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### Another **INDOT** project set to begin

Indiana 18 structured to be replaced beginning next week

Another construction project is set to get underway.

Beginning next week, Indiana Department of Transportation will start "small structure as replacement" on Indiana 18 in the northwest corner of the county.

INDOT will be replacing a culvert on Indiana 18 bridge between county road 1050 West and the Jay/Blackford county line. (The waterway feeds into Stoney Creek, which then feeds into the Salamonia River in eastern Blackford county south of Balbec Road.

Indiana 18 will be closed between Indiana 1 and Montpelier during the project. The official detour utilizes Indiana 3, Indiana 26 and Indiana 1.

The project that will start next week joins a lengthy list of INDOT projects in and around Jay County this spring, including on Meridian Street (U.S. 27) in Portland. The project involves paving Meridian Street between county roads 200 South and 100 north, reconstructing Americans with Disabilities Act ramps to sidewalks with extended "bump outs" at some intersections in the downtown area and replacing traffic signals. Brooks Construction, which is handling the Lafayette streets this week. See **Project** page 2



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### **Patriotic performance**

Jay County High School senior Hannah Boggs plays The Star-Spangled Banner on the flute with the Jay County ROTC presenting the colors prior to the Patriots' girls tennis match and softball game Tuesday. The JCHS tennis program announced a donation prior to the match and donated to the band boosters previously as a thank you for Tuesday and to support what they do for the youth of Jay County.

# State piloting reimbursement program

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ Indiana Capital Chronicle

indianacapitalchronicle.com A regional public defense office's three part-time lawyers and ad hoc help — stand between Fountain County and a constitutional violation: of the impoverished Hoosier's right to a defense attorney.

then we get to the point where we're out of attorneys," said Campbell, a Republican. Offi-decades. cials pull help from elsewhere.

felony and child abuse cases. That's in exchange for following standards on caseloads, pay, independence and more. But the increasing cost of defense for misdemeanor cases potentially a step

That's about to change.

Fountain County, like the Legislators during the most other 66 members of Indiana's recent session authorized Public Defender Commission, a pilot for up to a dozen counties. receives partial state reimburse- The counties would comply with commission requirements and We're already convinced it's send in data; in return, they'd get important," said Andrew Cullen, ment for public defense on commission requirements and back up to 40% of their spending the commission's public policy on misdemeanor defense. portive counties, the pilot is tom line dollars and cents, and

"We just get inundated and is each county's own problem. statewide reimbursement and a healthier public defense system.

Some lawmakers, however, have been openly critical of the pilot as a slippery slope into a pricey longterm budget commitment.

"It's always been the commission's (goal) to get that misdemeanor funding authority back.

The county's misdemeanor project, is expected to take cases "have gone through the out traffic signals at Water, roof" following neighbor Illinois' Main, Walnut, High and legalization of marijuana, says Circuit Court Judge Stephanie Campbell.

director. "But the Legislature For the commission and sup- asked us to show them — in bottoward clear data — why it's important."



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

### **Kiwanis scholar**

The Dunkirk Kiwanis Club Scholarship went to Hayden Hardman during Jay County High School Honors Night on Monday. Pictured, Hardmon accepts the honor from guidance counselor Kristin Millspaugh. Hardman also received the Spanish Award and Spencer G. Calvert Memorial Scholarship. He also earned an academic honors diploma.

## **Trump fined for** violating gag orders

By MOLLY CRANE-NEWMAN and JOSEPHINE STRATMAN New York Daily News

Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — Donald Trump was held in criminal contempt and hit with \$9,000 in sanctions for repeated gag order violations - and warned he could wind up in jail — as his Manhattan hush money trial resumed Tuesday.

State Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan reprimanded the ex-president after finding that nine out of 10 posts recently flagged by prosecutors, which referenced the jury and anticipated witnesses Michael Cohen and porn star Stormy Daniels breached a pretrial order prohibiting the ex-president from publicly commenting on individuals involved in the case.

Merchan didn't buy Trump's argument that sharing things other people said didn't violate the order, finding there was "no doubt whatsoever" that his intent and purpose when reposting is "to communicate to his audience" his endorsement, Merchan wrote in an accompanying written order, saying he'll consider putting Trump behind bars if there were further violations.

Before announcing his decision, Merchan threw Trump a bone by saying he'd let him attend his son Barron's claims would never hit the headlines.

high school graduation next month. That was about the only good news for the former president, who decried Merchan as "rigged" and "crooked" on his social media website amid a jampacked day of testimony centering on the negotiations that preceded the hush money transactions at the heart of the case.

Later in the day, a midlevel New York appeals court rejected his request to freeze the trial while he attempts to fight several rulings by Merchan.

Prosecutors on Tuesday called Keith Davidson as their sixth witness. The lawyer counseled Daniels and Playboy model Karen McDougal as they considered coming forward with allegations about sexual relationships with Trump in the leadup to the 2016 election.

Davidson said his initial involvement in the hush money payoffs came months before the election with a friendly tip to his pal Dylan Howard, then editor-in-chief of the National Enquirer, regarding McDougal's allegations of a lengthy affair with Trump shortly into his marriage to Melania.

After meeting with Davidson and McDougal in Los Angeles, the supermarket tabloid struck a deal for \$150,000, with the understanding her

#### **Deaths**

Randy Tinch, 65, Portland Katrina McGraw, 38, rural Portland Lucille Laux, 85, Fort Recovery Details on page 2.

#### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 72 degrees Tuesday. The low was 55.

There is a slight chance of showers tonight with a low in the lower 60s. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with rain expected. More showers are likely in the evening.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

#### In review

The Portland Foundation is accepting applications for its summer grant cycle. Deadlines are July 11 for Women's Giving Circle grants, June 12 for scholarships and June 27 for regular grants and teacher creativity mini grants. Applications are available at portlandfoundation.org. For more information, call (260) 726-4260.

Correction

A recent story in The Commercial Review inaccurately stated the income limit amount for the upcoming owner-occupied rehabilitation program. A two-person household must make at or below \$50,500 to qualify.



### **Capsule Reports**

#### **Randy Tinch**

April 18, 1959-April 29, 2024 Randy Lee Tinch, age 65, of Portland, passed away on Monday, April 29, 2024, in IU Health

Memorial Ball Hospital in Muncie surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born in Winchester, Indiana, on April 18, 1959, the son of Tinch Dorman and Frances Hip-



Tinch

shire. He was married in 2003 to Lisa Kegerreis who survives.

Randy served in the U.S. Army and was a disabled American veteran. He attended the First Church of Christ and was a staunch Donald Trump supporter. He was a loving and dedicated husband and grandfather. He had been a Portland resident for 21 years and loved being outdoors in the sun.

He will be sadly missed by his wife of 21 years Lisa; two children, Garry Horner (wife: Christina) of Redkey and Deborah Petty (husband: Jonathan Walser) of Portland; grandchildren Colin Horner, Nevaeh Petty, Lillian Stephen and Kwynton Walser; two brothers, Rex Tinch and Larry Schell; and sister Connie Robinson.

He was preceded in death by his mother Frances Smith.

Funeral services will be held Jay County High School.

Friday, May 3, 2024, at 5 p.m. in the Baird Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Flint Redwine presiding. Visitation will be Friday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Memorials can be made to any veterans organization.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

#### Katrina McGraw

Nov. 11, 1985-April 28, 2024 Katrina "Katie" McGraw, age 38, a resident of rural Portland, passed away on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at her home in rural Portland.

Katie was born on Nov. 11, 1985, the daughter of Dave and Connie (Newton) McGraw. She attended

Survivors include: Her parents McGraw Dave Cindy), (wife: Portland, Indiana, and Connie Keller, Portland, Indiana Her grandpar-

ents — Bonnie LeMaster, Portland, Indiana,

and Max and Charlene Blowers, Bryant, Indiana

McGraw

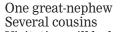
Her siblings Zachery McGraw (wife: Lauren), Union City, Indiana, and Christie Felger (husband: Joseph), Keystone, Indiana

Stepbrother — Brad Blowers (wife: Beth), Bryant, Indiana Ten nieces and nephews

Mayors Jack Robbins (Dunkirk) and Jeff Westlake (Portland) signed proclamations

declaring April 29 through May 4 as Respect for Law Week. Pictured from left are Optimist club

members Kathy Jones, Linda Aker and Mike Aker, Westlake, Robbins, Optimist Sandy Rogers,

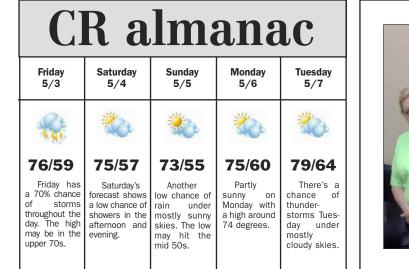


Visitation will be held on Monday from 10 a.m. to noon at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at noon on Monday at the funeral home. Pastor Francis LeMaster will officiate and burial will follow at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.

Condolences may be expressed williamsonat spencer.com.

Lucille Marie (Timmerman) Laux, Fort Recovery, died Monday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church.

Photo provided



### **Lotteries**

Powerball Estimated

\$178 million

jackpot:

#### Mega Millions

10-18-27-37-61 Mega Ball: 5 Megaplier: 3 Estimated jackpo \$284 million

#### Hoosier

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Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 0-9-0 Daily Four: 6-4-2-2 Quick Draw: 1-4-19-3 40-46-51-55-57-62-63-64-66-68

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Cooper Farms	June beans11.55
Fort Recovery	Wheat 5.58
Corn4.33	ADM
June corn4.37	Montpelier
Wheat4.88	Corn4.24

Evening Daily Three: 9-2-9 Daily Four: 8-3-9-7 Quick Draw: 4-5-15-16-17-18-24-26-33-48-53-56-59-60-62-63-68-73-76-79

#### Ohio

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ot:	Midday
	Pick 3: 4-0-5
	Pick 4: 3-5-1-0
	Pick 5: 1-5-0-7-7
	Evening
	Pick 3: 0-7-7
	Pick 4: 2-8-6-5
	Pick 5: 1-8-0-3-2
	Rolling Cash: 5-10-13-
35-	16-21
	Estimated jackpot:
	\$160.000

June corn .....4.28 Beans .....11.43

June beans .....11.52 Wheat .....5.55

Corn.....4.32

June corn ......4.35

Beans ......11.28 June beans .....11.38

Wheat ......5.33

Heartland

St. Anthony

Project

**Showing respect** 

Continued from page 1 Temporary stops signs will be placed at the intersection of Meridian and Water streets, making it a four-way stop, with other intersections involved becoming two-way stops with traffic free-flowing along Meridian Street. (Temporary "buzz strips" have been placed along Meridian Street at each intersection in an effort to encourage drivers to slow down.)

INDOT is also in the process of putting a new deck and guardrails on the Indiana 67 pridge over the Salamonie River between the Mississinewa River.

county road 125 South and Indiana 26. A temporary traffic signal has been installed with the area just south of Jay County High School reduced to one lane.

Dunkirk Police Chief Dane Mumbower and Optimist Leland LeMaster.

Just south of Jay County, INDOT is replacing the U.S. 27 bridge over the Mississinewa River between Indiana 28 and Randolph County road 850 North. And in Delaware County, Indiana 67 is closed from the Indiana 28/Indiana 67 split to Mississinewa Avenue (Indiana 167) for an INDOT project to demolish and repuild a pridge over

(John Richard Norris was

charged in Jay Circuit Court on Feb. 21 with the

A Portland man was

Robert L. Rivers, 36, 510

E. Race St., was found guilty in Jay Circuit Court

of battery resulting in bod-

ily injury to a public safety

official, a Level 5 felony, as

well as domestic battery, a

Level 6 felony. He was sen-

tenced to four years in

Indiana Department of

Correction with three

vears suspended. A peti-

tion alleging he violated

the conditions of his pro-

bation was filed in court

without bond in Jay Coun-

Failed to appear

ing to appear in court.

Rivers was being held

A Portland man was

Austin M. George, 21, 1212 N. Franklin St., is

charged in Jay Superior

Court with a with two Level 6 felonies for posses-

sion of a narcotic drug and

unlawful possession of a

syringe, and in a separate

case he's charged with a

Level 6 felony for posses-

sion of methamphetamine.

He failed to appear in court

George was being held

A Huntington man was

Matthew A. Cook, 32, 320

arrested Monday for theft.

N. Court St., was prelimi-

narily charged with a Level 6 felony. He was

being held on a \$3,000 bond

in Jay County Jail.

without bond in Jay Coun-

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**Probation violation** 

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### The Andersons

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### **Today in history**

In 1536, King Henry VIII of England committed his wife Anne Boleyn to the Tower of London, charging her with adultery and incest. Boleyn, the second of Henry VIII's six wives, was later convicted and beheaded.

James Version of the Bible was first published.

In 1973, Pat Medler won the 100-yard dash Taiwan. and 220 dash, earning half of the Portland High School boys track team's wins as it scored 63 points to defeat Wes-Del (54) and Eastbrook (41).

In 1998, Fort Recov-High School ery crowned Phil Ranly and the event. Nikki Roessner as its

prom king and queen. Also, Abby Arnold and Pete May were crowned queen and king at the East Jay Junior High School spring dance.

In 2013, a reception at John Jay Center for Learning was held for a delegation from Taiwan In 1611, the King to celebrate an educapartnership tional between Jay School Corporation, Ball State University and schools in

> In 2022, the Jay County High School girls track team placed fourth at the Muncie Central Relays. Gabi Bilbrey set a new careerbest in the discus at 120 feet even. She went on to be a state qualifier in

> > —The CR

### Citizen's calendar

#### Today

3 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, Jay County Country Living, 1194 E. 200 Monday North, Portland.

office, city hall, 321 N. 1616 N. Franklin St. Meridian St.

Plan Commission, Com- lage hall, 201 S. Main St.

munity Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

orth, Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland 4 p.m. — Portland City Council, council Board of Works, mayor's chambers, fire station,

5:30 p.m. - Portland ery Village Council, vil-

### Felony arrests

#### **Sexual misconduct**

A Jay County Jail correctional officer was arrested Tuesday for sexual misconduct by a service provider with detainee.

William B. Bentz, 35, 2267 S. U.S. 27, Portland, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony. He was released on a \$10,000 bond from the jail.

Bentz, who has worked for the department since 2023, is the second correctional officer this year to be accused of sexual misconduct with an inmate.

### **SERVICES**

#### Today

Twigg, Ronald: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

#### Friday

Mock, Richard: I p.m., Wilson Shook Funeral Home, 317 N. Main St., Dunkirk.

Tinch, Randy: 5 p.m., .Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

#### Saturday

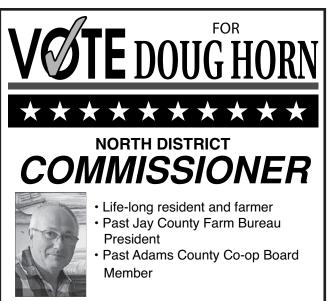
Laux, Lucille: 10 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.

Branscum, Wanda: noon, Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

#### Monday

McGraw, Katrina: noon, Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE **DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com The Graphic Printing Company • The Commercial Review 309 West Main Street • Portland, IN 47371 Office Hours: 10 am - 4 pm, Tuesday - Friday NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.



#### I would like to put my life experience to work serving Jay County.

Paid political ad by candidate



#### CONTRACTED INSTRUCTOR

ARTHUR & GLORIA MUSELMAN WELLNESS PAVILION

The Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion is seeking a Contracted Instructor to teach high-intensity land classes (focus on cardiorespiratory endurance and strength, including step aerobics, indoor cycling and/or kickboxing) and a Contracted Instructor to teach low to high intensity water classes. Ideal candidate is a self-motivated, enthusiastic individual with experience teaching fitness classes, and certification from AEA, ACSM, ACE or a related organization is preferred. Candidates must be CPR certified with AED training or must obtain upon hire. Hours are based on fitness schedule availability and need.

Accepting applications through May 21st. Apply in person, online at www.swissvillage.org, or send Resume to:

Briana Eicher, Pavilion Director Muselman Wellness Pavilion/Swiss Village, Inc. 1201 Emmental Drive, Berne, IN 46711 Or email: brianae@swissvillage.org

7:30 p.m. — Fort Recov-

## Family

### Character Counts

Students were recently selected from each classroom at East Elementary for exhibiting all six character counts traits — responsibility, caring, respect, trustworthiness, citizenship and fairness – all school year. Pictured above are kindergarteners (front row) Pedro Navarro, Lillian Ingram and Quinn Alt, and (back row) Kenadee Poole, Avery Jutte, Rowan Ingram and Mabel Leonhard.



# Spouse struggling to leave cheating wife

DEAR ABBY: After 10 years of being with my wife, including eight years of marriage, I accidentally discovered she was having affairs online. She put me through weeks of lies, denial, minimizing and obfuscating before finally giving me full disclosure. At this point, I'll never know if I can believe her after her seven years of off-andon cheating with one main partner and two others. Even if I were to believe she's remorseful and has changed, it's hard to live with what's already happened.

It's been 15 months. I can't get past the pain of the betrayal and the feeling that she didn't love or respect me for most of our relationship. In addition, there are images I can't get out defense is a strong offense. mother and three hours from hotels. of my head. I want to leave, but She didn't lie to you once — my sister and her family.) For finances and young children your entire marriage has every occasion over those 25 my family, but I feel some Los Angeles, CA 90069.



make it complicated. Also, my wife will cry, get dramatic and make me feel bad, telling me she will just go to a homeless shelter. I don't know if she's purposely trying to make me feel guilty or what. Please help. – LIVING IN PAIN IN ORE-GON

**DEAR LIVING: OF COURSE** your wife is trying to make you feel guilty! The best now live an hour away from my

been a continuous lie. Are years, I have always visited boundaries need to be estabyou even sure the children them — spending time, money are yours and not one of her lovers'?

Talk to a lawyer NOW. (While you're at it, make an appointment to be tested for STDs.) If you are the father of any of those children, file for full custody. Where your wife lives after that is up to her. (Perhaps one of her lovers will take her in, which will spare you your feelings of undeserved guilt for protecting yourself.)

..... independent from my family for 25 years. I have always lived a few hours' drive from them. (I

on gas, putting thousands of miles on my car and sometimes taking time off from work. Never has anyone visited me, other than once when my sister was passing through and wanted to have lunch.

I have invited my family countless times, but there's always an excuse. Often, it's that my place is too small to accommodate them or that I have a roommate. I'm expected to spend my resources visiting them or go broke to have a place DEAR ABBY: I have been that can accommodate them. I am reminded of this lopsided situation every time my roommate's family visits multiple times per year. They stay in

I'm not confrontational. I love Dear Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440,

lished. Am I unreasonable? If not, do you have any suggestions? — ALL ON ME IN FLORI-DA

DEAR ALL: If it is not practical to continue traveling to visit your relatives, stop doing it. Do not stop inviting them to visit you, however, and when you do, tell them you know they would be more comfortable staying in a nearby hotel or motel, which is what your roommate's family has been doing for years.

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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

### **Community Calendar**

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To subnews@thecr.com.

#### Today

A group for those strug-gling with addition that served at 6:30 p.m. and the at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each meeting will begin at 7 Friday at the Jay County focuses on motivation, p.m. 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 RECOV-ERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Eads at (260) 726-9625 or the first and third Friday

Dave Keen at (260) 251- of each month in the for-8792. PORTLAND LIONS

mit an item, email CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions SERVICES - Peer Addic-Civic Center, 307 W. 100 tion Support Team recov-SMART RECOVERY — North. The meal will be ery support group meets

mer W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

PAST RECOVERY Drug Prevention Coalition from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on office at 100 N. Meridian the first and third Satur-St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259 SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173. CINNCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its next meeting at noon Friday, May 3, at the Harmony Café in Portland.

Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463

DUNKIRK HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY — Is open



#### FRONT DESK ATTENDANT

ARTHUR & GLORIA MUSELMAN WELLNESS PAVILION PART TIME: VARIED WEEKDAY HOURS AND OCCASIONAL WEEKEND HOURS

The Front Desk Attendant is responsible for building and maintaining customer relations while placing an

FORGET-ME-NOT - Asupport 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. For more information, call Kimberly Siberv at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

#### Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY — Is open

Sudoku								
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#### Level: Intermediate Wednesday's Solution

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each of the nine three-by-	6	7	2	4	8	3	1	5	9
three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains	9	1	4	6	5	2	3	7	8
the digits from 1 to 9 only	3	5	8	1	7	9	4	6	2
one time each.	7	8	1	9	4	6	5	2	3
	4	2	6	8	3	5	7	9	1
	5	3	9	7	2	1	8	4	6

#### **Saturday**

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West

day of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113. S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOL-DIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

#### Sunday

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

#### Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.



emphasis on excellent membership services. This position is responsible for providing knowledge of programs, services, and memberships provided by the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion.

Apply in person, online at www.swissvillage.org, or send Resume to: Briana Eicher, Pavilion Director Muselman Wellness Pavilion/Swiss Village, Inc. 1201 Emmental Drive Berne, IN 46711 Or email: brianae@swissvillage.org



Wednesday, May 29 - CR/NS\*

**Blackford graduation** 

Wednesday, May 29 - NT\*

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### Opinion

#### Page 4

# **Reporting is becoming more diverse**

#### **Bv MORTON J. MARCUS**

On or before May 7, Hoosiers will vote for congressional candidates appearing on the November ballots. Those selected will represent our nine districts until the first week of 2027.

What do they know of us? In fact, what do we know of us?

For example, the total population of Indiana grew by 4.5% between 2012 and 2022. From Congressional District 2 (South Bend and Elkhart) in the north central part of the state to as far south and east as Congressional District 6 (Columbus and Richpopulation growth mond), exceeded 5%.

In Congressional District 1 (northwest Indiana) and most of southern Indiana (Congres- lost population under the age sional Districts 8 and 9) growth of 18. Congressional District 7



was in the 4% range. However, in Congressional District 7 (the northern two-thirds of Marion County) population growth was only 1.6%. Differences in population growth often mean serious challenges for housing and local businesses

Those data mask other population differences. Five of our nine Congressional Districts lost 6.9% of its young persons In percentage terms, Congreswhile neighboring Congressional District 6 (Winchester to Columbus) gained 7.7% in that age group. But school buildings aren't built to be moved.

At the other end of the age distribution, the population 65 and older grew by 30%, led at 38% by Congressional District 5 (Kokomo and Marion south to the Trendy Trio of Carmel, Fishers and Westfield). Congressional District 6, by contrast, had but a 16% growth in that age group.

The state's Hispanic population grew by 125,600(31%), with less than 40% of that growth represented by Mexicans, 20% Puerto Ricans and Cubans, and the balance from other Hispanic or Latino areas.

sional District 3 (Portland to Fort Wayne and LaGrange) had the lowest increase at 21%, while Congressional District 6 more than doubled its Hispanic population (up 144%).

The Hispanic population includes persons of all racial groupings. When they are removed and only non-Hispanic persons are considered, we see a 97,000 decline in the white alone Hoosier population. This number terrifies white nationalists. What they miss is this "loss" was offset by the 169,000 persons reporting they were of some other race alone or of two or more races.

Congressional Districts 6 and 7 had declines in the white alone classification of 57,000 and 61,000, respectively, not offset by increases in the more diverse groups mentioned above. Congressional Districts 1, 2 and 4 did have such offsets; the remaining Congressional Districts 3, 5, 8 and 9 all had increases in the white alone group but with equal or greater increases in the more diverse groups.

That's what's happening. More people are reporting a wider range of racial ancestry than previously. As genealogy becomes more fashionable, occupying a prominent time slot on public TV, more people are aware of and ready to identify the complexity of our origins.

#### .....

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

### Sending troops is a dangerous idea

#### Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service On Wednesday during a visit to Columbia University, House Speaker Mike Johnson warned that if the wave of protests against Israel's U.S.-fund-ed war in Gaza on college including campuses, UCLA and USC, is not contained quickly, "there is an appropriate time for the National Guard. We have to bring order to these campuses.

How troubling that the man who is the third in line to the presidency seems to think that it's OK to silence largely peaceful student protests by sending in armed troops.

It's a terrible idea, with a deadly history in the U.S. It was the Ohio National Guard that killed four unarmed students and wounded nine others at a rally against the Vietnam War at Kent State University in 1970. Since then, there have been uncountable examples of armed responses to nonviolent activities ending with innocent people getting hurt or killed.

Sens. Tom Cotton, R-Arkansas, and Josh Hawley, R-Missouri, have called on President Joe Biden to deploy the National Guard to quash pro-Palestinian protests. Republican state lawmakers in New York want Gov. Kathy Hochul to deploy the National Guard to Columbia University. And more than two dozen Republican senators signed a letter urging the Biden administration to "restore order to campuses" by using federal law enforcement, prosecudeportation tion and against "the outbreak of anti-Semitic, pro-terrorist mobs.' Never mind that they are unfairly assigning racist motives to thousands of people protesting the killing of more than 34,000 Palestinian people, most of them women and children. It's clear that these Republican politicians are less concerned with the wave of antiwar protests than using them for their own political ends. Johnson also threatened to use his power as speaker to punish colleges that don't eject protesters by withholding federal education funding. "If these campuses cannot get control of this problem, they do not deserve taxpayer dollars."

Guest **Editorial** 

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is especially rich coming from a man who has shown no interest in our democracy: President Trump's lies, and intended. his supporters' use of violence to try to prevent the peaceful transfer of power. To the contrary, Johnson played a key role in helping Trump try to overturn the election. He has suggested the Jan. 6 insurrectionists who participated in the attack on the Capitol were innocent people who "just happened to be walking through the building" and wanted to blur their faces from video so they could not be charged with crimes.



### Ban on noncompetes is a victory

#### By BETSEY STEVENSON Bloomberg Opinion Tribune News Service

It's easy to understand why the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is so upset about the Federal Trade Commission's decision to ban noncompete agreements. The problem for businesses is not that they will lose trade secrets or valuable investments in cracking down on the workers to competitors. It's that they most serious threat to just lost bargaining power to workers and that's exactly what the FTC



to compensate them for signing noncompete agreements in the first place? If this is true, ther noncompetes would have little effect on wages. The evidence, however, suggests that most workers do not do this type of forward-looking negotiation. In fact, many workers sign noncompete agreements without realizing that they are not legally enforceable in their state. Workers often face significant challenges in negotiating terms, especially when they lack information about their options and the job market. The process of understanding and negotiating over noncompete agreements can be particularly daunting without legal assistance, leading to a negotiation that is cheaper for — and therefore favors — employers. Moreover, noncompete clauses exploit behavioral biases that lead workers to underestimate their future cost. Some workers may even be ready to start a new job when the noncompete agreement is shown to them. In the comments received by the FTC, many workers noted that they weren't aware of such clauses until the last minute. These arguments imply that banning noncompetes might be important not just for higher wages, but for greater labor competition as workers become more mobile and make more employment transitions. Research suggests that noncompete agreements can restrict economic activity and personal career growth. And it's not just labor market competition that is reduced. By restricting labor supply, existing businesses can prevent new competitors from entering

prices for consumers.

Supporters of noncompetes argue that they are necessary to protect business secrets and justify investments in employee training. But existing laws already protect confidential information. And businesses can adopt alternative strategies such as training repayment agreements, which are more directly tied to the specific investments made in employees. Finally, Coase's work shows that there is no difference in these outcomes if the payments are made to retain workers, as businesses can offer to pay workers not to take jobs with competitors. The FTC's ban on noncompete agreements will help enhance labor market efficiency and economic growth. The U.S. needs a competitive economy to stay strong in the global marketplace. And that requires workers who are able to take their skills where they are most valued - and new businesses that have access to the full talent of the U.S. labor force. In most other advanced economies, workers have rights to keep a job. The U.S. does not require employers to give reasons for terminating workers, provide performance improvement plans before terminating workers and, when terminating a worker, a sufficient paid notice period. The argument against those policies is that they would make it hard for the U.S. to have a dynamic labor market. But the same logic applies to noncompete agreements: If it should be easy for employers to fire workers, then it should also be easy for employees to quit. And that requires workers to have the right to take a better job. By allowing workers to move freely to roles where they are most valued, the FTC is fostering a competitive and fair labor market.

This kind of tough talk speech after all.

It seems that his sendin-the-troops mentality applies only to some Americans.

Part of living in a free society is accepting the right of others to speak out and protest, even when you don't agree with them.

How someone in power responds to 1st Amendment rights being exercised in criticism of the government says a lot about what they value. Republicans' eagerness to deploy armed troops to quash peaceful protests suggests that they don't really believe in free

Despite the common perception that noncompete agreements are relevant only for employees who possess critical trade secrets, the reality is that they are often imposed across various industries on a wide spectrum of workers, many of whom do not handle any sensitive information. It's also the case that most hiring in the US involves people leaving one job for another — which is a critical factor shaping the dynamism of the labor market.

To see why noncompetes matter, it's important to understand the value of the right to quit one job and take another. The question is, who should hold that right?

When parties can negotiate without cost and rights are clearly defined, noted the Nobel laureate Ronald Coase more than half a century ago, they will reach agreements that lead to economically efficient outcomes. With the FTC's ban, the bargaining power shifts from employers to workers: Employers must make more competitive counteroffers to retain talent.

Previously, if you were governed by a noncompete agreement, you theoretically could pay your employer to let you out of it. Now, according to Coase's theory, even though the number of workers switching jobs might not change, the ban will have a distributional effect: Workers hold more bargaining power, and therefore could end up with higher wages.

Some might ask: Wouldn't workers simply have negotiated higher wages their markets and driving down Department of Labor.

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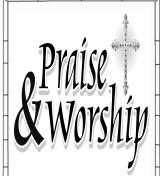






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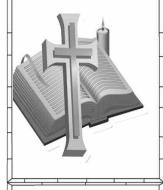
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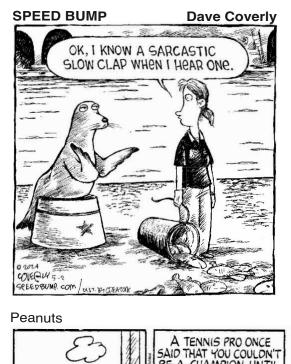
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have yielded an unsatisfactory result Cohen began by leading his singleton spade, on which Bergen played the three. This conveyed the message that he had an entry in clubs, the lower-ranking of the two remaining suits (aside from spades EAST After the ten of spades held, declarer led a heart to his king, which Cohen ducked. When South next led a heart toward the nine, ★ K 9 8 5 4 3
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★ A K 8 → A K 8 → A K 10 SOUTH A 7 4 Cohen went up with the ace, reveal-ing that he had no other high hearts

and was therefore interested in obtaining ruffs. Cohen returned a club to the king. and Bergen, allowing for the possi-bility that declarer might have been dealt a singleton club, returned the Opening lead — two of spades. Precise defensive play is the hallnine of spades for West to ruff, call-ing for a diamond return. So after mark of all top partnerships. Today's deal, from the 1988 Blue ruffing, Cohen switched to a dia-mond and obtained a second spade ruff. The defenders still had two

Ioday's deal, from the 1988 Blue Ribbon Pairs, shows the stuff of which sound defensive play is made. The East-West pair was Marty Ber-gen and Larry Cohen, who won the grueling six-session contest. **Cohen, West, elected** to leave in Bergen's reopening double of three hearts for penalties. Since Eastmore diamond tricks coming, so declarer wound up with only six tricks, giving Bergen-Cohen a top score of plus 800. score of plus 800. If the defense had slipped any-where along the way — for exam-ple, if West had tried to reach East with a second club lead — South hearts for penalties. Since East-West could make three notrump — worth 600 points — anything less than a three-trick set would with a second club lead — South would have escaped for down two, giving East-West a very poor result.

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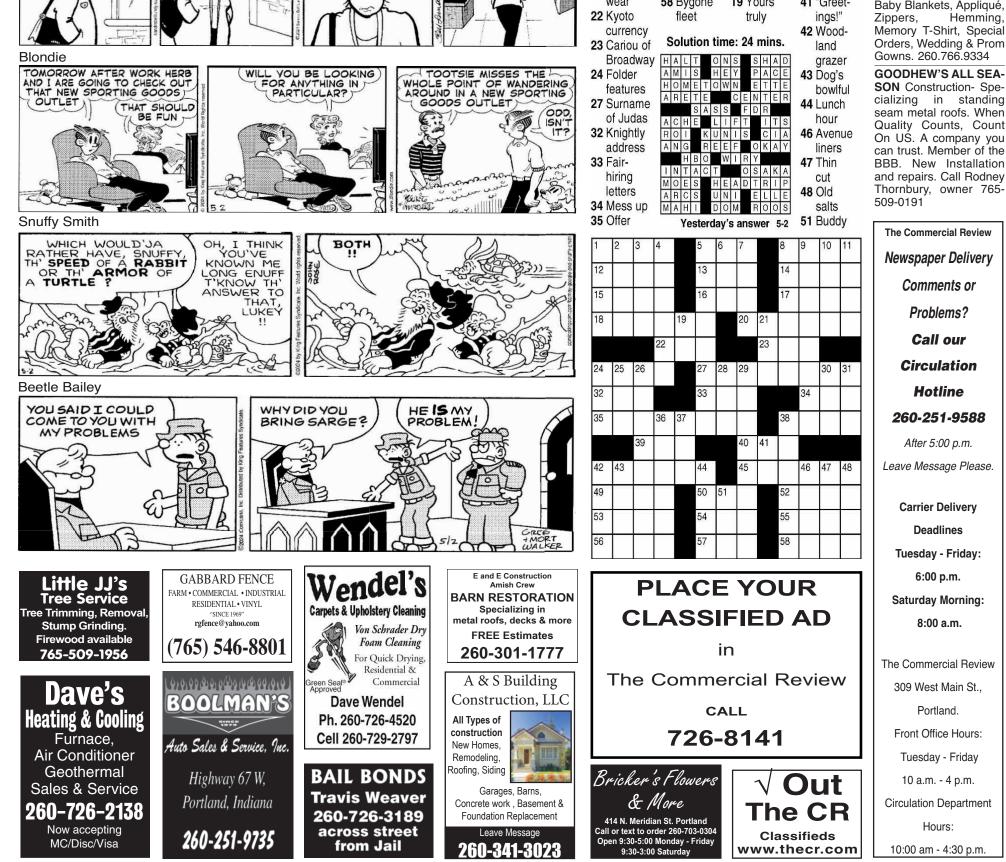
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### **Sports**

# **Patriots**

Continued from page 8 The other doubles duo. Meredith Dirksen and Sophia Sprunger, picked up the first win of the day for Jay County (5-3) as they dismantled Sadie Hanna and Emma Judge 6-1, 6-

Brenna Haines made quick work of Isabel Quirk at the No. 1 singles position. Haines dropped the first game to Quirk before rattling off the next six to win the first set. The JCHS senior took the first three games of the second set before slipping up, but got back on track for a 6-1, 6-1 victory.

"It takes me a while to warm up because I need to get a feel of how they play and how I'm going to play," Haines said. "So I don't usually do as well in the beginning but once I get a feel I really step it up.'

Brenna Bailey's 6-1, 6-4 takedown of Taj Isom at No. 2 singles secured the match for the Patriots soon after. She won the match on a forehand that hit her to focus on placing the ball only loss of the day. Muncie Cen- second to defeat Dillon 6-4, 6-4.

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JCHS No. 2 doubles player Chloe Ruiz hits a forehand on Tuesday during the first set of a 6-4, 3-6, 10-7 victory. The win was the first for Ruiz and Zion Beiswanger since April 15.

the top of the net and died shallow in the court before the tral's No. 3 singles player before Isom could run up on it. Bailey said that assistant the final point. coach Donald Gillespie had told

final game, which paid off on Andrea Lopez traded games in the first set before capturing it, Maggie Dillon suffered the but needed a late push in the

Garringer wants to use this as a launch pad for the team, reflecting on how she felt this was the first time the circumstances of the match allowed for her players' potentials to shine.

"I think we really needed this for our confidence," Garringer said. "I feel like just having a nice day, it's finally showing their true skills without the wind and balls just flying everywhere."

#### Junior varsity

The Patriots claimed two of six JV matches against the Bearcats.

In singles play, Henneaux beat Carmen Maxwell 6-3. The only other singles match featured Muncie Central's Renne Deboy beating Maria Mire 6-0.

Jay County lost all four doubles matches as freshmen Taven Bentley and Lydia Johnson fell 6-5 and seniors Lily Awliya, Anis Edi and Mire let a trio of matches slip away 6-0.

## Roundup

Continued from page 8 The boys had their most of those victories in the 110-meter hurdles (16.3 seconds), the 300 hurdles (46.3) and the high jump (5) feet, 8 inches).

Joseph Boggs earned multiple wins, individual wins on the claiming the 800 run (2 year in a meet with more minutes, 9 seconds) and than two teams at six. the 1,600 run (4:48). The Adam Alig earned three other victory came from Caleb Garringer in the 3,200 run (10:56).

also win multiple individual put), the 4x100 relay team events claiming the 100 dash (13.48), 200 dash (27.3) and high jump (4 feet, 8 inches).

Other first-place finishes came from Morgan The girls pulled off DeHoff (300 hurdles), eight victories. Jenna Alexis Sibray (800 run), Dues was the only girl to Jordyn Hutzler (shot

and the 4x400 relay team.

#### **Golf Falls**

The Jay County boys golf team fell to the Wapahani Raiders 160-173 on Tuesday at Portland Golf Club.

Caleb DeRome kept his score low, finishing with only 34 strokes.

Gage Sims put up the second-best score for Jay County (4-3) at 44. Cody DeHoff only had two more strokes as he clocked in with a 46.

Luke Fugiett rounded out the team score with a 49, while Isaac Homan's 51 did not contribute to the final

The junior varsity team pulled out a 187-201 victory over the Raiders. Liam Garringer shot the low with a 43. Other scores came from Dawson Goldsworthy (46), Domonick Bright (48) and Grant Linville (50).

Cody McFarland's 60 did not affect the team score.

### Sports on tap

#### Local schedule

Today Jay County — Boys golf vs. Bluffton - 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at Bluffton – 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Adams Central – 5 p.m.; Softball at Bluffton – 5 p.m.; Junior high golf at Driver – 4:30 p.m.; Junior high track at Adams Central – 5 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Yorktown - 5 p.m.; Junior high at softball at Eastbrook - 5:30 p.m.

#### **90 SALE CALENDAR**

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Fort Recovery — Track county meet at Coldwater - 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at New Bremen - 5 p.m.; Softball vs. New Bremen - 5 p.m.; Junior high track county meet at Coldwater - 4:30 p.m.: JV baseball vs. New Bremen - 5 p.m.

Jay County - Softball vs. Muncie Central - 5

p.m.; Track ACAC meet at Bluffton - 5:30 p.m.;

Friday

**90 SALE CALENDAR** 

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A Petition has been filed with the Town Council of the Town of Redkey. Indiana seeking to have vacated a certain public way within Redkey, Indiana, which public way is more particularly described as follows:

Two sections of an alley, oriented North and South, between E Wayne St. and E Grandview Ave. Specifically, a Sound alley commencing on the North side of E. Wayne St. between and abutting properties 500 E Wayne Street (LOT 101 Cloverdale Add) and 125 S Butler Street (LOT 100 Cloverdale Add), and terminating on the North edge of said properties. A North alley commencing on the Sound side of E. Grandview Ave. between and abutting properties 409 E Grandview Ave (LOT 40 Current South Side Add) and 411 E Grandview Ave (LOT 39 Current South Side Add), and terminating on the South edge of said properties.

Said Petition sets forth that said alley: is not of public utility and benefit; is not necessary to the growth of the Town of Redkey; will not leave any owner of real estate within the Town of Redkey without access to lands by means of public way, and; will not cut off the public access to any church, school or other public building or place.

A public hearing has been scheduled before the Town Council of the Town of Redkey with regard to such Petition on the 16th day of May, 2024, at six o'clock P.M. at the cabin at Redkey Morgan Park, 102 W Holmes Ave, Redkey, IN 47373. All parties interested in, or affected by, said proposed vacation of said public way may attend said public hearing, and may speak in favor of said Petition, or remonstrate against the same, as provided by I.C. 36-7-3-13. CR 5-2-2024-HSPAXLP

JC baseball, golf and softball all play Bluffton today. see Sports on tap

**Thursday, May 2, 2024** 

**Sports** 

Vazquez throws 13 K's in victory over South Adams. see story below

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### Patriots beat MCHS **By ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review

The Patriots haven't gotten off to the start they wanted.

The doubles teams were itching for wins, especially the No. 2 duo.

Everyone secured a victory other than the Patriots' season leader in wins.

The Jay County High School girls tennis team cruised to the first three victories and fought to earn a fourth to beat the Muncie Central Bearcats 4-1 Tues-

day. "It feels really nice," JCHS coach Andrea Garringer said. "I saw a lot of improvements especially from the doubles. I saw a lot more talking and better placement of the ball. I saw a lot of good net play from No. 2.'

The No. 2 doubles pair of Zion Beiswanger and Chloe Ruiz was searching for a win. Their last victory came on April 15 in a match at Winchester.

The duo got off to the start they needed, beating Muncie Central's duo of Clarissa Jones and Grace Walker 6-4 in the first set. An early three-game deficit resulted in the pair dropping the second 6-3 to force a tiebreaker.

Beiswanger and Ruiz jumped on top of the Bearcats quickly in the super tiebreaker and deciding set by putting together a 5-2 run. Jones and Walker didn't back down as a trio of volleys, a forehand by Beiswanger that hit the net and a short forehand by Walker that bounced twice gave the MCHS pair the advantage at 6-5.



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Jay County High School senior Maggie Dillon hits a forehand in the No. 3 singles match against Muncie Central's Andrea Lopez during Tuesday's 4-1 victory.

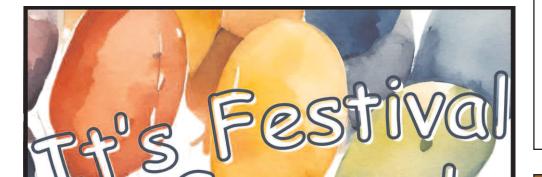
After that, the Patriots and Jones didn't handle went on a run of their own. Ruiz broke the dry spell with a well-placed backhand that Jones couldn't handle to get the run started.

A double fault by Walker tied things up at 7-7. She then had a forehand that sailed long to give the Patriot pair the lead. Ruiz placed a volley that couldn't be reached to get match point

Beiswanger's serve, giving Jay County the point for at 6-4, 3-6, 10-7.

"It should really help their confidence," Garringer said. "I switched Zion in a match for Lucie (Henneaux on April 22) but they weren't ready to play together. So I put Zion back and I think it motivated her to play a lot harder."

See Patriots page 7



### **Errors keep JC** perfect in ACAC

**Jay County** 

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off with a double

against Mallor Winner.

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Addie Baker kept Jay

County's bats quiet all

night, only allowing

three hits. Jaelynn

Lykins was the only

Patriot in the top five

spots to secure a hit,

while Mady Fraley and Hallie Schwieterman

claimed the other two.

loss with three runs

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Bluffton.

lan (78).

Winner suffered the

The Patriots (5-4, 0-2

ACAC) have now lost

three straight and will

look to right the ship

tonight and secure

their first ACAC win at

WOODBURN — The Jay County track teams both split with

the Woodlan Warriors

and Southern Wells

The girls gathered

71.5 points to dominate the Raiders (6.5) and

narrowly fall to Wood-

got outdone by the War-

riors (73) but was more

than enough to defeat

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Southern Wells (26).

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The boys' 62 points

Raiders on Tuesday.

**Triple winners** 

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(10-1, 2-0 ACAC).

score two runs.

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Things looked as if the Patriots were going to drop their first Allen County Athletic Conference game of the season, but a couple of mistakes in the sixth left the door open.

A three-run sixth inning secured the Jay County High School baseball team a 4-2 lead on Tuesday before Zedrian Vazquez ended the South Adams Starfires' chances of a comeback.

Tailing 2-1 entering the sixth, Jackson Edwards and Drew Schemenaur both reached base on errors to lead off. A groundout and an intentional walk to Parker Nichols set up bases loaded for Ryne Goldsworthy. The senior sent a line drive to center field to give the Patriots (9-6, 3-0 ACAC) the lead.

Nichols later scored on a dropped third strike and an error by catcher Luke Bauman.

The Starfires (5-6, 0-2 ACAC) needed two runs in the top of the seventh inning to extend the game, but Vazquez didn't allow them to pass. He gave up a double and a walk, but didn't allow any runs to score before he recorded three outs to secure the complete game. He struck out 13 batters in the appearance while only allowing the two runs.

#### **Bats stymied**

Two runs in the top of the seventh inning handed the Jay County softball team a 3-1 loss to the South Adams Starfires, as the Patriots struggled to find offense all night.

With the game tied at 1-1 in the top of the sev-

### Tribe spikers move to **DVII** in '24

There will be a new look to the postseason for the Indian spikers next year.

On Tuesday, the OHSAA announced the divisional assignments for

fall sports in **FRHS** the 2024-25 roundup athletic

season, making major changes to one of the Fort Recovery High School athletic teams.

OHSAA has expanded volleyball from just four divisions to seven to match football. With the change the FRHS volleyball team bumps down to DVII for the 2024-25 season.

Other Midwest Athletic Conference teams in DVII include Coldwater, Parkway, St. Henry, New Bremen, Marion Local and Minster. St. Henry eliminated the Indians in the district opener in the 2023-24 season.

All of Fort Recovery's other fall sports will remain in their previous divisions.

Like volleyball, football will stay in DVII and play in the northwest region.

Boys and girls cross country and boys golf will all remain in the lowest division for their respective sports, that being DIII.

Girls golf is also in the lowest division, at the DII level.

#### **Offense drives**

NEW KNOXVILLE, Ohio — The Fort Recovery baseball team's bats came alive early in a 13-1 beating of the New Rangers Knoxville Tuesday. The Indians (6-6, 3-3 Midwest Athletic Conference) jumped on top with a six-run first inning. Caden Homan and Gavin Faller both singled in the inning to drive in runs, walks by Alex Gaerke and Troy Homan pushed runs across the plate and the final score came on a sacrifice fly by Reece Wendel. Five more runs in the third inning put the game out of reach for the Rangers (5-11, 0-8 MAC). Runs got driven in again Wendel, bv Caden Homan, Faller and Troy Homan. Alex Dues earned the victory while only needing to toss two innings.

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#### **Grisez powers**

ANNA, Ohio — Nine unanswered runs over the first five innings did the trick for Fort Recovery's softball team in a 9-3 win against the Anna Rockets on Tuesday.

A one-out home run by Ava Grisez scored the first run of the game for the Indians (7-10). They added to it with one run in the second and fourth before exploding for six in the fifth inning.

The first three batters of the inning reached base before Kylie Post pushed two across the plate on an error by Anna's center fielder. Cali Wendel's single and Grisez's double pushed the other three runs across the plate.

The Rockets (7-12) tested Britney Tebbe, who pitched in relief, but could only manage three runs over the final two innings.

Jenna Homan secured the win with five innings pitched, in which she only gave up four hits and two walks.

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