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New points presented

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Jay County Development Corporation's executive committee will review new points of consideration as part of its contract negotiation with Jay County Commissioners.

The organization held a special meeting Wednesday to discuss contract stipulations from Jay County Commissioners that were shared with the board last week and detailed in a story in Saturday's edition of The Commercial Review. Those stipulations included not renewing the contract for Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards, returning the organization's budget to county control via the county auditor, reducing the board from its current 25 members to between nine and 11 and finding a "qualified director."

They were not discussed Wednesday, however, as Jay County Commissioner Rex Journey presented a document

JCDC board will consider county commissioners' proposal; not renewing executive director's contract is no longer listed

rescinding the email that detailed those stipulations and asking the board to "consider" points for a revised contract. He said after the original proposed stipulations were published by The Commercial Review online Friday night and in print Saturday, he received calls from fellow commissioners "rethinking their position."

Among the new points presented to the Jay County Development Corporation board Wednesday were:

- The JCDC board reduce its voting membership to between nine and 11, including the mayors or council presidents of Port-

land and Dunkirk, one county commissioner, one county council representative and representatives from Bryant, Redkey, Pennington and Salamonia. The remaining voting members would be elected by the JCDC board and have term limits. Additional non-voting members would be allowed. (Commissioners noted difficulty in getting a quorum as a reason for the reduction.)

- The JCDC board would meet monthly or as needed

- The lease agreement the county has with the city for space in Community Resource Center will be renegotiated to contain

the same language as other leases in the building

- The manufacturing sector would be the purview of JCDC while the retail business sector would be the purview of the community coordinator, a position currently held by Nate Kimball

- The JCDC executive director would be the lead local economic development official for the county with the community coordinator as the assistant

- Improved communication between the JCDC executive director and the community coordinator, including set hours for the community coordinator

- The JCDC board would set

yearly goals, with the executive director to report on them quarterly and also report monthly on projects and calls made to manufacturers

- Any future unused funds from completed projects would be returned to the county

- The executive director would explain once annually the benefit package he and the assistant director are paid

The document notes that the major points are a reduction of the size of the Jay County Development Corporation board and more clarity with reporting on finances and ongoing projects.

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Tornado confirmed



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A tornado that blew through Mercer County on Tuesday evening destroyed several barns and other farm structures and caused roof damage to some homes. Pictured above, a roof is partially torn off of a barn at 1401 Ohio 219.

Touchdown was north of Fort Recovery

By RAY COONEY
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A tornado caused damage Tuesday evening in Mercer County north of Fort Recovery.

The National Weather Service on Wednesday evening issued a statement conforming that an EF2 tornado touched down in Mercer County on Tuesday starting 4 miles north-northwest of Fort Recovery.

No fatalities or injuries were reported.

An EF2 indicates winds of between 111 and 135 miles per hour on the Enhanced Fujita Scale. (Tornadoes are rated on a scale from EF0 — weakest — to EF5, which has winds upward 200 miles per hour.)

According to the statement from the National Weather Serv-

ice, the tornado began about 7:50 p.m. and continued through 8:08 p.m. The first known damage involved downed trees along Siegrist Jutte Road. The most significant damage, the statement said, was in a wooded area south of Ohio 219 between Wabash and Saint Peter roads.

Some homes sustained roof damage while several outbuildings at farm properties were destroyed or heavily damaged.

The National Weather Service estimated the tornado had a maximum wind speed of 120 miles per hour. It traveled northeast 8.3 miles from about 4 miles north-northwest of Fort Recovery to 1 mile northwest of Coldwater along Burkettsville-Saint Henry Road. It reached a maximum width of 400 yards, a

little less than a quarter of a mile.

Jay County Emergency Management director Samantha Rhodehamel said no damage was reported to her office during Tuesday's storm. She said rotation was spotted in Jay County, but the tornado did not touch down until just over a mile east of the state line.

Indiana Michigan Power released a storm update late Tuesday that indicated 126 of its customers in Indiana lost electrical service in the storm.

The storm marked the second tornado to be confirmed in Mercer County this year, following the March 14 storm that touched down in southeast Adams County and continued to about 4 miles west of Celina, Ohio. That

was the same day a tornado ripped through Delaware and Randolph counties, causing severe damage in Selma and Winchester.

In 2021, an EF2 tornado ripped across northeast Jay County and into Mercer County, passing just northeast of Fort Recovery. The hardest hit location in Jay County was in the area of county roads 450 East and 500 North, where several homes and barns were destroyed or severely damaged. A roof was ripped off of Fort Recovery Lumber Company, 2550 Wabash Road, and a line of damage continued a line of damage from near the intersection of Fort Recovery-Minster Road and St. Peter Road southeast toward Fox Road and Township Line Road.

Timeline for solar project adjusted

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

One solar company has amended its timeline for its prospective project in Jay County.

Another company plans to do the same next month.

Jay County Council approved an amendment Wednesday to the economic development agreement with Leeward Renewable Energy for its planned Rose Gold Solar farm north of Dunkirk. It also heard a request from Invenery — it is planning Skycrest Solar in Penn and Jackson townships — to amend its economic development agreement in relation to its construction and operational start dates.

Both amendments are also subject to approval from Jay County Commissioners, who meet Monday.

Rose Gold Solar, a 150-megawatt solar facility planned on about 1,430 acres of land north of Dunkirk, is estimated to have a lifespan between 30 and 40 years once in operation. Leeward Renewable Energy completed local government legal requirements in 2021 and 2022, including a tax abatement, road use agreement, decommissioning plan and economic development agreement.

The company originally anticipated beginning construction on the nearly \$173 million project in late 2022. Because of delays with the process with PJM Interconnection — the regional transmission organization coordinates wholesale electricity movement across 13 states, including Indiana, and the District of Columbia — Leeward Renewable Energy's timeline has shifted. (PJM revamped its analysis process in April 2022 for new services joining the power grid, placing existing queue projects such as Rose Gold Solar into clusters at the end of last year. Rose Gold Solar is undergoing a mandatory study process through September 2025.)

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Deaths

Byron Flesher, 97, rural Portland
William Money, 81, Geneva
Jacob Girod, 71, rural Berne
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 79 degrees Wednesday. The low was 59.
Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the upper 40s with a 40% chance of showers after midnight. Rain is expected Saturday with a high in the lower 60s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition is asking the community to name its planned recovery home. The naming contest is open to residents of Jay, Blackford, Delaware and Adams counties. The winner will receive \$250. Submit suggestions at bit.ly/3URgMEp. The deadline is May 17.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from the Fort Recovery softball sectional championship game.
Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.
Wednesday — Results from the Jay County baseball game against Delta.



Obituaries

Byron Fleisher

March 27, 1927-May 8, 2024
Byron E. Fleisher, age 97, of rural Portland passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at his residence.

He was born in Portland on March 27, 1927, the son of Carl and Mildred (Ford) Fleisher. He was married in March 1955 to Wilma Jean Harris who survives.

Byron was a 1945 graduate of Saratoga High School and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a lifelong Pike Township farmer.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years Wilma Jean; one daughter Patti Clevenger (husband: Keith) of Ridgeville; daughter-in-law Roxanne Fleisher of Ridgeville; grandchildren Brian

Clevenger (wife: Angie), Elizabeth Bihn, Laura Moore (husband: Eric), Nicky Blalock (husband: Shawn), Matthew Fleisher and Daniel Fleisher (wife: Emilee); and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son Larry Fleisher; grandson-in-law Joe Bihn; three brothers; and one sister.

Funeral services will be Saturday, May 11, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Greg Rittenhouse presiding. Burial will follow in the Lawndale Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at Baird-Freeman.

Memorials can be made to Southern Care Hospice.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

William Money

Dec. 3, 1942-May 6, 2024
William Lee "Bill" Money, age 81, of Geneva passed away on Monday, May 6, 2024, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Portland on Dec. 3, 1942, the son of William and L. Maxine (Sanders) Money and was raised by Ralph Whitesell. He was married to Margaret Edgar who survives.

Bill was retired from Century Link and also had been a reserve for Jay County Sheriff's Office. He was a 1960 Portland High School graduate. Bill was one of the founding players on the Portland

Rockets and he loved anything outdoors and every animal.

Surviving is his wife Margaret; one son, Brad Money of Portland; two daughters, Tracy Money of Portland and Jama Hutzler of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; stepson Craig Edgar (wife: Branda); two stepdaughters Denise Henry (husband: Mike) and Shelly Gerber (husband: Bryan); eight step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Penny Sanders.

Memorial services will be held Monday, May 13, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to

the Jay County Humane Society or Fellowship Baptist Church in lieu of flowers.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Jacob B. Girod, rural Berne, April 20, 1953-May 8, 2024. Services will be at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Jacob B. Girod residence, 2595 E. 650 South, Berne.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

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Saturday 5/11	Sunday 5/12	Monday 5/13	Tuesday 5/14	Wednesday 5/15
64/44	71/55	76/56	72/59	74/55
Saturday has a 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms on Saturday.	Sunny skies on Sunday with a high around 71 degrees.	There's a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms Monday, when the high will be 76.	Mostly cloudy skies on Tuesday, when there's a 60% chance of showers.	Wednesday has a chance of rain as well under mostly cloudy skies.

Lotteries

Powerball 7-41-43-44-51 Power Ball: 5 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$36 million	Daily Four: 6-2-6-7 Quick Draw: 2-10-11-15-21-24-29-33-34-37-41-42-43-45-46-52-68-71-72-74 Cash 5: 14-23-30-35-44 Estimated jackpot: \$299,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$331 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 9-7-9 Pick 4: 0-9-4-5 Pick 5: 4-1-8-5-8 Evening Pick 3: 8-5-0 Pick 4: 4-8-5-2 Pick 5: 6-5-5-6-4 Rolling Cash: 3-12-13-21-36 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 4-7-1 Daily Four: 8-8-0-2 Quick Draw: 11-13-16-22-25-28-29-32-34-35-36-39-41-42-46-51-65-71-76-77 Evening Daily Three: 6-1-5	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.50 Late May corn4.50 Wheat5.27	June beans12.01 Wheat 5.97
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.52 June corn4.57 July corn.....4.47	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.37 June corn4.39 Beans11.96 June beans11.99 Wheat5.94
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.47 June corn4.42 Beans12.02	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.40 June corn4.43 Beans11.70 June beans11.80 Wheat5.72

Today in history

In 1774, Louis XVI became king of France.
In 2013, Dunkirk Public Library Board accepted the resignations of the entirety of the staff of Dunkirk Public Library and The Glass Museum. In a statement, former glass museum curator Blake Watson was critical of what he called the board's "unethical behavior."
In 2018, the Fort Recovery High School softball team topped Perry 10-2 to win its first sectional championship since 2010. Macy Day's inside-the-park-home run in the fifth inning helped to extend the Indians' lead.
In 2021, Jay County Commissioners approved contributing \$70,000 to a project to remodel 4-H buildings at Jay County Fairgrounds.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board of Directors, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland.	6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board of Directors, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Fort Recovery Park Board, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Tuesday 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.	

New ...

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Journay pointed out that the document does not address two items — the amount of funding JCDC is to receive from the county for 2024 and repayment to the organization for utilities — that have been points of contention.

Reactions from Jay County Development Corporation board members to those proposals ranged from some being willing to consider some of the commissioners' points — reporting on projects and finances, renegotiating the lease and returning unused funds from projects — to others who said they are not interested in discussing any of them.

Board member Mike Medler said he felt JCDC could consider the points offered by commissioners but that it is unreasonable to expect them to do so in one meeting on the same day they were presented.

Board members also expressed frustration over commissioners continuing to propose new stipulations.

"We continue to move the goalposts," said board member Doug Loy. "We still don't even know what we're going to get, even if we agree to all these changes. That is a concern to me."

JCDC board members took issue most significantly with the proposal to reduce board membership to between 9 and 11, with board president Angela Paxson saying getting a quorum has not been an issue. (Eighteen of 25 board members were in attendance Wednesday, with one of those via phone.) Others said that while a 25-member board is large, they feel it is valuable to receive input from all of the communities and various sectors the organization is tasked with representing.

Jay County Chamber of Commerce executive director Tabby Sprunger, a JCDC board member, questioned the

proposed division of labor between JCDC executive director and the community coordinator. She referenced a situation in which Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins came to JCDC for assistance after he said he did not get responses from the community coordinator.

Journay said commissioners should be notified of such problems. (The community coordinator is employed via the county's contract with East Central Indiana Regional Planning District.)

Robbins, a JCDC board member, responded that he was told two weeks ago that anything the city needed was to go through commissioners rather than JCDC.

"I'm gonna go with the people who's benefitted Dunkirk. I have to," said Robbins.

"He hasn't helped Dunkirk one bit," he added later in reference to Kimball.

JCDC board member Bryan Alexander referenced Tuesday's primary election, which saw Duane Monroe defeat incumbent Brian McGalliard for the Republican nomination for commissioner in the south district and Doug Horn win the GOP nomination for the north district seat being vacated by Journay, who chose not to seek a second term.

"We're eight months away from new leadership," Alexander said, suggesting that JCDC hold off until 2025 on further contract negotiations.

He added that he's at a loss for what the expectations for JCDC are, noting contradictions between the points provided Wednesday and previous conversations with county officials. He seemed to soften later, noting that a majority of JCDC's funding comes from the county and that commissioners should be able to make suggestions.

That drew a response from

Sprunger, who said that in "normal circumstances" she would agree.

"But you guys, let's face it, they don't like Travis," she said. "They wanted to fire him. That is a personal vendetta. That's what it is. So we're going through all of this because they hate Travis, period. ..."

"The cards have been laid out. It's personal."

Jay County Council member Cindy Bracy, a JCDC board member, said she is also frustrated that Jay County Development Corporation has been spinning its wheels. (The dispute between the organization and the county has been ongoing since October 2022.)

"Can we just progress through the end of the year without a contract and without funding?" she said. "Let's move forward."

She suggested a focus on projects such as updating the JCDC website and progress on the economic development front.

Ultimately, Paxson sought a motion to send the points for consideration from the commissioners to JCDC's executive committee for review and a recommendation to the full board. That motion was quickly made and then unanimously approved. Journay asked for a timeline to be set to provide commissioners with a response. (No timeline was set.)

Towell suggested that as JCDC considers the commissioners' proposed points, it would be a sign of good faith for commissioners to release at least a portion of the organization's funding for 2024. Journay said he would discuss that with McGalliard and commissioners president Chad Aker.

The commissioners and JCDC were scheduled for a public meeting to discuss the contract Monday. Journay said such a meeting is not necessary until JCDC has a response to the points presented by commissioners.

Solar ...

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According to the amended economic development agreement, the company is now estimated to start construction by June 30, 2027, with completion by Dec. 31, 2028.

Although briefly discussed at council's April meeting, no amendments to Leeward Renewable Energy's economic development payments were discussed or included in the document approved Wednesday.

As originally approved, Leeward will give \$1.95 million to the county in economic development payments over a four-year period after the facility begins generating electricity. The project is also projected to result in an additional \$68.1 million in assessed value.

Council also heard a request from Invenergy representatives to push back its timeline by about a year.

Invenergy, the first renewable energy company to formally propose a solar farm in Jay County in 2021, is planning Skycrest Solar on about 2,500 acres in the northwest corner of Jay County. The company will pay about \$1.75 million in economic development payments to the county over the course of four years after construction begins. Skycrest Solar will also result in an estimated additional \$55 million in assessed value.

Invenergy has signed its final interconnection agreement with PJM Interconnection.

Ethan Sternburg of Invenergy explained that the company first submitted its request to PJM connection in 2019, with the process at that time esti-

mated to take about two or three years.

"Because of the sheer amount of different requests that are coming in, the grid operator's taking a lot longer," he said. "Our original expectation that we would get it in 2022 or 2023 didn't necessarily happen."

He said the company received its final interconnection agreement earlier this year. Still, with other transmission delays possible — he also noted previous issues with securing solar panels, which shouldn't be a problem with the new timeline — Sternburg asked for a one-year extension on the project's construction and operational start dates.

Originally, the company anticipated to begin construction in 2024 and be operational by 2026. With the proposed amendment, Invenergy would break ground on the project by 2025 and begin generating electricity by 2027. (Sternburg noted the company has worked with landowners to extend their leases in relation to the project.)

"Overall, we're still very optimistic and confident in the ability for us to construct this project, but we are requesting a one-year extension," he said.

Similar to April's meeting, council president Matt Minnich asked Invenergy to re-open discussion on economic development payments, with Sternburg saying he would look into the matter after the timeline amendment.

Also Wednesday, council heard applications for the county's owner-occupied rehabilitation program will be open from May 28 through June 28.

Funded mainly through a \$1 million grant through Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) for the county's participation in the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP), the program will help residents pay for home improvements such as replacing a roof, water heater or heating, ventilation and air conditioning unit, doing electrical work or making a home more accessible. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Community coordinator Nate Kimball explained applications will be reviewed by himself, consulting firm Kleinpeter Consulting Group, Jay County Commissioners and OCRA, with the state organization making the final decision on what projects are funded. The process also requires home inspections and environmental studies — they are required by the state — done on each property.

The OCRA grant must be spent by the end of 2025.

In other business, council members Jeanne Houckins, Faron Parr, Harold Towell, Cindy Bracy, Randy May and Minnich, absent Dave Haines:

•Approved dates for the 2025 budgeting process. Council will host a budget review meeting at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 4, a regular meeting at 6 p.m. Sept. 11, a public hearing and first reading of the budget at 6 p.m. Sept. 25 and a second reading and adoption of the budget at 6 p.m. Oct. 9.

•Made the following additional appropriations: \$80,000 (Bracy and Towell dissenting) in economic development income tax (EDIT) funds for a contract with Kleinpeter Consulting for its work with the owner-occupied rehabilitation program; \$3,450 (Towell dissenting) in EDIT dollars for the Portland Rockets; and \$1,160 for pauper counsel.

•Tabled a \$3,500 additional appropriation for repairing equipment at Jay County Country Living.

•Transferred \$22,800 from the fund for Jay County jailers' wages to the fund for jail equipment. Plans are to use the dollars to outfit new vehicles.

SERVICES

Today

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

Saturday

Fleisher, Byron: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Sunday

Girod, Jacob: 9 a.m., Jacob B. Girod residence, 2595 E. 650 South, Berne.

Monday

Money, William: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

June 15

Weaver, Larry: 10:30 a.m., Akron Community Center, 815 Rural St., Akron, Indiana.

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Donations made

Cincinnatus League recently presented checks to several organizations. Pictured are Julia Schwomeyer of Cincinnatus League, Drew Houck representing the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), Eric Hinderliter, Director of the Jay County Public Library, and Bob Vance representing the Jay County Baseball Club.

'Finding Nemo Jr.' tickets are on sale

Tickets are on sale for Jay County Civic Theatre's production of Disney's "Finding Nemo Jr."

The cast includes Alex Ardizzone of Redkey as Marlin, Grace Jansen of St. Henry, Ohio, as Dory, Ali McGraw of Portland as Nemo, Joscie LeFevre of Fort Recovery as Crush, Olivia Smith of Fort Recovery as Gill and Kenzie Huey of Portland as Bruce. Jason McGraw of Portland is the director. Shows are scheduled for 7 p.m. June 6, 7, 8 and 9 at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place.

Tickets are \$10 for students and children and \$12 for adults. (There is a \$1 charge per ticket for credit card purchases.) They are available by visiting bit.ly/JCCT-Nemo24, calling (260) 726-4809 or visiting Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Taking Note

Kite festival Saturday

The Ansel Toney Memorial Kite Festival is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Academy of Model Aeronautics in Muncie. Attendees are invited to bring their own kite to fly along with members of the Hoosier Kitefliers Society. Kites for all ages will also be available. The AMA is located at 5161 E. Memorial Drive, Muncie. Admission is free.

For more information, call Dick Claycomb at (765) 348-6014.

Father tells daughter she shares blame for divorce

DEAR ABBY: I am the 18-year-old daughter (and third child) of parents who are going through a divorce after being together for 36 years. I need your insight on this because I am unsure.

My father has always craved physical love and affection, whereas my mom is more like a cat who prefers separation and independence. Even with these differences, things used to be good between them. That was until Mom decided she

Dear Abby



wanted to stop having sex due to her age and no longer enjoying it. (She also quit drinking, which he didn't like.)

My father was very upset

with this and claimed it was abuse if she didn't make love with him, since "that's how people show love." He also stated she should "be more fun" by drinking with him. Mom tried to keep the family at peace and be the person he wanted her to be for a few years, but finally decided she could no longer do it. He moved on very quickly — my father is already with another woman, even though he and Mom aren't officially divorced yet.

I've always taken my mom's side, but this has caused my relationship with Dad to dwindle significantly. He claims I am part of the reason the divorce is happening, since I "make her feel like what she's doing is OK."

Should I see his perspective as well? — TEEN OF DIVORCE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR TEEN: That your father has dragged you into the marital difficulties between him and your moth-

er is appalling. I believe it is a form of child abuse. The person whose perspective you should seek — and I am not saying this lightly — is a licensed psychotherapist, to discuss this entire matter. You are NOT the reason for your parents' divorce.

Their basic incompatibility and your father's manipulative nature are the reasons. Please talk to your doctor about a referral NOW.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will

meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through

Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio.

Tuesday

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'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.

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.

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.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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Reform is essential for agriculture

By RANDY KRON

It's finally that time of year when temperatures are getting warmer and farmers are in the fields trying to get a crop in the ground.

That also means it's time for property tax statements to hit mailboxes.

How closely do you examine your property tax assessment each year?

I challenge you this year to really investigate how much your taxes went up and to which unit of government those increases are being allocated. On your bill, there will be notations on which areas have increased the most. If they increase by more than 27% overall from the previous year, something besides the base value is impacting your bill.

Randy Kron



Farmers will experience that 27% increase in their farmland taxes this year after a 16% increase in 2023. Some farmers' bills are increasing 60% to 70% due to their local school district's debt obligations.

But this is more than just a farmer problem.

The Indiana State and Local Tax Review Taskforce met on April 17 and heard testimony from House Ways and Means chairman Rep. Jeff Thompson

(R-Lizton). He shared information about farmland tax increases and the elements of the farmland formula that impact the base value. He emphasized how school tax levies have escalated tax bills tremendously.

Thompson intends to focus on reducing the complexity of the property system, addressing some tax base problems — like farmland values — and closely examining how to effectively and fairly control the growth of tax levies. He has predicted that it will take multiple legislative sessions to accomplish the breadth of tax reforms being discussed.

In the meantime, Indiana Farm Bureau formed its own tax task force and is taking a deep dive into what's impact-

ing a farmer's tax burden. Many different elements will be reviewed by our internal task force, and we'll continue to work with legislators and other stakeholders to find solutions.

How can you help? Start asking questions and having conversations at the local level with your county assessor or auditor. Talk to your state legislators about your personal stories and how your tax bills have increased. They've already started having conversations about legislation for the 2025 session, so we encourage you to have those conversations now so tax issues can be at the forefront.

If you have ideas on how the system can change for the better, reach out to your county

Farm Bureau or a member of Indiana Farm Bureau's public policy team. We'd love to hear from you as we work with the state's financial leaders in crafting effective tax reform.

We all have a vested interest in easing our tax burden. This is especially true for our farmers and rural communities that are grappling with predictions of lower farm income in 2024. Success in agriculture means greater food security and a stable economy in Indiana, of which the ag industry is a primary driver.

Call your legislators and share your stories to help build a foundation for the 2025 legislative session.

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Kron is president of Indiana Farm Bureau.

Annexation is a valuable tool

By MATT GRELLER

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Managing growth and development in a way that benefits all Hoosiers should be important to all our elected officials. In the face of population shifts, housing demands, and the need for expanded utility services, it's time for Indiana to recognize that municipal annexation will sometimes be necessary to fuel our state's economic engines — our cities and towns.

Legislative reforms in 2015 and several subsequent changes significantly altered the annexation landscape. Those in favor of these changes would be hard-pressed not to agree that their concerns of the past have been addressed and their desired effects have been achieved.

Fewer municipally initiated annexations, fewer and less impactful annexation waivers, fiscal guarantees to the county, as well as more public outreach and financial planning are just some of the sought after and achieved outcomes.

Major economic development deals often hinge on access to municipally owned utilities, as do new housing and multi-use developments.

Annexation enables cities and towns to extend these vital services to growing areas, fostering investment, job creation, and community vitality.

Moreover, annexation is critical for maintaining public safety and infrastructure standards in these growing areas, ensuring that citizens have access to the resources and amenities they need to thrive and creating a level playing field for those outside of the municipal boundaries receiving the benefits and amenities of city and town living.

The current annexation process is a labyrinth of requirements and safeguards and was designed by rural stakeholders seeking increased transparency, fairness, and accountability. Before an annexation ordinance is introduced, municipalities must undertake extensive planning, including mapping territory boundaries, develop-

Matt Greller



ing service extension plans, and conducting detailed fiscal impact analyses.

Public outreach is a cornerstone of the process, with multiple meetings and notifications required to engage impacted taxpayers. The property owner remonstrance process provides a legal mechanism for taxpayers to voice concerns and block annexation if sufficient opposition is mobilized.

While legislative reforms have reshaped the annexation landscape and reduced annexations, they have also highlighted that annexation does indeed have a purpose in a state looking for every economic and talent-growth advantage. Whether a spot annexation approved by the legislature or a large-scale growth to accommodate an unprecedented development, the vital services of our cities and towns are becoming harder to ignore.

And whether you stand pro or con on the annexation ballot, balancing the interests of property owners, municipalities, and our citizens at large, requires a problem-solving approach.

As we all grapple with the challenges of growth and development, it's time to recognize that municipal annexation has its place in shaping the future prosperity of our state.

By trusting the hard-fought provisions within current law while also accepting annexation as a strategic tool for managing growth, addressing housing demands, and fulfilling requests for expanded utility services, we can work together for a thriving state with quality communities, and a healthy respect for each and every layer making up the Hoosier landscape.

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Forfeiture undermines justice

Los Angeles Times
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Policing and prosecuting for profit contradicts reasonable notions of justice and fairness, yet it's allowed in most U.S. states. Using a process known as civil asset forfeiture, law enforcement agencies seize private property that they claim was somehow involved in a crime. And they may keep it — even if the owner is never criminally charged. This abusive practice has become a key source of funding for some police and sheriff's departments.

Many of the constitutional rights to which Americans are entitled in criminal proceedings do not apply in civil forfeiture cases. The standard of proof is far lower than "beyond a reasonable doubt." The government need not prove guilt, and in fact people who try to get their property back must prove their innocence — if they can afford to. They have no right to counsel, which means they have to pay a lawyer out of their own pocket.

The asset forfeiture system is so egregious that a wave of reform has swept the nation in recent years. In California, the government now at least has to prove that the owners knew their property was involved in a crime, even if they aren't the ones who committed it.

But there's still a perverse incentive to seize property. California police agencies get to keep 65% of everything they grab if they win a civil forfeiture action in court. Prosecutorial offices get 10%. An additional 1% goes to a fund controlled by the state prosecutors association.

It's a recipe for abuse, and in some states it's far worse.

Consider Indiana. It's the only state in the U.S. that allows elected prosecutors to contract out civil asset forfeiture cases to private lawyers. The contractors get a substantial cut of whatever they win, and nothing if they lose, so they have every incentive to grab as much property as possible. But unlike government prosecutors, they are unhindered by a responsibility to

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seek justice. Their only task is to win.

It should go without saying that financial gain should play no part in a district attorney's decision to prosecute a case or a police agency's decision to enforce the law.

Other states that once had Indiana-style private-prosecuting-for-profit schemes gave them up long ago. In 2012, for example, a Georgia appeals court called that state's contracting-out practices "repugnant," and the Legislature outlawed them.

But it's different in Indiana, where well-connected private attorney Joshua Taylor holds the local prosecutor's forfeiture contracts in 20 of the state's 92 counties. In 2021, Taylor went after \$6,096 belonging to then-21-year-old Amya Sparger-Withers, who was at the time facing marijuana charges. Unlike many forfeiture targets, though, Sparger-Withers fought back. With the help of the Institute for Justice, a libertarian-oriented public interest law firm, she filed a class-action lawsuit challenging the state's for-profit prosecution system.

She lost in federal trial court but is now appealing to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The case has support from a broad spectrum of the legal community who are righteously outraged at this government overreach (masquerading as a lawsuit by a private lawyer) against a legally innocent citizen.

Progressive district attorneys have also signed on to a brief filed by Fair and Just Prosecution, including Los Angeles County Dist. Atty. George Gascón, Contra Costa County Dist. Atty. Diana Becton and more than 50 other current and former prosecutors and law enforcement leaders. They support the long-established

principle that prosecutors are more than just lawyers whose clients happen to be the government, and must meet higher standards of justice.

The fight to defend that principle against ominous pushback from the conservative legal and policing establishment is a strong undercurrent in Sparger-Withers' case.

That pushback can be seen in the impeachment of Philadelphia Dist. Atty. Larry Krasner by the Pennsylvania Legislature in 2022 and the Florida governor's removal of Hillsborough County state attorney Andrew Warren — and numerous other efforts — for seeking what the elected prosecutors considered the most just result in cases, instead of doing all they can to secure convictions and the toughest possible sentences.

The same type of pushback is evident in the Indiana federal judge's opinion in Sparger-Withers' case. He remarked with obvious disdain about "many a sermon on prosecutors' noble disinterestedness." He asserted that historically "there was no belief that the prosecutor had any special duty to justice in the abstract, apart from his role as one side's advocate in an adversary system."

But he also noted that the Supreme Court wrote in a 1935 opinion that the proper goal of prosecutors "is not that [they] shall win a case but that justice shall be done." It's an ancient principle with deep roots.

The American system of justice is a remarkable achievement, although not flawless. Although laden with injustices it is embedded in a larger system of democratic representation and civil rights that ensures an ongoing process of reform. Sparger-Withers' suit is in that reform tradition.

Arguments before the 7th Circuit are expected later this year, and they will be closely watched. At stake are due process for Indianans and the rights of all Americans to a legal system in which elected prosecutors are expected to seek justice rather than profit for their agencies or their cronies in private law practice.

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Gene tool developed

New approach speeds the process of trait identification

By STEVE KOPPES
Purdue Ag News

Researchers interested in improving a given trait in plants can now identify the genes that regulate the trait's expression without doing any experiments.

Purdue University's Kranthi Varala, and 10 co-authors published the details of the new web-based regulatory gene discovery tool in the April 23 issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Varala has a patent pending on the results that relates to economically important seed oil biosynthesis.

The Purdue-USDA team sought to build a resource that learns, from large amounts of publicly available data, to quickly identify what special genes called transcription factors regulate the expression of a given trait in various plant species.

"Every study focuses on a handful of them," said Varala, assistant professor of horticulture and landscape architecture. "Our premise was that if we can put all of it into a single analysis, then we can use this data to build something global."

Arabidopsis served as the PNAS study's model plant, "but this approach has nothing specific to Arabidopsis," Varala said. "The approach is general enough that you could start with a corn dataset. You could do it with rice, with tomato, whatever crop you're working on as long as you have thousands of gene expression measurements that people have done. And there are over a dozen species now where we have tens of thousands of gene-expression studies."

To prove the system works, the team focused on a genetic pathway that regulates how plants make and store oil in their seeds. The team picked that trait because of its importance in food and biofuel production, and because more than 300 of



Purdue Ag News/Tom Campbell

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the genes involved are already known.

By genetically manipulating a plant's transcription factors, researchers can increase or decrease the amount of oil produced in its seeds.

Like other researchers, Varala has pursued many projects over the years where his goal was to identify the genes and regulators involved in solving one problem. This meant conducting careful, time-consuming experiments. But the data generated fell short of providing all the answers he sought. He compared it to working an equation knowing only three of the 10 factors involved.

"You can't solve the equation," he said. Likewise, Varala often wanted to ask more questions than the data could answer. That motivated him to build a framework

that uses all possible data to ask those questions without having to do all the relevant experiments to obtain a list of candidates that then need genetic validation.

"I'm trying to short-circuit the initial data collection phase," Varala said, so that scientists can focus on conducting the genetic validations. But to do so, his team had to begin with a dataset based on 18,000 individual studies.

Varala and his team analyzed this massive dataset using the Bell and the now-retired Brown supercomputers at Purdue's Rosen Center for Advanced Computing. The team built a machine-learning framework to speed the process for others.

It would be impossible for one person to do this manually. A team could do it, but that would intro-

duce biases in how group members process the data. The machine-learning classifier operates without bias.

The novelty of the approach is that instead of pulling data related to all organs, it focuses on organ-specific datasets. Independent gene networks regulate these organs — leaves, roots, shoots, flowers and seeds.

"Instead of using all organs, we said, within the seed experiments that people have done over the years, can we use all the data to learn something that's happening in the seed and not necessarily the root or the leaf or the flower? That improved our approach a lot."

The team used a computational method called the inference approach to predict what transcription factors were going to regulate the seed oil biosynthe-

sis process in Arabidopsis.

"The ones we know help us validate that our approach is working correctly. The ones that we don't know are good candidates for finding out new biology," Varala said. "This purely computational approach knows nothing about seeds or oil or anything like that. We gave it a list of genes and it was able to rediscover the known ones without knowing any biological context."

The lead author, Rajeev Ranjan, a postdoctoral researcher in the department of horticulture and landscape architecture at Purdue, took the other 12 of the top 20 and asked if those predictions are true.

"We were able to generate mutant lines for 11 of those 12. Five of those 11 do change the seed oil content," he said. "Further,

we also showed that over-expression of one factor increases seed oil up to 12%."

The eight known regulatory genes, added to the eight new ones, showed that the inference approach accurately identified 13 of the top 20 candidates. The strength of the approach is working only from a list of genes, it can predict with high accuracy which ones will regulate a trait of interest.

"It took a long time to do because it's a long, complicated process, and there was no guarantee that it would work," said Varala of the four-year project. "Nothing on this scale had been attempted before."

Varala has disclosed the innovation to the Purdue Innovates Office of Technology Commercialization, which has applied for a patent to protect his intellectual property.

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Partner bids One Club. What would you respond with each of the following four hands?

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- ♠ AQ8 ♥ AQ4 ♦ J1075 ♣ K63
- ♠ 63 ♥ Q873 ♦ 97 ♣ AKJ64
- ♠ AK86 ♥ AQ32 ♦ AJ754 ♣ —

1. One heart. It would be wrong to bid one notrump to show a balanced hand of six to 10 points. Your first obligation is to seek a major-suit fit, and you should nearly always respond to one of a minor suit with a four-card major suit if you have one.

Also, it is better to bid one heart than one spade. This will quickly uncover a 4-4 heart fit if it exists and at the same time leave partner room to bid one spade if he has four cards in that suit. If you were to respond one spade, you might never find a possible 4-4 heart fit.

2. Three notrump. This has the great advantage of telling partner, in one bid, both the high-card content and distribution of your hand. It is therefore best to go directly to three notrump, which indicates 16 or 17 points, 4-3-3-3 or 4-4-3-2 distribution and stoppers in the three unbid suits.

A two-notrump response has the same requirements except that the point-count range is 13 to 15.

3. One heart. A two-club response would indicate at least four-card support for clubs and six to 10 points, while three clubs would indicate four or more clubs and 13 to 15 points. Furthermore, any immediate club raise would tend to deny possession of a four-card or longer major suit.

For all of these reasons, you should bid one heart, which not only shows your four-card major but has the advantage of being ambiguous, promising only six or more points and four or more hearts and forcing your partner to bid again. You have no idea what partner will do next, but you hope to be able to show your club support later without committing your side to game.

4. One diamond. Despite your 18 high-card points, you should respond only one diamond, not two. You plan to bid two hearts over the expected two-club rebid by partner and then bid three spades over partner's possible three-club rebid. In this way, you will have shown your 4-4-5-0 distribution and a very good hand. Of course, if the bidding goes differently and partner indicates good support for any of your suits, you'll settle for no less than slam in that suit.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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4 Blender sound
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15 Like Rudolph
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19 Stashed
21 Dawn goddess
22 Feral feline
26 Rene of "Ransom"
29 Farm pen
30 Olympic skater Midori
31 "Cold As Ever" rapper
32 ICU pros
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39 Jaden, to Will Smith
40 — loss
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45 Pickling herb
48 Snoopy's foe
50 Part of Q.E.D.
51 Potatoes partner
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55 "Toy Story 2" toy store

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2 Actor Baldwin
3 Zilch
4 "Yay!"
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6 Noun-to-verb suffix
7 Fiery cinnamon candies
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9 Bath room, in London
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11 Some fridges
16 A-bomb trial
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24 Okla-homa tribe
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With the win, Versailles (22-4, 8-1 Midwest Athletic Conference) clinched a share of the MAC baseball title. The Tigers tied with the Division IV No. 8 Minster Wildcats, who beat St. Henry 1-0 later in the afternoon.

“Baseball is a funny game,” said Versailles coach Brad Koopman. “One inning in an extra-inning game cost us that one MAC game and that’s the difference between having it yourself and sharing it with Minster.”

The Indians resumed the game Wednesday down 4-0 and with Versailles having two runners on base with two outs in the top of the fifth inning. (For more information on the first four innings, check out the story originally published in The Commercial Review on April 11.) Fort Recovery (8-10, 4-4 MAC) immediately made a pitching change to have Troy Homan take over on the mound.

Coming into Wednesday, Carson Bergman had a 2-0 county and drew a walk from Homan. Jace Watren followed with an RBI single before Michael Osborne plated another run with a bases-loaded walk.

A fly out to left field ended the inning, but the Indians already trailed 6-0 with only nine outs remaining. Griesdorn gave up a sin-



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Troy Homan, a senior at Fort Recovery High School, hurls a pitch during a resumed game from April 9, against the Versailles Tigers on Wednesday. Versailles took down the Indians 6-1 to clinch a share of the Midwest Athletic Conference baseball title with the Minster Wildcats.

gle to Alex Gaerke, but induced two ground outs and a strikeout to take three of those outs away. He also finished the game with a clean seventh inning.

“I think the biggest thing was a month ago, when we got that started and came out of the gate hot,” Koopman said. “We were able to put the ball in play and make some things happen

and give us that lead to start with. Once you’ve got that lead and you have a fresh pitcher like that, it’s a big bonus.”

The Indians still managed four hits in the final three innings. Three of them came in the sixth inning.

Troy Homan notched the first one with a single to left field. Versailles got him out on second base as

part of a fielder’s choice in the next at bat.

Caden Homan hit the second single to move Riggs Tobe into scoring position. Sage Wendel finished the job with a base knock to the right side that scored Tobe. Nothing else came to fruition as Griesdorn struck out Rex Leverette.

Errors ended up being the difference maker in the second game. After an initial run scored in the third inning, Fort Recovery gave up a stretch of four straight errors to allow three runs to score in the fourth inning.

“If we play clean and don’t make those mistakes, it’s a 1-0 game,” Eyink said. “Going into the tournament here, if we have to score three or four runs, we can’t be only getting one run or get shut out. We have to get some hits together.”

The only FRHS run came in the sixth inning. Troy Homan worked a full count before getting beamed and making his way to first base. He advanced to third on an error by Watren in center field and a passed ball. Caden Homan’s ground out to shortstop plated Troy Homan on the next play.

While Fort Recovery’s defense and offense struggled, the pitching showed out in game No. 2.

Box score Fort Recovery Indians vs. Versailles Tigers. Versailles (21-4, 8-1 MAC) vs Fort Recovery (8-9, 4-4 MAC). Includes stats for BSubler, Francis, Griesdorn, etc.

Box score Fort Recovery Indians vs. Versailles Tigers. Versailles (22-4) vs Fort Recovery (8-10). Includes stats for BSubler, Barga, Lbergman, etc.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today Jay County — Baseball vs. Southern Well — 6 p.m.; Softball vs. Southern Wells — 6 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Richmond — 5 p.m.; Junior high track ACAC meet at Bluffton — 5:30 p.m. Fort Recovery — Track MAC meet at Versailles — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at St. John’s — 5 p.m.; Softball sectional championship at Wayne Trace — 5 p.m.

Saturday Jay County — Girls tennis at Lapel Invitational — 9 a.m.; Softball vs. Woodlan — 10 a.m.; Baseball at Winchester — 11 a.m.; JV girls tennis at Bluffton — 9 a.m.; JV track at Huntington North — 11 a.m. Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Tri-Village — 11 a.m.; JV baseball at Crestview — 10 a.m.

TV sports

Today 3 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Buckle Up South Carolina 200 (FS1) 5 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Crown Royal Purple Bag Project 200 (FS1) 7 p.m. — NBA playoffs: New York Knicks at Indiana Pacers (ESPN) 7 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Florida Panthers at Boston Bruins (TNT) 7:30 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Buckle Up South Carolina 200 (FS1) 9:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Denver Nuggets at Minnesota Timberwolves (ESPN) 10 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Edmonton Oilers at Vancouver Canucks (TNT) 10:15 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Cincinnati Reds at San Francisco Giants (Bally Indiana) Saturday 7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Manchester City

at Fulham (USA) 10 a.m. — Premier League: Luton Town at West Ham United (USA) 11:20 a.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Goodyear 400 (FS1) 1 p.m. — UFL: Arlington Renegades at Memphis Showboats (ESPN) 1:30 a.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Crown Royal Purple Bag Project 200 (FS1) 3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Wells Fargo Championship (CBS) 3 p.m. — IndyCar: Sonsio Grand Prix (NBC) 3:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Oklahoma City Thunder at Dallas Mavericks (ABC) 4 p.m. — MLB: Atlanta Braves at New York Mets (FS1) 4 p.m. — UFL: Birmingham Stallions at St. Louis Battlehawks (FOX) 7:15 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at San Francisco Giants (FOX) 7:30 p.m. — USL Championship soccer:

Orange County SC at Louisville City (CBS) 7:45 p.m. — MLS: FC Cincinnati at Columbus Crew (FS1) 8:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Boston Celtics at Cleveland Cavaliers (ABC) 9 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Oakland Roots at New Mexico United (FOX)

Local notes

Outing scheduled The annual City of Portland Mayor’s Golf Outing has been scheduled for Friday, June 14 at Portland Golf Club. Registration for the event will be held from 11 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on the day of the outing. A meal will also be provided for the four-person teams at this time. Registration is limited to the first 20 teams and must be completed by June 10 and submitted to 321 N. Meridian St., emailing mayoroffice@thecityofportland.net or calling (260) 726-9395.

Golfing will begin with a shotgun start at noon. Those interested can also sponsor the event. It cost \$150 to sponsor a hole, \$200 to sponsor a team and a meal or \$300 for to sponsor a team, a meal and hole sponsorship.

Race coming up The Monroe Lions 5K Run/Walk is the next race set to take place in the Adams County Challenge Series.

It will take place at 8:15 a.m. on May 11 at the east side of Adams Central School. Registration for the race is \$20 on race day and female participants will receive a plant in honor of Mother’s Day. For more information, contact Alan Arnold by emailing him at pamalarn@mymfibersolution.com or by calling (260) 216-1101.

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Sports

From hail storms to hailing the Tigers

By **ANDREW BALKO**

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FORT RECOVERY — The Indians and Tigers last left the field getting pelted by little white balls of ice.

Upon their return to the field Wednesday, they both were pelting a different kind of white ball, but the Tigers were much happier with the result.

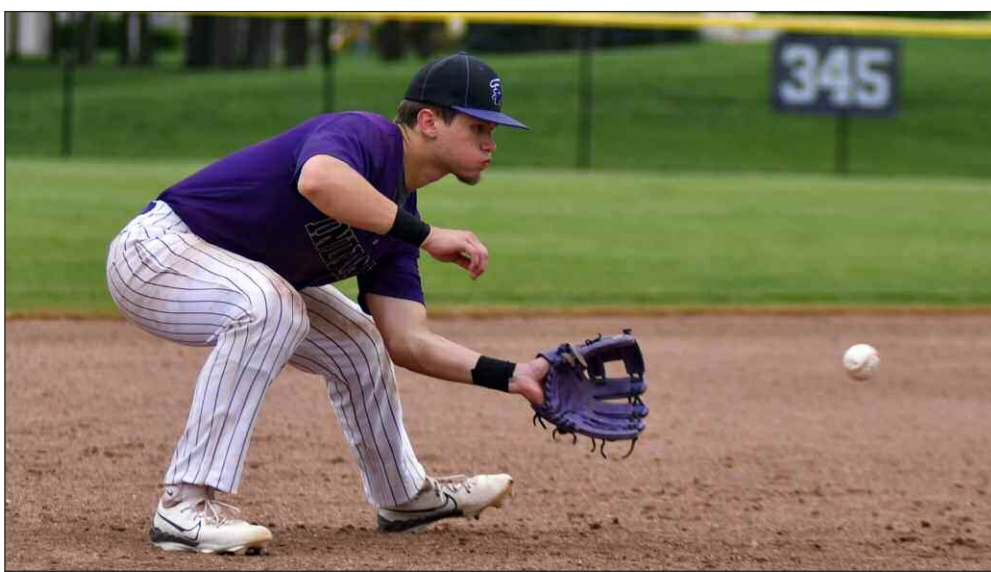
The Fort Recovery High School baseball team finished the final three innings from an April 9 game against the Versailles Tigers that got delayed because of hail

and rain, falling 6-1 Wednesday and then dropped a second game 4-0.

“Obviously we’re disappointed,” FRHS coach Kevin Eyink said. “It always hurts to lose, so we’re disappointed but we’ve got some good things there that we want to build on.”

“Against (A.J.) Griesdorn, in the first game, we hit the ball pretty well. We put eight hits out there against a good pitcher. I’m pretty happy with that. We got to keep building on that.”

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Fort Recovery High School third baseman Caden Grisez fields a ground ball on Wednesday during the second game of the day against the Versailles Tigers. FRHS dropped the game 4-1 and the Indians only collected two hits in the game.

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FRHS softball takes sectional opener from Fairview

SHERWOOD, Ohio — Pitching hasn’t always been the Indians’ strong suit throughout the season.

In their first postseason game, Jenna Homan locked down the Apaches.

Homan only allowed the fifth-seeded Fairview Apaches two hits as the No. 8 seed Fort Recovery High School softball team pulled off the 4-1 upset in the Divisional IV sectional opener on Wednesday.

The win sets up a date at No. 3 seed Wayne Trace on Friday at 5 p.m. for the sectional championship.

Homan went the distance in the circle for Fort Recovery (11-12), only giving up two hits and one walk. She also struck out five batters.

The only run surrendered by the sophomore came in the sixth inning. A leadoff triple put a runner in scoring position for Fairview (9-10). Shortstop Cali Wendel elected to forgo the out at home plate in favor of the bat-

ter, allowing Fairview their sole run.

Homan faced the minimum number of batters in five innings.

Ava Grisez carried a heavy load for the Indians’ offense, driving in three of the team’s four runs. She initially opened up the scoring in the third inning, when her double allowed Kayla Heitkamp to score from second base.

Ava Grisez also added a pair of insurance runs in the seventh inning. Alexis Grisez led off the inning with a walk, and a fielding mistake allowed Emma Will to reach base as well. Both runners moved up a base on a passed ball during Ava Grisez’s at bat.

The FRHS junior then launched a line drive to right field to score both runs and net her second double of the night.

Fort Recovery’s other run came an inning earlier, when Kylie Post’s single to center field pushed Homan across the plate.

Girls tennis picks up first ACAC win

BLUFFTON — The Patriots finally picked up their first win in Allen County Athletic Conference play.

The Jay County High School girls tennis team took down the Bluffton Tigers 3-2 on Wednesday.

The match was originally scheduled for April 11, but rain and other scheduling conflicts has kept the teams off the court until now.

Brenna Bailey had the most dominant victory of the day for Jay County (6-4, 1-2 ACAC). She took down her No. 2 singles opponent 6-1, 6-2.

Brenna Haines played consistently in the No. 1 singles position. She pulled off a 6-4, 6-4 victory.

The other victory came from the No. 2 doubles duo of Zion Beiswanger and Lucie Henneaux. The duo earned a 6-3, 6-2 win over the Tigers.

Meredith Dirksen and Sophia Sprunger took the first set of the No. 1 doubles match, but couldn’t hold on. They dropped the contest 2-6, 6-2, 7-5 to the Tigers.

Maggie Dillon was defeated by Bluffton’s No. 3 singles player 6-4, 6-2.

The junior varsity team put together a strong day as well. It won six out of eight matches.

Sophomores Faith Faulkner and Raylah Newton pulled off singles wins with scores of 8-3, 8-4, respectively. Freshman Tessa Frazee also notched a singles win at 8-6.

The Patriots won three out of the five doubles matches. Those three victories came from Macee Stephen and Trinity Glassford (8-6), Taven Bentley and Lydia Johnson (8-3) and Chloe Mulenkamp and Adriene Denney (9-7).

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