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New Jay advances

Proposed solar facility clears plan commission

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

New Jay Solar is charging forward.

Jay County Plan Commission approved a development plan for the project from Hodson Energy following a public hearing Thursday.

New Jay Solar, a 311-acre farm planned in Richland Township just east of Dunkirk, is the fourth solar facility to formally begin the process of planting roots in Jay County. The farm will be fenced in with a 25-foot buffer from adjoining properties. The buffer includes a pollinator-friendly seed mix, explained Hodson Energy's attorney Maura J. Hoff of DeFur Voran, Muncie, as well as a 10-foot "dense screen" of evergreens and trees native to Indiana. Local farmers' sheep will also be allowed to graze around the property, providing some "natural maintenance to the site as well," Hoff added.

"The area is ideal for this kind of development because it's going to essentially create a buffer zone between the industrial uses that are there along the Dunkirk border and the rural residential further to the east," explained Hoff.

Hodson Energy estimates it will invest around \$67.5 million into the farm, which is anticipated to produce up to 39 megawatts of energy and employ one to two full-time solar technicians on site.

Per the economic development agreement previously approved by Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council, Hodson Energy will provide \$2.516 million in economic development funds to Jay County over four years estimated to start in 2028. (Construction is expected to begin no later than June 30, 2026, with the plant beginning to generate electricity by Dec. 31, 2027.)

Commissioners have approved road use and decommissioning agreements with the company. Council approved a 10-year tax abatement with Hodson Energy. The company will have 100% of property taxes abated over the entirety of the 10-year period, saving Hodson Energy \$4.4 million in property taxes.

She noted Hodson Energy has also committed to donate to Dunkirk Fire Department as well in the event issues crop up on site. Deb and Ralph Caffey and John Bowlan, all of rural Redkey, asked questions and shared their thoughts about the project.

"Jay County doesn't care about its people anymore — it's all about the money," said Deb Caffey.

Answering questions from the crowd, Kyle West of Hodson Energy noted the solar panels come with an anti-glare coating. Windows and bodies of water, he said, give off more of a glare than the coated panels.

Ralph Caffey asked if rainwater dripping off the panels — they are angled to allow rain and other debris to slide off them — will be contaminated with chemicals. West mentioned various studies conducted over the last 75 years on solar panels and said they showed no contamination from the panels. (The panels' underlying substrate may only be penetrated in the event of a chemical fire, which is rare, he said.)

"These projects are on almost 50% of military bases in the country," he said. "They've been on the White House three times. They have been vetted so thoroughly for almost 10 years."

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Finishing at Freedom

Eric Butcher (center) and CR Dillon (left) of Portland lead the Indiana Run for the Fallen into Freedom Park at the close of the first day of the event Friday. Runners made their way from Fort Wayne to Portland on Friday, stopping 52 times to honor those who died as a result of serving in the War on Terror including Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn. They will depart from Freedom Park at 7 a.m. today as they run 58 miles to Anderson. On Sunday, they will travel 30 miles from Anderson to Indianapolis.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Heroic Homan

Fort Recovery High School sophomore pitcher Jenna Homan exclaims after leaving the circle a final time during the Indians' 10-2 victory over Wayne Trace in the Division III sectional title game Friday. Homan went the distance with seven strikeouts, while adding three RBIs and three runs to power the Indians to the district tournament. Their last district appearance came in 2022 with Jenna's sister Jackie in the circle.

College-going rate continues to flatline

It's a 6% drop from the class of 2019, and 12% lower than in 2015.

Still, because the data further shows that the total number of 2022 high school graduates increased by 3%, that translates to fewer students enrolled in postsecondary education directly after high school.

"Even though the college-going rate held steady at 53%, we actually lost a number of first-time students enrolling from our headcount perspective," said Brooke Kile, associate commissioner for business intelligence.

CHE staff presented preliminary data during the commission's bi-monthly meeting on Thursday. Official numbers for 2022 are expected to be released next week.

The rate — called "dismal" by numerous state lawmakers and education officials — continues the state's lowest college-going trend in recent history. The decline began several years prior, however.

Data shows 53% of Hoosiers further education after high school

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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The rate of Indiana high school seniors who go directly on to college remains stagnant, according to the latest data released by state officials.

New numbers for the Class of 2022 announced Thursday by the Indiana Commission of Higher Education (CHE) indicated — for the third year in a row — that just 53% of Hoosier graduates furthered their education with certificate training, a two-year program or enrollment at a four-year college.

Deaths

John Minnich, 78, Bryant
William West, 65, Eaton, Ohio
Candace Jarrell, 61, Pennington
Details on page 2.

Weather

Friday's high temperature in Jay County was 66 degrees. The low was 50.

Rain is likely early followed by sunny skies in the afternoon and a high in the mid 60s. Skies will be sunny with a high in the lower 70s. Lows will be in the upper 40s and lower 50s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Auditions for Jay County Civic Theatre's production of "The Play That Goes Wrong" will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. Those who plan to audition should prepare a short comedic monologue. For more information, email jaycounty-civic@gmail.com.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

Wednesday — Results from the Jay County High School baseball game at Delta.

Thursday — Coverage of the JCHS girls track team in the sectional meet.



Obituaries

John Minnich

Oct. 5, 1945-May 8, 2024
John H. "Goober" Minnich, age 78, a lifelong Bryant resident passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at his residence after an extended battle with cancer.
He was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Oct. 5, 1945, the son of Florian and Philomena Minnich (Welsch). Minnich. He was married on July 21, 1990, to Tina Rowles who survives. He was a graduate of Bryant High School and retired from Portland Forge in 2011 after 43 years.
John enjoyed car shows and



was a charter member of the Arch Bridge Kroozers. He enjoyed car shows, fishing, NASCAR, Indiana University basketball, wrestling and collecting coins.
Surviving are his wife Tina; two children, Carrie Minnich and Matthew Gierhart (wife: Tammy), both from Bryant; six grandchildren, Johnathon (wife: Clarissa), Jasmine, Keeley, Makayla, Raydon and Ronan; and one sister, Rose Mary Gregory (husband: Bob) of Indianapolis.
He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother Thomas Minnich.
Funeral services will be Tuesday, May 14, at 3 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Myers pre-

siding. Burial will follow in the Center Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Memorials can be made to the Bryant Community Center. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.
William West
Feb. 25, 1959-May 8, 2024
William "Billy" West Jr., age 65, a resident of Eaton, Ohio, passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at Kettering Health in Dayton.
Billy was born on Feb. 25, 1959, in Columbus, Ohio, the son of William West Sr. and Annabelle (Plant) West. Billy served as a volunteer firefighter when he lived in South Carolina.
Survivors include:
His father — William West Sr., Portland, Indiana
Siblings — Marc West, Robert West, Kathy West, Tracey West, Bonnie Keaton, Kim Rutter, Betty Doolittle, Carol Bishop and Cheryl Norris
Several nieces and nephews
He was preceded in death by his mother, Annabelle West; stepfather Arthur West; brother Sonny West; and grandparents Jess and Verna Plant and John and Ellen West.
Visitation will be held on Friday, May 17, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Pen-



rod Funeral Home in Portland. Memorial services will follow at 7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.
Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.
Candace Jarrell, Pennville, Feb. 5, 1963-May 8, 2024. There will be no funeral services.
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Sunday 5/12	Monday 5/13	Tuesday 5/14	Wednesday 5/15	Thursday 5/16
73/55	76/56	66/49	71/50	75/58
Sunny skies on Sunday with a high around 73 degrees.	There's a 70% chance of showers and thunderstorms Monday, when the high will be 76.	Mostly cloudy skies on Tuesday, when there's a 70% chance of showers.	Wednesday has a chance of rain as well under mostly sunny skies.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Thursday.

Lotteries

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 4-1-5
Daily Four: 2-4-1-7
Quick Draw: 1-8-12-14-22-24-30-36-39-40-49-50-51-56-60-62-68-69-75-79
Pick 5: 9-9-2-1-4
Evening
Rolling Cash: 11-19-26-31-37
Jackpot: \$150,000
Powerball
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Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$331 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.60 Late May corn4.60 Wheat5.54	June beans12.11 Wheat6.24
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Today in history

In 1972, the Jay United Fund For You board of special agencies met to budget for requests for the next year.
In 1973, Pat Medler set a new Mississinewa Valley Conference record with a toss of 51 feet, 6 1/2 inches, in the shot put as the Portland High School boys track team placed third in the conference meet.
In 1998, Dunkirk City Council fired park maintenance employee Charles Seavers, expressing anger over the condition of buildings at Dunkirk City Park and describing it as "dangerous and an eyesore."
In 2018, Portland Board of Works voted to back out of a project with Indiana Department of Transportation that would have paid 80% of the cost for construction of sidewalks on both sides of High Street between Meridian and Middle Streets. The board cited concerns about the cost of the work.
In 2022, Mara Pearson and Whitley Rammel of Fort Recovery High School broke school records in the long jump and shot put, respectively on the opening day of the Midwest Athletic Conference Championships at Minster. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board executive session, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship 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 executive session, 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.

Capsule Reports

Pole hit
Ridgeville man drove off Division Road and hit a utility pole about 2 p.m. Monday.
Keagan R. Kahlig, 18, was driving a 2008 Pontiac G6 east on the road near county road 100 East when he drove off the south side of the road. He overcorrected, causing the vehicle to go across to the other side of the road and hit a pole.
The vehicle Kahlig was driving is registered to Amelia Jones of rural Bryant. It was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.
Off road
A Dunkirk woman drove off county road 400 South and into a grain silo about 9:43 p.m. Thursday.
Elizabeth R. Sofronko, 19, was driving a 2018 Jeep Cherokee east on county road 400 South. She told police another car was driving west on the road and entering her lane.
Sofronko told police she swerved to avoid a collision with the other vehicle, causing her car to go off the south side of the road and hit a grain silo owned by Rita Holl of rural Redkey.
Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Her vehicle was towed.
Failed to see
A Portland official backed into a Portland man's car along Franklin Street about 7:25 p.m. Thursday.
Jeff A. Westlake, 52, was backing up his 2011 Chevrolet Silverado. He told police he wasn't aware of the 2010 GMC Sierra behind him and struck it with the back of his truck.
Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.
Backing accident
A Portland woman backed into a parked vehicle at Trinity United

Methodist Church about 12:40 p.m. Monday.
Eunice White, 73, was backing up her 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee out of a spot at 323 S. Meridian St. in Portland when her car hit a 2005 Kenworth T300.
The semi is registered to Brooks Construction Company of Fort Wayne. Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.
Driveway accident
A rural Portland woman backed into a Portland resident's parked car at the intersection of Bridge and Tenth streets about 2:23 p.m. Monday.
Laura Wimmer, 53, was backing a 2007 Dodge Ram out of a driveway when she struck a 2006 Nissan 350Z.
Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The parked vehicle is registered to Shawn Nally of Portland.

Advances ...

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"These sorts of concerns come up a lot, and I understand why, because this just seems like a new use. And it is somewhat new use to this area, I understand that.
"But from a practical standpoint and from a technology industry standpoint ... it really has no harmful effects," he continued.
Deb Caffey asked how the project will benefit Jay County and said the county won't be utilizing the electricity generated by New Jay Solar.
"When we flip that light switch, we don't know where that power's coming from," responded commission member Jeanne Houchins.
She also later noted the economic development payments promised from each solar company planning a facility in Jay County, pointing to economic development dollars distributed from the two wind farms — Bluff Point and Bitter Ridge — established in previous years. She listed various projects funded by the dollars in all Jay municipalities, including repairs to Salamonia Schoolhouse Center and Portland Water Park, road work and park additions.
"These dollars that the county gets are dispersed back out into each community," she said.
John Hemmelgarn, director of Jay-Portland Building and Planning, noted the commission's responsibility Thursday was to determine whether Hodson Energy's project meets the terms of the zoning ordinance for solar facilities. He noted it does fulfill the county's requirements.
Commission members Brad Daniels, Scott Hilfiker, Michelle Penrod, Steve Ford, Aker and Houchins approved the development plan Thursday.
Also, county attorney Wes Schemenaur noted Jay County Redevelopment Commission plans to present its new economic development plan to the board next month.
The plan serves as a guide for how to potentially allocate dollars coming in from the tax increment financing (TIF) district, which covers approximately 191 acres southwest of Portland in Greene Township. (It was created about 15 years ago after plans to build an ethanol plant in rural Jay County were announced. TIF dollars had been used to pay off bonds associated with road work and sewer improvements near the plant, with the last bond being paid off in 2023.)
Items on the plan include projects for transportation enhancements, public safety enhancements, utility infrastructure, child care projects, Jay County Highway Department improvements, a new building for Jay County Solid Waste Management District and a public safety building and development of the 68 acres owned by the county on the western edge of Portland.
As of March, the redevelopment commission had more than \$851,000 in TIF dollars available, with another \$573,448.82 expected by the end of the year.

Services
Today
Flesher, 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.
Tuesday
Minnich, John: 3 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Friday
West, William: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
June 15
Weaver, Larry: 10:30 a.m., Akron Community Center, 815 Rural St., Akron, Indiana.
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Felony arrests

Drug possession
A Portland man was arrested Sunday for drug possession and other charges.
Donald J. Weesner, 26, 108 W. Second St., was preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug and unlawful possession of a syringe, as well as a Class B misdemeanor for public intoxication.
He was being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.



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Meeting needs

Students from Jay County Middle School, pictured above, helped meet the needs of veterans living at the Journey Home in Winchester recently. The students, who are a part of Teach One to Lead One mentoring, provided blankets and pillow cases to residents. Teach One to Lead One (T1L1) is a community mentoring program that meets weekly with students throughout the school year.

Pictured above with the students are middle school school counselor Darian Jones and community mentors Jack Houck, Kelly Smeltzer, Matt Ransom and Tabby Sprunger.



Photo provided

Husband ends affair, mistress disputes details

DEAR ABBY: My husband had an affair. I found out after seeing a motel charge on our bank account. I asked, and he confessed that it was with an old school sweetheart. I asked how long it was going on. He said two years. He then called her and told her I knew. He told me he had told her if I ever found out, it was over for them.

When I got on the phone with her, she said he was lying, and their affair had been going on for 20 years! He invited her to his mom's visitation when she passed. He invited her to other things as well. Now she no longer wants him because he is a liar, and he expects me to go back to the way it was. I don't know if there's time to go through it all — he also had an affair with someone at his work. He said it was a one-nighter. Who knows?

Dear Abby



I'm having so much trouble with this and all the things they did together. My husband didn't do anything with me — he skipped funerals, weddings and engagements. I was going everywhere alone. People always asked where he was, and I always had to say "working."

The way things are now is not comfortable. He doesn't care. He just wants his way and to not let anyone else in the family know. It's been two years and it's still fresh in my

mind. I don't know what to do. Counseling hasn't helped. He wants me to forget everything. I'm going crazy. How do you trust after that? — LOST FAITH IN MISSOURI

DEAR LOST FAITH: You are not crazy. You are married to a lying, narcissistic womanizer. For you to "forget everything" might require a lobotomy. Are you willing to do that? (Don't answer too quickly; some people would rather do anything than be alone.)

I think it would benefit you to discuss this with a licensed mental health professional. TALK with your friends and your family as well. You need all the support they can give you. Your husband has plenty to be ashamed about.

A marriage without trust is no marriage at all. If you

were to separate, your life would not be much different than it already is. It might even be better. From what you have written, you have already been alone for a very long time.

DEAR ABBY: My partner and I have miscarried five times over the past four years. We are heartbroken, defeated, overwhelmed and exhausted. We are struggling emotionally, physically and financially because of this journey.

We do not feel any real emotional support from our families. They have been sympathetic, but after the initial "I'm sorry. I'm here if you need me. We're thinking about you," that's it. They expect us to attend all holidays, family gatherings, trips, etc., and we aren't always feeling up to it.

I am angry with them for not understanding what we're going through. I have started distancing myself and skipping these family functions. Is this wrong of me? — BOWING OUT IN NORTH DAKOTA

DEAR BOWING OUT: No. Under the circumstances, skipping a family gathering in which you would be forced to socialize isn't a bad idea. If this causes hurt feelings, remind the host that grief has no set timetable, and you will celebrate with them again when you are up to it. Period.

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 DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today
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. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday
PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will

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

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

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. 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. For

more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

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

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

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.

Sudoku

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7		3						
		8						4

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Elementary Schools
May 13-17

Monday: Main Entrees: Classic chicken sandwich
Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, croutons, Sides for all meals: Smile potatoes

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Turkey corn dog
Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, croutons, Sides for all meals: Steamed broccoli & carrots medley

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Whole grain french toast sticks
Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, croutons, Sides for all meals: Hash brown patty

Thursday: Main Entrees: Mashed potato & chicken bowl
Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, croutons, Sides for all meals: Seasoned corn

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic pepperoni pizza
Alternate Entrees: Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, croutons, Sides for all meals: Seasoned peas & carrots

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Violation must be acknowledged

Since last weekend, we have repeatedly heard the question:

What is the public's recourse in regard to what The Commercial Review believes was an illegal discussion under Indiana's Open Door Law?

Our answer comes below. But first let's take a look at how we got here.

On the afternoon of May 3, The Commercial Review received an email asking if the newspaper had been notified of a meeting of Jay County Commissioners that was held May 2. We had not.

We first called Jay County Courthouse to verify that a meeting had been held.

After learning that there was a meeting, we contacted the county attorney. He asserted that the meeting was allowable under Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-5, which allows meetings for administrative functions — "only routine activities that are reasonably related to the everyday internal management of the county" — to be held without the public notice that is typically required. We expressed our disagreement with that assessment because the meeting included discussion of the county's proposed contract with Jay County Development Corporation.

After that conversation, we

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reviewed the cited section of Indiana Code again. We then contacted the county attorney a second time to repeat our objection. Discussion of such a contract does not meet the definition of "administrative functions." He stood by his initial assertion.

We then contacted Indiana Public Access Counselor Luke Britt, who as part of his job "provides advice and assistance concerning Indiana's public access laws." Had Britt told us the discussion of the contract was allowable, we would have backed off of our objection.

He did not. "I think the plain reading of the statute itself is pretty clear that contracts are out of bounds for that," Britt told us.

We then contacted Jay County Commissioners president Chad Aker and again questioned the legality of the discussion at the administrative meeting.

"We're going off of what our attorney tells us," Aker said.

Since May 3, we have heard nothing nor seen any evidence to convince us that discussion of the contract at the administrative meeting was proper under Indiana's Open Door Law. While some of the topics discussed at the May 2 administrative meeting may have fallen under the definition above, the discussion of the proposed contract with Jay County Development Corporation does not meet those guidelines. Such a discussion is not in any way a "routine activity" nor is it "reasonably related to the everyday internal management of the county."

For that reason, on Friday we sent a letter to Jay County Commissioners, their attorney and county auditor Emily Franks, who acts as the recording secretary for commissioners meetings. In that letter, we again asserted that the discussion of the proposed contract with JCDC at the administrative meeting was improper and a violation of Indiana's Open Door Law.

We urged the following:

•That commissioners at their Monday, May 13, meeting, publicly acknowledge that discussion of the proposed contract with Jay County Development Corporation at the administrative meeting was inappropriate

and constituted a violation of Indiana's Open Door Law.

•That commissioners commit that any future administrative meetings be limited strictly to "routine activities that are reasonably related to the everyday internal management of the county" as required by Indiana Code.

Absent the above, The Commercial Review has prepared and will file a formal complaint against Jay County Commissioners to the Office of the Public Access Counselor.

We also informed commissioners that this editorial would be running in today's newspaper in order to explain to the public what we have done and why we are doing it.

The commissioners, and all elected officials, are doing the business of the public. That business should be handled in public, as required by law, so that you, the taxpayers, know what your government is doing.

That is why we have taken the steps above.

What can you do?

Stand up.
Be vocal.

Tell our county commissioners that the business of the public must be handled publicly, as required by state law.

We did not expect or plan to

spend the afternoon of May 3 gathering information on an administrative meeting, calling local officials and consulting with the public access counselor. We did it because it is our job.

We do not wish to go through the process of filing a formal complaint with the public access counselor's office. We will, though, if we have to, in order to protect your right to know what your local government is doing. It is that important.

At best, we see the discussion of the Jay County Development Corporation contract at last week's administrative meeting as a mistake. Perhaps commissioners were gathered for a meeting on other topics and strayed into territory that should not have been discussed in that setting.

At worst, the commissioners were intentionally attempting to avoid having the discussion about the contract with the public, and the press, present.

We hope it was the former. Regardless, it is essential that the violation of Indiana's Open Door Law be acknowledged and that a commitment be made that such a violation will not occur again.

Your right to know depends on it. — R.C.

Congress should follow N.Y.'s lead

America's Newspapers

The state of New York, led by a powerful coalition of local publishers, has just approved game-changing legislation in the fight to preserve local news outlets and community journalism. By including a \$90 million payroll tax credit for hiring and retaining local journalists in the state's 2025 budget, New York has become the nation's first to take such a major step to protecting this vital industry. This is a commitment to local journalism that the U.S. Congress should urgently build upon.

The Empire State's legislation is built from the framework of the Community News and Small Business Support Act that would provide similar incentives at the federal level. Much like the New York program, the proposed tax credits would provide critically-needed sustainability for local news organizations, and would ensure that its local citizens continue to receive the news and information they need from credible sources.

As smaller publications shutter by the hundreds and news deserts across the country multiply, the decline of the local newspaper threatens civic engagement. A recent study found that just one in four Americans has access to a local daily newspaper—a dire reality that impacts voter participation, local corruption, policy debates and even affects bond ratings in the affected communities.

Yet local newspapers remain the prime driver of civic knowledge and engagement. The data is crystal clear — communities with robust local news ecosystems have higher voter turnout, better governance, coordinated emergency responses and more engaged citizens. Investing in local journalism pays exponential dividends for society.

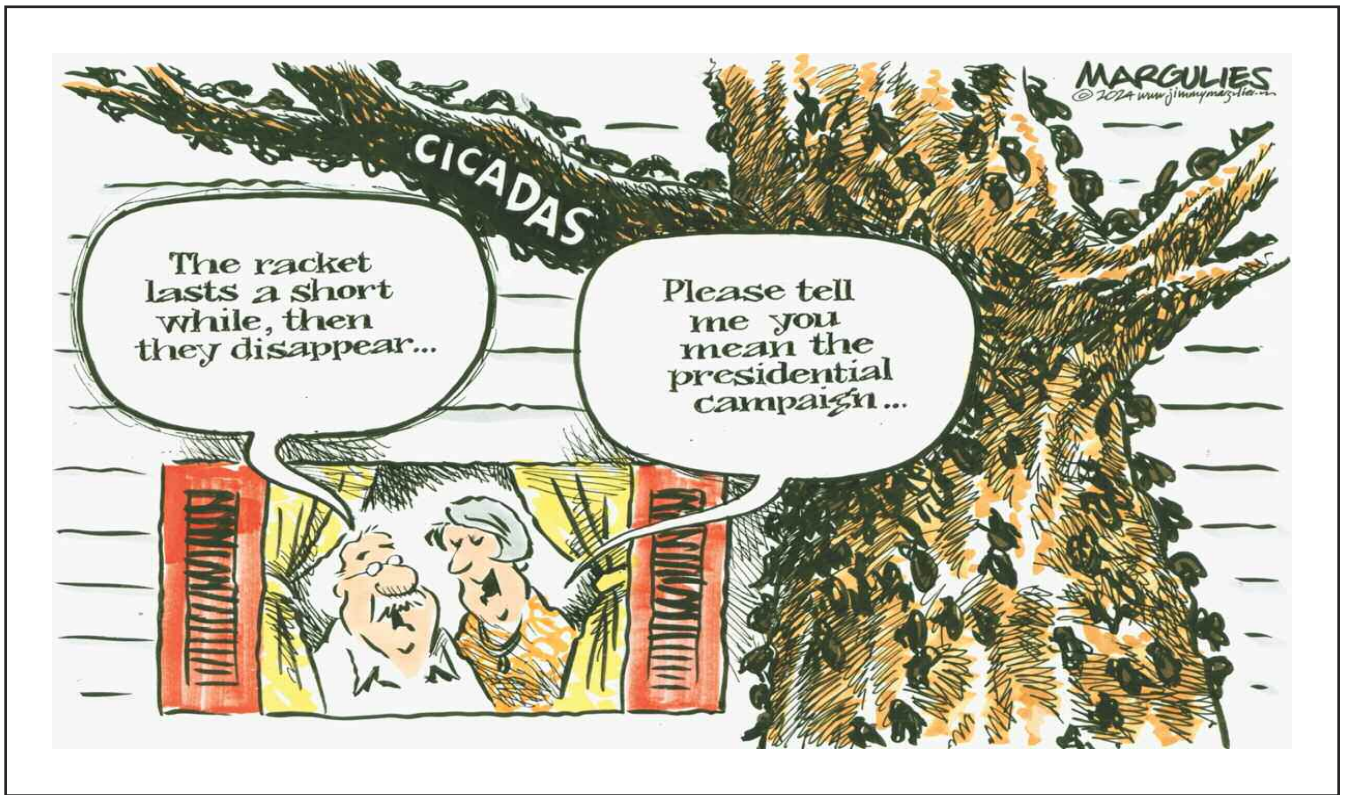
How was the New York

Guest Editorial

legislature able to pass such meaningful legislation? First, a strong coalition of local publishers came together to demonstrate the value their newspapers deliver to their communities. And, government leaders recognized the value of a vibrant local newspaper in their hometown and acted in a bipartisan manner to make a difference.

Now it's time for Congress to follow the New York lead and take action to support the local media industry nationwide. The Community News and Small Business Support Act is a unique piece of legislation where everyone wins. Local businesses benefit from advertising credits and local citizens benefit by having professional reporters covering the most important topics impacting their lives. Incentivizing local outlets to hire and compensate reporters through tax credits is a fiscally smart way to support newsgathering and watchdog capacities without compromising editorial independence. The tax credits would provide a much-needed lifeline to local newspapers while also empowering new entrants and news startups aiming to revive media entrepreneurship.

The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives have a prime opportunity to build on the momentum from New York by supporting the Community News and Small Business Support Act. Congress must recognize what New York's leadership already has: Local journalism is a public good worth supporting. The time to act is now. For more information visit supportcommunitynews.com



250th is worthy of celebration

By DAVID J. BOBB
The Fulcrum
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It is hard to imagine Americans afraid to celebrate America. But as our nation's 250th birthday approaches in 2026, there is already some nervous hand-wringing about how citizens should respond.

Should the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence be a time of celebration, a period of atonement for the uglier aspects of our history or a little bit of both?

It is a problem The New York Times saw coming in July 2023, when it looked at the difficulty of crafting a unifying national message "when fighting about American history seems to be the real national pastime." An article in Time Magazine similarly warned us to "get ready for controversy."

But what if America's 250th birthday became a unifying time for our nation, instead of the latest battle in the ongoing history wars?

Marking this historic milestone does not need to be a false, binary choice between untamed jingoism and self-loathing. We can acknowledge both the positive and negative aspects of our national history, while celebrating America's ongoing journey toward the realization of its ideals.

When the Declaration of Independence embedded principles like equality and liberty into the foundation of our nation, Americans did not become equal and liberated overnight.

Rather, the Declaration of Inde-

pendence launched a journey and established a standard that made progress toward the goals of equality and liberty possible.

Ugly aspects of our history like slavery, Jim Crow, and denying women the right to vote make clear America has not always lived up to its principles.

But in each of those cases, the standards established at our nation's founding became a rallying cry for progress.

Leaders such as Frederick Douglass and Martin Luther King Jr. called for America to live up to its promises as part of the abolition and civil rights movements. Douglass believed equality and liberty were "saving principles."

In fact, the women's suffrage movement repeatedly invoked the founding principles of equality and liberty to argue for equal access to the ballot box.

At the heart of our American experiment is the recognition that we have a standard that we need to live up to. This recognition has meant that we are on a journey to more perfectly realize the promise of equality and liberty expressed in the Declaration of Independence.

While we have too often failed to



live up to our standards, we can celebrate the progress we have made.

We have a free press providing our citizens with independent sources of information. Our press can and does hold local, state and national leaders to account, with protection from government reprisal.

The United States was one of just 35 countries to receive the highest "open" ranking in the 2023 Global Expression Report, which measures nations' commitments to free expression. Conversely, 86 nations were ranked as restricted, highly restricted or in crisis. People of every faith gather freely in houses of worship across our country without fear of government persecution. Or, they exercise their right to practice no religion at all.

America's journey has not been perfect, but our end goal — the full realization of equality and liberty for all people — is perfect. Keeping that destination in our sights requires constant reflection and, at times, course corrections.

We have done this work throughout our history, and we must continue to do so.

But we can take pride in the journey we collectively embarked upon as Americans.

And as we prepare for America's 250th birthday, we can celebrate the founding principles that established a framework for both our journey and our progress.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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5-11 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT IS SOMETHING A PUN-LOVING POLICE OFFICER WOULD SAY TO HIS STOMACH? "YOU'RE UNDER A VEST!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals U

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Stars and parks

- 1) What location became the world's first national park in 1872?
- 2) What perfume was inspired by the Muppet star Miss Piggy?

1) Yellowstone (2) Mo
2) Mop

5-13 CRYPTOQUIP

VEJTKEDJPM FHTDRBFV
KDRJTD KPE KFG CTDM ZEVQ
EZ ZDORJ WDTGTDCTQ RV

GMDOW: JDOHFV BEHWEJT.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: UNUSUAL DINOSAUR THAT HAD AN EXTREME LIKING FOR STIMULATING CAFFEINATED DRINKS: TEA REX.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals W

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to salad. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 17 = T)

A. 10 12 17 17 18 13 12
Clue: Salad leaves

B. 17 4 25 8 17 4 12 24
Clue: Full of lycopene

C. 13 20 16 24 5
Clue: Firm and crunchy

D. 10 18 23 13 15
Clue: Afternoon meal

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to salad.

TNROCUO

Answers: Crouton

Guess Who?

I am a comic actor born on May 10, 1978 in Ohio. I started acting at age 15 while attending a visual and performing arts school. I'm best known for zany roles on Nickelodeon and later for my comic work on "Saturday Night Live."

Answer: Keanu Thompson

kids' corner

BODY FACT:

THIS CURVED PART OF THE EYE BENDS LIGHT AND FOCUSES IT ON THE RETINA TO HELP A PERSON SEE CLEARLY.

ANSWER: LENS

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Tear
SPANISH: Lágrima
ITALIAN: Lacrima
FRENCH: Larme
GERMAN: Träne

Creative Coloring

Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

EEY 5 4 2
SOIINV 8 6
EAXM 3
NAOTCTCS 1 9 7
H 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 3 2 8 9

Answers: Eye, Vision, Exam, Contact. The eyes see it.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

MAY 10

- 1774: MARIE ANTOINETTE AND LOUIS XVI BECAME THE QUEEN AND KING OF FRANCE.
- 1824: THE NATIONAL GALLERY IN LONDON OPENS TO THE PUBLIC.
- 1962: MARVEL COMICS PUBLISHES THE FIRST ISSUE OF "THE INCREDIBLE HULK."

New word

HYPEROPIA
farsightedness, or an inability to see things clearly, especially if they are close to the eyes

TASTY SALAD WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- BAR
- BEETS
- BUTTER
- CAESAR
- CELERY
- CHEESE
- CROUTONS
- CRUNCHY
- DIET
- DRESSING
- GARNISH
- GREENS
- ICEBERG
- OLIVES
- ONIONS
- RADISHES
- REFRESHING
- ROMAINE
- SALAD
- SPINACH
- TOMATOES
- TOPPING
- TOSSED

Did You Know?

20/20 VISION REFERS TO AN ABILITY TO SEE OBJECTS CLEARLY AT A DISTANCE MEASURED AT 20 FEET.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CONTACT LENS CONTAINER

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 "The Library Crucible" setting
- 6 Talisman
- 12 Janet Jackson's sister
- 13 Director's do-over
- 14 Sulking
- 15 Tilted
- 16 Head, to Henri
- 17 Med. plan options
- 19 LPs' successors
- 20 Info
- 22 First lady?
- 24 Scale notes
- 27 Minus
- 29 Others (Lat.)
- 32 F. Scott Fitzgerald novel
- 35 Eat in style
- 36 Garr of "Tootsie"
- 37 Stick with a kick
- 38 Briny expanse
- 40 Knocks

DOWN

- 42 JFK
- 44 He loved
- 46 Office timer
- 50 Plants firmly
- 52 Bit of baby talk
- 54 Mild cheese
- 55 Harbinger
- 56 "Charm-ed"
- 1 Logical
- 2 Rat- —
- 3 Ran easily
- 4 Needle hole
- 5 Problem-solving exam
- 6 Dino in "The Good Dinosaur"
- 7 1980s
- 8 Actress General
- 9 Guinevere's lover
- 10 Scratched (out)
- 11 Turner and Danson
- 12 Tipsy
- 18 Advanced degree
- 21 In the manner of
- 23 Rug cleaner, briefly
- 24 British "Inc."
- 25 Sushi fish
- 26 In a prudent way
- 28 Linear
- 30 Physics particle
- 31 Busy insect
- 33 Shelter
- 34 Shriek bark
- 39 — Ababa
- 41 Boutique
- 42 Anti-fur org.
- 43 Actor Jannings
- 45 "Como —usted?"
- 47 Novelist Jennifer
- 48 Aspic shaper
- 49 Pea holder
- 51 Curved letter
- 53 Not 'neath

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 5-11

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Changing horses in midstream

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 10 6 3
♥ 9 7 6 5 2
♦ J
♣ 8 5 4

WEST
♠ K Q J 9 5 2
♥ —
♦ Q 10 8 7 4
♣ K 9

EAST
♠ 8 4
♥ Q 8 3
♦ 6 3 2
♣ Q 10 7 3 2

SOUTH
♠ 7
♥ A K J 10 4
♦ A K 9 5
♣ A J 6

The bidding:
South 1♥ — 1♣ — 2♥ — North 1♣ — 2♥ — East Pass

Opening lead — king of spades.
A competent declarer plans his line of play at the start of a hand but remains ready to revise that plan at any time if there is an unexpected development. As a case in point, consider this deal where West leads a spade against six hearts.

When dummy appears, South should expect to make the slam. He plans to win the spade, play two rounds of trump (assuming a normal 2-1 division), cash the A-K of diamonds, discard a club from dummy, and sooner or later concede a club trick. The three remain-

ing trumps in dummy will then be sufficient to ruff his club and diamond losers.

But when he wins the first spade and leads a heart to the ace, he discovers that East has all three missing trumps. This means he cannot afford to draw the outstanding trumps (even with the aid of a finesse), since he would then have only two trumps left in dummy to ruff his three minor-suit losers. South must therefore revise his original plan of play.

He should stop drawing trump and instead cash the A-K of diamonds, discarding a club from dummy, ruff a diamond, then play a club to the ace and lead the nine of diamonds. When West covers with the ten, South does not ruff, but discards dummy's last club instead. In so doing, he allows for the possibility that East started with only three diamonds rather than four.

As it happens, this one cautious play averts defeat. South is eventually able to ruff two clubs in dummy and take the marked trump finesse to round out his 12 tricks. In effect, South winds up ruffing two clubs and a diamond in dummy instead of two diamonds and a club, as originally planned.

Observe that if declarer tries to ruff his fourth diamond in dummy, East overruffs to defeat the slam.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Grade school basics
- 5 Scale abbr.
- 8 Despot
- 12 Corn season-ing
- 13 "Alley —"
- 14 Tolstoy's Karenina
- 15 Cicatrix
- 16 Ice cream order
- 18 Heavy blow
- 20 Royal head-gear
- 21 "Trees," for one
- 23 Naughty child
- 24 Like an LP
- 28 Priests' garments
- 31 "Lion" star Patel
- 32 Eye surgery
- 34 Mork's home
- 35 Ooze

DOWN

- 1 Admin. aide
- 2 One of the three B's
- 3 Hammer part
- 4 Handbag handles
- 5 Observed
- 6 Rock's — Jovi
- 7 Detail, in short
- 8 City near Seattle
- 9 Winter road clearer
- 10 Unsigned (Abbr.)
- 11 Sings like Doja Cat
- 17 Lanka lead-in
- 19 Mattress spring
- 22 Nettleke
- 24 Gridiron scores, for short
- 25 Teeny opener
- 26 Opera
- 27 Desperation
- 29 Bikini half
- 30 Firmament
- 33 Vegas game
- 36 Coupled (with)
- 38 Will subject
- 40 USN rank
- 42 Does in, mob-style
- 43 Combine
- 44 "Gee whiz!"
- 46 "Bearded" bloom
- 47 Fedora fabric
- 48 Harvard rival
- 50 "Give — break!"

Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 5-13

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23
24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41
42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49
50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 7
♥ 7 6 5
♦ A K 10 4 2
♣ 9 8 3

WEST
♠ J 9 4
♥ K Q J 9 2
♦ 8 6
♣ J 4 2

EAST
♠ 10 6 5 2
♥ 8 3
♦ Q 5 3
♣ Q 10 7 5

SOUTH
♠ K Q 8 3
♥ A 10 4
♦ J 9 7
♣ A K 6

The bidding:
West 2♥ — North Pass — East Pass — South 2 NT — Pass — 3 NT

Opening lead — king of hearts.
B. Jay Becker, the former editor of this column, was playing with one of his favorite partners, Jeff Rubens, when this hand arose. It was deal No. 2 of a 100-board match to determine the team that would represent the United States in the 1973 world championship.

Rubens was South and got to three notrump as shown. Ordinarily, he played his cards deliberately, but on this occasion, he played the hand very quickly.

West led the heart king, ducked

by South, and continued with the jack, won by Rubens with the ace. Declarer promptly played the jack of diamonds and finessed. East took the queen and returned a club.

Rubens thereupon showed his hand and claimed the rest of the tricks, making five on a double squeeze! The only explanation he offered was that he assumed East had four or more spades, which in turn meant that the double squeeze was sure to succeed. The opponents conceded the claim, and the rest of the hand was not even played out!

They realized that Rubens would win the club and cash the A-K-Q of spades and A-K-10 of diamonds to produce this position:

North
♥ 7
♦ 4
♣ 9

West
♥ Q
♣ J 4

East
♠ 10
♥ Q 10

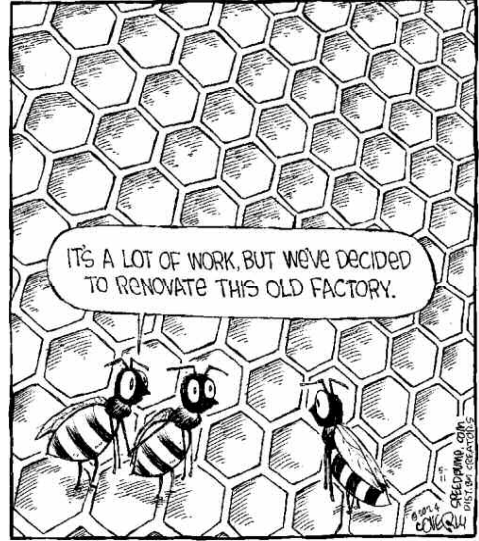
South
♠ 8
♦ A 6

The lead of the diamond four now would squeeze East out of a club, on which Rubens would discard his spade, and then squeeze West out of a club to put an end to the proceedings. Rubens' claim at trick four was simply a timesaver!

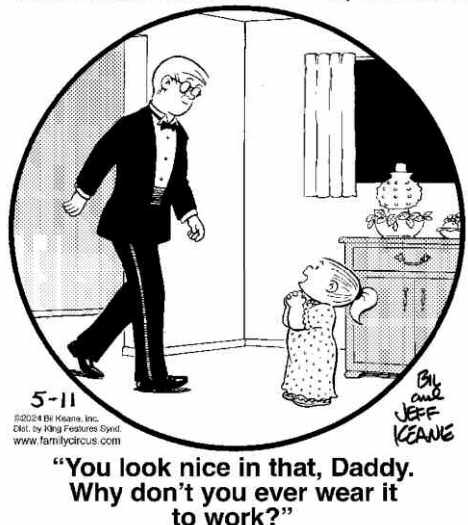
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SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



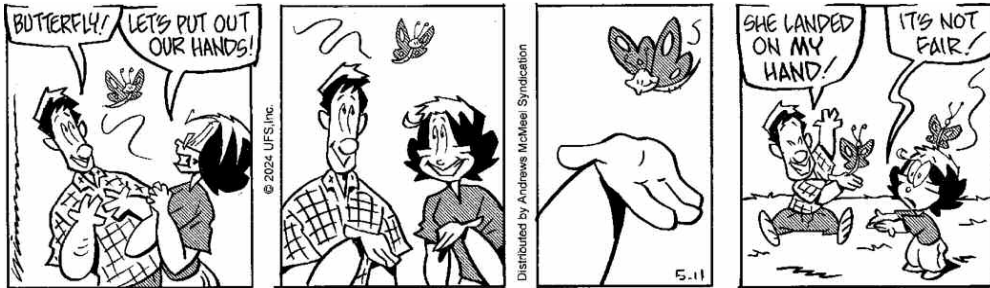
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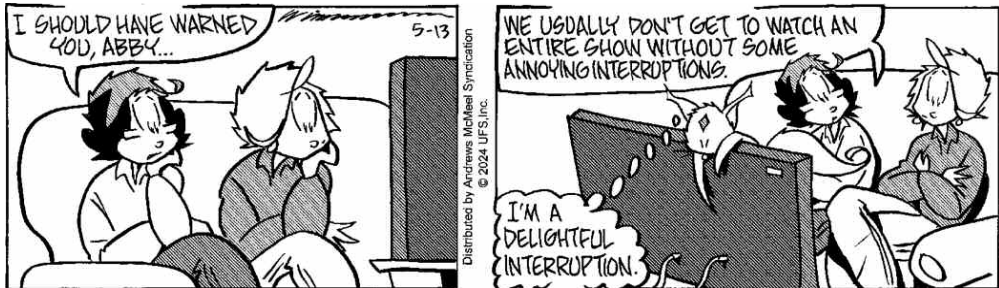
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Rose is Rose



Rose is Rose



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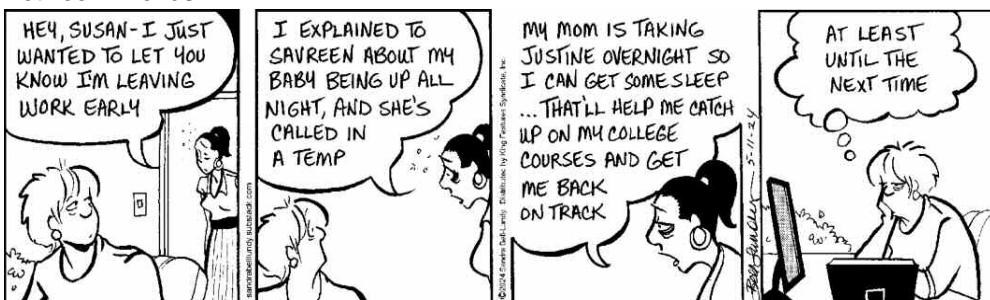
Hi and Lois



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Between Friends



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Blondie



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



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Beetle Bailey

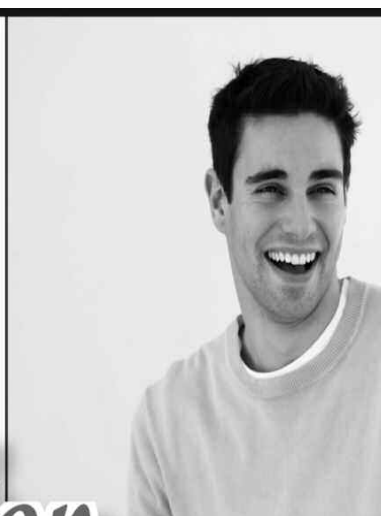


Beetle Bailey



We Deliver

Laughter



Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

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Rough day

Patriots struggle to find green in regulation during rainy day against South Adams

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

GENEVA — The Patriots haven't had to battle too much inclement weather so far this season.

There have been a few hot spells and rain and course conditions have kept them away from competition, but Tuesday was the first time a match got canceled midway through.

They finally hit some rough weather, and it kept the Patriots in the rough.

The Jay County High School boys golf team fought rainy and chilly conditions on Thursday as it fell to the South Adams Starfires 172-181 at the Wabash Valley Golf Course.

"Well, with the weather conditions tonight, I felt like we shouldn't have been playing," JCHS coach Dave Haines said. "We just had two of our varsity that struggled with the conditions. I think mentally, it kind of put us out of play and we lost by nine."

Caleb DeRome stayed consistent at the top of Jay County's roster. His round of 39 strokes earned him match medalist honors. The JCHS senior narrowly beat out South Adams' No. 1 golfer Graham Subler by one stroke.

"I've played in the rain a lot before," DeRome said. "This isn't my first time playing in bad weather. I had good ball striking."

"Just don't do anything differently than you would normally do it."

DeRome never shot worse than a bogey, while making par five times.

His day started on the right note, as he parred his first two holes of the day.

His foursome started on



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

JCHS senior Liam Garringer hits out of the rough on the 13th hole at Wabash Valley Golf Course during the Patriots' 172-181 loss to South Adams on Thursday. Garringer put together the second base score for Jay County, including a birdie on hole No. 15 to end the day.

the 522-yard, par-5 17th hole. DeRome came off the tee strong, with a drive that landed him in the middle of the fairway just before the hole started to dogleg left. He sent his second shot relatively straight, grazing some trees on the left hand side,

but the ball didn't rebound hard, allowing it to pass through to the right half of the fairway, 125 yards from the pin.

His third shot put him on the green in regulation. His first putt came up just about three feet short, but he made the next for par.

He didn't make the green in regulation on the 146-yard, par-3 18th hole, but he cleared the water and the trees to land just left of the green. His chip ran about four feet long to set up a short putt for par.

"Those first two holes were pretty good, those

two pars to start," DeRome said. "That was when it was raining the hardest. ..."

"Considering the weather, that was pretty good. I'm pretty happy with that."

The rest of the Patriots couldn't say the same.

Liam Garringer produced the second-best score of 44. Despite a triple-bogey and three double-bogeys, three pars and a birdie on hole No. 15 earned him the fourth best score of the day (from a varsity player).

Outside of each team's No. 1 golfer, former Jay County golfer, Ricky Nava, beat Garringer with a 41.

Making up the final two scores for the Patriots (6-2, 2-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) were Gage Sims and Cody DeHoff with a 48 and 50, respectively.

Sims' day started and ended with struggles, but the middle of his match went well. He started with a quadruple-bogey before rattling off three bogeys and two pars over the next five holes. Things turned sour again on the 14th hole with a triple bogey. The senior shot one more bogey before finishing with a double par.

DeHoff had similar struggles, but more dispersed throughout the match. He shot par twice, bogey three times, double bogey twice, triple bogey once and double par once.

"Everything is wet and the air is different," Haines said. "You're leaving it short a lot more than you normally do. You're hitting it heavy because the ground is wet and then you don't get roll out. Everybody plays into the same conditions and it can't be an excuse. You just have to deal with what you've got and go from there."

Other scores for the Starfires came from Conner Feat (45) and Noah Hunley (46).

Both team's No. 4 golfers didn't contribute to the team score as Luke Fugiett shot a 51 and Hal Ringger put up a 52.

Felony court news

Arson

An Albany woman was sentenced to prison for arson.

Shelia Keeylen, 32, 324 W. State St., Albany, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to the Level 4 felony.

She was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with 32 months suspended. Keeylen was given credit for time served and assessed \$189 in court costs.

Drunk driving

Three Indiana residents were sentenced to jail for drunk driving.

Heath A. Byerly, 45, 78 S. Amanda Drive, Winchester, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to operating a vehicle while intoxicated with a blood alcohol level of 0.15% or more, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail and given six days credit for time served. Byerly was assessed \$189.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug and alcohol countermeasures fee. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for one year retroactive to Jan. 11, 2021. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle while intoxicated was dismissed, as well as a habitual offender enhancement.

John M. Vest, 52, 1932 E. Cardinal Drive, Albany, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 910 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given 30 days credit for time served. Vest was fined \$25, assessed \$189.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug and alcohol countermeasures fee. He was also ordered to submit to an evaluation for substance abuse counseling. Vest was placed on proba-

tion for 730 days. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for one year retroactive to March 27, 2023. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.15% or more was dismissed.

Peggy J. Roush, 4199 E. 900 South, Brookston, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 540 days in Jay County Jail with 90 days suspended and given 12 days credit for time served.

Auto theft

A rural Portland man was sentenced to prison for auto theft, a Level 6 felony.

Brian M. Ferner, 34, 1085 N. 600 East, pleaded guilty to the crime in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to one year in Indiana Department of Correction and given 156 days credit for time served. Ferner was fined \$25 and assessed \$189 in court costs.

Unlawful possession

A Portland man was sentenced to jail for unlawful possession of a syringe.

Anthony T.J. Gregory, 35, 902 West North St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given 322 days credit for time served. Gregory was fined \$25 and assessed \$189 in court costs.

Meth possession

Several people were ordered to serve time for possession of methamphetamine.

Shawn R. Crabtree, 38, 33 North Sycamore St., Redkey, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was

sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but four days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Crabtree was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was also ordered to submit to an evaluation for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license was dismissed.

Susan D. Gomes, 709 N. Jefferson St., Hartford City, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 120 days suspended and given 120 days credit for time served. Gomes was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. Gomes was also placed on probation for 245 days. As part of her plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Jerricho T.P. Helmling, 33, 7030 Wayland Court, Indianapolis, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 168 days credit for time served. Helmling was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, two Class C misdemeanors for possession of paraphernalia and refusal to identify self were dismissed.

Elizabeth M. Ball, 33, 527 E. 450 South, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level

6 felony, and two counts of theft, both Class A misdemeanors. She was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 70 days suspended and given 70 days credit for time served. Ball was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. She was ordered to submit to an evaluation for substance abuse counseling. As part of her plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Raven N. Howard, 26, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. She was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with two years suspended and given credit for time served. Howard was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 5 felony for possession of a narcotic drug, two Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of a syringe and maintaining a common nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Robert W. Faris, 47, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony. He was sentenced to six years in Indiana Department of Correction with 54 months suspended and given credit for time served. He was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, the court would consider modifying his sentence. Faris was assessed \$189 in court costs

and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 2 felony for dealing methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony for dealing methamphetamine and a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance.

Stephen M. Guntle, 44, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony. He was sentenced to 12 years in Indiana Department of Corrections and given credit for time served. Guntle was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completing a substance abuse treatment program it would consider modifying his sentence. He was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, Guntle's charge was lessened from a Level 2 felony. The following charges were also dismissed: a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia and a habitual offender enhancement.

Benedicto Velazquez-Villalpando, 39, 3305 Reed St., Fort Wayne, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 10 days suspended and given 10 days credit for time served. Velazquez-Villalpando was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was also ordered to submit to an evaluation for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license was dismissed.

C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Phillip O. LeMaster, 67, 5849 E. 400 South, Salamonia, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail and given 216 days credit for time served. LeMaster was assessed \$189 in court costs.

Jasmine K. Southerland, 22, 420 N. Monroe St., Hartford City, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Southerland was fined \$25, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Shawn R. Crabtree, 38, 33 North Sycamore St., Redkey, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but four days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Crabtree was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was also ordered to submit to an evaluation for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license was dismissed.



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Jay County High School senior Riah Champ connects for a double Friday night during the Patriots' 10-0, five-inning win over Southern Wells. JCHS was up 9-0 in the bottom of the fifth inning when Champ hit the double. She came around to score the game-ending run.

Jay rolls over Raiders

The Patriots momentarily suffered from a midseason slump at the end of April.

Since the start of May, the ship has been completely turned around.

The Jay County High School softball team dominated the Southern Wells Raiders 10-0 in five innings Friday to build a five-game winning streak over the month of May that includes four games ended by the mercy rule.

Jay County (10-4, 2-2 Allen County Athletic Conference) got offensive production from seven of its nine batters, who all either scored a run or drove one in.

Catcher Jaelynn Lykins had the strongest day, delivering four hits for two RBIs. Her fifth-inning double scored Riah Champ to walk the game early.

Hallie Schwieterman matched Lykins with two RBIs as well. Champ and Jozey Shimp led JCHS with two runs scored each.

Mallory Winner and Carley Trinidad combined to only allow Southern Wells (4-14, 0-5 ACAC) one hit in the game. Winner took the win after tossing four innings, in which she struck three out and gave up the only hit to Emma Parks.

Heitkamp leads

VERSAILLES, Ohio — The Fort Recovery track teams picked up three Midwest Athletic Conference titles as the girls claimed the fourth spot in the conference meet Friday and the boys fell to seventh. The girls tallied 79 points as the

Local roundup

Minster Wildcats ran away with 125.5 points and the top spot. The Marion Local boys claimed first place with 156.5 points, while the Indians collected 30 to place seventh out of 10 teams.

Trevor Heitkamp earned both of the boys' MAC titles. He blew out the field in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 9 minutes, 41.38 seconds. The 1,600 run ended up closer, with the FRHS senior (4:24.33) beating out Minster's Jack Grieshop by 2.98 seconds.

The girls' only victory came from the 4x100 relay team. Anna Roessner, Paige Guggenbiller, Kiana Matsuda and Mara Pearson combined for a championship time of 49.66 seconds, which broke a meet record held by Versailles since 2010.

Nichols delivers

Parker Nichols hit the go-ahead single in the fifth inning of the Jay County baseball team's 3-1 win over the Southern Wells Raiders on Friday.

The Patriots (11-9, 4-1 ACAC) trailed by a run going into the bottom of the fifth. A pair of errors gave JCHS a threat on the base paths before Cody Rowles pushed the first run across on a bunt that

resulted in an error on third baseman Peyton Bertsch.

Nichols came to the plate with two outs and the bases loaded. He delivered an infield single that scored one run, and an error by shortstop Jakob Gearheart.

The only run for Southern Wells (3-14, 0-5 ACAC) came in the fourth inning on a single by Robby Freimuth.

Kade Sommers picked up the win with 10 strikeouts over six innings. Sam Myers earned the save after a scoreless seventh inning.

Tribe falls

DELPHOS, Ohio — Austin Moenter walked off the Fort Recovery baseball team 4-3 in the eighth inning on Friday, as the St. John's Blue Jays secured the fifth spot in the Midwest Athletic Conference standings.

FRHS pitcher Alex Gaerke walked the first batter of the eight before recording a pair of strikeouts. The Indians (8-11, 4-6 MAC) elected to avoid Cam Elwer with an intentional walk. Moenter took one strike before his single to center field ended the game.

The Blue Jays (11-12, 5-4 MAC) put up three runs in the fifth inning to tie the game.

Fort Recovery scored two runs in the second inning on a Gavin Faller sacrifice fly and a Mason Diller single. Its final run came in the top of the fifth on a base hit by Troy Homan.

The Indians finish tied with Marion Local for sixth in the MAC.

Sectional ...

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Homan specifically delivered an RBI single in the fourth and the sixth, as well as smacking a ball to center in the seventh that resulted in an error but still earned her an RBI on what would have been a tag up.

Ava Grisez, the No. 2 hitter, got the offense flowing in the third and sixth with a leadoff double and single, respectively. She has been on a heater lately, including two hits and three RBIs in the sectional opener at Fairview on Tuesday.

"I've just got to tell myself I can do it every time and go up with confidence," Grisez said. "I knew it was the tournament, so I had to go up there and get on however I can. ... Getting used to (McGarvey's) speed and timing her up helped a lot."

Grisez represented the first run for the Indians in the third and the go-ahead run in the sixth.

Schoen and Post both contributed two hits for two RBIs as well. Schoen, who also had two runs, recorded singles in the sixth and seventh. Post smacked a single in the third to tie the game and a double in the seventh.

"A lot of them were struggling with that rise ball," Schoen said. "The top of the order for them to be able to come out, especially like how they did in the seventh inning, was important. They came through and that was a huge inning for us."

Wayne Trace (14-6) scored both of its runs early in the game. Its leadoff hitter, Logen Bland, reached base on an error and came around to score quickly on a stolen base, passed ball and a ground out by Ava Zartman.

The second run came in the third inning. Bland got the inning started with a double and made her way to score on a single by Kaitlin Slade.

The Indians have already faced the Cava-

Box score

Fort Recovery Indians at Wayne Trace Raiders

District IV sectional championship

Fort Recovery (12-12)				
	ab	r	h	bi
Will cf	4	1	1	0
AvGrisez 2b	3	3	2	0
Schoen 3b	4	2	2	2
Homan p	4	3	2	3
Wendel ss	3	0	0	0
Post c	4	0	2	2
Dues cr	0	0	0	0
Tebbe 1b	4	0	0	0
Heitkamp rf	4	0	0	0
AlGrisez lf	2	1	1	0
Totals	32	10	10	7

Wayne Trace (14-6)				
	ab	r	h	bi
Bland rf	4	2	1	0
AZartman ss	4	0	0	1
Slade c	2	0	1	1
Williams cr	0	0	0	0
Alber 3b	3	0	0	0
OZartmn pr	0	0	0	0
Sinn 2b	3	0	1	0
Baumle cf	3	0	1	0
Noggle 1b	3	0	1	0
Crosby cr	0	0	0	0
Parker dp	3	0	1	0
McGarvey p	0	0	0	0
Schilt lf	3	0	0	0
Totals	28	2	6	2

FRHS	000	203	4	—	10
W. Trace	101	000	0	—	2

LOB — Fort Recovery 4, Wayne Trace 9. 2B — Fort Recovery 3 (Will, AvGrisez, Post), Wayne Trace 1 (Bland). SB — Wayne Trace 2 (Bland, Williams).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fort Recovery					
Homan	7	6	2	1	4

Wayne Trace					
McGarvey	7	10	10	4	2

liers (16-11) twice this season, falling in both games by scores of 6-2 and 10-8.

Carrie Schoen expects to see Coldwater pitcher Madison Wendel for a third time this season. She also thinks that Homan's growth throughout the season will be key to the Indians' success in the district opener.

"I think the big difference between our first matchup and this game is I have a lot of confidence in Jenna," Schoen said. "She's got the confidence and I think that's going to help us tremendously. ...

"It's going to be a good game."

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Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls tennis at Lapel Invitational — 9 a.m.; Softball vs. Woodlan — 10 a.m.; Baseball doubleheader at Heritage — 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.

Monday
Jay County — Baseball at Delta — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Alexandria-Monroe — 5 p.m.; Softball at Heritage — 6 p.m.; Junior high golf at Daleville — 4:30 p.m.; Junior high tennis at Bluffton — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Junior high track MAC meet at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Girls track sectional at Delta — 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Blackford — 5 p.m.; Boys golf vs. Woodlan — 5:30 p.m.; Softball at Frankton — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Monroe Central — 5 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Delta — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high softball vs. Blackford — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball sectional opener vs. Waynesfield-Goshen — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball at Shawnee — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
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)

Sunday
12 p.m. — College baseball: Clemson at Wake Forest (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — UFL: D.C. Defenders at Michigan Panthers (ESPN)
3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Goodyear 400 (FS1)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Wells Fargo Championship (CBS)
3 p.m. — UFL: Houston Roughnecks at San Antonio Brahmas (ESPN)
3:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: New York Knicks at Indiana Pacers (ABC)
4 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at San Francisco Giants (Bally Indiana)
4:45 p.m. — MLS: Seattle Sounders at Portland Timbers (FOX)
6:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Florida Panthers at Boston Bruins (TBS)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Atlanta Braves at New York Mets (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Denver Nuggets at Minnesota Timberwolves (TNT)
9:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Vancouver Canucks at Edmonton Oilers (TBS)

Monday
3 p.m. — Premier League: Liverpool at Aston Villa (USA)
7 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Boston Celtics at Cleveland Cavaliers (TNT)
7 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Carolina Hurricanes at New York Rangers (ESPN)
9:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Oklahoma City Thunder at Dallas Mavericks (TNT)
9:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Arizona Diamondbacks (Bally Indiana)

Tuesday
3 p.m. — Premier League: Manchester City at Tottenham Hotspur (USA)
7 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Boston Bruins at Florida Panthers (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — WNBA: Indiana Fever at Connecticut Sun (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks (ESPN2)
9:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Vancouver Canucks at Edmonton Oilers (ESPN)
9:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Arizona Diamondbacks (Bally Indiana)
10 p.m. — WNBA: Phoenix Mercury at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN2)

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 mayorsoffice@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@myfibersolution.com or by calling (260) 216-1101.
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Sports

Sectional sister act

Homan follows her sibling to lead Fort Recovery to title

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

HALIVAND, Ohio — The last time the Indians made the district tournament, Jackie Homan toed the rubber.

Two years later, her sister has taken over responsibilities in the circle and the Indians will once again compete in the district.

Jenna Homan dazzled on the mound and contributed with the bat as the eighth-seeded Fort Recovery High School softball team upset the host No. 3 seed Wayne Trace Raiders 10-2 in the Division III sectional championship Friday.

It was also FRHS coach Carrie Schoen's first sectional title with the Indians (12-12). Schoen was nearly at a loss for words following the victory.

"It feels pretty good," Schoen said. "It's pretty amazing and pretty exciting."

With the win, the Indians draw a matchup with the fourth-seeded host and fellow Midwest Athletic Conference rival Coldwater Cavaliers in the district opener May 12 at 6 p.m.

Homan, a sophomore at Fort Recovery, led the Indians from the pitcher's rubber as well as with a bat. She went the distance,

allowing six hits, four walks and one earned run. Offensively, she pushed across three RBIs, scored three runs and smacked two hits.

Despite the strong stat line, there were concerns for her near the beginning of the game. During her at bat in the second inning, a foul ball clipped her throwing hand, causing some pain.

"That hurt but I pitched through it," Homan said. "I just couldn't let the team down, so I had to just keep fighting through it and trying my best through the pain."

She also gave credit to the dugout for providing energy to keep her going and her defense for covering for her when she didn't secure a strikeout — she had seven punchouts.

The Indians' defense committed three errors in the game, which Schoen said is a considerable improvement from last year and one over average from this season.

Homan also played a large role in each of Fort Recovery's scoring innings (the fourth, sixth and seventh). The No. 2, 3, 4 and 6 hitters all had their way with Raiders' pitcher Raegan McGarvey after the first time through the order.

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Ava Grisez, a junior at Fort Recovery High School, catches a line drive to record the second out of a potentially dangerous inning for the Indians during the Division III sectional championship on Friday night. Grisez played a large role in an offensive explosion late in the game that led the Indians to a 10-2 sectional title over the Wayne Trace Raiders.

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