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## Plein air event set in honor of Ronald

**Artists will create and display pieces on Saturday**

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Jack Ronald was known for his love of nature, whether in his backyard or strolling local trails.

He was also a lover of art, both collecting and creating.

And he was a longtime board member and supporter for Arts Place.

Artists will gather in his honor and memory Saturday as the Jay County Campus of Arts Place hosts the inaugural Jack Ronald Spring Paint Out.

Since Jack's death just over two years ago, his family had been looking for a way to honor his memory in connection with Arts Place. There was talk of a large sculpture, though a small sculpture — *Dancer and Bird* by Robert Pulley — is displayed in the reception area at the Jay County Campus.

When Connie Ronald, Jack's widow, attended a plein air painting event hosted by Richmond Art Museum last summer, it sparked an idea.

"I thought, 'You know, I think Jack would have enjoyed that,'" Connie said. "I don't know whether he would have participated, but he might have. ..."

"Jack liked to go out with a sketchbook and like to sketch plein air."

She presented the possibility of hosting a plein air event — "en plein air" is "in the open air" in French — to Arts Place executive director Carolyn Carducci.

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## Schulze sales

Nine-year-old Rebecca Schulze explains some of her products to customers while selling Saturday during Psi Iota Xi sorority's Chicks on the Bricks event on the brick section of Wayne Street in Fort Recovery. She and her sisters — Charlotte, 5, and Jennifer, 7 — were selling a variety of items including freeze-dried Skittles, cookies, bracelets and necklaces.

## Protests, police draw criticism, defense

By MARISSA MEADOR and NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Tension between police and student protesters enveloped Indiana University's Bloomington campus in recent days as arrests mounted along with distrust in IU leadership after a change to longstanding policy the day before the initial protest.

Gov. Eric Holcomb

defended police action, in which Indiana State Police have taken a lead role, while Democrats in the legislature called out the administration for trampling on free speech rights.

"We are concerned for the safety of students, faculty and staff and for their ongoing rights to free speech. Students should be able to voice their views on campus in non-violent ways without fear

of retribution. The First Amendment is one of the founding blocks to a successful democracy and this infringement on demonstration, in our opinion, is a violation of both state and federal constitutional rights," said a statement from the Indiana Senate Democratic Caucus.

"What we are seeing on the news and hearing from firsthand accounts

gives us great concern that First Amendment Rights and even personal safety could be at risk on the Indiana University Campus. While we understand this is a fluid situation we still worry about the sheer amount of police in riot gear, including snipers, called in to manage what has been reported as a peaceful protest."

Police snipers were spotted on top of IU build-

ings at various times over the last four days.

The protesters disagree with continued bombing of Palestinian people across the Gaza strip and called for IU to sever financial ties with Israel. Counter-protesters supporting Israel have also been present.

IU's actions have been highlighted in national publications, including the New York Times and Washington Post.

## U.S.: Decision needed on truce

By COURTNEY MCBRIDE

Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken urged leaders of the Hamas militant group to quickly reach a decision on Israeli conditions for a temporary cease-fire, a move that could help bring an end to fighting in Gaza.

Israel has been "extraordinarily generous" with proposals made during talks mediated by Qatar and Egypt to secure the release of Israeli hostages held by Hamas, Blinken said at a special event of the World Economic Forum in Riyadh on Monday. He wasn't more specific about the offer on the table.

The U.S. diplomat traveled to the region — his seventh trip to the Middle East since the Israel-Hamas conflict began in early October — to push for at least a pause in hostilities under a temporary cease-fire agreement. Hamas, designated a terrorist organization by the U.S. and European Union, is expected to respond on Monday to the Jewish state's latest offer, Agence France-Presse has reported.

The U.S. supports Israeli efforts to defend itself and prevent future attacks, and is determined

to bring an end to the current conflict, Blinken said. President Joe Biden's administration has repeatedly urged Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to do more to protect civilians of Gaza, while remaining a staunch ally and supplier of arms.

Hamas has been presented with a "proposal that is extraordinarily generous on the part of Israel. The only thing that's standing between the people of Gaza and a cease-fire is Hamas," Blinken said. "They have to decide quickly."

Israel may be willing to compromise on the number of hostages freed in an initial phase of any deal, Israeli media reported last week. Hamas had said it can't free 40 women, elderly or sick captives as demanded in return for a six-week cease-fire because it doesn't have enough hostages in that category.

Blinken's first stop in his latest trip to the region is Saudi Arabia, where the U.S. is eager to see the forging of diplomatic ties with Israel.

Work between the kingdom and the U.S. is "very close to completion," he said. Further progress in restoring full ties between Saudi Arabia and Israel requires peace in Gaza and a roadmap for the creation of a future Palestinian state, he said.

The top U.S. diplomat spoke amid a blitz of meetings, including with foreign ministers of Gulf Cooperation Council countries and representatives from Egypt, Jordan and Qatar, among others.

Blinken is also due to travel to Jordan and Israel in his push for the cease-fire deal, after months of deadlocked talks between the Jewish state and Hamas.

### Qatar and Egypt have mediated talks regarding hostage release



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## Weekend walk

A goose and a gaggle of goslings hang out in the grassy area between the driveway and pond just east of Moser Engineering on Saturday afternoon.

### Deaths

**Barbara Broering, 80,**  
Burkettsville, Ohio  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Sunday. The low was 66.

Tonight's low will be in the lower 50s. Expect mostly sunny skies Wednesday with a high in the upper 70s. The high will be in the 80s on Thursday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will hold a free food tailgate at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Income verification is not required.

### Coming up

**Wednesday** — Coverage of Jay County High School Honors Night.

**Thursday** — Results from the JCHS golf match against Wapahani.

**Friday** — Jay School Board votes on new junior-senior high athletics director.



# Obituaries

## Barbara Broering

May 19, 1943-April 26, 2024  
Barbara A. Broering, age 80, of Burkettsville, Ohio, died on Friday, April 26, 2024, at The Gardens at St. Henry.

She was born May 19, 1943, in Shelby County, to the late Herbert and Lucille (Wesbecher) Sommer. On Nov. 21, 1964, she married her husband Elmer C. Broering. Elmer preceded Barb in death on May 17, 2023.

Barb is survived by five children and their spouses, Marvin and Jenny Broering of Burkettsville, Greg and Brenda

Broering of Portland, Indiana, Sandy and Ron Post of St. Henry, Ohio, Vicki and Steve Knapke of St. Henry, and Cara and Mark Koesters of Bellbrook, Ohio.

Other surviving family members include 23 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, as well as a sister, Marilyn Fortkamp; and in-laws Linda Sommer, Mary and Louis Grieshop, Paul and Karen Broering, Luke and Barb Broering, Janice Broering, Robert and



Broering

Betty Broering, Jean and Orville Borgert, Wally and Shirley Broering, and Denny and Sharon Ontrop.

In addition to her parents and husband, Barb was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Sommer; and in-laws Lee Fortkamp, Don Broering, Irene and George Speelman, Esther Ontrop, Vernon Gehret and Nancy Broering; as well as her father and mother-in-law, Lawrence and Stella Broering.

Barb was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church in Burkettsville. She was very talented with knitting, Swedish weaving

and sewing. She loved vacationing with her husband at their place in Florida. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at St. Bernard Catholic Church. Following the funeral mass, burial will take place in the St. Bernard Cemetery in Burkettsville. Friends may call on Monday, April 29, from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Hogenkamp Funeral Home in St. Henry.

The family requests that in

lieu of flowers and gifts, memorial contributions may be made to EverHeart Hospice or the Cancer Association of Mercer County.

Condolences may be expressed at hogenkampfh.com.

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

# CR almanac

Wednesday 5/1	Thursday 5/2	Friday 5/3	Saturday 5/4	Sunday 5/5
<b>79/58</b>	<b>83/64</b>	<b>76/54</b>	<b>71/52</b>	<b>74/58</b>
Mostly sunny skies on Wednesday, when the high will be around 79.	Mostly sunny on Thursday as well, with a high forecasted in the low 80s.	Rain is expected Friday with a 60% chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy late.	There's a slight chance of rain on Saturday. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Another small chance of showers under mostly sunny skies.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$164 million	63-66-68-71-72-76-77 Cash 5: 1-26-36-42-43 Estimated jackpot: \$145,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$257 million	<b>Ohio</b> Sunday Midday Pick 3: 7-4-5 Pick 4: 4-9-9-4 Pick 5: 5-7-0-2-7 Evening Pick 3: 1-6-8 Pick 4: 1-9-4-3 Pick 5: 8-3-5-7-3 Rolling Cash 5: 11-18-23-29-33 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Sunday Midday Daily Three: 8-7-4 Daily Four: 6-9-7-6 Evening Daily Three: 2-1-7 Daily Four: 8-9-6-1 Quick Draw: 5-6-7-13-18-22-23-30-33-34-53-58-62	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms</b> <b>Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.34 May corn .....4.34 Wheat .....4.99	May beans .....11.71 Wheat ..... 5.69
<b>POET Biorefining</b> <b>Portland</b> Corn.....4.49 May corn.....4.49 June corn .....4.49	<b>ADM</b> <b>Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.23 May corn.....4.25 Beans .....11.60 May beans .....11.62 Wheat .....5.66
<b>The Andersons</b> <b>Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.32 May corn .....4.32 Beans .....11.71	<b>Heartland</b> <b>St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.33 May corn.....4.36 Beans .....11.45 May beans .....11.55 Wheat .....5.45

## Today in history

In 1789, George Washington gave his first inaugural address to Congress in Federal Hall, New York City. Newly elected as president, Washington had not sought the office and agreed to the request from his constituents.

In 1859, "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens is published for the first time, appearing in literary periodical "All the Year Round."

In 1933, Willie Nelson was born in Abbott, Texas. An American country singer and songwriter, Nelson's hits over the years have included "Highway-

man," "Always on My Mind" and "I Lay Me Down."

In 1939, the National Broadcasting Company hosted the first public television broadcast in the United States at New York World's Fair.

In 1975, Saigon fell, spelling the end of the Vietnam War.

In 1993, tennis star Monica Seles was stabbed by a German fan of her opponent's while in a match in Hamburg. Seles was the youngest woman to win the French Open in 1990. She recovered physically but wouldn't return to play for another two years.

— The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board park walk-through, beginning at Hudson Family Park amphitheater parking lot.	Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
<b>Wednesday</b> 4 p.m. — Jay School Board special meeting, General Shanks, 414 Floral Ave., Portland.	<b>Monday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
<b>Thursday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland	

# Plein ...

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(Claude Monet and Pierre-Auguste Renoir are among the more famous plein air painters.) She felt it was a natural fit.

"We're always looking for new and interesting things to try, and obviously we wanted to honor Jack," said Carducci, adding that Arts Place could host a similar event out of its Blackford County center next year. "He had been very committed to Arts Place and the arts in Jay County."

Plans for Saturday involve artists checking in at Arts Place from 8 to 9 a.m. and then painting on location for the day.

Following the pattern from the Richmond event, Arts Place is providing a list of suggested painting locations including Hudson Family Park, Portland's arch bridge, Floral Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds, Loblolly Marsh Nature Preserve, Bearcreek Farms, Jay County Courthouse, Portland Golf Club, Church of the Most Holy Trinity and the Fort Recovery State Historic Site.

"Artists can paint wherever they

*'This is just to appreciate the fact that people like to go out and draw and paint.'*

—Connie Ronald

want to," Connie said. "It's gonna be interesting to see where people decide to go."

"We have a lot of beautiful and historical things in Jay County," said Carducci.

Once their works are complete, artists will return to Arts Place where a meal will be provided to them in the late afternoon. They will set up their creations in Goodrich Hall at Arts Place and will also be allowed to bring other works to display. The exhibit and sale — each artist will be

responsible for handling their own transactions and Arts Place is not charging any commission — will be open to the public from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

An award ceremony — visitors to the exhibit can vote for a People's Choice winner and there will also be winners selected by Portland Mayor Jeff Westlake and the Alcove Artists — will be at 6:20 p.m.

Arts Place will continue to accept registrations — the form is available at myartsplace.org — this week until the limit of 25 painters is reached. The event is open to anyone, from students to amateur artists to professionals. (Artists are responsible for bringing their own supplies, including easels for painting and exhibiting.)

"This is just to appreciate the fact that people like to go out and draw and paint," said Connie. "No requirements for skill levels. I have no idea who's going to show up. ...

"I really hope that some of them work in places where people can come and see. I also hope people come and see the results."

# Capsule Reports

## Lost control

A Bryant man drove off Indiana 18 about 6:23 p.m. Wednesday, causing him to be thrown from his motorcycle and sustain a head injury.

Marlon W. Geisel, 61, was driving his 1983 Suzuki Family east on the highway when he veered off the south side of the road and into the stone-lined shoulder. As he attempted to get back onto the road, his vehicle hit the asphalt — it's approximately an inch and a half higher, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report — and threw Geisel off the bike.

Geisel submitted to a blood alcohol test with results pending. He bruised his head, according to the report.

Geisel's vehicle was towed, with damage estimated at less than \$1,000.

## Pole struck

A Portland man was arrested for drunk driving after he hit a pole at the intersection of Seventh and Shank streets in Portland about 10:54 p.m. Friday.

Raul Santis-Jimenez, 24, was driving a 2016 Nissan Altima and turning east from Shank Street onto Seventh Street when he struck the pole. He was administered a blood alcohol test and preliminarily charged with a Class A misdemeanor for operat-

ing a vehicle while intoxicated and a Class C misdemeanor for operating a vehicle without a license. Santis-Jimenez was booked into Jay County Jail on a \$1,500 bond.

The vehicle he was driving — it's registered to Madison Payton of Winchester — was towed, with damage estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

## Backing accident

A Portland man backed the car he was driving into another Portland man's car, causing an accident at the intersection of Race and Meridian streets about noon Sunday.

Gregory Ashley, 61, Portland, was driving his 2003 Jeep Liberty west on Race Street. He stopped behind a 2013 Nissan Altima, driven by 20-year-old Filiberto Gimenez of Portland, at the road's intersection with Meridian Street. Gimenez began backing up and struck Ashley's car.

Gimenez was cited with infractions for driving without a license and operating a vehicle without proof of financial responsibility. The vehicle he was driving is registered to Flor Padilla of Hammond.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500. Ashley's car had no damage, according to the report.

# Felony arrests

## Failed to appear

Two people were arrested recently for failing to appear in court.

Amanda G. Shrout, 46, 235 E. Windsor St., Montpelier, was arrested Saturday. She is charged in Jay Superior Court with two Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and possession of a narcotic drug, as well as a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. Shrout failed to appear April 16 in court. She was being held on a \$5,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Joshua R. Allen, 37, 272 Pickett Road, Union City, Ohio, was arrested Thursday. He's charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class B misde-

meanor for possession of marijuana. Allen failed to appear Sept. 12 in court. He was being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

## SERVICES

Tuesday

**Broering, Barbara:** 10:30 a.m., St. Bernard Catholic Church, 71 Main St., Burkettsville, Ohio.

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# Time at home with baby went by too fast

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review

Our pregnancy was the longest 39 weeks of our lives.

The next four were the fastest.

If my daughter would have been born prior to the first of this year, I wouldn't have gotten paternity leave through my employer.

I could have utilized the Family Medical Leave Act, but it would have been without pay. Certainly, I could have burned my vacation time to ensure Chrissy and I didn't go without our full income. But then it would have made things difficult should I have to take a sick day for myself or Baby Schanz.

It would have made adjusting to our new lives incredibly difficult. Turns out, it wouldn't have been nearly enough time, either.

## Parental Ponderings



I work in the marketing department for a PVC roofing membrane manufacturer. (Our roof was recently installed on sections of Jay County Junior-Senior High School.)

After being a family-owned company for more than four decades, the decision was made in early 2023 to sell to a Switzerland-based firm making aggressive moves to break into the North American construction market.

Because of the acquisition, the Swiss and European benefits have started to make their way across

the pond. As a result, I was granted four weeks paid paternity leave.

I'm not sure we could have made it without the full four weeks. It wouldn't have been enough time to settle at home as a family of three, create a routine and, most importantly, figure out how to raise a child.

For example, breastfeeding. My wife wants to try to breastfeed for our baby's first year — hello ... have you SEEN the prices of formula?!

I'll spare the details, but our daughter was never able to latch on to feed efficiently. Therefore, we had to introduce a silicone shield to aid with feeding.

As with everything associated with a newborn, using it properly came with a steep learning curve. Following long, sleepless nights of trial and error in Baby Schanz's early days,

we discovered it took both of us to ensure she could feed effectively.

Therefore, having me at home for four weeks was indeed a necessity.

And that's just the main reason.

There's being at home to make sure we're able to give one another breaks to try to sleep; staying on top of the normal, day-to-day house duties so they don't fall (too far) behind; running errands to get must-have things for the baby (because you can have baby showers and take shopping trips to prepare everything you "think" you'll need, only to have something pop up you forgot, or didn't imagine you'd need).

The list goes on. I just know I'm fortunate to have gotten that time.

While it was beneficial and necessary for me to be at home with my wife and

our child, it was also the strangest time in my life to be not working — yet still getting paid — for such a long time.

Never in my adult life have I not had to work for so long. I know my paternity leave is a "benefit" of the job, but part of me still felt I was stealing those paychecks.

I felt guilty to leave my colleagues in the marketing department to handle my duties. It didn't feel right being away for the extended period.

My team and I were grateful when I returned to work, but unfortunately my guilt has shifted toward my spouse instead of my coworkers.

Even though I can work from home three days a week until our daughter goes to daycare, I have a feeling of remorse for not being as hands-on as I was

previously. On the days I work from home, I can step away if I need to in order to help with the baby.

It's the days I have to go into the office when the shame is the strongest; Chrissy's at home left to her own devices. I know she's capable of caring for our child on her own. The problem is, she shouldn't have to be. I wish I had more time with nothing to worry about but for the three of us to bond together.

It's not lost on me that I was lucky to have that time in the first place. It's just that my four weeks of paternity leave went by entirely too fast.

Chris Schanz is a former CR sports editor embarking on a new journey as a father. You can reach him at christopher.schanz@gmail.com.

# Husband lashes out at wife after she asks for thanks

DEAR ABBY: My husband rarely says "thank you" and almost never apologizes for anything. The other day, I was at an office party to which family members were not invited. I brought home a plate of food for my husband, for which he refused to thank me when I hinted that a "thanks" might be nice, especially since it was dinnertime.

The office "lunch" had been hours ago, and I had brought nothing for myself. He said because I hadn't come home

## Dear Abby



when I said I would, he didn't feel the need to thank me. When I told him it's common courtesy to thank people, he continued arguing and eventually threw the plate of food across the room. Now he won't

apologize for that either. He feels he was justified in throwing the food.

Abby, my husband is a college professor and well-educated, yet he often overlooks common courtesy. He usually walks fast and ahead of me when we're going places. He never says, "You look nice," and he leaves the house without mentioning where he is going.

It doesn't concern him that it upsets me, as he is convinced that he is right about every-

thing. The food-throwing is an extreme example of his behavior, but it has me concerned about his mental health at this point. Advice, please. — NEVER THANKED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR NEVER THANKED: Your husband's mental health is fine. What you have described in detail is not new behavior. The professor has been an educated boor for years and is clearly unwilling to change. I would question YOUR judgment

for having tolerated his disrespectful behavior for the length of time you have because he has shown you repeatedly that your feelings are of little consequence to him.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

Contact Dear Abby at Dear-Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Community Calendar

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

## Today

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 - BRI-

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

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

## Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for

Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early

for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

## Thursday

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.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1.

# Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

## Saturday's Solution

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# Rokita right to target chemicals

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)  
Tribune News Service

Most everyone can appreciate the convenience of waterproof and non-stick products.

But at what cost to public health and the environment?

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has filed a lawsuit against 22 companies in the state that, allegedly, have tried to conceal their longtime use of “forever chemicals” and the potential cost to human health.

Defendants in the lawsuit include heavy hitters such as 3M Company, DuPont, Corteva, United Technologies and Carrier Global.

The lawsuit was filed in Shelby County because a 2022 probe at the Army Aviation Support Facility there linked forever chemical contamination to use of AFFF foam for firefighter training. The foam has also

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been linked to soil, sediment, surface water and groundwater contamination near fire training areas at Grissom Air Reserve Base and Fort Benjamin Harrison.

PFAS, or forever chemicals, have been directly connected to kidney cancer, organ dysfunction, endocrine system disruption, immune system suppression, reproductive abnormalities and childhood developmental issues.

Among other uses, forever chemicals render cookware non-stick and carpeting, cloth-

ing and cosmetics stain-resistant and waterproof.

Forever chemicals were first used in household products in the 1940s and over the past eight decades have seeped into our soil and water supplies — not to mention our bodies. The chemicals are now found in the blood of people and animals across the planet, as well as in the food supply and a wide array of consumer products.

Rokita maintains that some manufacturers in Indiana have used forever chemicals recklessly, flouting public health concerns.

The lawsuit contends that, while the companies “knew or should have known about the risks associated with PFAS-containing products, “they marketed, sold and distributed contaminated products to Hoosiers “while concealing the dangers” and “affirmatively distorting

and/or suppressing their knowledge and the scientific evidence linking their products to the unreasonable dangers those products pose.”

Furthermore, Rokita says the companies violated state and federal environmental regulations and ran afoul of Indiana consumer protection laws.

Similar lawsuits are being filed in some other states in the aftermath of the Environmental Protection Agency’s recent establishment of new drinking water standards designed to limit exposure to forever chemicals.

The new EPA rule requires monitoring within five years of six different forever chemicals in public water systems and mitigation if the chemicals are found to be above the allowable level.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management public drinking water testing over the

past few years has revealed forever chemicals levels that exceed the EPA’s health advisory in 24 counties: Bartholomew, Carroll, Cass, Clark, Crawford, Decatur, Elkhart, Floyd, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Lake, LaPorte, Madison, Marion, Perry, Posey, Scott, St. Joseph, Sullivan, Vigo and War-

rick. Rokita’s office is targeting companies that not only used forever chemicals at “toxic levels” but hid internal research about harm to consumers.

Hoosiers have the right to know the environmental and public health costs of using products containing forever chemicals.

Rokita is doing the right thing by holding almost two dozen companies operating in Indiana accountable for hiding those costs, allegedly, in order to sell their products.

## Power is key to the new rush

By JON FORD  
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As the digital age accelerates, Indiana finds itself at the focal point of a new kind of gold rush — a rush to locate and power data centers and microchip manufacturing plants. These modern-day mines don’t extract ore; they process and store the lifeblood of the 21st century: data and microchips. And just like the gold rushes of old, this boom is reshaping the landscape, literally and economically.

The AI revolution, grown out of advancements in machine learning and data processing, has triggered a surge in demand for data centers. Amazon recently announced it would invest \$150 billion in new data centers over the next 15 years. Indiana, with its ample space, central location, and business-friendly policies, has emerged as a prime spot for these technological hubs. But this rapid growth brings an insatiable hunger for one critical resource: electricity.

Data centers are notorious for their energy consumption. They require vast amounts of electricity to keep servers running and maintain the controlled environments necessary to protect delicate equipment from overheating. Indiana’s data center industry is growing rapidly, but this expansion is causing an increase in power demand with the already limited generation our state produces. Experts warn that Indiana is phasing out fossil fuels too quickly to keep up with the increasing demand for energy from the commercial and consumer sectors.

This presents a conundrum for the Hoosier State. The economic benefits of hosting data centers are clear: job creation, investment in local communities, and bolstering the state’s reputation as a tech-friendly haven. However, Indiana’s most abundant and reliable power source to power these projects faces unprecedented early retirements. With 12 coal units slated for closure by 2028, Indiana leads the nation in projected retirements of its baseload power, dependable and dispatchable coal. Early retirements will exacerbate the rising electric rates as many of the proposed retirements have not yet been fully paid for by ratepayers. Coal-fired generation can bridge the gap

Jon Ford



of what intermittent energy sources like solar and wind cannot provide when weather conditions do not cooperate.

This retreat from Indiana’s dependable, clean coal has escalated electricity costs and pushed Indiana into a precarious position of regularly purchasing energy at volatile market prices. Indiana has slipped from boasting the fifth-lowest cost of electricity to a middling 32nd nationally. The repercussions of this descent are felt most acutely by our residents, who now face soaring utility rates. Just this year, Duke Energy requested a 16% increase in customers’ electric rates, CenterPoint Energy requested a 16.5% increase and AES requested 14%.

This puts Indiana at a crossroads. The state must strike a balance between promoting technological advancement and maintaining reliable and affordable energy practices. This is not just a matter of preference but a critical need to secure our economic future and the well-being of our residents. Without our state’s baseload power source, clean coal, we risk losing potential economic opportunities while continuing the trend of soaring consumer electric rates and possible power outages.

In this modern-day gold rush, Indiana’s economic aspirations hinge on a stable and affordable power supply. High-demand industries like microchip manufacturing and data centers require an unprecedented energy reserve. To secure such industries and the high-wage jobs they bring, Indiana must consider a moratorium on fossil fuel fleet retirements until an adequate supply of dispatchable baseload power is established to ensure affordable and reliable electricity for Hoosier consumers along with current and future economic projects.

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## Our campaigns need poetry

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Tribune News Service

April is a good month to be thinking about poetry because it is National Poetry Month in the United States.

Former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo famously said, “You campaign in poetry. You govern in prose.” This brilliant formulation may be how things should be. It may be how things used to be.

Today, campaigns are soaked in lies and negativity. They reflect poverty, not poetry. No one governs in prose either. Governance is a wild mixture of Hollywood, policy arguments, battle, horse trading and charisma. Cuomo was getting at the point that in campaigns the candidate must inspire voters with a vision that awakens them the way David Hume in the 18th century awakened Immanuel Kant from, as he said, his dogmatic slumbers. Hume motivated Kant to see that although all knowledge of the world does indeed begin with sensation, our minds impose a conceptual structure on every sensation we experience.

Campaigns today are more inclined to convince you that the candidate’s opponent is dangerous to democracy or to grab you by the throat (or some other bodily parts) and pit you against the candidate’s opponent by using a major wedge issue as if it were an ax. Candidates do tell you things they intend to do, some of which they may be able to do. But most of their promises rely on support from Congress, if they are running for president, or the rest of Congress and the president if they are running for the House or the Senate. You would think everyone was running for king based on how many times they say what “I will do” when they get into office.

Dave Anderson



There is no quick fix to the pathetic nature of our campaigns, especially the truck loads of money that are needed to run them, or the dysfunctional nature of our system of governance in Washington, D.C. Yet we might start by taking a page from Cuomo’s book and creating a tone in our electoral politics that reminds us of poetry.

Now, poets of course differ — there are the classical poets like Pope and the romantic poets like Wordsworth, metaphysical poets with creative conceits like John Donne, pure masters of the ear like Alfred Lord Tennyson. The world’s greatest dramatist, William Shakespeare, was also a master of the sonnet. Then there’s 20th century towering poets like T. S. Eliot and William Butler Yeats, fierce social and political poets like Langston Hughes and Adrienne Rich, poets of depression like Sylvia Plath, lone beautiful voices like Emily Dickinson, and straightforward, graceful poets like Robert Frost. And these are just the English-speaking poets.

But whether they are complex or graceful, racy, musical, rhymers or poets of free verse or blank verse, they are not offensive, though they may be jarring to the ear. And they are always illuminating. Yes, campaigns would be better if they were more illuminating and less intrusive, destructive and offensive. Candidates should also actually recite some poet-

ry. I did — when I started my campaign in what became a high-profile Democratic primary in Maryland that my friend Jamie Raskin ultimately won.

Former Minnesota Sen. Eugene McCarthy was a poet, and he was joined by the poet Robert Lowell on the campaign trail in his race for president. McCarthy, who was against the Vietnam war; was eloquent and unlike Lyndon Johnson in almost every way. Some memorable lines:

•“This is, I say, the time for all good men not to go to the aid of their party, but to come to the aid of their country.”

•“We do not need presidents who are bigger than the country, but rather ones who speak for it and support it.”

•“I’m kind of an accidental instrument, really, through which I hope that the judgment and the will of this nation can be expressed.”

My finance director convinced me that reciting a poem at each fundraiser, where my aim was to change the tone of politics step by step, would kill my campaign. So I caved and put the poetry aside.

One part of the strategy for changing our campaigns is thus to revisit Cuomo’s dictum for how campaigns should be — they should be poetry in their tone and even include a bit of poetry. Changing our system of governance is a much more complicated and massive enterprise. But if we can change the tone of our campaigns by making them more poetic, then this will help change the tone and the substance of our system of governance.

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# Mercer Health awards scholarships

Three local students were among the recipients of scholarships from a health care organizations.

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The Medical, Educational and Development (MED) Foundation of Mercer Health announced \$20,000 in scholarships for high school students, including for Fort Recovery's Allison Knapke, Trevor Heitkamp and Megan Evers.

Knapke plans to study nursing to become a nurse practitioner at Ohio State University. Heitkamp will pursue a degree in biochemistry at Roberts Wesleyan University and Evers plans to study radiographic imaging at Rhodes State College.

"We are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2024 MED Foundation Scholarships and to highlight each of their educational journeys," Deb Hemmelgarn, MED Foundation and volunteer services director, said in a press release. "We are proud to support the goals of these aspiring students in our community who aim to contribute to the future of health care."

The recipients were selected based on academic performance, extracurricular activities, volunteerism and plans for higher education.

### Book drive set

A bank with local branches will hold a drive in an effort to help improve financial literacy.

First Financial Bank's book drive is scheduled for May 6 through 24 at

various area locations. The bank will accept donations of books at its locations at:

- 112 N. Meridian St., Portland
- 211 W. Pearl St., Union City
- 101 W. Washington St., Hartford City

Following the drive, books will be delivered to area schools, libraries and non-profit organizations in the community.

"This will be a fun drive for everyone involved, and we're looking forward to filling every one of these book bins," said First Financial chief corporate responsibility officer Roddell McCullough in a press release. "Reading and financial literacy often go hand in hand, so this is an opportunity to team up with the community to help our neighbors improve their financial wellbeing."

A list of recommended books on finance will be available in each financial center. First Financial also offers tools and resources at [bankatfirst.com](http://bankatfirst.com).

### Manager named

First Bank of Berne recently named Jayde Ketring as its new agribusiness banking manager.

Ketring, who works out

of the bank's Bluffton branch, started her career in seed sales before shifting to banking. She is a graduate of Purdue University and Southern Wells High School.

"I am fully confident that Jayde will lead First Bank of Berne's agribusiness division to new heights of success," said First Bank of Berne president and CEO Kent Liechty in a press release. "Her expert understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities facing the agribusiness industry are essential to our ability to help clients achieve financial goals and sustainably grow their operations."

### Hatchery granted

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced funding last week for 23 clean energy projects, including \$534,225 for Berne Hi-Way Hatchery.

The business will use the grant to purchase and install a 489.72 kilowatt solar array. It is expected to save nearly \$64,000 in energy costs annually.

"Clean energy is not only important for the well-being of our planet, but it is also crucial in ensuring the prosperity and sustainability of rural Indiana. By investing in clean energy projects, we are not only protecting the environment but also creating new opportunities for our communities," Dr. Goodin stated, "These projects not only provide clean

energy solutions but also create jobs and stimulate local economies."

### Hosting walk

Adams Health Network Foundation will host March for Mental Health from 5 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 3, in support of Adams Behavioral Health.

The walk is three quarters of a mile around Adams Memorial Hospital. It is intended to raise awareness to break the stigma with mental health needs.

### Hosting seminar

Indiana District Export Council, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Northeast

Indiana Regional Partnership will host a seminar May 8 regarding business opportunities with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

The event will feature Ted Osius, president and CEO of U.S. ASEAN Business Council and Scott Glaze, chairman and CEO of Fort Wayne Metals. Tickets are available at [indianadec.org](http://indianadec.org).

### Training scheduled

ServSafe training will be held monthly at John Jay Center for Learning in Portland through June.

Training sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday May 21 and June 18. The certification course is open to all food service employees and emphasizes safe food- and beverage-handling prac-

tices to minimize the risk of food-borne illnesses.

For more information, or to register, call (260) 729-5525.

### Lilly acquires

Eli Lilly and Company announced plans last week for Lilly to acquire a manufacturing facility from Nexus Pharmaceuticals.

Lilly is purchasing a facility in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. It will expand the company's global parenteral (injectable) product manufacturing network.

"The acquisition of this state-of-the-art facility underscores our unwavering commitment to growth and innovation, and we look forward to welcoming talented new Nexus colleagues to Lilly from the Pleasant Prairie facility," said Edgardo Hernandez, Lilly executive vice president and president for manufacturing, in a press release. "We are investing boldly to serve our patients, to meet product demand and to build capabilities for our robust pipeline of the future."

### Meetings scheduled

The Indiana Office of Energy Development will host a series of meetings as part of the process of planning, designing and implementing a federally funded home energy rebate program.

The office will be seeking public input on the rebate, for which implementation is planned for the fall.

A virtual kickoff meet-

ing is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30. (Register by visiting [in.gov/oed](http://in.gov/oed).)

In-person meetings will be held at four locations around the state in May and June. Meetings include 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, in Indianapolis, and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, in Fort Wayne. (Specific locations have not yet been announced.)

"We are seeking engagement with Hoosiers across the state so that we can reach as many qualified applicants as possible when these programs are made available," said Ryan Hadley, executive director of the Indiana Office of Energy Development. "Input is a critical element to ensure we develop a robust and well-run program."

A virtual closing session will be held at 6:30 p.m. June 27.

### Adding option

Greater Indiana and Southwest Michigan McDonald's locations have added the Bacon Cajun Ranch McCrispy sandwiches to their menu.

The sandwich features Southern-style fried chicken, Cajun ranch sauce, bacon and pickles on a toasted potato roll. It will be available for a limited time.

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# Net neutrality to return following vote

By MATTHEW MEDSGER

Boston Herald  
Tribune News Service

The Federal Communications Commission has approved a rule which will reclassify broadband internet as a telecommunications service subject to federal oversight, reestablishing the so-called "net neutrality" policy done away with under the Trump Administration.

In a 3-2 vote taken Thursday, the nation's top communications regulators ruled that broadband internet is a communications tool of the same type as the service delivered by old-fashioned copper telephone lines and therefore subject to Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.

"We know that broadband is a necessity and not a luxury, we know that it is an essential service. And when a consumer has a problem with it, they should be able to reach out to the nation's expert on communications and get the help they need. They

should be able to count on a national net neutrality policy that is grounded in the law and history of the United States," FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel said before the commission's vote.

Following the vote, Jonathan Spalter, president and CEO of broadband trade group USTelecom, said the U.S. broadband industry is now at a crossroads.

"These 400-plus pages of relentless regulation are proof positive that old orthodoxies die hard — even when the cost is failing to

achieve internet for all. Our nation has a stark choice: Do we move forward together and connect everyone or dial it all back? Just two and a half short years ago we stood together for universal connectivity. Title II does nothing to advance that shared objective."

FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr voted against the rule, describing it as an "unlawful power grab" on the part of the Biden Administration.

"The internet in America thrived in the absence of 1930s

command and control regulation by

the government. Indeed, bipartisan consensus emerged early on that the government should not regulate

the internet like Ma Bell's copper line telephone monopoly," Carr said.

Massachusetts' junior senator, U.S. Sen. Ed Markey, held a press conference after the rule's passage, noting the nation had gone for more than six years without any oversight of a now-vital communications tool.

*'We know that broadband is a necessity and not a luxury, we know that it is an essential service.'*

—Jessica Rosenworcel, FCC chairwoman

"It is day 2,321 that it took for us to get to today," Markey said. "Republicans and their industry allies will no longer be able to bask in their victory in 2017."

The new FCC rule, as written, reinstates net neutrality rules established under then-President Barack Obama in 2015. Trump's FCC chair, Ajit Pai, led the commission to do away with the rule in 2017.

Net neutrality, to hear Markey explain it, is not a government power grab but a consumer protection measure designed to prevent internet providers from choosing which content makes it through to customers and how fast it's delivered. Without it, internet providers get to select which content works and which doesn't, he said.

"This is an antitrust issue," Markey said.

The new rule will be published in the Federal Register and take effect in 60 days.



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**Contract Bridge** By Steve Becker

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East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
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 ♥ K 7 3  
 ♦ A Q 5 2  
 ♣ A 7 5

**EAST**  
 ♠ 9 7 5  
 ♥ 6 5 4 2  
 ♦ J 10 7 3  
 ♣ J 9

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ K Q J  
 ♥ A Q J  
 ♦ K 8 4  
 ♣ K Q 6 3

The bidding:  
 East 2 NT Pass  
 South NT Pass  
 West NT Pass  
 North 7 NT  
 Opening lead — ten of hearts.

Assume you're in seven notrump and West leads a heart. Certainly, the contract is sound, since you have 12 tricks on top and several chances for a 13th. For starters, either minor suit could be divided 3-3, in which case you are already certain to get home safely.

Or you could make the grand slam by a squeeze if one defender had four or more cards in both minor suits. In that case, when you cashed three hearts and three

spades, your unhappy victim would have to relinquish his stopper one minor suit or the other.

There is, however, another possibility. The opposition might make a mistake if given the opportunity and this possibility should not be ignored. The best way to beg after winning the heart with the jack, is to cash the A-K-Q of diamonds. Since dummy has four diamonds in plain view, this can do harm, as neither defender holds four diamonds would part with one of them if forced to discard another suit.

In the actual case, West would show out on the third diamond and discard a heart. But when you cashed the A-K-Q of hearts, West would find himself in an excruciating position. He would have to choose between discarding a spade or a club, holding the 10-8-4-2 each suit.

West might find the right disc — he has essentially a 50-50 chance of guessing right — but at least you have given yourself an additional chance to make the contract.

Note also that this method play maintains the possibility of squeeze if either defender starts with four or more cards in both minor suits.

Tomorrow: An exception to the rule.  
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# Colts ...

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“I think he’s got a rare ability to separate at the top of routes,” Steichen said. “He’s got an arsenal of releases versus press man (coverage), you can see it show up on tape. The guy had 11 touch-downs (last season). I think he averaged 14.4 yards a catch. The guy is a competitor. To get him where we got him, I couldn’t be more fired up about it.”

Steichen was also effusive about Latu, the 15th overall pick and first defensive player picked.

He had 23.5 sacks over two seasons at UCLA after being medically retired following a neck injury suffered at Washington.

Latu gained clearance from Dr. Robert Watkins — the man who performed former Indianapolis

**‘Like I always tell you all, there’s no perfect team. There’s not. ... But yeah, I’m pleased about where we’re at right now.’**

—Colts general manager Chris Ballard

quarterback Peyton Manning’s neck surgery — and he’s been praised for his relentless energy and on-field effort.

Steichen’s glad he won’t be drawing up ways to block Latu.

“When I look at defensive players in the draft and I get an oppor-

tunity to watch these guys, I kind of look at it from an offensive perspective as well,” Steichen said. “Like, ‘Hey, is this guy going to be a problem to deal with?’ When I watched his tape, I said I think he is going to be a problem. He has an arsenal of pass-rush moves.

# Roundup ...

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The boys gathered 88.5 points to beat four teams, but Wapahani ran away with the top spot with 146.5 points.

The girls’ 92 points put some distance between the Patriots and the bottom three teams, but couldn’t overcome the host Trojans with 108.

The boys walked away with two individual victories. Adam Alig earned the top spot in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16.1 seconds, while Garrett Hidy claimed the long jump with a mark of 18 feet, 3.75 inches.

The girls took first place in five events. Morgan DeHoff had the strongest day, winning both the 100 hurdles (17.3 seconds) and 300 hurdles (51.8 seconds). She was also on the 4x100 relay team with Matilda Mende, Jenna Dues and

Ariel Beiswanger that finished first in 51.8 seconds.

Molly Muhlenkamp earned the other individual victory with a jump of 4 feet, 10 inches, in the high jump.

Aixa Lopez, Mya Kunkler, Cash Hollowell and Makinsey Murphy took the top spot in the 4x400 relay in 4 minutes, 29 seconds.

## Pats nearly split

NEW CASTLE — The Jay County junior varsity girls tennis team finished 8-7 overall on Saturday in a 7-team invitational at New Castle.

Faith Fualkner claimed two of those wins out of the No. 2 singles position. She started her day with an 8-2 win over an opponent from Blue River before beating Shenandoah’s No. 2 player by the same score. She dropped her third match

8-2 to a player from East Central.

The No. 1 doubles pair of Audrey Muhlenkamp and Courtney Harris as well as the No. 2 doubles duo of Kenzie Tobe and Lauren Fisher finished 2-1 on the day.

Muhlenkamp and Harris dropped their first match to New Castle 8-5 before pulling off wins against Knightstown 8-2 and East Central 8-4.

Tobe and Fisher swept Knightstown 8-0 to open the day, but lost to East Central 8-4 after. They finished the invitational with an 8-4 win over Shenandoah.

Raylah Newton and Trinity Glassford both finished 1-2 out of the No. 1 singles spot and No. 3 singles position, respectively.

## Paul Dirksen powers

The Jay County Junior High School coed tennis

team opened its season against Adams Central on Saturday, going 5-13 on the day.

Despite suffering from a broken right thumb, Paul Dirksen was the only Patriot with multiple wins on the day. His first victory came from a doubles match with Josh Brown, which the pair won 8-2. The next win came with Grady Warvel. They took the match 8-1.

Henry Dirksen and Mad-die Clark played in the most dominant match, sweeping their opponents 8-0.

Claudia Dirksen and Kaitlyn Fisher teamed up for an 8-3 win.

The other victory came from Maria Laux and Elly Byrum in their second ever match. They won 8-1 after dropping the opener 8-6.

Jay County struggled in singles matches as the Jets took all nine contests.



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Paul Dirksen hits a left-handed volley during the Jay County Junior High School tennis match against Adams Central on Saturday. Despite having a broken right thumb, Dirksen pulled off two wins.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Boys golf vs. Wapahani — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; Track at Woodlan — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Mississinewa — 5 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Track county meet at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at New Knoxville — 5 p.m.; Softball at Anna — 5 p.m.; Junior high track county meet at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Versailles — 5 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
Jay County — Junior high softball vs. Elwood — 5:30 p.m.

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# Sports



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Jay County High School junior Luke Fugiett studies a green at Winchester Golf Club during the Winchester Invitational on Saturday. Fugiett shot a 104 on the day, which did not affect the Patriots' team score of 345 strokes that placed seventh at the invitational.

## Jay finishes seventh at Winchester Invitational

WINCHESTER — Caleb DeRome often finishes as the Patriots' top golfer. This weekend, they had a new lead, but it wasn't enough to get the job done.

The Jay County boys golf team finished with 345 strokes to place seventh at the Winchester Invitational at Winchester Golf Club on Saturday.

Noblesville narrowly edged out Westville for first place by just two strokes. The Knights finished with a score of 302.

Sims put together the best day for Jay County. He shot just three strokes over par for a 75.

### Jay County roundup

Noblesville's Drew Werkley and Jackson Umthum both had the low score of 72 on the day.

Caleb DeRome was the only other Patriot to keep his score under 90 strokes. He finished the day at 81.

Cody DeHoff and Isaac Homan rounded out the team

score with 92 and 97, respectively.

Luke Fugiett's 104 did not affect the Patriots' final score.

#### Walk off winner

WAPAHANI — Parker Nichols walked off against Woodlan on April 18 with a single to left field. It wasn't as flashy, but he did it again over the weekend.

Nichols got hit by a pitch to walk off the Greenwood Christian Academy Cougars 9-8 as the Jay County High School baseball team split at the Wapahani Invitational on Saturday.

Nichols' RBI was the third of

the seventh inning. The Cougars (6-7) retired the first two batters before a single, a walk and an error loaded the bases. Drew Schemenaur walked to drive in the first run and Sam Myers reached base on an error to tie the game for Jay County (8-6).

Myers earned the win as he pitched the first 1 1/2 innings and the final two. He gave up five runs (only two earned) on six hits, while striking out four batters.

Jay County fell to the Park Tudor Panthers 8-2 in the first game of the day.

The Panthers (10-1) got ahead early with three runs in the first and piled two on in the fourth and three more in the sixth.

Jay County's two runs came on catcher's interference in the first inning and a balk in the sixth.

Kade Sommers suffered the loss. He gave up four runs over 3 2/3 innings pitched.

#### Patriots take second

NEW CASTLE — The Jay County track teams both managed to finish second at New Castle on Friday afternoon.

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## Baseball and softball brackets have been drawn

Poor weather kept the Patriots off their respective diamonds early in the season.

With the softball team having only played eight games, they know their first postseason opponent. While the baseball team has completed 14 games, they will have to prepare for one of two opponents.

The IHSAA drew its baseball and softball sectional tournaments on Sunday. The Jay County High School baseball team received a first round bye in the Class 3A Sectional 24 hosted by Yorktown, while the JCHS softball team will play host Delta.

Dates and times have yet to be determined for the games. The softball sectional tournament's window opens on May 20 and runs through May 25 while the baseball tournament can take place between May 22 through May 27.

The Patriot baseball team (8-6) will face the winner of the New Castle Trojans (3-12) and the Centerville Bulldogs (4-5) in the semifinal. On April 14, Jay County split a double header with Centerville. It lost game No. 1 15-5 before picking up its first win of the season 7-3.

Jay County won't play the two-time defending sectional champion Trojans

(who currently hold the worst record among the Sectional 24 teams) in the regular season. New Castle has bounced the Patriots in the semifinal round the past two seasons.

If Jay County makes the championship game, they will match up with the winner of host Yorktown (9-6) and Delta (8-6). JCHS is slated to travel to Muncie to play Delta on March 13 and have not yet set a date to make up its game against the Tigers that got rained out on April 11.

The softball team isn't slated to play the Eagles (2-11) in the regular season. A victory in the opening round would earn Jay County a date with the Mississinewa Indians (7-4), who boast the second best record at the time of selection.

The top half of the bracket features an opening round contest between Centerville (5-5) and New Castle (2-12). The Bulldogs beat JCHS twice in 2023 and eliminated them from the tournament, but the two won't face off in the regular season this year. The Patriots are slated to play the Trojans on March 6.

The winner will get a semifinal match up against back-to-back sectional champion and current favorite Yorktown (9-2).

## Colts add value on both sides of ball in NFL Draft

By **GEORGE BREMER**

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson) Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — Chris Ballard had three expressed goals for the 2024 NFL Draft — add explosive playmakers on both sides of the ball, protect second-year quarterback Anthony Richardson and surround him with more weapons.

On paper, at least, it appears the Indianapolis Colts general manager went 3-for-3.

The draft opened with big swings on prolific UCLA pass rusher Laiatu Latu in the first round and dangerous Texas wide receiver Adonai Mitchell in Round 2.

A pair of versatile offensive linemen followed with a surprise trade up for Pitt offensive tackle Matt Goncalves in the third round and the selection of

Wisconsin center Tanor Bortolini to start Day 3.

The fifth round started with electric Oregon State wide receiver/kick returner Anthony Gould, and the remaining four picks were used to add depth and competition on defense.

The result had Colts head coach Shane Steichen smiling widely Saturday night as he thought about the new offensive depth chart.

"It's actually a good problem to have because we've got a lot of dudes. We do," Steichen said. "We've got to do a great job. Obviously, there's one football that goes around, but we've got a lot of talent. We've got to utilize that talent. That's our job to put those guys in position to go do it, but we're fired up about what we have on offense."

Mitchell is the most intriguing offensive addition.

Few question his playmaking ability. He has elite athleticism and played at a high level for two major college programs, beginning his career at Georgia before finishing at Texas.

He played in the College Football Playoff after each of his three seasons and saved some of his best plays for the biggest moments.

But there were questions raised by anonymous sources about reportedly poor interviews with NFL teams and the idea he can appear to be disinterested at times on the field if he's not the focal point of the play call.

Ballard strongly pushed back against those claims during an often profane reponse Friday night, and Steichen made his thoughts on the player clear a day later.

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