing to 80.	Partly cloudy with a chance of showers with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the morning.	Partly cloudy with a chance of showers with a slight chance of storms in the morning.	Mostly sunny. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon.

Lotteries

Powerball 2-20-22-26-47 Power Ball: 21 Power Play: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$149 million	Daily Four: 7-4-5-6 Quick Draw: 5-6-8-12-19-29-34-35-36-40-44-46-49-50-54-58-68-70-77-78 Cash 5: 6-16-22-33-41 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$228 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 7-1-6 Pick 4: 6-2-3-2 Pick 5: 6-1-8-9-4 Evening Pick 3: 2-2-8 Pick 4: 0-0-8-7 Pick 5: 1-7-1-3-4 Rolling Cash: 20-22-23-27-35 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 1-1-4 Daily Four: 2-4-8-3 Quick Draw: 1-3-11-14-15-16-21-31-42-45-49-53-58-62-64-65-70-71-75-80 Evening Daily Three: 8-2-8	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.32 May corn.....4.32 Wheat5.03	May beans11.68 Wheat 5.73
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.48 May corn.....4.48 June corn4.48	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.22 May corn.....4.24 Beans11.59 May beans11.61 Wheat5.70
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.31 May corn4.31 Beans11.68	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.33 May corn.....4.39 Beans11.36 May beans11.41 Wheat5.30

Today in history

In 1478, the Pazzi family of Florence led an unsuccessful attempt to overthrow the ruling Medici family.
In 1973, the Redkey High School boys track team won a three-team meet over Albany and host Pennville. Mike Hudson won three events for the Wolves, taking the top spot in the 100-yard dash, 200 dash and high jump.
In 1986, an explosion and fire at the Chernobyl nuclear power facility in Ukraine in the Soviet Union sent large amounts of radioactive material into the atmosphere. Thousands of deaths were attributed to the radiation in the years that followed.
In 2013, Eric Brack-

man and Samantha Thobe were crowned as Fort Recovery High School's prom king and queen.
In 2018, Carl Corwin, 65, of rural Portland died when the ATV he was driving on Indiana 26 was struck by a 2002 Ford Mustang. The driver of the Mustang said he must have fallen asleep and did not see the ATV in time.
In 2022, Jay County High School sophomore Brenna Haines rallied to win 10 consecutive games as the Patriot girls tennis team knocked off sectional rival Union City 4-1. Haines was a down a set and trailing 5-2 in the second before starting her comeback.
—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	Country Living Advisory Board, Jay Community Center, 115 E. Water St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, Jay Community Center, 115 E. Water St., Portland.
Monday 5:30 p.m. — Jay County	

Changing ...

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Another INDOT project that has resulted in a change in traffic patterns involves HIS Constructors of Indianapolis putting a new deck on the Indiana 67 bridge over the Salamonie River between county road 125 South and Indiana 26. New guardrails will also be installed. A temporary traffic signal has been installed with the area just south of Jay County High School reduced to one lane.
Just south of Jay County, Milestone Contractors is replacing the U.S. 27 bridge over the Mississinewa River between Indiana 28 and Randolph County road 850 North. The highway will remain open during the project but

will be reduced to one lane. Temporary traffic signals will be in place. There is a "wide load restriction" during the project, with the detour posted as Indiana 28, Indiana 1 and Indiana 67.
In Delaware County, about a 4-mile section of Indiana 67 — from the Indiana 28/Indiana 67 split to Mississinewa Avenue (Indiana 167) — is closed for an INDOT project to demolish and rebuild a bridge over the Mississinewa River. The bridge is located between Black Mills Road and the Indiana 28/Indiana 67 split, near Delaware County road 425 East.
The official detour for the project utilizes Indiana 28, Indiana 3, Indiana 26 and Indiana 167.

Amazon to build \$11 billion center

By **LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ**
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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An Amazon subsidiary focused on web services plans to invest \$11 billion into the construction of a data center campus in north-central Indiana, Gov. Eric Holcomb announced Thursday.
He said Amazon Web Services' (AWS) plans are the largest capital investment announcement in the state's history. The project is expected to create at least 1,000 new jobs.

"Indiana's long-term economic strategy is paying dividends for Hoosiers as we cultivate the growth of critical sectors like technology infrastructure," Holcomb said in a news release. "Amazon has long been an important economic partner in Indiana, and we are excited to welcome AWS."

"This significant investment solidifies Indiana's leadership position in the economy of the future, and will undoubtedly have a positive ripple effect on the town of New Carlisle, the north central region and the state of Indiana for years to come," he added.

The release highlighted Indiana's "business-friendly environment," infrastructure, skilled labor pool and technology sectors for the choice.

"This investment will include our continuing commitment to fostering workforce development and educational initiatives

in areas where we operate, and we look forward to helping nurture the next generation of talent in the Hoosier State," said Roger Wehner, AWS' director of economic development. "We are excited to partner with Governor Holcomb, IEDC, and other state and local leaders to forge a path toward a brighter future for Indiana's tech landscape."

The data centers will include computer servers, data storage drives, networking equipment, other cloud computing-related technology infrastructure and generative artificial intelligence technologies.

AWS also plans to put up to \$7 million toward road infrastructure improvements along State Road 2, near the planned development.

In exchange for AWS' pricey planned investments, the Indiana Economic Development Corp. offered the company up to \$100 million in performance-based tax credits and grants:

- Up to \$55 million in Hoosier Business Investment tax credits
 - Up to \$20 million in redevelopment tax credits
 - Up to \$18.3 million in headcount-based tax credits
 - Up to \$5 million in training grants
- AWS must follow through on its investment plans to claim the incentives, according to the release.

Capsule Reports

Trooper honored
Indiana State Police detective Matt Teusch was honored recently with a Commendation Award.

Teusch investigated the death of a 5-year-old boy in Portland in 2022. His honor came in part because of his effort to "relentlessly continue his investigation until establishing further evidence required to substantiate the filing of a Murder charge against the mother." She was found guilty during a Jay Circuit Court trial last year.

"Master Trooper Teusch's actions and dedication to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of law enforcement and reflect great credit upon himself and the Indiana State Police," said state police superintendent Doug Carter in a press release.

DONATION DINNER

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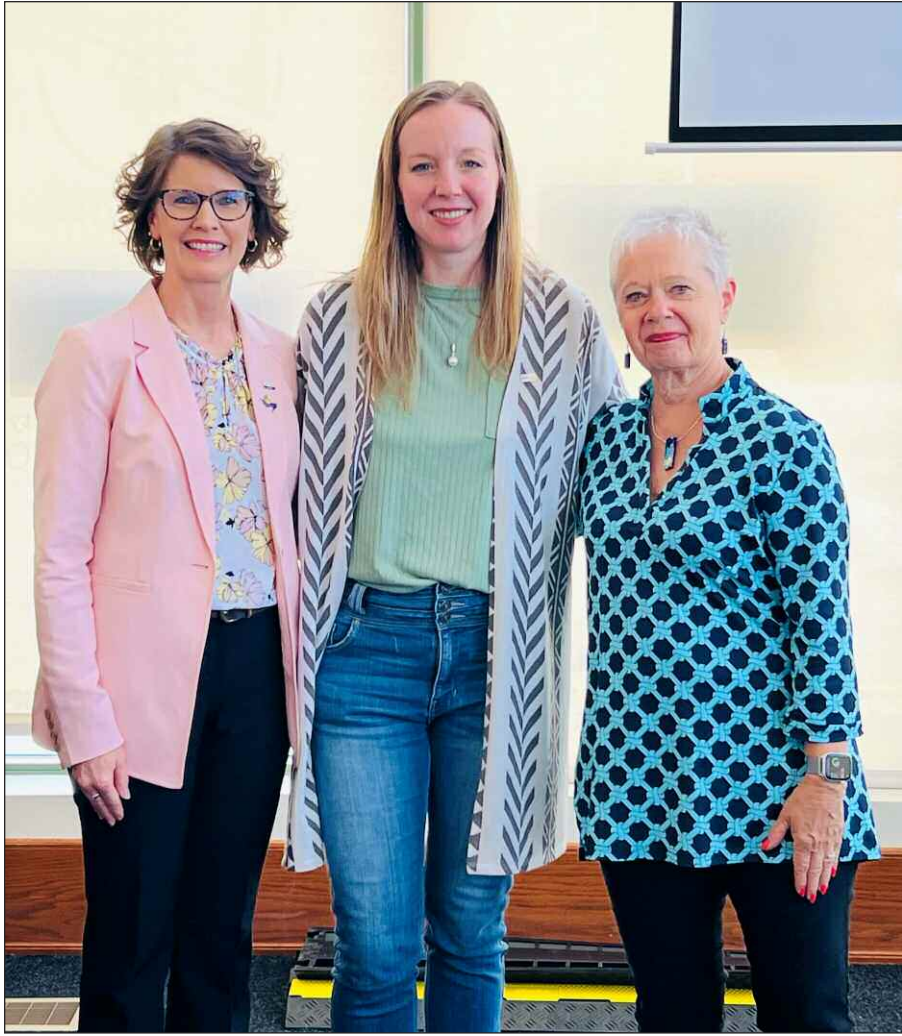


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New member

Portland Rotary Club recently inducted LeeAnn Miller, pictured above in center with Indiana Rotary Club president Annette Alexander at left and sponsor Bonnie Maitlen.

Three's company

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend is 18 years younger than I am. Our relationship hasn't been perfect, but I love him to death. Unfortunately, I'm going through menopause and have all the side effects. Long story short, he found another girl. It was just supposed to be for sex, and he told me he wouldn't get into another relationship or marry anyone but me. Well, he fell for her, which I warned him he was going to do.

They are both at my apartment. I'm trying to make him happy by allowing this, but he can be so mean to me, and he's so nice to her. I told him it's because he hasn't hurt her yet. He won't have sex with me now. He claims he isn't favoring her, but he is. I love him so much, and don't want to lose him. I'm in so much pain because I can't please him in every way. I don't know what to do. Should I allow this and try to make it work, or should I give up since it seems like he has given up on me? — CAN'T STOP CRYING

DEAR CAN'T STOP: Let me get this straight. Your much-younger boyfriend and his new girlfriend live in your apartment (rent-free), and he no longer makes

love with you. What are you getting out of this charade besides pain?

If I thought it would help, I'd advise you to stick it out and hope his romance will blow over. But I can't — because whatever respect and gratitude he felt for you is gone. The pain you are experiencing will end only when you find your self-respect and usher the two lovebirds out the door. For your own sake, please do it soon.

DEAR ABBY: I am SUPER outgoing! Always have been. I can walk up to anyone and start a conversation. As I've gotten older, I've noticed that many people have no personality. During the pandemic it became worse. Neighbors don't speak. People look at their phones every waking minute and have lost their conversational skills. It's pathetic. I don't know people's backgrounds or interests just by looking at them.

I'm smart, but I'm not telepathic. If people don't know how to simply say "hi" or "good morning," something is wrong! COVID shut things down. But if you weren't friendly before the pandemic, how are you going to be five years from now? Humanity is doomed if we don't interact. — FRIENDLY IN THE EAST

DEAR FRIENDLY: The COVID disruption may have contributed to what you are describing, but it had been building for at least the past 20 years. As people became more and more fixated on their electronic devices, the ability to look someone in the eye and converse withered.

If you don't look someone in the eye and communicate in person, the ability to read social cues withers and is eventually lost. I believe this has caused much of the isolation and loneliness we are experiencing in our society. If we are going to fix this, people will have to teach themselves to unplug and reach out to the people around them. Making the time to exchange social amenities as simple as smiling and saying, "Good morning," is an easy place to start.

Marriage licenses

Cody L. Conley, 33, Redkey, and Kiesha M. Newsome, 19, Dunkirk

Roger D. Johns, 70, Dunkirk, and Barbara D. Mullins, 60, Dunkirk

Stephen I. Evans, 30, Portland,

and Victoria C. Parr, 26, Portland

Jose D. Ramirez Gutierrez, 23, Portland, and Faviola Serna, 27, Portland

Lynn A. Mills, 73, Pennville, and Yuan Wang, 60, Pennville

Darrell L. Borders, 76, Port-

land, and Sheron S. McClung, 79, Portland

Leah G.S. Schwartz, 21, Bryant, and Leonard S. Schwartz, 23, Monroe

Ashley D. Bailey, 29, Redkey, and Dakota L. Derrickson, 28, Redkey

Benjamin G. Girod, 23, Bryant, and Lizzie C. Wickey, 20, Bryant

Jacob J. Schwartz Jr., 20, Geneva, and Martha C. Wickey, 21, Bryant

Dylan Harris, 29, Dunkirk, and Allisyn Smith, 24, Dunkirk

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

MISSISSINAWA CHAPTER DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at 10 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 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.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST 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.

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.

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.

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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

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Thursday's Solution

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

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Californians have had weekend after weekend of cool, stormy weather and the Sierra Nevada has been blessed with a healthy snowpack. But the reality is that even the last few months have been more than 2 degrees hotter than average.

The planet is experiencing a horrifying streak of record-breaking heat, with March marking the 10th month in a row that the average global temperature has been the highest recorded.

It would be shocking if it wasn't so predictable. Despite everything we know about the effects of burning fossil fuels, humanity is still going in the wrong direction with self-destructive abandon.

Guest Editorial

Last year greenhouse gas pollution climbed to a new high, a 1.1% increase over the prior year.

If 10 months of record heat isn't enough to jolt world leaders into crisis mode, it's hard to say what will.

It should be a flashing, red warning light that we are entering dangerous new territory and need to change course. We have the renewable energy technology, but it's being adopted at a pace

that's too slow to protect people, animals and plants from unacceptable levels of suffering.

The concept of a higher average global temperature doesn't paint a true picture of the effects that severe heat waves, drought, storms, wildfires and other climate-fueled disasters are having on the ground. Some communities are doing significantly worse than average. And examples aren't hard to find.

Phoenix last year recorded 31 consecutive days of temperatures of 110 degrees. Maricopa County officials have confirmed more than 600 heat-related deaths in 2023, shattering the previous year's record. The Texas Panhandle this year experienced its largest wildfire in state history,

which burned more than 1 million acres and killed thousands of cattle. In the Horn of Africa, communities experiencing a hunger crisis after three years of drought were pummeled with torrential rains and flooding last year that killed hundreds of people across Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Tanzania.

While these disasters are in line with scientists' predictions about rising temperatures, some are worried that the spike in global temperatures that began last summer is an indication that warming may be accelerating. We are already on the edge of blowing past the 2.7-degree (1.5 degrees Celsius) rise in global temperatures, a limit virtually every nation on Earth has agreed

to try to stay below to prevent catastrophic climate impacts.

One of the most important things Americans can do right now is to exercise their political power at the ballot box, by demanding that leaders at all levels of government deliver serious climate action.

The stakes are high this year: A former president who has arguably the worst climate record in U.S. history, having rolled back more than 100 environmental protections, is polling neck-and-neck with a president who has done more to fight climate change than anyone before him.

Still, the choice should be clear if we want to stop setting records, month after month and year after year.

Be an advocate for recovery programs

By ELISE SHROCK
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Most people in recovery will tell you that the decision to enter recovery must be made on one's own, but it is sustained through community.

Mid-December 2017 was the moment for me. I find winters to be brutal in general. When the sun dwindles down to nothing, my muscle memory tends to revisit the depths of my past traumas, most with anniversaries in the late fall. And that particular winter, I felt like I barely had a fighting chance to make it through. It was also when I decided, smack-dab in the middle of the holiday season, that I needed help and needed to get control of my alcoholism once and for all.

I was in my mid-thirties, fully employed, with a supportive family, and able to drive myself to my 12 Steps program. And it was still one of the hardest things I had done in my life. So, as I sat in a packed room this past fall listening to the stories of the students and graduates of Hope Academy Recovery High School, I was in complete awe of their resilience. I simply can't imagine what it would be like to face substance abuse addiction disorder so fiercely while also navigating being a kid.

In the United States, 80% of students relapse from recovery upon returning to their high school after having primary treatment for substance use disorders. At Hope Academy, students are offered an environment where their recovery is as much of a priority as their academic success.

In return, students who receive ongoing support for substance use issues have higher graduation rates, lower absentee rates, and are more likely to abstain from using substances.

It is heartbreaking to imagine what it must be like as a parent, knowing your child needs help and not knowing where to turn. For too many families, recovery high schools simply do not exist in their state. Luckily for Hoosiers, we have one of only nine high schools in the United States accredited by the Association of Recovery High Schools at Hope Academy.

Hope Academy prioritizes supports for a student's entire family. Parents and loved ones play an integral role in their

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students' journey of recovery and receive the same guidance, support, and encouragement from staff while connecting with other parents experiencing the same challenges.

Diminishing resources for families facing addiction makes Hope Academy crucial to the fabric of our community and is vital to reducing the stigma around substance abuse disorder.

One of the hardest lessons for me to learn in my own recovery is how unnecessary and harmful shame is along this journey. By speaking openly about our experiences in recovery and ensuring that everyone — not just the recovery community — actively advocates for programs like Hope Academy, we can diffuse this harmful stigma and continue to empower our students, family members, and neighbors to their highest potential.

As bell hooks said, "Rarely, if ever, are any of us healed in isolation. Healing is an act of communion." The work Hope Academy does as Indiana's only recovery high school is crucial to our state's path to healing our dangerous rate of substance abuse disorder.

The students of Hope Academy are the most courageous people I know. They have overcome challenges that people many years their senior may never conquer. This is because of the commitment that Hope Academy has made to our community to stand alongside these students and their families during their darkest days.

We, as a city and state, can make that same commitment—to stand with them, support their work, and give the next generation of young people experiencing substance abuse disorder a fighting chance.

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Case will test hypocrisy

By NOAH FELDMAN
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On Tuesday, the Supreme Court's conservative majority appeared skeptical that prosecutors could use the Sarbanes-Oxley Act to go after Jan. 6 rioters. It's a closely watched case in part because Special Counsel Jack Smith also cited this statute in his criminal charges against former President Donald Trump.

As a matter of statutory interpretation, it would be plausible to say that the relevant part of the statute shouldn't apply to Trump or the rioters: it is part of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and was originally aimed at preventing the destruction of documents to thwart criminal investigation.

The problem is that the court's conservatives are officially textualists. That is, they believe a statute's purpose shouldn't matter — only its literal language should count. If they nevertheless read the law not to cover the hundreds of Jan. 6 rioters and Trump, they will be demonstrating the utter bankruptcy of textualism as a theory — not to mention looking hypocritical for violating their own principles of statutory interpretation.

The law in question, 18 USC 12(c), first says it's a crime to "corruptly" alter or destroy a document "with the intent to impair the object's integrity or availability for use in an official proceeding." That's the part that tells you the main purpose of the statute, along with the history of Sarbanes-Oxley, passed in the aftermath of the Enron scandal and aimed at ensuring effective oversight of companies. No one thinks this part of the law applies to the Jan. 6 rioters.

Then, the second part of that same section punishes anyone who "otherwise obstructs, influences, or impedes any official proceeding, or attempts to do so." This is the language used by federal prosecutors to go after Trump and hundreds of Jan.

6 offenders, including Joseph Fischer, the one whose case is before the Supreme Court right now.

The basis for charging Jan. 6 rioters under the statute is that they clearly were trying to obstruct, influence, and impede an official proceeding, namely the congressional certification of the presidential vote. Indeed, they succeeded in impeding that proceeding. If you read the words of the statute in their plain and obvious meaning, they clearly include the Jan. 6 scenario.

If you are a textualist when it comes to statutory interpretation, as all the court's conservatives claim to be, that should be the end of the matter.

According to the textualist position associated with the late Justice Antonin Scalia, legal words mean what they say. If Congress says it's a crime to obstruct or impede an official proceeding, that's what the crime is. That's how the conservatives should be voting here if they have a shred of commitment to their preferred theory of statutory interpretation. (Justice Amy Coney Barrett, who clerked for Scalia and is generally loyal to his principles, did seem like she realized this in her questions.)

To reach an alternate conclusion, you really have to look at the statute's legislative purpose — the other leading theory of statutory interpretation, espoused especially by retired Justice Stephen Breyer, who made this issue the centerpiece of his newly published book. The purpose

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of the law can reasonably be read as restricted to the destruction of documents. Seen through the lens of purpose, the extension of the statute to cover Jan. 6 goes too far.

The problem for the conservative textualist justices is that they can't admit they're looking at purpose. So in the oral argument, several belabored the theory that the word "otherwise" in the law's second section points back to the first part of the law, and therefore textually limits the extension of the law. In this view, the word "otherwise" shows you that the drafters intended to cover as-yet-unimagined methods of altering a document that might not count as impairing its "integrity or availability."

Maybe so — if purpose were allowed to be part of the analysis. But that kind of interpretation is the polar opposite of what textualism teaches.

Justice Samuel Alito sought to emphasize how broad the statute would be if it extended to any interference with a federal proceeding, hinting it would impinge on First Amendment freedoms. But that is true of other criminal laws, and the way we usually deal with it is by saying they don't apply when they limit freedom of speech or assembly, not by saying they don't apply to core criminal conduct.

Trump is also charged with other crimes on Jan. 6, as are the rioters. There will be other ways to punish anyone convicted of crimes that day. What's at stake, therefore, is the good name of textualism — and the good name of the court's self-professed textualists.

There are some forms of self-contradiction that threaten the reputation of legal theories and the judges who wield them. This case is one.

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Purdue partners to combat methane

By DEVYN RAVER
Purdue Ag News

The Food Entrepreneurship and Manufacturing Institute (FEMI), housed within Purdue University's Department of Food Science, offers a guiding light for entrepreneurs and businesses navigating the intricate path from food or beverage product conception to market readiness. Established nearly two years ago, FEMI cultivates partnerships with forward-thinking companies dedicated to meeting demands within the food and agriculture industry.

With a team comprised of staff, graduate and undergraduate students and collaborating faculty members, FEMI delivers tailored support to address the needs of their partners. Allie Kingery, Managing Director of FEMI, describes the institute as a "hub," capable of handling diverse challenges internally or by tapping into the rich resources available across Purdue University.

One of FEMI's earliest collaborators, CH4 Global, is a pioneer in reducing methane emissions from ruminant animals, particularly cattle. The significant environmental impact of livestock farming stems largely from the methane emissions generated during these animals' digestive process. Through innovative advancements, CH4 Global specializes in developing sustainable feed additives made from natural seaweed material, helping mitigate climate impacts within the global agricultural sector.

With CH4 Global primarily operating from lab spaces in Australia and New Zealand, Paul Russo, Vice President of Product Development for CH4 Global, sought a strategic partner with strong expertise in education and research closer to his Cincinnati, Ohio home base.

"CH4 Global had a lot of hope that within Purdue's College of



Purdue Ag News/Tom Campbell

Students blend products within the facilities of the Skidmore Lab, housed in the Nelson Hall of Food Science. The Food Entrepreneurship and Manufacturing Institute at Purdue University is collaborating with CH4 Global to gather comprehensive data on microbial properties, nutritional content, shelf-life, particle size and bulk density, essential for integrating seaweed into farming practices and creating a product easily consumed by cattle.

Agriculture they would get traction and wanted to lean on FEMI for strengthening their U.S. presence, all in the name of helping come up with solutions to mitigate methane emissions in cattle," explained Kingery. "We found that their requests lined up perfectly with what we can do."

Aligned with CH4 Global's commitment to sustainable agriculture, FEMI supported a series of testing agreements for seaweed-based feed solutions. These collaborations will gather comprehensive data on microbial properties, nutritional content, shelf-life, particle size and bulk

density, essential for integrating seaweed into farming practices and creating a product easily consumed by cattle.

Russo acknowledges FEMI's pivotal role in characterizing both the raw material, Asparagopsis, and finished product, and explains that, "It's one thing to have capabilities, but it's another to establish a partnership that brings those capabilities to life in terms of innovation and product development."

Through extensive collaboration with CH4 Global, FEMI has leveraged additional resources from core facilities on campus, marking this partnership a first

of its kind and presenting an ideal opportunity for graduate student involvement. With the project focused on sustainably feeding animals while creating a marketable product, FEMI plans on working with other college departments, including the Department of Animal Sciences and Agricultural Economics, to lay the groundwork for future research stages.

The partnership's success is further highlighted by the Series B funding from Cleveland Avenue, DCVC and DCVC Bio-venture capital investors who share a commitment to combating climate change across the

value chain. With close ties to Purdue University, Cleveland Avenue has developed a strong relationship with FEMI, using the institute for honest, critical assessments of potential investment opportunities.

Echoing this sentiment, Russo expresses his appreciation for working with Kingery and Dharmendra Mishra, associate professor of food science, as well as the students. "FEMI has the capabilities and the right educational staff, but the bonus has been seeing students eager to jump on board and participate in making a meaningful impact on the climate."

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Jay County track tallies nine victories

BLUFFTON — The Patriots graduated one of the best throwers in school history in Gabi Bilbrey.

The new throwers have held their own to start the season, and are starting to win events.

Jordyn Hutzler and Austyn LeMaster each captured first place in one of the throwing events for the Jay County High School track teams

in a three-team event at Bluffton on Wednesday.

The meet between Jay County, Bluffton and Adams Central replaced a meet that got rained out between Heritage and Jay County that was supposed to take place on Tuesday. The girls team won the

meet with 76 points while the Tigers trailed with 46 and the Jets came in at 34. The boys team split, as their 39.5 points couldn't overcome Bluffton (100) but took care of Adams Central (16.5).

Hutzler pulled off a win in the shot put for

the girls with a mark of 31 feet, 5 inches. LeMaster's throw of 122 feet, 2 inches, took the top spot for the boys discus competition.

Joseph Boggs won the only other event for the boys. The JCHS sophomore captured first place in the

1,600-meter run with a time of 5 minutes, 0.27 seconds.

The girls claimed two more field events as Molly Muhlenkamp and Mya Kunkler both jumped 4 feet, 8 inches, in the high jump, while Morgan DeHoff hit a mark of 14 feet, 8.5 inches, in the long jump.

The other four victories for the Patriots came in the sprints. Ariel Beiswanger came out victorious in the 100 dash

with a career best time of 12.8 seconds, while DeHoff won the 100 hurdles in 17.25 seconds.

Jenna Dues had the only other individual victory in the 200 dash. She finished with a time of 28.27 seconds.

The 4x100 meter relay team DeHoff, Dues, Beiswanger and Cash Hollowell claimed the top spot with a time of 53.4 seconds.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Track at New Castle — 5 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Boys golf at Winchester — 9 a.m.; Baseball at Wapahani — 9:30 a.m.; Softball vs. Woodlan — 10 a.m.; Girls tennis at New Castle — 12 p.m.

TV sports

Today
5 p.m. — College baseball: Illinois at Maryland (BTN)
5:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Milwaukee Bucks

at Indiana Pacers (ESPN)
7 p.m. — NFL Draft 2024 (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NHL: Vancouver Canucks at Nashville Predators (TBS)
5 p.m. — College baseball: Northwestern at Purdue (BTN)
9 p.m. — College baseball: Illinois at Maryland (BTN)
10 p.m. — Major League Rugby: Old Glory DC at Utah Warriors (FS1)
10:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Minnesota Timberwolves at Phoenix Suns (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — NHL: Edmonton Oilers at Los Angeles Kings (TBS)

Saturday
7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Liverpool at

West Ham United (USA)
9 a.m. — MotoGP: Spanish Grand Prix (TruTV)
10 a.m. — Premier League: Luton Town at Wolverhampton (USA)
11:20 a.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Wirth 400 (FS1)
11 a.m. — College softball: Florida at Georgia (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — NFL Draft 2024 (ESPN)
12 p.m. — College football: Nebraska Red-White spring game (BTN)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Brentford at Everton (NBC)
1 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Cleveland Cavaliers at Orlando Magic (TNT)
1 p.m. — College baseball: Florida at Arkansas (ESPN2)

1:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: BetRivers 200 (FS1)
1:45 p.m. — MLS: Los Angeles Galaxy at Austin (FOX)
2 p.m. — NHL: Carolina Hurricanes at New York Islanders (TBS)
2:15 p.m. — College baseball: Iowa at Nebraska (BTN)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Zurich Classic of New Orleans (CBS)
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3:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Oklahoma City Thunder at New Orleans Pelicans (TNT)
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5 p.m. — NHL: Florida Panthers at Tampa Bay Lightning (TruTV)
6 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Boston Celtics at Miami Heat (TNT)
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7 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN2)
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8 p.m. — NHL: Boston Bruins at Toronto Maple Leafs (TruTV)
8:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers (ABC)
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TWO VERY NICE AUCTIONS, ONE LOCATION
SATURDAY May 11, 2024
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED:
7311 N 650 E, Bryant IN
TRACTOR -FARM ITEMS -SHOP TOOLS
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Oak cabinet. Oak chair. Wardrobe. Royal Porcelain sign. Old doors and windows. 2 gallon jug and other crocks. Longaberger baskets.

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flower baskets; cement bench; and many other items not listed.
LUMBER - TOOLS
Oak Lumber (several boards); Gen Pro 6X 270 — 5000 watt generator; Jet Dust Collector; Bostitch nailer; Craftsman 1 hp sander; Stihl sander; Black & Decker battery weed eater; aluminum extension ladder; Black & Decker electric blower; post jobbers; sprinkler; and many other items not listed.
AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. day of auction for preview.
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MODERN HOUSEHOLD GOODS — OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS
Cochrane Oak dining room table 4 extra leaves, 6 chairs, and matching lighted hutch; Oak 3 section bookcase; Oak small church pew; Lazy Boy reclining sofa with matching reclining loveseat; (2) Adirondack chairs; XPC golf clubs; Kitchen Aide Artisan stand mixer; Kitchen Aide food processor; Kitchen Aide chopper; Yeti cooler; **VINTAGE TOYS:** Structo Fire Dept Truck, Tonka Car Carrier, Service Center, Sears Motorific Super Torture Track, Big Red wagon; and many other items not listed.

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Cub Cadet CC — 30 hp Hydro Drive riding lawn mower; Troy Bilt Storm 2410 snow blower; Snapper SP70 self propelled mower with bagger; Craftsman 10" band saw; Craftsman reciprocating saw; Wagner power painter; furni-

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Notice of Public Hearing
Jay County Planning Commission
Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held by the Jay County Planning Commission on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jay County Courthouse Auditorium, 120 N. Court Street, Portland, Indiana 47371 to consider the following Petition: SFES2024-04-10 wherein Petitioner Hodson Greendefine Jay DeSoto LLC requests a Development Plan Approval to develop a Solar Farm Energy System (SFES) known as the New Jay Solar Energy Project. The New Jay SFES project area's general location is on five parcels of land in Section 10 of Richland Township just east of Dunkirk, parcel numbers 38-09-10-700-006.000-030; 38-09-10-400-007.001-030; 38-09-10-300-005.000-030; 38-09-10-300-008.001-030; and 38-09-10-200-001.000-030.
A copy of the Petition for Development Plan Approval and all plans pertaining thereto are on file and may be examined prior to the Public Hearing from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for holidays, in the Office of Jay County Building & Planning, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian Street, Suite E, Portland, Indiana 47371. Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may offer written comments in support of or in opposition to the Petition prior to or at the Hearing. Written comments prior to the Hearing are filed with the Planning Director of the Jay County Building and Planning Department.
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Sports

Guggenbiller homer lifts Defiance College

Wins have been hard to come by for the Yellowjackets this season. A two-run home run by Maddie Guggenbiller pushed them to double digit victories on the year.

The Fort Recovery High School graduate delivered a key blast for the Defiance College softball team on Saturday to lift it to a 3-1 victory over Hanover College.

With two outs and a runner on first base in the top of the sixth inning, Guggenbiller homered to give the Yellowjackets (10-20) a 2-0 lead. She finished the game 1-for-3 with two RBIs and a run.

Defiance lost the second game to Hanover 8-7. Guggenbiller

Collegiate check-up

managed a walk in four plate appearances.

Jalyn Bruns FRHS — 2022

Shot a 262 over 27 holes for the IU-East women's golf team that won the River States Conference Championship at The Resort at Glade Springs on Tuesday.

The Red Wolves won their conference meet with a team

score of 987 strokes, while Midway University finished as the runner-up with 995.

Despite finishing with the 17th-best individual score out of 42 golfers, Bruns' 262 strokes did not affect the team score.

She had 86 strokes in her first and third rounds and shot a 90 in the second round.

Sophie Pearson FRHS — 2023

Walked in a run in her sole at bat for the Thomas More softball team in a five-inning 16-5 victory over Malone on Sunday.

The Fort Recovery High School graduate got an opportunity to pinch hit in the top of the fifth inning with an 11-1 lead

and the bases loaded. She walked to drive in the first run of the inning for Thomas More (14-30). She later came around to score on a groundout.

Pearson also pinch ran on Wednesday, but never came around to score.

Noah Arbuckle JCHS — 2020

Took the loss for the Huntington University baseball team in game No. 1 of a doubleheader against Indiana Wesleyan.

Arbuckle tossed 6 2/3 innings for the Foresters (25-18) and gave up 10 runs on 13 hits and three walks. Eight of the 10 runs were earned.

Arbuckle exited the game

with the game tied at 8-8, but his replacement, Matt Gilkey, gave up a three-run home run on the next at bat.

Huntington lost the game 13-12, despite scoring three runs in the top of the ninth inning.

Crosby Heniser JCHS — 2022

Tossed one inning in the Manchester University baseball team's 6-1 loss to Wabash College on Sunday.

Crosby entered the ballgame with a 4-1 deficit in the fourth inning. The Jay County graduate gave up a single and a walk, but retired the side without any damage done for the Spartans (12-20).

JCHS tennis beats Indians

UNION CITY — The Patriots haven't had the smoothest season so far.

Yet, every time they have faced a sectional opponent, they haven't had any trouble.

The Jay County High School girls tennis team took down the Union City Indians 4-1 on Wednesday.

Originally, the match was scheduled for Tuesday, but weather delayed it until Wednesday.

All three singles players won their contests for Jay County (4-3).

Brenna Bailey put together the most dominant victory in the No. 2 singles match. She swept Union City's Elizabeth Prinkey 6-0, 6-0.

Maggie Dillon gave up three games to Ashley Garrett in the first set of

the No. 3 singles match, but locked in for a 6-3, 6-0 win.

Brenna Haines narrowly avoided a third set against Camryan Fischer in the No. 1 singles contest. Haines defeated Fischer 6-2, 7-6 (7-3).

The Patriots' doubles win came from Meredith Dirksen and Sophia Sprunger. They took down

Luane Schoonbroadt and Kiernan Watson 6-2, 6-1 in the No. 1 doubles match.

Zion Beiswanger and Chloe Ruiz fell to Shelby Arnold and Addison Thornburg 6-4, 6-4 in the No. 2 doubles contest.

The Patriots won both junior varsity matches.

Lily Johnson swept Miranda Cook 8-0 while Tessa Frazee beat Isabel Bahena 8-1.



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Behind the dish

Fort Recovery High School senior Riggs Tobe frames a pitch from Alex Dues in Tuesday's 2-0 win over St. Henry.



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