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Eighth grader Cheyenne Ladewig receives an award for being a positive influence from guidance counselor Darian Jones on May 15 during the Teach One to Lead One graduation ceremony at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Eleven students graduated from the program established in Jay County this year meant to develop students into leaders with help from local mentors.

Teach One to Lead One connects junior high students with mentors in order to develop leaders

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

students to live with intention and purpose.

to help develop students into things." It's about empowering the leaders for their community.

"We hope that they grow in which has existed since the of Commerce executive direcsaid Sara Colter, 1990s, "offers hope to all stu- tor Tabby Sprunger, dents, including those at risk, to live out their purpose and potential," according to its guarantees website. It improved attendance, attitude and academic results. Teach One to Lead One brings in folks from the community to lead the students as led a different part of the procertified mentors. During

asm and honor — and serves purpose in life to do great 11 students met with mentors The Rock Church pastor Matt Teach One to Lead One, Ransom, Jay County Chamber estate agent Jack Houck and former JCHS band director Kelly Smeltzer. Jay County Junior-Senior High School guidance counselor Darian Jones also served as the school's liaison.

Jay's rate falls to 3.2%

Unemployment had climbed above 4% in February

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

After peaking in February, the local unemployment rate is trending back toward 3%.

Estimates released Monday by Indiana Department of Workforce Development show Jay County with an unemployment rate of 3.2% for April.

The local rate had climbed to 4.1% in February, marking the first time it had reached 4% or higher since September 2020 following the spike related to coronavirus pandemic shutdowns.

Jay County's rate last month was down 0.6 percentage points from March. It was still 0.5 percentage points higher than in April 2023.

Unemployment was down across the region as Jay, Henry and Wayne counties also saw declines of 0.6 percentage points or more. Indiana's rate came in at 3.4%, 0.7 percentage points lower than in March.

"Again this month, the employment data shows the historic opportunity for skilled workers in Indiana," said Indiana Department of Workforce Develcommissioner opment Richard Paulk in a press release. "For the eighth month in a row, the number of private sector jobs reached a new peak. Profession and Business Services, Financial Activities, and Private Education and Health Services added jobs in Indiana over the month." Gibson County recorded the lowest unemployment rate amongst the state's 92 counties for the third month in a row, this time tying with Dubois and Daviess counties at 2.5%. See **Rate** page 2

High School students graduated last week from Teach One to Lead One, a new community mentoring program at Jay School Corporation.

The program teaches uniexcellence, humility, enthusi- great things, and they have a sixth period each Wednesday,

nfidence Eleven Jay County Junior Teach One to Lead One's Indiana area manager. "Our goal is so they can realize the potential they have that the administration, or their teachers, or their counselors may see in them that they versal principles — respect, don't quite see in themselves, integrity, self-control, com- and help them to realize that passion, courage, teamwork, they have the potential to do

Each Wednesday, they tackgram's curriculum.

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All counties sign on

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Every county in Indiana seems to have signed onto a state effort to provide \$150 million in enhanced funding for public health departments in the coming year in exchange for providing "core" public health services.

The Indiana Capital Chronicle called six holdout counties who opted out of the program in 2024, each of which will be participating in the 2025 cohort. Barring any changes to the 86 counties who participated last year, every county will get additional funding from the Indiana Department of Health's Health First Indiana program.

For Theresa Baysinger, a county commissioner from Whitley County, the decision to opt out last year was due to concerns about "regionalizing health departments" and worries about needing to hire new employees to meet grant requirements.

"Obviously what works for one Baysinger concluded.

Handful of '24 holdouts have opted in for funding next year

county doesn't work for another. So we wanted to hold that autonomy for us to make decisions for our county," Baysinger said. "But the more we're learning from surrounding counties, and just seeing how the programs are working and really diving deep into it, we are going to give it a try.'

Should lawmakers decide to renew funding for 2026 and beyond, counties like Whitley can revisit their decision and opt back out.

"We just really hope that it works out and that we can provide a better health department for all Whitley County residents,"

Funding coincides with the fiscal year, which starts on July 1, rather than the calendar year. The Indiana Department of Health didn't respond to a request for comment.

In 2022, the General Assembly earmarked \$225 million for a twoyear program to shore up the state's beleaguered public health program. Prior to the investment, counties spent an average of \$55 per resident for public health — far below the national average of \$91 — though totals ranged from \$83 to \$1.25 per Hoosier, depending on their county of residence.

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The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Grad and dad

Joscie LeFevre hugs her dad, school board member Greg LeFevre, after he presented her with her diploma Sunday during Fort Recovery High School's graduation ceremony at Fort Site Fieldhouse.

Weather

Jay County's high temperature climbed to 88 degrees Tuesday. The low was 64.

Expect a low of 60 tonight with a slight chance of showers and storms. Skies will be partly cloudy Friday with a 50% chance of rain and a high in the lower 80s.

The outlook for the weekend shows highs in the upper 70s with a 50% chance of rain.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Next week's meeting schedule has been adjusted because of the Memorial Day holiday. Jay County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday and Jay County Solid Waste Management District will meet at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Also, Redkey Town Council has scheduled a special meeting for 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of the Jay County Redevelopment Commission meeting.

Saturday — Results from the JCHS baseball team in the sectional semifinal.

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



Counties

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The first \$75 million went to public health departments in 86 counties that covered nearly 96% of the population.

"Core" public health services include maternal and child health, tobacco and vaping cessation, chronic disease management, trauma and injury prevention, and more, as defined by state law. More than three-quarters of the funding must cover prevention and health outcome sons. Those counties passed up a

core services while the remaining 22% can be used for regulatory expenses.

Local public health departments have a myriad of duties, including restaurant inspections, certifying tattoo parlors and managing cases of lead exposure.

But six counties — Whitley, Wells, Fountain, Johnson, Crawford and Harrison — all declined to join 2024 efforts for various rea-

combined maximum of nearly \$3.9 million and instead accepted \$387,000 in legacy funding.

Local

The Indiana Capital Chronicle confirmed participation with five of the six counties listed above, with the exception of Harrison County. However, local media report that Harrison County opted into funding last week.

Johnson County, the most populous county of the bunch, gave up the bulk of that funding and after declining last year.

could have received \$2.1 million in 2024. It qualifies for a minimum of \$3.6 million in 2025, with a county match of \$789,000, or a maximum of \$4.2 million, with a county match of \$1.1 million.

In comparison, its legacy funding amounted to \$132,000.

Betsy Swearingen, the director of Johnson County's Public Health Department, said that commissioners voted unanimously to accept funding in 2025

"My commissioners the year prior had been very thoughtful, waiting to see how the funds rolled out and what it looked like and whether or not it would behoove Johnson to take the money," Swearingen told the Indiana Capital Chronicle.

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Friday 5/24	Saturday 5/25			Tuesday 5/28
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82/63	79/56	78/61	73/54	70/54
Friday's forecast shows a 40% chance of showers under mostly sunny skies.		or rain and	Memorial Day shows a 50% chance of rain and thunder- storms.	There's a chance of rain Tuesday when the high will be in the 70s.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$100 million	Evening Daily Three: 2-5-1 Daily Four: 4-8-5-4 Quick Draw: 3-8-13-15-
Mega Millions 2-5-8-28-69	19-26-30-32-33-38-40-47-49- 54-57-58-67-73-79-80
Mega Ball: 14 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$453 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 7-8-9 Pick 4: 2-2-0-9
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 6-3-1 Daily Four: 3-5-9-1 Quick Draw: 2-5-21-26- 32-36-39-40-42-43-44-45- 50-54-55-57-58-63-64-66	Pick 5: 4-5-5-1-7 Evening Pick 3: 8-8-9 Pick 4: 3-9-5-0 Pick 5: 8-4-3-1-4 Rolling Cash: 9-17-31- 32-35 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000

Markets

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Portland	June beans12.37
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Purpose ...

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"To see the growth in each and every one of the students, from the first day until the last day here, some of how their story, how they're taking what we've been teaching them, and they apply it to how they've related to (family)," said Ransom, addressing the crowd at the students? graduation ceremony May 15. "This was the test project, I mean, you guys were guinea pigs this year, and you have exceeded all expectations, and so we are very proud."

As a part of the program, Teach One to Lead One students are required to complete a project that benefits the community. The group delivered 15 blankets and pillow cases in April to The Journey Home, a transitional house for military veterans in Winchester. (Their project had been a collaboration with Teach One to Lead One students from Anderson Intermediate School, who crafted the blankets and pillow cases.)

"We really strongly believe in servant leadership, it really is about that, and the more you give, the all," he said. "It's things



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Former Jay County High School band director Kelly Smeltzer speaks last week during the Teach One to Lead One graduation ceremony.

more you receive, intrinsically," said Smeltzer.

He talked about the students' experience at The Journey Home, learning from management about how the facility operates and speaking with residents about their lives.

'Sometimes people create a picture of what 'homelessness' looks like, 'it's their fault,' but it's not at

that they can't control that happen to people in life. It's like that, a snap of the finger, they have no money and they're homeless.²

Colter, a Jay County native, started as a mentor in the program when it came to Indiana in 2019. Now a Hamilton County resident, she dreamed of bringing Teach One to Lead One to her hometown. "We take the students

who are chosen based on their leadership potential and then we teach them skills to become good leaders, so that they can lead themselves and their peers well, and become responsible citizens, realize their purpose, realize their potential," said Colter.

Along with a diploma for completing the program. students also received a letter from Teach One to Lead One to use in their portfolios for future job opportunities.

Colter hopes to bump the class size up to between 15 and 20 students next year. She noted the organization is always looking for more mentors from the community.

"It's really uplifting," said Cheyenne Ladewig, a student who hopes to become an elementary teacher in the future. "The program teaches you a lot about the universal principles ... and how you're supposed to act in the community. It's tough to learn these things and go out and realize how many people don't use (them) and should take (this course)."

Felony arrests

Theft

A Fort Wayne man was arrested Tuesday for theft.

Jarrad D. Hill, 37, 6509 N. Liberty Drive, is charged in Jav Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for theft.

He was being held in Jay County Jail on a \$5,000 bond.

Intimidation

A Pennville man was arrested Monday for intimidation. Steven E. Geesaman, 47, 6327 W. bond in Jay County Jail.

Walnut Corner Road, is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for intimidation and a Class A misdemeanor for criminal trespassing.

He was being held on a \$7,500

Capsule Reports

Drunk driving cited for drunk driving after the vehicle he was driving hit another vehicle and crashed into a bush along Bridge and Ninth streets about 5:10 a.m. Saturday. Darwin Mendez, 30, was driving a 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt west on Ninth Street in Portland when he struck a 2007 Honda Odyssey, witness Patricia Myers told police. Myers said the vehicle left the scene of the collision and continued west on Ninth Street, which comes to a dead end, turned around and returned East on Ninth Street past Myers' home before hitting a bush in a yard at 120 W. Ninth St. Mendez sustained cuts on his neck and arm. He administered a was portable breath test, which came in at 0.213%. He was also given a blood alcohol



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Today in history

In 1865, the Army of the Potomac paraded down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the end of the Civil War. It came just a few weeks after President Abraham Lincoln's funeral cortege along the same path.

In 1911, President William Howard Taft presided over the dedication of the New York Public Library. Former governor Samuel J. Tilden had left money in a trust following his death in 1886 to create a free public library in New York City.

In 1934, the notorious outlaw couple Bonnie and Clyde — Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow — died in a shootout with police in Gibsland, Louisiana. They had been on a 21-month crime spree that included robbing banks, gas stations and restaurants.

In 1951, Tibet was formally annexed by China as region. The move led to needed for upkeep. the Tibetan independ-

ence movement, led by the Dalai Lama.

Newland, 21, Portland, arrested was near Dunkirk about six hours after he had climbed a 12-foot-high fence to escape the exercise yard at Jav County Jail.

Jay County High School placed fifth in the shot put at the IHSAA regional meet at Ben Davis.

In 2018, Jay County High School's baseball team got through a rocky sectional opener, defeating the Mississinewa Indians 12-7 in the Class 3A tournament at Bellmont.

In 2022, a local group that had hoped to purchase the former Westlawn Elementary School in Dunkirk pulled back on its plan because of costs. Gloria Hamilton, who was leading the effort, explained that it was estimated that \$5,000 an autonomous per month would be

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Today

5:30 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board of Directors executive session, Jay County Community Center, 115 E. Water St., Portland.

Tuesday

9 a.m. — Jay County Mooney St.

In 1973, Johnny L.

In 2013, Tyler Back of

Citizen's calendar

Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:30 p.m. — Jay County

Solid Waste Management District Board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.

7 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50



Boone, Clinton, Hamilton and Union counties were next at 2.6%.

Howard County's unemployment rate spiked to 6.1%, by far the highest in the state. Lake Area rates are as fol-

lows: Adams County: 3%, down 0.7 percentage points, tied for 31st-lowest

Blackford County: 3.8%, down 0.9 percentage points, tied for 16th-highest

Delaware County: 3.9%, down 1 percentage point, tied for 13th-highest

Jay County: 3.2%, down 0.6 percentage points, tied for 42nd-lowest

Randolph County: 3.6%, down 0.6 percentage points, tied for 26th-highest

Wells County: 2.8%, down 0.7 percentage points, tied for ninth-lowest

Mendez was cited with a Class C misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. The vehicle he was driving was towed, with damage estimated at less than \$1,000. The Honda Odyssey is registered to Kalen Myers of Portland.

Building hit

Damage is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000 after a Liberty man backed a semitrailer into Dollar Tree in Portland about 10:55 a.m. Friday.

Callen K. Paton, 22, was backing a 2021 Interna-tional LT625 toward the building at 1013 W. Votaw St. when the vehicle's trailer hit the structure.

The semi Paton was driving is registered to Werner Enterprises of Omaha, Nebraska.

SERVICES

Today

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

Friday

Highley, Marcia: 10 a.m., Cisco Funeral Home, 6921 Ohio 703, Celina, Ohio.

Frasher, Jackie: II a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

June 2

Snyder, Wesley: 1:30 p.m., Portland Church of Christ, 1217 W.Votaw St., Portland.

June 15 Weaver, Larry: 10:30 a.m., Akron Community Center, 815 Rural St., Akron, Indiana.

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Family



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Survival Camp

Members of Scouting America Troop 202 of Portland recently completed the Wilderness Survival Camp. Scouts spent two nights in the woods building shelters, making fire, boiling water, fishing and cooking meals. Pictured, front row, are Hayden Richman, Nathaniel Locke, Kason Sims, Dillon Jellison, Michael Young and Eli Nelson, and in the back row are Hayden Ison, Austin Jellison, Camden Buckland, Joel Wilson, Max Klopfenstein and Traylin Lautzenheiser.

Couple fears for friend

DEAR ABBY: My wife's good friend has had a tough time since her divorce. She started dating this guy off and on a few years ago. After the second breakup, we learned the reason. He was verbally abusive (same as her ex-husband).

They eventually resumed living together only to break up again after he threw hot cooking oil on her. This qualifies as physical abuse and, because they lived together, domestic abuse. She moved away and was considering a restraining order.

Several months have gone by, and now we have learned he has moved back in! We are worried for her and her young daughter. NIA



My experience as a former law enforcement officer is why I'm convinced she is trapped in a spiral of domestic abuse. I'm afraid each event will become more violent. How can friends help in these cases? It's easy to spot these cycles when you are not in them. - STANDING BY IN CALIFOR-

DEAR STANDING BY: The most helpful thing you and your wife can do is continue to stand by this friend. Do not allow her abuser to isolate her. Explain your concerns about the man's hair-trigger temper and your worry that her child could be caught in the middle of his violent episodes - or injured or killed if his fury is aimed directly at the child.

You or your wife should talk privately with her. Make sure she has the National Domestic Violence Hotline, (800) 799-7233. And reinforce that if she senses she might be in danger, she can call not only the police but also you.

Take steps to improve your mental health

By JENNIFER VANSKYOCK

Mental health is a key component to overall health and wellbeing. It can have an impact on the quality of life and overall functioning.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, one in five U.S. adults and one in six U.S. youth experience a mental illness each year, but only half receive treatment. Long-term and untreated mental health issues can worsen over time and often also negatively impact physical wellbeing.

Why don't individuals with a mental health issue seek treatment?

One key factor that prevents individuals from seeking treatment is the discrimination and stigma that they often face. While mental health issues are common, there has been a lot of misinformation historically and judgment toward those impacted. Unfortunately, that fear of judgment can prevent some from seeking help. Other times, the lack of services in an area or delay in care can also deter individuals from care. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 122 million people live in mental health professional shortage areas, which can result in a significant barrier to access.

What can I do if I think I might be experiencing a mental health issue?

There are several things you can do if you believe you are experiencing a mental health issue. You can discuss with a trusted individual, such as a loved one, your primary care provider or a therapist. You can also call 988 any time to speak with someone about mental health. If you or someone you know is thinking about harming themselves, you should immediately seek help. At times, temporary situations can make someone feel manager for IU Health Jay Outhelpless or hopeless. It is patient Behavioral Health.

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important to know you are not alone and there is always someone available for support. Additionally, there are several local options for therapy as well as online options that provide virtual services. These services can be found by calling 211 or making a quick online search.

How can I help if someone I know has a mental health issue?

If you know someone who may be struggling with a mental health issue, it is important to take time to listen, offer support and help them to identify professional resources. Being nonjudgmental is vital in this situation and it is important to ensure others feel safe to share their feelings without shame. Mental illness is common, and we don't want to make those experiencing these issues feel as if they are to blame.

Is there anything I can do to promote good mental health?

Yes. You can practice daily self care that includes eating healthy meals, exercise, developing healthy relationships, finding hobbies, journaling, meditation, getting a good night's sleep and practicing gratitude. Spending time outside with pets or with other people can also help mental health. There may also be times when therapy or medication prescribed by a provider is needed in addition to your self care habits.

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Community Calendar

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DEADLINES ARE ONE WEEK PRIOR



Today

group for those struggling interested in participating with addition that focuses on motivation, coping with managing cravings, thoughts. feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and DAR committee chair, will confidential consultations be the guest speaker. For with a lawyer are available more information, call from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay Kathy Selman at (260) 251-

landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates SMART RECOVERY — A and immigration. Those should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

MISSISSINEWA CHAP-TER OF NATIONAL SOCI-ETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN **REVOLU-**TION — Will meet at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at Jay County Historical Society. Paula Book, Indiana

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Level: Intermediate

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Rehabilitation Centre, 200 N. Park St., Portland.

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERV-ICES — 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.

Saturday

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

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesdav of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

COMPASSIONATE CON-NECTIONS 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.



We have a busy schedule of special sections and pages coming up. Mark your calendar NOW.

Senior Citizens

Wednesday, June 19 - UNIV* **Jay County Fair**

Wednesday, July 3 - CR/NS*

Marching Patriots

Wednesday, July 10 - CR/NS* **Blackford band**

Wednesday, July 10 - NT* **Blackford County Fair preview**

Wednesday, July 10 - NT*

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Opinion

Advancement needs a new model

By MORTON J. MARCUS

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Allow me to play with an unpopular idea.

Let's take Indiana in a different direction.

Let's transform the IEDC, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, into a new IEDC, the Indiana Education Development Corporation.

From previous columns in this long series, you have seen that our economic progress has been mediocre, rarely among the leading states in the nation.

For decades, Indiana thrived when it attracted branch locations of national and international corporations. We also benefited from having our indigenous business entities bought out by invasive "foreign" firms of other states.

Certainly, we can point to a handful of firms (most notably



Cummins and Lilly) that continue to be among the leading corporations headquartered in this state. But we do not see the dynamic fervor of many companies that celebrate innovation, that spinoff competitors, that are magnets for entrepreneurial thinking.

What if we turned away from attracting business jobs at lowto-medium wages? What if spent our millions on quality education at all levels?

Immediately thoughts go to

K-12 schooling. Look instead at progress. But today they rise take a major overhaul and, posour colleges and universities. IU, Notre Dame and Purdue have claims on significant achievements and have their advocates generously supporting their athletic departments. But Harvard, MIT, Chicago,

Yale, Berkeley, John Hopkins, to name a half dozen academic superstars, are not renowned for their sporting teams. In addition, there are smaller schools (Macalister, Washington (St. Louis), Howard, Rose-Hulman, Cornell (Iowa), Clare-mont) that have distinguished qualities independent of their national rankings for croquet or other diversions.

Indiana has a multitude of higher education institutions that could be developed as national and international powerhouses of intellectual

and fall with their basketball teams.

IU and Purdue have developed chain-gang schools in Indianapolis, northwest Indiana, Fort Wayne, South Bend and other communities. Those satellites need to be set free.

The dismemberment of IUPUI is the premier example of a disregard for achievement in favor of the exercise of cen-tralized power. The rise and fall of Butler and Evansville has depended on their basket-ball prowess. Trine and Indi-ana State, Hanover and Valparaiso, Wabash and Earlham, DePauw and Manchester are among our latent venues for excellence.

It will take flushing out many administrators and inad- Email him at mortonjmarequate faculty members. It will *cus@yahoo.com*.

sibly, elimination of the Commission for Higher Education. But it could yield superior Schools of Education, the best hope for our enervated pri-

mary and secondary schools. My career in Indiana since 1970, more than half a century, as an observer and analyst of anemic economic development and failed economic policy, has led me to believe our Hoosier Holyland has neglected its most important industry: Education.

It's time to put the three Rs back in education: Respect, Rigor and Responsibility. Higher education is the place to start.

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Marcus is an economist.

Be vigilant against any attempts to block Sunshine **Orlando Sentinel**

Tribune News Service

Floridians have become accustomed to government officials who talk a good game on the Sunshine Law — but then throw up barriers to access public records, and connive to confer in private on issues that should only be discussed in open meetings.

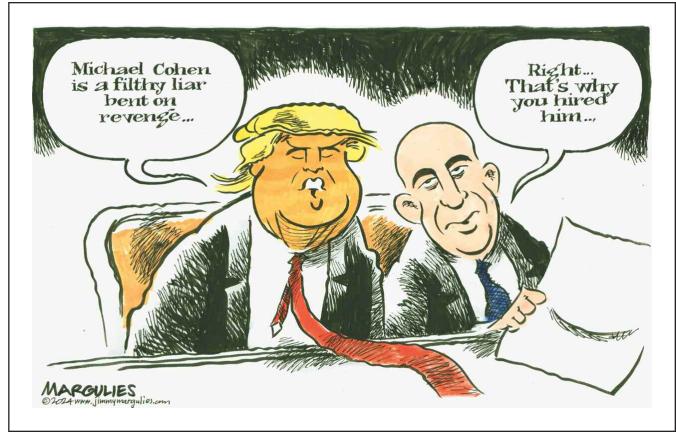
So it was easy to be skep-tical when the Sentinel discovered a note on the website of Osceola County Property Appraiser Katri-na Scarborough: "If you are looking for information other than property data, please submit a public records request by clicking here. There is a \$25 charge to process your request," it read. It contained a hyperlink to a web page where requesters could enter credit card information.

That's flatly illegal. While Florida officials can request payment for complex records searches, voluminous records or per-page charges for copying, they are limited to the actual cost of producing the records and officials are not allowed to ask for money before a request is filed.



how they, and their staff, communicate their compliance with the state's opengovernment laws. This is particularly critical to preserve the rights of Floridians without a background in government or journalism, who might be easily discouraged from seeking public records if they think they'll have to pay an upfront fee, hire an attorney or justify why they want certain information. Those false barriers have

become tougher to navigate, especially in state agencies under Gov. Ron DeSantis, says Michael Barfield, director of public records for the Florida Cenfor Governmental ter Accountability. Records requests are often stonewalled by state agencies — or merely ignored, Barfield says. "It's getting to be like pulling teeth. ... the strategy is to delay, But when contacted by obfuscate and charge exces-Sentinel reporter Annie sive fees," he says. While Martin last week, Scarbor- there's nothing to suggest on the Osceola site, there's no way to know whether anyone saw that notice and decided not to ask for records, he says. While many local and agencies state have appointed official publicrecords custodians, Florida law requires compliance from any public employee who is considered a "custodian" of a particular set of records. That's why government leaders should ensure that all their employees are trained on the basics of the Sunshine law, and know how to respond to the public's requests. Floridians have a role to play as well. When they request records and are denied, they should not back down: Reaching out to city or county elected officials and management (Including city and county attorneys) should be the first step. Groups like the FLCGA or even a local news outlet might be able to help. Sunshine is every Floridians' birthright, but one that requires constant vigilance to protect. When that access is blocked - deliberately or inadvertently Florida leaders should be



Containment isn't enough

By JOHN E. RIELLY and RICHARD BABCOCK Chicago Tribune

Tribune News Service

The document that largely defined American foreign policy through the Cold War years was written anonymously by a prickly and melancholic Midwesterner who spent much of the rest of his life disavowing the repercussions of his work.

F Kennan, a State Depart Geor

Guest Opinion

misuse of containment, notoriously during the Vietnam War.

With the Russian invasion of

simist at heart. He abhorred the messianism ascribed to President Woodrow Wilson that dominated American foreign policy for several decades after World War I. As much as Kennan despised the Stalinist regime, he loved the Russian people, and he astutely analyzed that the communist government held "within it the seeds of its own decay."

U.S. diplomat and historian George F. Kennan is sworn in as ambassador to the Soviet Union by Raymond Muir, as Kennan's wife and daughter look on in 1952. (Hulton Archive) In the X article, he warned against letting similar seeds take root in American soil. He'd witnessed how "exhibitions of indecision, disunity and internal disintegration" in the Unit-ed States produced a "new jauntiness" in "the Moscow tread." Today, America's enemies around the globe are no doubt treading with the same jauntiness as the country fractures into factions and is immobilized by polarization. In the X article, Kennan's simple advice to his native land was to "measure up to its own best traditions. The specter of nuclear annihilation loomed only dimly in his thoughts, but Kennan recognized that competition with Soviet totalitarianism held immeasurable risks. Still, he looked at the Soviet menace as a "test of the overall worth of the United States as a nation among nations." Providence, he wrote, had provided "the American people with this implacable challenge, has made their entire security as a nation dependent on their pulling themselves together and accepting the responsibilities of moral and political leadership that history plainly intended them to bear." Seventy-seven years after Kennan wrote those words, they have never been more on the mark.

Eye on the Pie

ough said she had no idea that anyone paid the \$25 fee how the notice got onto her website. "We've never done it that way," she says. "Never, ever, ever. ... I was completely shocked."

A review of the circumstances around this particular notice bolsters Scarborough's credibility. First and foremost is her reaction to Martin's call. Before the story even published, the offending language was taken off the property appraiser's website.

In addition, a snapshot of Scarborough's site, captured Dec. 1 on the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine, shows no mention of a \$25 fee. It's still a mystery as to how the charge appeared on the website. Scarborough owes it to her constituents to investigate. If someone on her staff made the change, that's something Scarborough should address. If it was made by a third party, a review of the site's security is in order. So far, the property appraiser's surprise appears to be genuine but pursuing these critical questions would solidify her integrity.

This episode also underscores the necessity for elected and appointed leaders to keep a close eye on held accountable. ment expert on Soviet Russia, published an article in the July 1947 issue of Foreign Affairs but signed it "X" because of his government role. The article famously called for the 'containment" of Soviet expansion, urging the United States and the West to "confront the Russians with unalterable counter-force at every point where they show signs of encroaching upon the interests of a peaceful and stable world.'

The containment principle, as subsequently interpreted, produced strategies and actions ranging from the Marshall Plan to the covert activities of the CIA to the disastrous Vietnam War. At the same time, containment put unrelenting pressure on the Soviet Union and arguably led eventually to the internal collapse of the clumsy and ossified Soviet government -– an outcome Kennan predicted.

Almost immediately after publication of the article, Kennan realized that his prescription lacked specificity. He'd meant to suggest that the spearhead of containment should be political and economic, not military, and that the concern with Soviet expansion should focus on Europe, not the entire world. When his successor at the State Department, Paul globalized containment Nitze, in National Security Council Paper No. 68 and provided a rationale for the Truman Doctrine which promised an American response to any communist threat — Kennan loudly protested in vain. For

Ukraine, talk of containment has resurfaced. One school of thought argues that this latest manifestation of Russian expansionist desires must be fiercely opposed. Another, drawing on comments made by Kennan himself, suggests that the expansion of NATO led to the invasion by provoking Russia's historic paranoia about its borders.

But Kennan, who died in 2005, recognized that containment alone isn't enough. At the conclusion of the X article, Kennan turns his attention from the character of the Soviet Union to the character of the United States and makes an entirely different point — one that's often overlooked and that remains profoundly relevant. To be an architect of peace and stability around the globe, Kennan wrote, America must "create among the peoples of the world generally the impression of a country which knows what it wants, which is coping successfully with the problems of its internal life and with the responsibilities of a World Power, and which has a spiritual vitality capable of holding its own among the major ideological currents of the time.'

With those words, Kennan could be speaking to all Americans today. We would do well to listen.

As historian John Lewis Gaddis makes clear in his acclaimed Kennan biography, his subject was a curious mixture. Kennan was a lonely child whose mother died shortly after his birth, a difficult colleague and frustrated diplomat, an elitist more at decades he inveighed against the home in another century and a pes-

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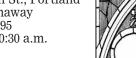
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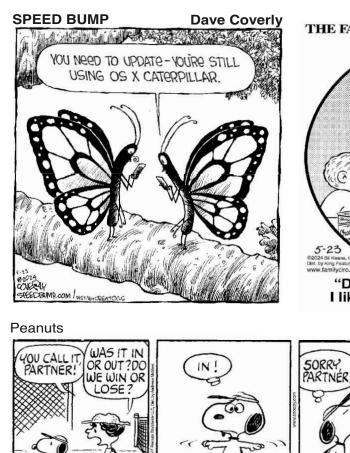
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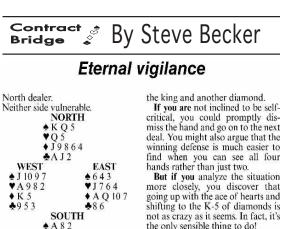
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Continued from page 8 By the time Montero popped up, retrieved the ball and attempted to put a tag on Champ, the JCHS senior was inches out of Montero's reach.

"I was on third base and we just needed one more run," Champ said. "They didn't think I'm coming and I was just going. ...

"I was excited and just kind of speechless honestly."

The win gave the Patriots (15-6) their first playoff win since the 2015 season, which was a 14-4 victory over South Side in Class 4A.

"It feels really good," Winner said. "I know that Jay County has not been able to do that in a really long time, so it feels good that we're the first in a while."

Jay County got contributions all throughout its lineup. The Patriots found ways to mash off of Loser in the first and third innings, putting up five runs in the former and four in the latter. Two more in the fourth set up the early walk off in the fifth.

Hallie Schwieterman and Carley Trinidad had two of the best days at the plate. Schwieterman finished with three RBIs, two hits and two runs. The highlight of her night came in the fourth inning, when she hit a towering two-run home run over the scoreboard in center field.

Trinidad led JCHS in both hits and RBIs. She went 3-for-3 with a double and four RBIs.

"That's just awesome



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jay County's Mallory Winner delivers a pitch during the sectional opener against Delta on Tuesday. Winner led the Patriots to their first postseason victory since 2015 in the circle.

out of two freshmen," Arbuckle said. "At this home runs – a solo shot by point in time in the season, they're not really freshmen. But to get that kind of production out of them is a testament to how good of athletes they are. A super job by them down there in the order."

On the other side, the Patriots had a clean day in the field, never committing an error, while Winner and Trinidad only surrendered five hits throughout the game.

Delta (3-21) only man-

aged to score on a pair of Caidyn Freiburger in the first and a two-run blast by Addie Smith in the fourth. Outside of the two home runs, Winner held things down for JCHS without regular traffic on the base paths.

"I was getting ahead early in the count and making sure I was hitting my spots," Winner said. "After that, I was just throwing the pitches I needed to throw to keep them off balance."

Winner picked up the win after throwing four innings with four strikeouts and three earned runs. Trinidad struck out the side in the one inning of relief.

Loser suffered the loss for the Eagles after pitching all 4 3/3 innings, in which she gave up four earned runs on 13 hits.

Today, Jay County has the opportunity to win two games in the postseason since 2009. Arbuckle mentioned that his team will need to play similarly

Box score

Jay County Patriots vs. Delta Eagles **IHSAA Class 3A** Sectional 24 opener Jay County (15-6) ab h b **r** 2 Missicano rf 4 Winner p 0 0 2 0 1 0 Garrett cr 0 2 0 1 2 0 0 Bright pr 0 0 Champ 3b Lykins c 1 0 Romine cr Ō 1 2 2 Shimp 1b 2 1 0 1 1 2 3 Fraley cf Schwieterman ss 3 2 3 4 Trinidad 2b 3 1 0 Yates If 0 Totals 27 13 13 10 Delta (3-21) ab b h 0 0 Robbins ss 3 Loser p Freiburger 1b 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 Carter If Timmerman 3b Montero c 0 1 0 0 Ō Rozzi cr Smith cf 2 0 2 1 1 0 Ō Hamilton 2b Temple dp 0 0 0 0 1 Õ 0 Seals rf Totals 19 3 5 3 Delta 100 Jay County 504 20X X — 3 22X X —13 LOB — Delta 2, Jay County 4. 2B — Jay County 3 (Champ, Shimp, Trinidad). HR — Delta 2 (Freiburger, Smith), Jay County 1 (Schwi-eterman). SB — Jay County 3 (Missicano 2, Champ 1) IP H R ER BB SO Delta 4.2 13 13 4 2 0 Loser Jay County

today as it did Tuesday if it wants a chance at the first sectional finals appearance since 2010.

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"We're not going to change the formula," Arbuckle said. "We're going to come out, Mal will toe the rubber to start out with and we'll hope to come off that bus with the bats hot and keep it going."

Ends

Continued from page 8 •Jordyn Hutzler at 31 feet, 5 inches, in the shot put

•The 4x400 relay team of Makinsey Murphy, Cash Hollowell, Aixa Lopez and Mya Kunkler at 4:27.25

•Dues in the 200 dash in 29.12

Hollowell was disqualified for stepping out of her lane in the 300 hurdles.

Imel utilized Hutzler, who narrowly missed a sectional title last week, to illustrate his hopes for her and all of the regional qualifiers who will be returning to the team next year.

"Her goal was to make it to regional. She did," he said. "So now she's motivated to work a little bit in the offseason to try improve what to she's been building on.

"I think that's the experience that a lot of the kids have when they get to this event — they can see the light at the end of the tunnel but they're just not there yet, so what can they do to make themselves better.'

Hollowell and Murphy will graduate and Mende is an exchange student from Germany, but DeHoff, Dues, Lopez, Kunkler, Beiswanger and Hutzler will all be back for 2025.

Roundup

Continued from page $\overline{8}$ Brenna Bailey put up the strongest fight out of the No. 2 singles position. She took three games from Brylee Beckley, but ultimately fell 6-1, 6-2.

Both of Jay County's other positions only took one game.

Haines' career with a 6-0, 6-1 vic- Union City ended as the runner tory in the No. 1 singles contest, up with 212 strokes, while Ranpreventing Haines from moving dolph Southern rounded out the

JC shoots low

The Jay County boys golf team ran away with first place against Randolph Southern and Union City at Portland Golf Club on Tuesday.

The Patriots finished with 178 strokes, while both UCHS and Gabby Knight ended Brenna RSHS failed to keep it under 200.

stroke more than DeRome with a 41.

Cody DeHoff shot a 48, while Luke Fugiett and Liam Garringer rounded out the team score with 49s.

Keller leads

Williams Auto Parts took down Matt's Garage 11-7 in Portland for two RBIs and two runs, while Junior League Rookie baseball on Armstrong added three doubles Tuesdav.

Gage Sims finished just one port as eight other players collected hits and either scored a run or drove one in. Boone Locke had the second-highest production with two doubles, a single and two RBIs.

Graham Peterson and Duke Armstrong powered Matt's Peterson offense. Garage's smashed a home run and a triple and two runs

Beckham Hough led PG14's offense with a triple, a single and an RBI.

Eli Homan and Blake Jellison both added an RBI while going 1for-1 at the plate with a single and two walks.

The trio also managed the game on the mound, collecting 12strikeouts through six innings.

Bryce VanSkyock brought ome pop with his bat for Optimist. He smacked a triple and a double to earn two RBIs. Oaklin Blunk, Cash Reynolds and VanSkyock manned the bump for Optimist, striking out 15 batters in the game.

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Alexa Bratton and Rowan Hinds also handed Zion Jay County (8-2), but all five Beiswanger and Lucie Henneaux a 6-0, 6-1 loss in the No. 2 doubles match.

match at 220.

Caleb DeRome led the way for golfers shot under 50. His 40 strokes earned him the title of match medalist.

Tobe Keller led the way for Williams Auto Parts with a triple and two doubles that drove in three runs. He also scored two runs.

Keller had no shortage of sup-

(TNT)

Lottery 200 (FS1)

lier in the day.

Local notes

Game tied

PG14 and Optimist finished in a 5-5 tie on Tuesday in Portland Junior League Willie Mays baseball.

Sports on tap

Local schedule Today

Jay County — Boys golf vs. Adams Central – 4:30 p.m.; Softball sectional semifinal vs. Mississinewa at Delta - 7 p.m.; Junior high baseball at Eastbrook -5 p.m.

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Champ steals home to mercy rule Delta in Jay's first playoff win in nine years

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review MUNCIE — Riah Champ has had no shortage of walk offs throughout her high school career.

She can now say she's walked a team off with a steal of home plate.

The Jay County High School softball team won its first playoff game since 2015 as Champ's steal of home plate ended the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 opener against host Delta Eagles after just five innings with a final of 13-3.

The win earns JCHS a date with the Mississinewa Indians today at 7 p.m. in the sectional semifinal.

"I think they were really prepared and ready to go today," JCHS head coach Doug Arbuckle said. "All the way through the lineup, when we get that production, we're a hard team to beat."

The Patriots entered the bot-

tom of the fifth inning with an 11-3 lead over Delta. Morgan Missicano started off with a short pop up to second base for the first out.

Mallory Winner got all the way to second on an error by Fancy Robbins at shortstop to put a runner on. (Brooklyn Bright pinch ran for Winner.)

Champ followed Winner's lead with a swinging bunt that she beat out for a single. She took second with no contest to put the game-ending run on second base.

Jaelynn Lykins got Bright across the plate and Champ to third with a groundout to Hailee Hamilton at second base.

Haley Loser started Jozey Shimp with a strike in the following at bat, before spiking the second pitch in the dirt. Ava Montero's block kept the ball in front of the plate, but Champ crashed home plate hard after getting a big lead off.

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Riah Champ, a senior at JCHS, avoids Ava Montero's tag by inches in a steal of home plate to beat Delta by a 13-3 mercy rule in the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 opener.



Patriots' season ends at regional

Bv RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review **INDIANAPOLIS**

With their highest seed at No. 12, the Patriots knew their season Lawrence North (57). was most likely coming to a close Tuesday.

The meet was more about celebrating the season.

High Jay County School's girls track team closed its 2024 campaign Tuesday in the regional meet at Pike, with its 4x100-meter relay team posting the top finish of 11th.

"I'm proud of all the girls who made it," said JCHS coach Joe Imel. here because make memories."

North Central won the event regional title with 74 advance to the state points ahead of fellow finals, which will be con-Indianapolis Bishop Chartard (59) and University.)

Morgan DeHoff, Ariel Beiswanger, Mende and Jenna Dues was able to improve on ran a 50.87 seconds to win its seed and its sectional time. DeHoff ran the ic Conference title in final leg and crossed the early May. "They ran finish line in 51.45 seconds — 0.06 seconds faster than when the team won the sectional the girls." championship in the event a week earlier at Delta.

"We emphasized, we're was 0.17 seconds ahead of amongst the 16 runners you 12th-place Herron and in the 100 hurdles, she deserved it, you earned 0.15 seconds behind 10th- climbed to 14th place in it. We're here to have fun, place Muncie Central. 18.55 seconds. Bishop Chatard earned the final state-qualifying in each of its other ish, the Patriots did not berth in 48.34. (The top events: three finishers in each

automatically schools tested May 31 at Indiana

"You can't be unhappy The 4x100 relay team of with a 4x1 that sets your school record," said Imel Matilda of the group that broke the 24-year-old mark as it the Allen County Athletreally another respectable time today. I'm just really proud of

DeHoff, a junior, was also able to improve on her seed individually. Jay County's quartet Projected to finish last Jay County placed 16th



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School's Morgan DeHoff leaps over a hurdle during the regional meet at Pike on Tuesday. DeHoff climbed to 14th place in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.55 seconds.

Without a top-eight finscore in the meet.

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Jay swept in regional opener

NOBLESVILLE Patriots made it to the regional tournament for the fourth year in a row.

After switching to a dif- roundup ferent regional, they were hoping for some different luck, but still couldn't make it out of the opener.

Jay County High School's girls tennis team got swept 5-0 on Tuesday by the No. 21 Delta Eagles in the opening round of the IHSAA regional tournament hosted by Noblesville.

Along with the team getting swept, the Patriots (9-7) got swept at two positions.

Local

In singles play, Maggie Dillon fell to Elizabeth Bamidele 6-0, 6-0, in the No. 3 singles match.

No. 1 doubles duo Meredith Dirksen and Sophia Sprunger also failed to claim a game. Kaite Manor and Kelsey Vest claimed the match 6-0, 6-0 for the Eagles. See Roundup page 7



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