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Home owners can apply now for program

Requests will be considered in order they are received

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review
Applications are open for the owner-occupied rehabilitation program.

Jay County Commissioners announced during their regular meeting that the \$1 million project — it's mainly funded through an Indiana of Community and Rural Affairs grant — opened to the public Tuesday.

The owner-occupied rehabilitation program is intended to help residents pay for home improvements. The work may include roof, water heating or heating ventilation and air conditioning unit replacements, electrical work or upgrades to make a home more accessible. Projects are limited to \$25,000 per household.

Considered on a first-come, first-serve basis, applications must be submitted in-person and on paper. They are available in the Jay County Auditor's Office at Jay County Courthouse in Portland, Dunkirk City Hall, Redkey Town Hall and community coordinator Nate Kimball's office at the Community Resource Center in Portland. (Kimball has been heading work on launching the program.) A printable version is also available at jaycounty.net, but it must be turned in to one of the aforementioned sites to be considered.

Applications will be open through June 28.

"Those will (have the) time and date stamped on (them), so it will be first-come, first-serve, trying to make this as fair as we possibly can," said commissioners president Chad Aker.

See **Apply** page 2



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

In memory

Flags line the center circle of Hillcrest Cemetery south of Redkey as a group gathers for the Memorial Day Service late Monday morning. The event included James Fulks, who led the ceremony, acknowledging World War II veteran Herb Heston, who was in attendance.

Voucher participation saw jump

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana's private school voucher program enrollment jumped about 32% in the most recent school year, marking a historic single-year jump, according to the state's latest voucher report.

The state-funded program enrolled a record 70,095 students in 2023-2024, costing taxpayers \$439 million — which is around 40% higher than the \$311 million spent on vouchers in the year prior.

Even so, the report noted that — had all Hoosier voucher users attended their traditional public schools — the state would have paid around \$516 million in education expenses. That's because

Program saw about a 32% increase in participation

vouchers are paid at a lower amount than public school funding.

After widening the Choice Scholarship Program in 2022, state lawmakers further expanded the voucher system in 2023 to be nearly universal and open to almost all Hoosier families.

Since the changes took effect, eligibility for the scholar-

ships — which allows families to receive vouchers to attend private schools — have expanded to include households with incomes up to 400% of the amount required for a student to qualify for the federal free or reduced price lunch program, equal to about \$220,000.

The new statewide report released on Friday indicates that

the latest surge in voucher participation was largely driven by students from wealthier families.

The average family income for a voucher student in 2023-24 was \$99,121 — an increase of more than 20% from the previous year. That's well above the state's median household income of about \$67,000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Almost 8,000 students in the latest cohort came from households making between \$150,000 to \$200,000 annually — up from 2,800 in 2022-23.

Voucher students from families making more than \$200,000 increased even more — roughly tenfold — from 354 students in 2022-23 to about 3,700 in 2023-24.

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Tribune News Service/The Detroit News/Daniel Mears

Pro-Palestinian protesters make their way down Woodward Ave. Monday in Detroit. Reports Tuesday said Israeli tanks had reached the center of Rafah.

Israel reaches center of Rafah

By OMAR TAMO and ETHAN BRONNER
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Israeli tanks have reached the center of Rafah, a sign the military could be nearing its goal of taking full control of the southern Gaza city.

Residents reported clashes between Israeli and Hamas forces in the center of town on Tuesday, AFP said, suggesting troops have advanced beyond their initial incursions in the outskirts. An Israeli military official said tanks were being used as part of what he called a limited and precise set of operations.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has long said the country needed to start a ground invasion of Rafah to seek out the thousands of Hamas fighters and some leaders it says are based in the city, as well as some hostages. The plan has drawn international condemna-

Tanks being used as part of operation in southern Gaza

tion — including from the U.S. — even after Israel insisted it would first allow civilians to leave.

The United Nations says roughly one million civilians have fled Rafah, having sought shelter there during fighting elsewhere in Gaza. Devastation caused earlier in the near eight-month war means there are limited places for them to go, a predicament made clear on Sunday when an Israeli airstrike killed an estimated 45 Palestinians at a tent camp northwest of the city.

Israel said the attack was based on precise intelligence and

that it killed two senior officials from Hamas, designated a terrorist organization by the U.S. and European Union. Netanyahu called the incident a "tragic mistake."

Another Israeli strike on Rafah on Tuesday killed 20 Palestinians, Gaza's civil defense service reported. The death toll from the war as a whole is now more than 36,000, according to officials in the Hamas-run enclave.

Israel had pledged to invade Rafah while limiting civilian casualties, even as the city's population swelled to about 1.4 million mostly displaced people.

Deaths

Richard Houser, 88, rural Bryant
Mary Evans, 81, Portland
Elizabeth Schwartz, 91, rural Berne
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 68 degrees on Memorial Day. The low was 60.
Expect a low in the upper 40s tonight with a 40% chance of rain. Skies will be sunny Thursday with a high around 70.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Penn Township Public Library is congratulating librarian Brenda Cash, who will retire Thursday after 17 years of service.
An open house to celebrate Cash's career is scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 29, at Pennville Community Center, 210 S. Union St.

Coming up

Thursday — Preview of the FRHS baseball team in the regional tournament.
Friday — Jay-Randolph Developmental Services opening new thrift store.
Saturday — Results from the Fort Recovery track team at the state finals.



Obituaries

Richard Houser

Dec. 26, 1935-May 22, 2024
Richard L. Houser, age 88, of rural Bryant passed away on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, in IU Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.



Houser

He was born in Jay County on Dec. 26, 1935, the son of Harold and Mary (Edgington) Houser. He was married on June 17, 1955, to Ruth F. Wagner and she passed away on Nov. 7, 2012.

Richard was a lifelong dairy farmer. He was a 1953 Bryant High School graduate and was salutatorian of his class. He was very active in 4-H and served as a 4-H leader for many years. He was president of Bryant and New Corydon Senior Citizens

and a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Richard loved music and enjoyed playing along with his harmonica.

Surviving are three sons, Mike Houser by Bryant, David Houser (wife: Cindy) of Decatur and Stephen Houser (wife: Michelle) of Decatur; three daughters, Patty Stephens (husband: Lee) of Portland, Cathy Reef (husband: Bob) of Berne and Connie Aker (husband: Brad) of Bryant; one sister, Diane Logan of Decatur; 14 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Donna Sue Lalyer.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 10 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Dan Layden presiding. Burial will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery. Visita-

tion will be Friday from 2 to 7 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Redeemer Lutheran Church or Bryant Community Center.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Mary Evans

April 26, 1943-May 24, 2024
Mary Louise Evans went home to be with her Lord on May 24, 2024.



Evans

She was born in Hornersville, Missouri, on April 26, 1943, the daughter of Clifford Wayne and Milva Mary (Christian) Keating. Mary Louise married Larry Evans on Aug. 26, 1961, and he passed away on June 16, 2016.

She is survived by two sons, Mark Evans (wife: Mia) of Portland and David Evans (wife: Rhonda) of Portland; one sister, Barbara Wilkins (husband: Jimmie) of Hornersville, Missouri; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Louise and her husband Larry moved to West Lafayette, Indiana, to start a ministry to International Students at Purdue University. Those years were the highlight of their ministry together. Louise attended Fellowship Baptist Church of Portland.

Private graveside services will be held at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.

Arrangements entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

In lieu of memorials and flowers, Louise asked everyone

to do a random act of kindness in memory of her.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Elizabeth N. Schwartz, rural Berne, the mother of area residents, Feb. 1, 1933-May 28, 2024. Services will be at 9 a.m. Friday at the Emanuel F. Schwartz residence, 7735 S. 150 West, Berne.

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

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

CR almanac

Thursday 5/30	Friday 5/31	Saturday 6/1	Sunday 6/2	Monday 6/3
70/46	75/53	78/59	82/63	84/67
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Thursday, when the high will be around 70 degrees.	Friday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high in the mid 70s.	There's a slight chance of rain throughout the day. Storms are also possible.	Another chance of thunderstorms on Sunday under mostly sunny skies.	Monday also has a chance of thunderstorms. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 9-30-39-49-59 Power Ball: 21 Power Play: 5 Estimated jackpot: \$143 million	Daily Four: 2-3-7-2 Quick Draw: 2-5-12-13-16-17-23-32-33-36-44-48-57-61-63-64-65-69-72-79 Cash 5: 5-6-10-28-33 Estimated jackpot: \$696,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$489 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 1-1-0 Pick 4: 2-6-7-4 Pick 5: 3-7-6-2-0 Evening Pick 3: 5-0-7 Pick 4: 7-7-0-8 Pick 5: 0-8-1-2-8 Rolling Cash: 6-21-27-35-36 Estimated jackpot: \$294,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 2-0-0 Daily Four: 8-1-4-8 Quick Draw: 4-8-11-13-15-25-26-32-36-37-42-48-49-60-68-69-70-73-74-76 Evening Daily Three: 5-1-0	

Markets

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Today in history

In 1736, Patrick Henry was born in Studley, Virginia. A lawyer and leader in conflict leading to the American Revolutionary War, he served as a delegate to the First Continental Congress and the Second Continental Congress. In his famous speech at the second Virginia Convention, he coined the line, "Give me liberty or give me death!"

In 1851, the Ohio Woman's Rights Convention met for the second day in Akron, Ohio. It resolved to urge the press, legislature and religious groups to talk about and support women's rights. It advised mothers to teach their children natural justice and women to form "Labor Partnerships" to receive equal pay.

In 1917, president John F. Kennedy was born in Brookline, Massachusetts. — The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Center.	7 p.m. — Salamonia Town Council, School-house Community Center.

Voucher ...

Continued from page 1
Across other income brackets, around 2,000 more students came from families with incomes of up to \$50,000, while another 2,000 came from households making between \$50,000 and \$100,000. More than 4,000 additional students came from families with incomes between \$100,000 to \$150,000, according to the report.

Two-thirds of voucher recipients in the last school year had never attended an Indiana public school, an increase of about four percentage points from 2022-23.

In total, 6.1% of all Indiana public and private-school students received a voucher in 2023-24, up from around 4.7% the year before, according to the report.

Data shows white students make up the majority of voucher users at

64%. Hispanic students account for 17.3% of voucher participants, while Black students make up just shy of 9%.

The average award amount was \$6,264 and the average tuition and fees at a private school was \$7,749, according to the report. Vouchers provide 90% of the amount of state-funding a public school corporation receives for each student, or covers all tuition and fees, whichever is lesser.

Indiana voucher participation has grown rapidly since the program began in 2011, when less than 4,000 students used a Choice Scholarship. Spearheaded by then-Gov. Mitch Daniels, the program intended to help children from poor families find alternatives to low-performing public schools.

Indiana is now one of 16 states with

publicly funded vouchers, according to EdChoice, an Indianapolis-based group that backs voucher programs.

But critics have long argued that most Choice Scholarship students will attend private schools with or without a voucher, meaning their tuition is an added expense for taxpayers and only the state's wealthiest will benefit.

Public schools officials and teachers unions also remain opposed to Choice Scholarship expansions, arguing that its projected cost over the next two years will stymie K-12 education funding increases for public schools. They point to state law, too, that allows voucher schools to reject students for their religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or academic ability, among other reasons.

Apply ...

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Applicants must make at or below a salary threshold to qualify. Those amounts are as follows: one-person household, \$44,200; two-person household, \$50,500; three-person household, \$56,800; four-person household, \$63,100; five-person household, \$68,150; six-person household, \$73,200; seven-person household, \$78,250; eight-person household, \$83,300. Forty or more households can be helped through the program.

"I will admit, after everything we've gone through, the application is relatively simple, and to me, it was

fairly straightforward. I was totally surprised with that," noted commissioner Rex Journay.

"It was a lot of work to get it that way," added commissioner Brian McGalliard.

Jay County officials have been working with OCRA to launch the program for at least nine months. Originally, plans were for applications to open in fall 2023. State and federal documenting requirements pushed the date back several times until this spring.

The \$1 million grant came as an incentive for Jay County's participation in allocating its American Rescue Plan Act dollars through OCRA's Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP). Jay County is contributing a match of about \$90,000 of its American Rescue Plan Act funding toward the program.

In related news from the commissioners' meeting Tuesday, Bill Walters of East Central Indiana Regional Planning District noted consulting firm Kleinpeter Consulting Group — it has been contracted with the county to fulfill legal requirements for the project — informed him that the county can modify its agreement with OCRA so that costs for the state-required building inspections and radon testing are reimbursed through the program.

Walters pointed out his group — East Central Indiana Regional Planning District has a two-year contract with the county at \$100,000 annually for Kimball's services and other administrative support related to economic development projects as well as a roughly \$6,800 annual membership fee for Jay County — has identified two potential candidates to serve as a building inspector and explained commissioners will need to put out a request for qualifications to formally hire an inspector.

SERVICES

Today
Morris, Judy: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Thursday
Lykins, Jeremiah: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Weesner, Frances: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Friday
Schwartz, Elizabeth: 9 a.m., Emanuel F. Schwartz residence, 7735 S. 150 West, Berne.

Saturday
Houser, Richard: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Sunday
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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Erskine was a great pitcher, better man

By HANK NUWER

The news of one-time Brooklyn Dodgers star pitcher Carl Erskine's death at 97 on April 16 recalled a wonderful memory.

The year was 1997, and I was finishing up a two-year term as a visiting associate professor at the University of Richmond. I taught a popular sports and outdoor writing course, appropriately enough since some 20 years of my career had been devoted to writing sports books and articles.

As a highlight of the class' reading of "The Boys of Summer" by Roger Kahn, my students interviewed Erskine by speaker phone. I asked him for 15 minutes, but he graciously gave us a full hour.

As it turns out, Erskine outlived Kahn (1927-2020) and the dozen Dodger

Far From Randolph County



teammates profiled during and after their careers by the legendary sportswriter, one of my early heroes.

Hands down, the most student questions were about the great Jackie Robinson and what it was like to be on the field with the most exciting player of his generation — the man who broke Major League Baseball's unwritten color barrier.

My ears perked up because one of my cherished memories then had been in 1991, interviewing former MLB Commissioner Happy Chandler (for

Sport Magazine), who was hospitalized in Lexington with what proved to be his final illness.

Most of my interview was on a scandal at the time at the University of Kentucky, but I did get to ask him about his part in integrating baseball. Chandler underplayed his role, and he said allowing Robinson to play was not only the right thing but a wise move from a business point of view.

I clearly remember some key points of the talk "Oiks" gave my class. He said Pee Wee Reese, the Kentuckian who played shortstop alongside the second baseman, was particularly helpful in assisting Robinson. But he did so because Robinson was his teammate, not because of his race, and Reese would have done the same for any teammate.

He said Robinson's teammates did band together to help Robinson weather vicious and racist bench jockeying from the likes of the Philadelphia Phillies, who were hellbent on making the legendary Robinson lose his concentration and poise.

Erskine's favorite memory was that Robinson was one of the first Dodgers to greet him in 1948 when he was called up from their Fort Worth minor league affiliate.

Another student question was what might be his most cherished accomplishment. I thought he would jump on that question and mention his two no-hitters or World Series appearances, but no. He said he was so proud of the fact that his son Jimmy, born with Down Syndrome, was gainfully employed at a restaurant

and competing in the Special Olympics. (Jimmy died last year, and the romantic soul in me likes to imagine Erskine held on to life so long because he was dedicated to protecting his special boy).

My own question to Erskine was whether Roger Kahn had left something out of "The Boys of Summer" that maybe should have gone in.

Erskine thought and then said he thought it wouldn't hurt to mention that he and Kahn got along better than most scribes and players.

Kahn had by then had interviewed the pitcher post-retirement a few times when he called Erskine at his home in Anderson.

"I suspect Roger had had a few drinks that night," Erskine said, prompting some chuckles in the class.

At any rate, as Erskine recalled it, Kahn blubbered that he was stuck on the manuscript of "The Boys of Summer" and didn't think he'd ever finish it.

Erskine said he didn't give any sympathy.

"If you don't write that book then maybe (rival sportswriter) Dick Young will write it," Erskine said he told Kahn.

Not too long after, Kahn called Erskine again to say he'd completed the book.

RIP, Mr. Erskine, you were a great pitcher but, in my sports class' book, a better man.

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Nuwer learned this week that the Alaska Press Club awarded him first place for best column and second-place for best humorist. His columns then were published by the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

Girlfriend attends every outing

DEAR ABBY: My son is a sophomore in college. He has been dating a girl he met at school for almost a year. Her family no longer speaks to her for reasons I don't know. I have included her in our family holidays, but she later tells my son that she thinks I don't like her.

It causes problems for me when I visit him at school, which is often because it's my alma mater. When I'm there, she attends all dinners and family events whether she's invited or not, and I am expected to pay for her as well. My son has invited her to our house without my permission, and I do not want her to come.

How do I tell him I don't want her here without causing major problems in my relationship with my son — OPPOSED MOM IN OHIO

DEAR MOM: Teach your son good manners by telling him you don't want anyone joining you

Dear Abby



for every family event and dinner without first being asked to include her. As much as he may like the girl, she is not (yet) a family member. Be sure to point out that you do not dislike her, but this is a formality you would like observed. The two of them are not a package deal.

P.S. The fact that her family doesn't talk to her is a red flag that should not be ignored. Broach that subject with your son now.

DEAR ABBY: Unfortunately, I was involved in a traffic accident. (The other party was found liable.) After the crash, the other driver was bleeding and had gashes. I experienced a couple broken ribs. Would it be OK to contact the other driver to see how he is? He was so polite to me at the accident scene. I really feel like he was a nice person. — BROKEN IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR BROKEN: I know you mean well. However, before contacting this nice person, you would be wise to discuss it with an attorney to make sure there will be no legal ramifications you might later regret.

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

Today

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

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

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention

for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

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

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from

noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland.

Sunday

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

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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Level: Intermediate

Saturday's Solution

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3	8	1	5	4	2	7	6	9
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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.

Call added branch to family tree

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from May 27, 2009. Jack's family has a rich history in Jay County. His mom was a Haynes, related to both Judge Jacob March Haynes and automobile inventor Elwood Haynes. He received a call one day that introduced him to another branch of his mom's lineage.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

The phone message went something like this: A woman from Kansas called who said she is related to you.

OK, I don't know about you, but that got my attention.

Enough to call back.

The woman in Kansas on the phone said her name was Mary Lou. And after about half a dozen minutes, it became clear that we were, in fact, related, even though I'd never heard of her and she had never heard of me.

As it turns out, her grandmoth-

Back in the Saddle



er and my grandmother were sisters.

With an asterisk. That comes from the fact that my mother was adopted at birth, so genealogy always comes with an asterisk.

But still, there was a connection.

After all, we live in the house where my great-grandmother — and the great-grandmother of the caller from Kansas — ended her days.

She had lived most of her life in Ohio but lived in Portland until her death at 94.

And she was a pretty remarkable woman.

Sarah Kelly Jay was born in West Milton, Ohio, in the middle of the 19th century. She was a teenager when the Civil War broke out. She raised a family in St. Marys, Ohio, then ended up in Portland, living in what was essentially a mother-in-law's house behind the home of her youngest daughter until her death in 1940.

Think about that for a moment. She was a teen in the Civil War and lived until the edge of World War II.

So, Sarah Kelly Jay was our mutual great-grandmother and I now live in the house where she spent the last year of her life.

Asterisk or no asterisk, it was time to roll out the hospitality.

A planned visit in November fell apart.

But last month, my second cousin, Mary Lou Wendeln

Priebe, came to town to say hello.

Just for the official record, her grandmother Lula Jay Wendeln was the sister of my grandmother Carrie Jay Haynes. (Non-family members shouldn't bother to jot any of this down.)

So, what do you say to a distant relative you never knew existed?

As it turns out: Plenty.

Both my sisters came up from Richmond for the day, carrying an assortment of photographs from old albums.

I'd scoured through the archives as well and had made copies of photos of our mutual great-grandmother and great-grandfather and a photo of the two of them with Mary Lou's grandmother and an infant that may or may not be Mary Lou's father.

My brand-new second cousin brought along her daughter who lives in Indianapolis, my third

cousin once removed, who was more than a little baffled by the whole thing.

I can understand that. Genealogy often seems as fascinating as taxidermy.

But when the links are lost, they're lost for good.

By the time our visit was over, Mary Lou not only had copies of old photographs but also a copy of our great-grandmother's Civil War diary and a cobbled together family tree that took the Jay family (no relation to John Jay the first chief justice) and the Kelly family back to the earliest decades of this country. We scribbled corrections and new details all over the "family tree," and I've made new computer print-outs to reflect the changes.

I figure they'll come in handy a few years down the line when one of our daughters get a phone call saying, "You don't know me, but I think we're related."

Leaders will be forever linked

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

It is somehow fitting that the International Criminal Court prosecutor is seeking arrest warrants against leaders of both Hamas and Israel in connection with mass slaughters carried out since the Oct. 7 Hamas attack and Israel's response.

ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan is seeking arrest warrants for Hamas leaders Yahya Sinwar, Mohammed Deif and Ismail Haniyeh and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.

All parties unsurprisingly expressed outrage that they would be deemed equally complicit in an endless war that in its latest iteration has resulted in the deaths of more than 30,000 noncombatants.

Linking Israeli and Palestinian leaders in this fashion is a tragic and thoroughly depressing reminder that there were once more hopeful times. In 1994, their predecessors — Israeli leaders Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat — were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for moving from avowed eternal enmity and armed force to attempted reconciliation.

"We who have fought against you, the Palestinians, we say to you today, in a loud and clear voice, enough of blood and tears," Rabin said to Arafat in a 1993 White House ceremony. "Enough!"

The Oslo Accords intended to pave the way to Palestinian statehood were never fully embraced. Arafat was discredited by Islamic activists for making peace, and his successors lost control of Gaza to Hamas. Rabin was assassinated in 1995 by an Israeli claiming to be acting on orders from God, and his successors encouraged continued Jewish settlement on Palestinian lands in the West Bank.

Before Oslo, there were the Camp David Accords, which resulted in mutual recognition of Egypt and Israel, return of the Israeli-occupied Sinai Peninsula to Egypt and a commitment to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The notion of "land for peace" became current. Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and

Guest Editorial

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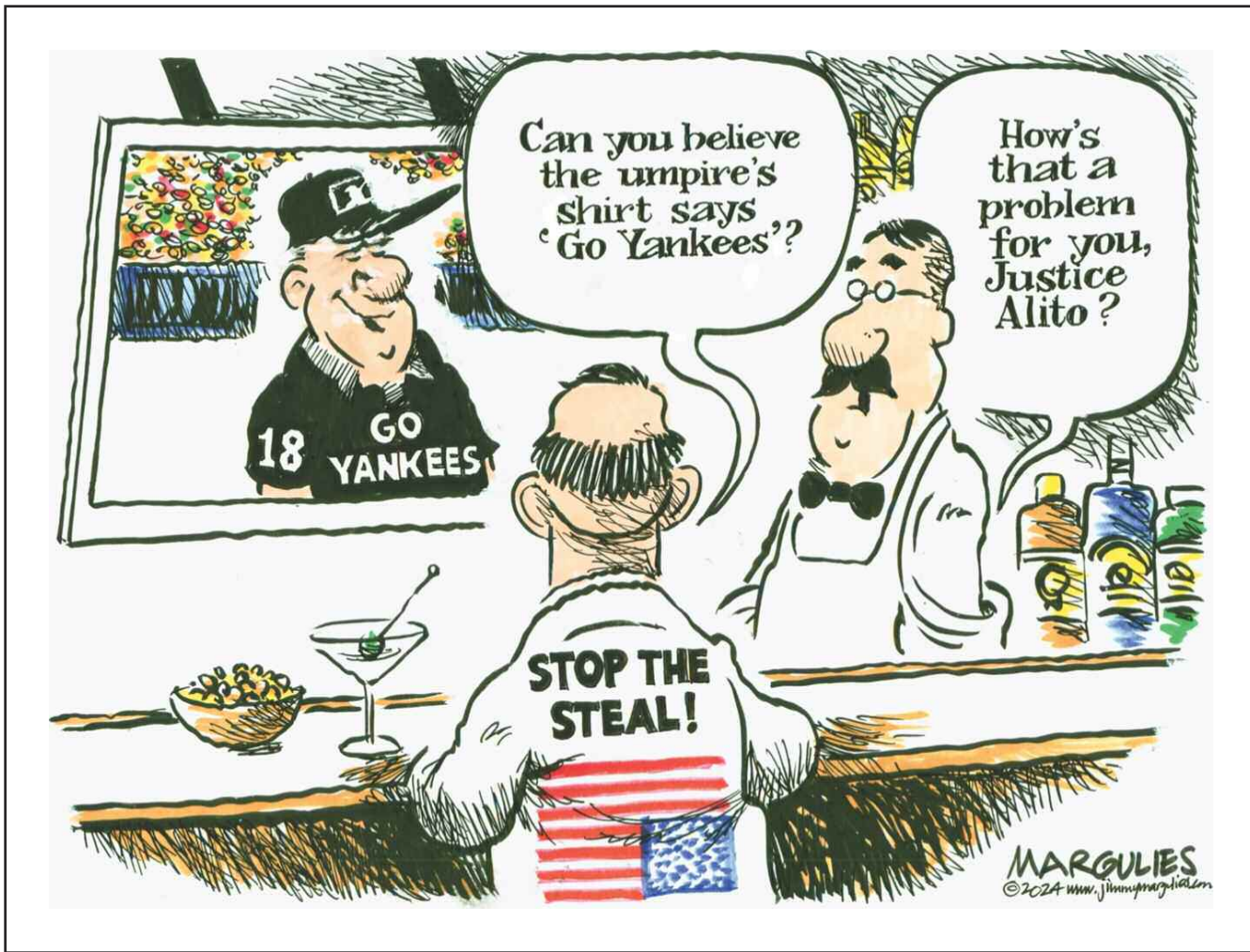
Egyptian President Anwar Sadat were awarded the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize.

Sadat was assassinated in 1981.

Begin, Peres and Rabin, Arafat and Sadat — they were spokesmen for bitter enemies, who attempted to destroy the other, much as Netanyahu and Gallant promise to destroy Hamas and Sinwar, Deif and Haniyeh vow to destroy Israel. They all succeeded at killing tens of thousands of people, including their own. After doing so, the earlier generations of warriors and terrorists turned into peacemakers, but they are now gone, and the momentum for destruction remains.

Enemies who were once connected by peacemaking efforts are now enemies who may be linked soon in arrest warrants for war crimes and crimes against humanity. The important point is not legalistic arguments over who bears the greatest moral or legal responsibility. The point is that they are linked. Neither side earns a Nobel Peace Prize or an arrest warrant without the other, nor are they ever likely to.

However committed each is to eliminating the other from the face of the Earth, neither has much chance of success. They will remain linked, forever, as neighbors at war or — if they ever decide that this time they really have had enough blood and tears — neighbors at peace.



Flying is getting more turbulent

By LARA WILLIAMS
Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

Tens of thousands of flights take off and land without incident every day, all around the world. So when something tragic does happen, the world's eyes become glued to the story — especially if it reveals the deadly side of an extremely common flight experience.

One man was killed and many others injured when a Singapore Airlines Ltd. flight encountered severe turbulence en route to Singapore from London on Tuesday. The airplane, a Boeing 777-300 ER, had to make an emergency landing in Bangkok. The deceased had a heart condition, which officials think may be behind his death.

We don't yet know exactly what caused the agitated air currents, and an investigation is underway. It's currently the monsoon season in Southeast Asia, and the resulting stormy skies may have contributed to the turbulence experienced by the plane. But we'd be foolish to ignore the role that the climate crisis is playing in making air travel choppier.

Most commonly caused by mountains, storms and jet streams, turbulence can be described simply as rough air. At its mildest, an aircraft may only experience slight erratic changes in altitude, but at the severe end, turbulence can cause large abrupt changes in altitude and angle of the plane. Extreme turbulence could even cause structural damage to the body of the aircraft, though modern planes are built to withstand a lot.

In the case of mountains and storms, rough air is fairly easy to avoid, but it's possible to bump into turbulence where there are no

clouds in sight. This clear-air turbulence (CAT) is impossible to see or predict, and yet can cause damage to aircraft and harm those inside. These sudden unexpected jolts are the most dangerous as they can occur while passengers and staff are moving around. In April, a man broke his leg as he returned from the toilet when an Air New Zealand flight to Auckland from Bali hit some turbulence and suddenly "dropped." It therefore is the sort of thing that might keep a pilot up at night — and it's been getting worse.

As our planet's atmosphere warms, wind shears — variations in wind direction or speed — within jet streams are increasing and therefore strengthening clear-air turbulence. A 2023 study from researchers at the University of Reading showed that in the past 40 years, severe clear-air turbulence increased to 27.4 hours in 2020 from 17.7 hours in 1979 for an average point over the North Atlantic.

Last year, I wrote about all the ways in which the need to decarbonize flying was going to make air travel more expensive. But it's clear large investments are needed to help aviation cope with the meteorological effects of climate change too.

Aircrafts are designed to withstand the worst that turbulence might throw at them. But as researchers point out in a 2017 study, many of the



Lara Williams

aircraft that will be flying in the second half of the century are currently being designed, so work ought to be done to determine whether projections for turbulence necessitate any design or operational changes. A 2021 report from the National Transportation Safety Board made 24 recommendations aimed at reducing the incidence of turbulence accidents and associated injuries, including having flight attendants — who are seriously injured more often than passengers — be seated and belted earlier during the descent phase.

More significant investments should also be made into remote sensing of CAT and improved forecasts. On the detection front, there's promise being found in updated radar systems, including laser-based radar (also known as lidar), as well as a new type of infrasound microphone developed by NASA.

Any investments will be worth it for the safety and comfort of passengers alone, but aviation executives will also be happy to know that the investments could lead to savings — or at least stop potential losses escalating. After all, turbulence isn't cheap. The cost of choppy air to US airlines is estimated to be as much as \$500 million annually, thanks to injuries, aircraft damage and flight delays, according to the National Center for Atmospheric Research. That will only shoot up as severe turbulence increases.

In a way, aviation is its own worst enemy: What it contributes in greenhouse gas emissions, it gets back in heightened dangers, costs and difficulties. The industry — and its passengers — will need to buckle up.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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Ribbon cutting

Jay County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week for the new ATM at CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union. The new machine is located at the CrossRoads facility at 1102 W. Votaw St., Portland.

Chamber sponsoring workshop

Jay County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a leadership workshop from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 27, at Community Resource Center.

The Fusion: Leading Multi-generational Teams event will cover social, political and economic influences that shape the attitudes of individuals across generations. It will focus on improving leadership and communication skills.

For more information, or to register, visit shaferleadership.com/fusion-jay-county.

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will also host ribbon-cutting ceremonies for a couple of new businesses.

A ribbon-cutting is set for noon Friday, May 31, for the grand opening of Alley 58 Thrift Store. The business sponsored by Jay-Randolph Developmental Services is located at 901 E. Water St., Portland.

A ceremony will also be held at noon Friday, June 7, for Patriot Auto Sales & Service. The event will celebrate the grand opening of the new business. A cook-out lunch will be provided.

Fairs scheduled

The United States Postal Service will host a series of job fairs across the state later this month.

In-person job fairs will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at various locations, including post offices at 215 W. Main St., Berne, and 116 S. Main St., Lynn.

Applications will also be

Business roundup

available online at usps.com/careers.

Cash retiring

Penn Township Public Library has announced the retirement of librarian Brenda Cash.

Cash's last day at the library will be Thursday. She has been the librarian for 17 years.

An open house to celebrate Cash's career is scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 29 at Pennville Community Center, 210 S. Union St.

Kinghorn honored

The Greater Muncie Chamber of Commerce announced that it has selected Thomas Kinghorn as the recipient of its 2024 Legacy Award.

The honor is presented to an individual who has "made extraordinary, sustained, and positive contributions to the Muncie-Delaware County community at large, and who has provided leadership in the development of programs, events, and/or new traditions that promote goodwill and community pride." It will be presented at the Legacy Dinner in September.

"Tom Kinghorn served Ball State University for over 40 years developing an organized system-

atic and inviting future for campus growth," said chamber chair Stephen Brand in a press release. "Since his retirement from Ball State, Kinghorn and his associates have worked tirelessly to launch the Cradle to Career initiative, working to help ensure children are kindergarten-ready. He is a dedicated servant to our community and is very deserving of the Chamber's Legacy Award."

Dye to serve

Indiana Hospital Association has named Blake Dye as its interim president.

Dye is a former senior vice president of Indiana University Health. He previously served 31 years at Henry Community Health, including a decade as president and CEO.

"Blake is a visionary leader whose passion for health care aligns seamlessly with IHA's mission," said Steve Holman, chair of the IHA Board of Directors and president and CEO of Union Health, in a press release. "As we begin the search for our next leader, I have every confidence that Blake will guide the association with a steady hand and amplify our efforts to advance Indiana's health care system."

Co-founder dies

Stanley P. Goldstein, co-founder of CVS Corporation, died May 21 at the age of 89.

Goldstein, his brother Sid and Ralph Hoagland opened the first Consumer Value Store in Lowell, Massachusetts, in 1963. The company became publicly traded in

1996 with Goldstein serving as its first chairman of the board.

"All of us at CVS Health mourn the loss of Stan, who was a true business pioneer, an outstanding mentor, and a caring leader," said CVS Health president and CEO Karen S. Lynch in a press release. "Stan's philosophy was to always listen to our customers and if we made sure to satisfy them, we would succeed. That idea of customer-centricity still drives us today. We honor Stan's memory and offer our sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and former colleagues."

Drug approved

Indianapolis pharmaceuticals firm Eli Lilly announced that its diabetes drug tirzepatide has been approved by Chinese regulators.

Lilly's drug is now set up to compete with Novo Nordisk's Ozempic, which was approved for use in China in 2021. The company did not indicate when sales of tirzepatide would begin in China.

IU establishes

Indiana University formally launched a Global Gateway office in Accra, Ghana, this week, becoming the first public university in the U.S. with such a facility in Africa.

The gateway in Ghana is the sixth for Indiana University, which also has sites in Mexico, India, Thailand, China and Germany. The international locations are designed to strengthen and broaden IU's global engagement.

"At Indiana University, we have ambitious goals for faculty to pursue transformational research with partners around the globe and for our students to have extraordinary educational experiences abroad," IU president Pamela Whitten said in a press release. "The IU Ghana Gateway formalizes decades of IU engagement in the region and places us at the center of the world's fastest-emerging economic hub."

Bundle launched

Comcast has launched a new streaming package that includes three streaming services.

StreamSaver features Netflix Standard with ads, Peacock Premium and Apple TV+ at a 30% discount.

"StreamSaver is a homerun for consumers who want top-tier entertainment and live sports, and for our world-class partners Peacock, Netflix and Apple who benefit from the reach and depth of our entertainment platforms and Xfinity's marketing engine," said Dave Watson, Comcast CEO of connectivity and platforms, in a press release. "StreamSaver also reinforces the value of our broadband products, offering customers new ways to save money on streaming entertainment via the nation's best and most reliable network in and out of the home."

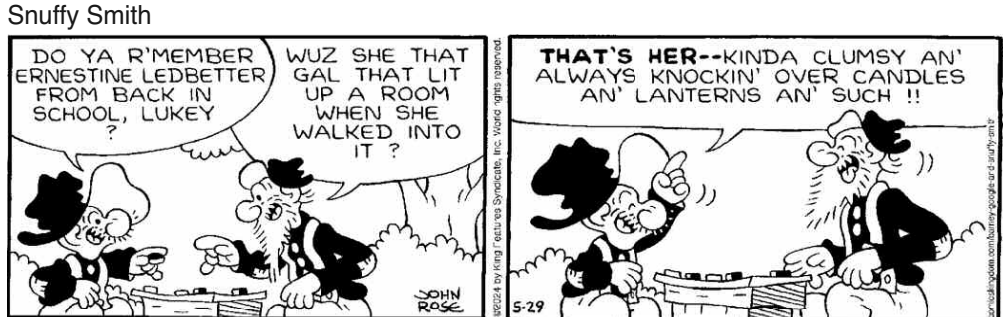
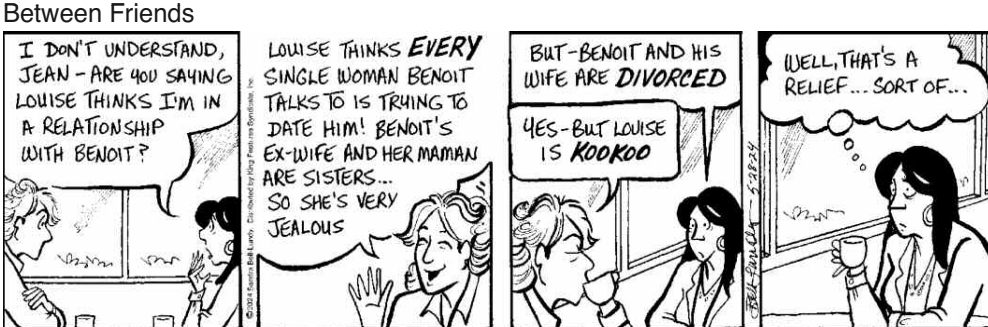
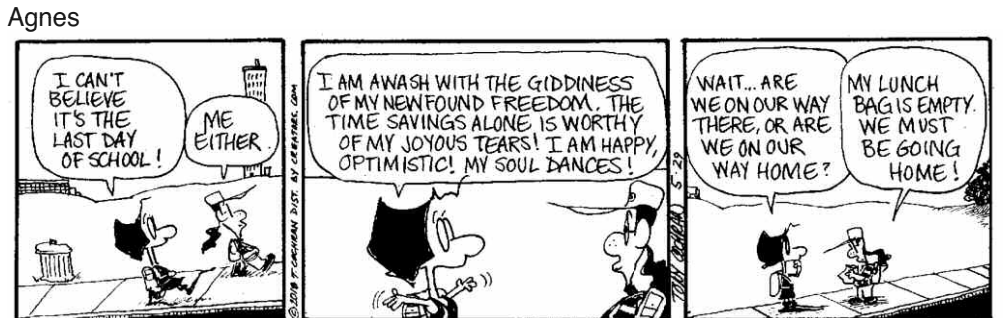
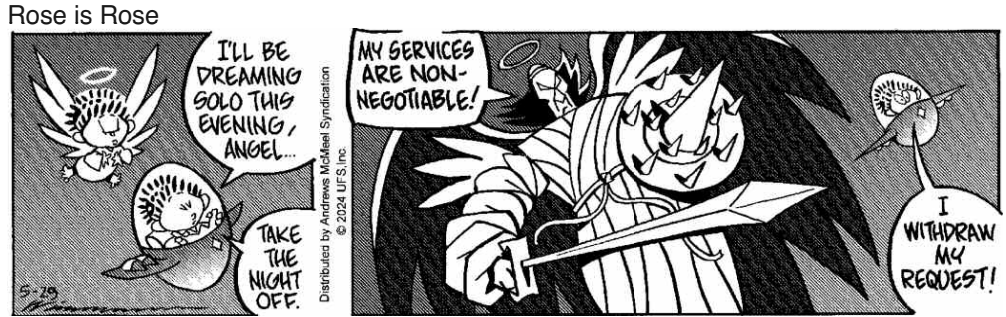
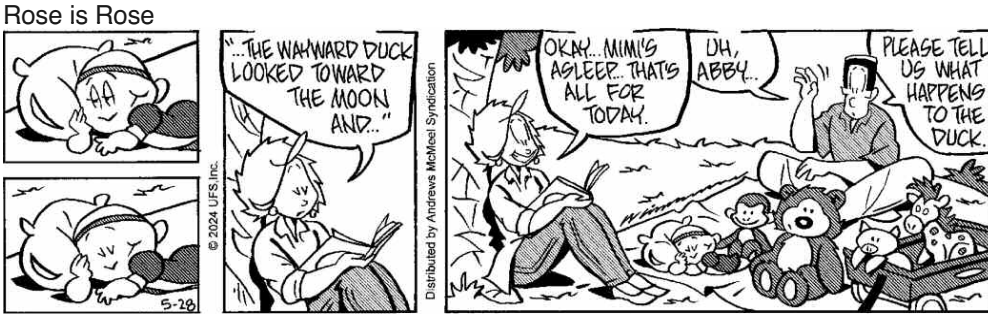
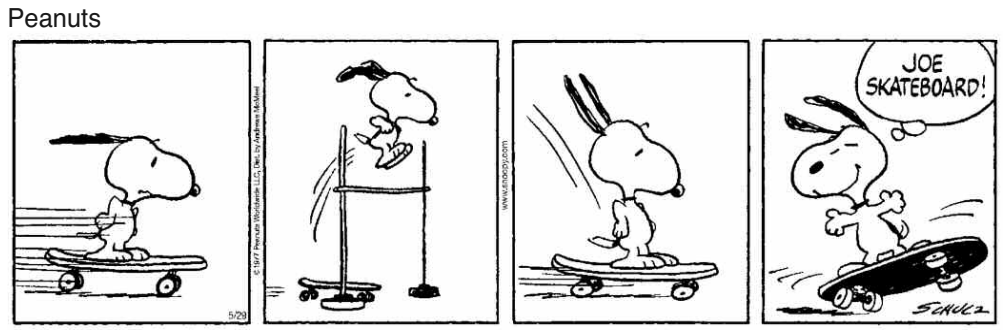
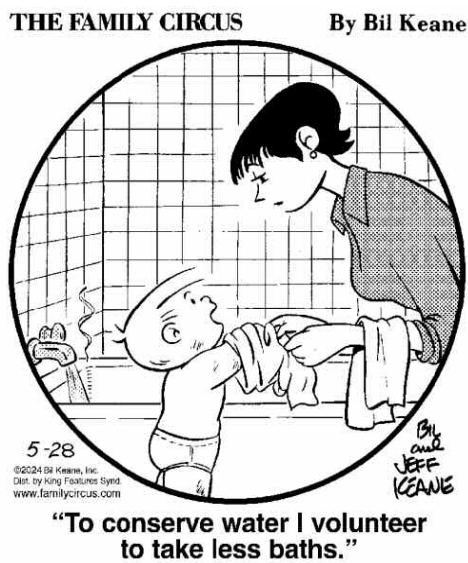
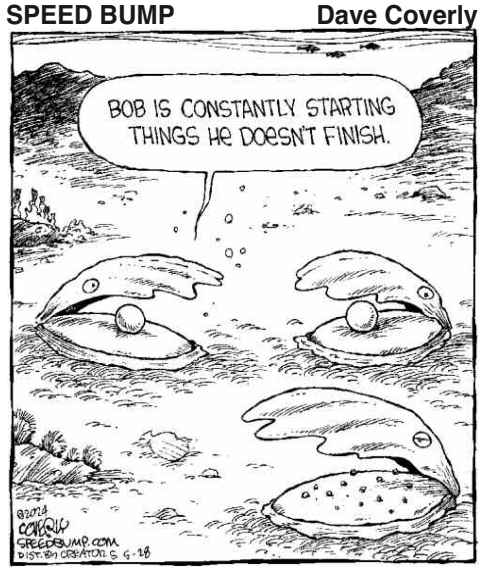
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We Deliver

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.

Laughter

The Commercial Review We Deliver

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The queen can do no wrong

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 4
♥ A K J 8
♦ K 10 7 2
♣ K J 10 5

WEST
♠ Q 9 7 6 3 2
♥ 10 4
♦ Q 5 4
♣ 8 3

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

SOUTH
♠ A K 10
♥ 9 5
♦ J 9 8 6 3
♣ Q 9 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
3♣ Pass 3NT Pass
4♦ Pass 5♦

Opening lead — ten of hearts.
Most players would rather be the declarer than a defender — largely because they find the declarer's role more interesting. But a defender's role is frequently crucial, and on many deals good defense will overcome declarer's best efforts.

Consider this case of ancient vintage where West led the ten of hearts against five diamonds. Declarer won with dummy's king, played a spade to the ace, led the nine of diamonds and finessed. East took the nine with the ace and returned the queen of hearts!

This was the killing play. Any other return — whether a spade, a club or a low heart — would have allowed South to win in his hand, repeat the diamond finesse and so make the contract. The only two tricks for the defense would have been East's two minor-suit aces.

But the queen-of-hearts return left South without recourse. Forced to win the heart in dummy, he had no ready-made way of returning to his hand to take another trump finesse.

If he played a club from dummy, East would rise with the ace and lead a third heart to convert West's queen of trump into the setting trick. And if declarer tried to ruff a heart instead, West would likewise score the trump queen.

Granting that East's play was spectacular, it was nevertheless based on sound reasoning. He knew that West had the queen of diamonds. It would not have made sense for South to lead a spade to his ace at trick two had he held the Q-J of trump. He would have led a diamond from dummy instead.

When East took the ace of diamonds, he realized that his only hope was to play West for a singleton heart, or a doubleton heart and the Q-x-x of diamonds. Since in the latter case a low heart return would not do the job if South had the nine, East very properly returned the queen.

Tomorrow: Resisting the impulse.
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5-29 CRYPTOQUIP

MCWK DVYCK NST OWFF W LVY
DPZVOWF MNIJ ETWKPIVSY W
LPSOC N E WIVWZ WLNPK
ZJVVSY? W ZFNXT NXTIW.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE WITCH ATTACHED A BIG ENGINE TO HER RIDE, I ASSUME IT MADE THE SOUND "BROOM BROOM!"
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals I

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

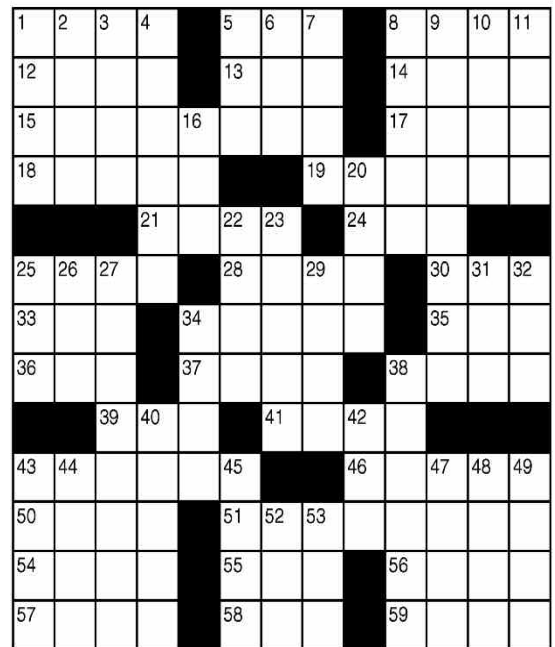
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1 IRS employees
5 Light brown
8 Not many drinks
12 Singer Guthrie
13 Egg (Pref.)
14 Clock reading
15 Low-buzz brewski
17 "Step —!"
18 Volleyball putaway
19 Do-nothings
21 Division term
24 Right angle
25 Muffin type
28 October birthstone
30 Dog tags, e.g.
33 Jurist Fortas
34 City near Syracuse
35 Actress Vardalos
36 Aunt, in Mexico
37 Tart
38 Rope fiber

DOWN 1 Six-pack units
2 Get ready, briefly
3 Jai —
4 Aaron who created "The West Wing"
5 Water tester
6 Broad st.
7 Sushi wrapper
8 Coral island
9 Minute difference
10 Qatar's ruler
11 Saturates
16 "Air" director
20 Crème —
22 Dorothy's dog
23 Poppy drug
25 Mouse chaser
26 Japanese sash
27 Genuine, with "the"
29 Farmland unit
31 Badly lit
32 Enervate
34 Cold War initials
38 "Non-sense!"
40 Intrinsically
42 Scot's denial
43 Guitarist Atkins
44 Teeny bit
45 Wound cover
47 Andean land
48 Endure
49 Historic periods
51 —
52 Dhabi
53 Comic Romano

Solution time: 23 mins.

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OKRA ANI IWON
WALLEYES LENT
LTS PADRES
STEAD PINE
TAGS CORNWALL
ORA FOLIO HOE
WALLUNIT TERN
ENDS NAMES
HAIRDO PET
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Playing the percentages

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ Q 10 8 5 2
♥ K 9 7
♦ J 7
♣ J 10 6

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

SOUTH
♠ A K 4
♥ A Q J
♦ 8 2
♣ A K 8 5 4

The bidding:
North East South West
2♦ Pass 3NT
Opening lead — five of spades.

On many deals, declarer has to choose between two different lines of play, knowing that if he chooses the wrong one, he will have no chance to try the other. In deciding what to do in these cases, declarer's best bet is to rely on basic probabilities.

For example, consider this deal where South is in three notrump. When dummy appears, he can count seven top tricks — two spades, a heart, two diamonds and two clubs — and so needs to

develop two more winners.
There are two possibilities. He can cross to dummy with a diamond at trick two and take a heart finesse. If it succeeds, he can return to dummy with another diamond and repeat the finesse. Since East and West are equally likely to hold the heart king, the chance that this approach will succeed is an even 50%.

South's other option is to attempt to establish dummy's diamonds. This can be accomplished — if the missing diamonds are divided 3-2 — by allowing the defenders to win the first lead of the suit and later using his remaining diamond as an entry to run the rest of the suit.

In trying to choose which method of play is more likely to succeed, it is obviously helpful for declarer to know that the chance of a 3-2 division is 68%.

Consequently, the winning line of play in the long run would be to deliberately lose the first diamond trick, which would succeed about two-thirds of the time, as opposed to relying on a heart finesse, which would win only half the time.

In the actual deal, declarer makes four notrump if he concedes a diamond trick early in the play, but goes down one if he tries a heart finesse instead.

Tomorrow: The queen can do no wrong.
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5-28 CRYPTOQUIP

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X AHK DYKHYD MN SDZ ZHID,
H XTTGWD HM WXID MSD
TNGYI "AZNNW AZNNW!"

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OLD SONG CONCERNING A GUY WHO'S EAGERLY AWAITING HIS MAIL-ORDER LEGUMES: "PEAS, MR. POSTMAN."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals B

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 1 Praise
5 Lemon
8 Self-referential
12 Bayou soup
13 Singer DiFranco
14 Victor's cry
15 Perchlike fish
17 Fasting period
18 USN officers
19 San Diego team
21 Lieu
24 Yearn
25 Labels
26 County of England
30 "Let You Love Me" singer
31 Book's page number
32 Weeding tool
33 Sound system holder
35 Shore bird

DOWN 1 Near the ground
2 Alias abbr.
3 Web address
4 Texas city
5 Calendar squares
6 French article
7 De-moralize
8 Bathroom cleaner target
9 Ornamental jug
10 Vocal quality
11 Picnic invaders
16 Time-table abbr.

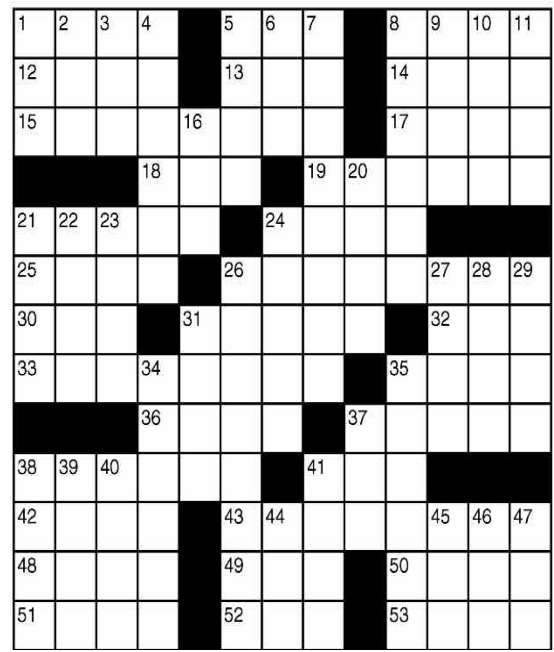
ACROSS 36 Crusty bread parts
37 Identifies referential
38 Coiffure
41 Architect I.M. —
42 North Carolina university
43 Protective software
48 Low-calorie
49 Peyton's brother
50 Location
51 Beloved
52 Heart chart (Abbr.)
53 Little lice

DOWN 20 Part of A.D.
21 Pack cargo
22 Actress Reid
23 Alike (Fr.)
24 Greek city-state
26 Apartment owner's cost
27 Throat clearer
28 Traditional tales
29 Camera part
31 Pay for lyricist
34 "Camelot" Asian country
37 Formerly called
38 Maintained
39 "I cannot tell —"
40 Teeny bit
41 Bluenose
44 Variety
45 NPR's Shapiro
46 Allow
47 Vegas lead-in

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Falls ...

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Abbey Booher's one-out single to left field started the key inning from Yorktown and Anna Rinker followed with a deep shot to right field that Morgan Missicano couldn't quite track down at the fence. An error allowed Booher to score, and then Rinker executed a delay steal of home plate in which she strayed far off of third base, awaited the throw to try to pick her off and then broke for home.

It marked the second time in the game that an attempted pick off at third base resulted in a Tiger run, as Ava McNally had scored on an errant throw in the second inning. "We can't make mistakes and give them extra outs," said Arbuckle. "I know they scored a couple runs on a few mistakes ... Little things like that just add up." Pitcher Mallory Winner didn't allow the Tigers to muster any more offense, stranding two runners apiece in the fourth and sixth innings. (She sat them down in order in the fifth.) But Jay County couldn't find any more offense either.

Junior Jaelynn Lykins smoked the ball in all three of her at bats against McNally — a solo home run off the scoreboard in dead center field in the second inning, a double to left in the fourth and a shot that deflected off of the pitcher in the sixth. But each hit came with the bases empty — she led off both the second and fourth innings — as the rest of the squad struggled to get on base. "You've got to have girls on base, and we've had that all year, pro-



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School catcher Jaelynn Lykins dives to tag out Brooklyn Bartle of the Class 3A No. 7 Yorktown Tigers at the plate in the third inning of Saturday's sectional championship game at Delta. Lykins finished 3-for-3 with a solo home run and a double, but the Patriots still lost 4-2.

duction all the way through the lineup," Arbuckle said. "The bottom of the lineup today struggled a little bit. It's just one of those things. Some days you have it, some days you don't." The only hits other than those from Lykins came consecutively

with two outs in the third inning as Missicano slapped an infield hit, stole second base and then scored on a Winner double to left field. McNally blew through the bottom five hitters in the Patriot order as they went a combined 0-for-14

against her. Three of those came on strikeouts, 10 of the remaining 11 were on pop ups or fly balls. "We've said all year, our outfield is extremely fast," said Jeremy Penrod. "If we can keep the ball in the field of play, we're probably going to catch it."

Box score

Jay County Patriots vs. No. 7 Yorktown Tigers

IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 semifinal

at Delta

Jay County (16-7)	ab	r	h	bi
Missicano rf	3	1	1	0
Winner p	3	0	1	1
Miller cr	0	0	0	0
Champ 3b	3	0	0	0
Lykins c	3	1	3	1
Romine cr	0	0	0	0
Shimp 1b	3	0	0	0
Fraleigh cf	3	0	0	0
Schwietern ss	3	0	0	0
Trinidad 2b	3	0	0	0
Yates lf	2	0	0	0
Totals	26	2	5	2

Yorktown (21-2)	ab	r	h	bi
CHazen cf	4	0	1	0
Jaromin lf	3	1	1	0
Booher 3b	3	1	2	0
Rinker c	3	1	2	1
LHazen cr	0	0	0	0
Bartle dp	3	0	1	0
LaFerney p	3	0	0	0
McNally 2b	3	1	1	0
Fields 1b	3	0	1	0
Aul rf	3	0	1	0
Morgan ss	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	4	10	1

Jay County	011	000	0	—	2
Yorktown	112	000	X	—	4

LOB — Jay County 3, Yorktown 6.
2B — Jay County 2 (Winner, Lykins). HR — Jay County 1 (Lykins). SB — Jay County 1 (Missicano), Delta 2 (Rinker, Bartle).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Jay County Winner	6	9	4	1	0

Yorktown LaFerney	7	5	2	2	1
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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
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	Amount Approved
COUNTY GENERAL	
1000-006-20-0019 Other Garage and Motor	\$5,000.00
1000-006-30-0034 Tile Lot Maintenance	\$1,500.00
1000-068-10-0049 Employer Health Insurance	\$42,884.99
1000-232-30-0012 Travel/Mileage	\$300.00
1000-622-20-0016 Repair Equipment	\$3,500.00
LIT. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
1112-001-30-0181 Small Business Development	\$2,500.00
TITLE IV-E REIMBURSEMENT	
8891-001-30-0087 Pauper Counsel ARP 2021	\$1,710.00
8950-001-30-0148 Professional Services	\$18,700.06
Total	\$69,595.05

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriation as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action time.

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38-07-20-404-046.000-034 and commonly known as: 714 S Shank St, Portland, IN 47371.
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State ...

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Matsuda and Pearson will both compete in individual events as well.

Pearson is making her fourth straight state appearance in the long jump. After making the finals her first three years, she is seeded 10th with a mark of 17 feet, 4.5 inches. Morgan Baumer (17 feet, five inches) of St. Henry holds the ninth seed for the final spot in the finals, while Peebles' Payton Johnson (17 feet, 6.25 inches) has the eighth seed for the final medal. Sandy Valley's Lexi Tucci jumped the furthest at the regional with a distance of 18 feet, 3.5 inches for the top spot.

Pearson isn't bothered about the seed lines because she has had previous experiences at state.

"Coaches told me I've had the biggest PR out of everyone there," Pearson said. "I have it in me. I've jumped it before and I've done it before."

"It makes me feel good thinking even with two bad meets I'm still making it to state. Feeling that way makes me comfortable going into state, but I also want to maximize my time there."

Matsuda got an at-large berth in the 300 hurdles and is seeded 15th at 46.82 seconds. Jameson Pillifant of the Columbus School for Girls holds the ninth seed at 46.02. Diller noted that while Matsuda wasn't naturally a hurdler, her athleticism and work ethic played a large role in getting her to the state meet.

Brunswick and Heitkamp won't touch the track until Friday.

Brunswick ran a school record 5 minutes, 10.75 seconds, at the regional to



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FRHS senior Mara Pearson lands in the sand pit at the Spencerville district meet May 17. Pearson is seeded 10th for the state tournament.

earn an at-large bid in the 1,600 run. She is seeded 15th, while Dayton Christian's Isabella Ferriman is seeded eighth at 5:06.72. Ferriman is just one seed better than Minster's Chaney Cedarleaf, who Brunswick beat at the district meet on May 17.

Heitkamp, the sole representative of the boys team, will compete in the 1,600 run and the 3,200 run. (He qualified in the 3,200 run in 2022 and the 1,600 run in 2023, but this is the first time he made it to state in both events.)

His time of 4:22.58 is good for the 11th seed and trails Denison Murphy of Grandview Heights by 1.04 seconds for the No. 8 seed.

Heitkamp holds the same seed with a 9:38.79 in the 3,200 run. Whiteoak's Landon Eyre is seeded eighth with a time of 9:24.2.

Heitkamp has a couple of potential goals to hit, including improving on his 13th and 14th-place finishes, medaling, setting new career bests and setting school records. While having these different goals, he is following his coach's guidance in not putting too much pressure but rather focusing on enjoying his final high school meet.

"I've made it to the final," Heitkamp said. "It's going to be a very hard race but the advantage is I'm not expected to go out and win anything, so I can take that pressure off myself. The last two weeks there was the pressure to qualify and perform well."

"Here, there's not that pressure to perform well, however, I have a great field around me to push me to a fast time and hopefully a great place."

History ...

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Farr went to his bullpen, calling on A.J. Myers to take over with the winning run at the plate. He worked a full count against Landon Semler, but slipped up to walk in the first run.

Arrington Murray hit a sacrifice fly to Cody Rowles in center field to score the second run, and moved the Trojans (6-20) to their final out.

Brayden Hancock smacked a single to left field to tie the game at 12-12 with runners on first and third and two outs.

Frazier looked at the first pitch, a strike, to go down 0-1 in the count. He didn't let it go any further, hitting a screaming ground ball past the outstretched arm of Parker Nichols at third base to drive in the winning run and walk off Jay County (13-12).

"When you play 25 games against the competition and the schedule we play, you show up in the tournament knowing how to compete against good teams," said New Castle coach Jody Gray. "Jay County (gave) us just pesky baseball. A well coached team with good execution."

"When you have a team that is willing to do that for eight innings, you have to rely on what the past has taught you. We've been here before so we just stayed strong and consistent."

Jay County had a chance to end the game in the seventh inning as well, but a pair of mistakes and some timely hitting helped New Castle tie the game.

Mefford flew out to begin the inning before Robert Fox pinch hit and smashed a double to the left field wall.

Kade Sommers then struck out both Bane and Semler, but both reached base on dropped third strikes that weren't converted, the first a low throw from Drew Schemenaur and the second popping of the heel of Ryne Goldsworthy's glove.

The strikeouts would have ended the game, but rather allowed two runs to score.

"It's very difficult to win games like that," Farr said. "Drew is a really, really good catcher and he's going to continue to be a really good catcher. He just made a couple of mistakes and that's all."

Three batters later, Frazier hit the single that tied the game off of Edwards.

Frazier finished 3-for-5 with two of the biggest RBIs for the Trojans.

"He's been a leader within this program for the last two or three years," Gray said. "In big moments, he knows how to step up and put balls on lines where they need to go. He understands baseball with that IQ."

Ryne Goldsworthy was a highlight of the Patriots' offense in the loss. He finished 4-for-5 with a game-high five RBIs. He drove in two runs with a single in the first, two more in the sixth and a final one in the seventh. Goldsworthy's sixth-inning single tied the game and he later claimed the lead for JCHS by taking advantage of a pair of mistakes by Mefford behind the plate.

Joe Geesaman, Schemenaur and Edwards also hit well in the loss, combining for 10 hits.

"We had a lot of hits," Farr said. "They battled today and put us in a posi-

Box score					
New Castle Trojans vs. Jay County Patriots					
IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 semifinal					
at Yorktown					
Jay County (13-12)					
	ab	r	h	bi	
Edwards lf	6	2	3	0	
Schemenaur c	4	1	3	2	
Jetmore cr	0	3	0	0	
SMyers ss	6	2	3	0	
Nichols 3b	5	1	0	0	
Goldsworthy 1b	5	1	3	5	
Geesaman dh	5	0	4	0	
Brown rf	4	0	0	1	
Wendel 2b	3	1	0	0	
Rowles cf	1	1	0	0	
Totals	39	12	15	11	
New Castle (7-20)					
	ab	r	h	bi	
Hancock p	5	1	1	1	
Frazier ss	5	0	2	2	
Harris 2b	5	2	2	0	
Adkins 1b	3	1	1	1	
Sticco p	1	0	0	0	
Bell p	1	0	0	0	
Mefford c	4	2	3	1	
Stilwell rf	4	2	2	0	
Fox ph	1	1	1	0	
Bane lf	3	2	2	2	
Semler cf	5	2	1	1	
Murray 3b	2	0	0	1	
Totals	43	13	15	9	
Jay County	200	203	23	—	
12					
New Castle	500	100	34	—	
13					
LOB — Jay County 16, New Castle 8. 2B — Jay County 1 (Goldsworthy) New Castle 1 (Fox). 3B — New Castle 1 (Mefford). HR — Jay County 1 (Myers).					
IP H R ER BB SO					
Jay County					
Vazquez	0.1	5	5	3	1
Phillips	4.1	4	1	1	4
Sommers	1.2	3	0	1	2
Edwards	1.2	3	3	1	2
AMyers	0.1	2	1	1	0
New Castle					
Hancock	3	5	4	4	2
Sticco	2.1	5	3	3	1
Bell	1	1	2	2	3
Murray	1.2	5	3	3	0

tion to win a ballgame several times over today. We just couldn't execute it to get it done."

Pennville Soccer Club opened season Saturday

Youth soccer is officially underway.

Pennville Soccer Club held opening day on Saturday and the WPGW Lions put up the most dominant victory out of the Wildcat Division.

The Lions took down the Pennville General Store Tigers 7-1. Karsen Kuhn, Bryce Richard and Jade Westgerdes all scored a pair of goals for the Lions, while Jackson Westgerdes added one as well.

Blake Jellison scored the only goal for the Tigers.

The Tigers bounced back later with a 2-1 victory over the Portland Insurance Cougars. Jellison found the back of the net twice in the game, while the Cougars' only point came from Alivia McClain.

Youth roundup

The POET Bioprocessing Cheetahs and the Penrod Monument Jaguars finished in a 1-1 tie. Liam Thompson scored for the Cheetahs while Camden Vinson did for the Jaguars.

Hammond leads

Anniston Hammond led the Stinger Division of Pennville Soccer Club on Saturday with four goals.

She scored three to lead the AgBest Express Bees to a 6-3 victory over the A Place to Grow Wasps. Phebe Love and Dakotah Galbreath supported Hammond with two goals and one goal, respectively.

Mabel Leonhard scored twice for the Wasps, while Kenna Penrod found the net once.

Hammond scored the only goal for the Bees in their 4-1 loss to the Patriot Sportswear Hornets. The Hornets were led by Raelyn McClain with two points. Ian Kaehr and Bonnie Burroughs scored once each as well.

Three scored

Neymar Carreno and Owen Ehrhart each scored three goals

to lead the Space division of the Pennville Soccer Club on Saturday.

All three of Ehrhart's goals came in a 4-1 victory for the Dave's Heating and Cooling Asteroids over the Vinson Rental Properties Galaxy.

Addi McClain scored the other goal for the Asteroids, while Carter Love accounted for the Galaxy's only goal.

Carreno scored one of his goals in the Bro Shadow Meteors' 3-0 win over the Ohio Valley Gas Stars. Liam Phipps and Jonas Westfall also found the net in the game.

Lennon Cosner had the Rockets' sole score, while Phipps and Aria Twibell added one each for the Meteors.

Hutzler mashes

Corbin Hutzler led POET Bioprocessing to a 16-9 victory over Barnett's Auto Parts in Portland Junior League Rookie baseball.

Hutzler smashed a home run, two triples and a single while scoring three runs in the game.

Jaxon Allred, Harvey Hemmelgarn and Hudson Bullock-Thomas also earned extra-base hits. Allred hit a triple and two doubles while Hemmelgarn had one of each. Both players scored three runs. Bullock-Thomas hit a double and a single.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Fort Recovery — Track state tournament at University of Dayton — 4 p.m.; Baseball regional opener vs. Montpelier at Elida — 5 p.m.

Friday
Fort Recovery — Track state tournament at University of Dayton — 6:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today
1:10 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
8:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Dallas Stars at Edmonton Oilers (TNT)
8:30 p.m. — MLS: Portland Timbers at Austin (FS1)
10:45 p.m. — MLS: Minnesota United at Los Angeles FC (FS1)

Thursday
12 p.m. — College softball tournament: Alabama at UCLA (ESPN)
2 p.m. — LPGA Tour: U.S. Women's Open (USA)
2:30 p.m. — College softball tournament: Duke at Oklahoma (ESPN)
7 p.m. — College softball tournament: Stanford at Texas (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — WNBA: Seattle Storm at Indiana Fever (FOX)
8 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Florida Panthers at New York Rangers (ESPN)
8:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Minnesota Timberwolves at Dallas Mavericks (TNT)
9:30 p.m. — College softball tournament: Oklahoma State at Florida (ESPN2)

Friday
12 p.m. — Tennis: French Open (NBC)
12 p.m. — College baseball: Coastal Carolina at Vanderbilt (ESPN2)
2 p.m. — LPGA Tour: U.S. Women's Open (USA)
2:20 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Chicago Cubs (Bally Indiana)
6 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Toyota 200 (FS1)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Philadelphia Phillies (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — College softball tournament (ESPN2)
9:30 p.m. — College softball tournament (ESPN2)

10 p.m. — AHL: Milwaukee Admirals at Gochella Valley Firebirds (FOX)

Local notes

Date set
The 42nd annual Cancer Association of Darke County/Annie Oakley Gold Tournament is set to take place on July 22 at Turtle Creek Golf Course in Greenville, Ohio.

Lunch will be served at 11:15 a.m., with a shotgun start to follow at 12:15 p.m.

All proceeds will go to the Cancer Association of Darke County.

For additional information or an entry form call (937) 548-9960 or email director@cadcfinfo.org.

Races coming up

The Adams County Challenge has two races schedule for June.

On June 8 at 8 a.m., the Youth for Christ 5K will start at Ceylon Covered Bridge outside of Geneva. Participants can register online at bigjawsfc.org/event/5k for \$20. A t-shirt is included for those who register before June 1.

The Superhero Fun Run for those 12-and-under will be held at 8 a.m. with a 5K following at 8:30 a.m. on June 15. Both races will begin at 141 N First St., Decatur.

Registration costs \$15 and will also include a t-shirt if done before June 1.

Outing scheduled

The annual City of Portland Mayor's Golf Outing has been scheduled for Friday, June 14, at Portland Golf Club.

Registration for the event will be held from 11 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on the day of the outing. A meal will also be provided for the four-person teams at this time. Registration is limited to the first 20 teams and must be completed by June 10 and submitted to 321 N. Meridian St., emailing mayoroffice@thecityofportland.net or calling (260) 726-9395.

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Sports

History repeats itself

Jay County baseball gets walked off by New Castle for second year in a row at sectional

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review
YORKTOWN — Max Upchurch ended the Patriots' season in 2023 with a single up the middle to lift the Trojans to a 4-3 victory.

Upchurch is no longer with the Trojans after graduating in 2023, but the team's magic didn't leave with him.

Down four runs going into the bottom of the eighth inning, they started to rally and loaded the bases with a walk and two hits.

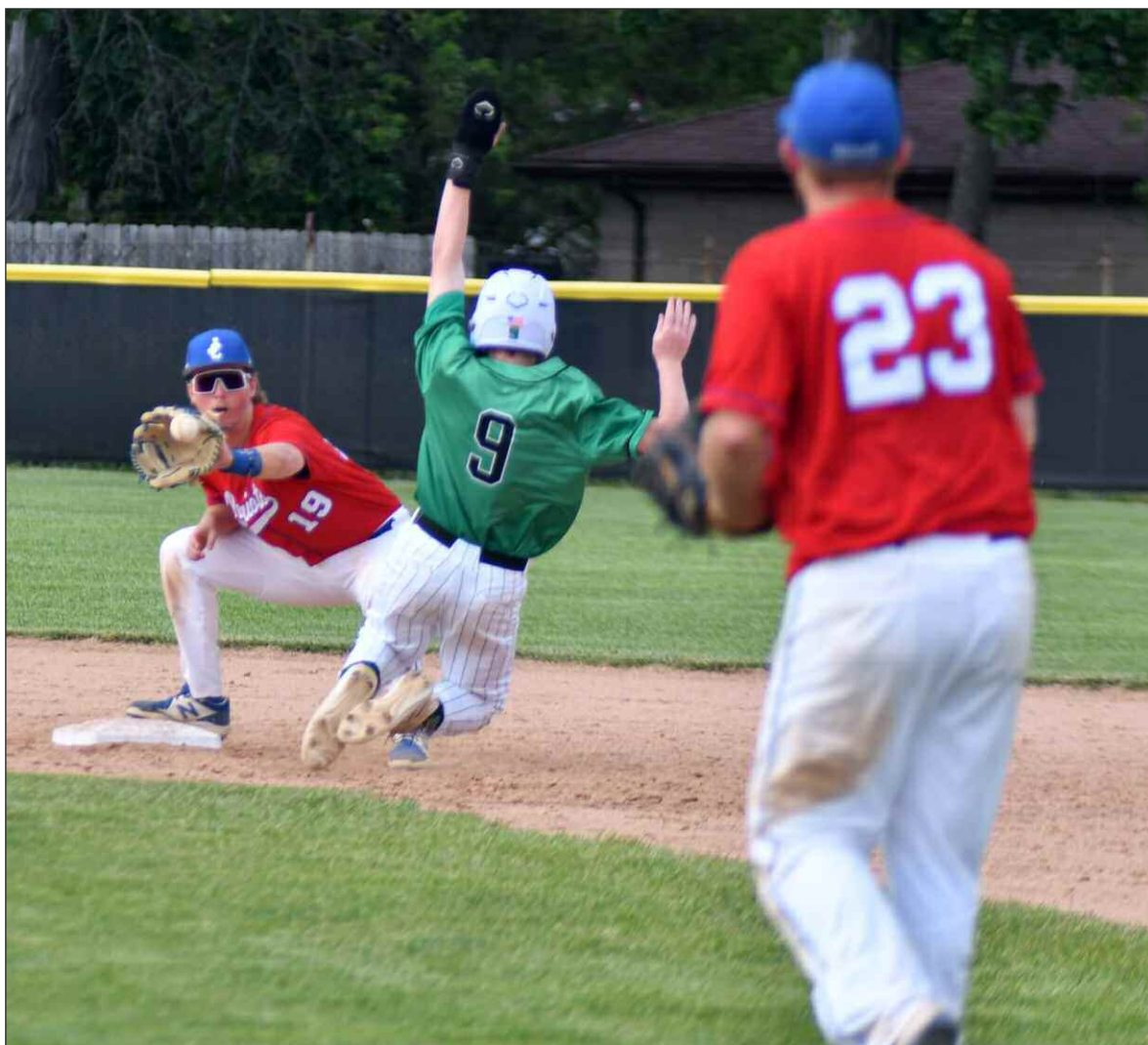
Another walk, a sacrifice fly and a single seemed to crush the Patriots as the game got tied up.

Then Gavin Frazier delivered the kill shot.

The Patriots fell to the bad side of history once again.

For the second year in a row, the Jay County High School baseball team suffered a walk off loss to the New Castle Trojans in the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 semifinal at Yorktown. The game was originally scheduled for Friday, but excessive lightning resulted in the game being delayed to Saturday.

"It's really hard (to swallow)," JCHS coach Todd Farr said. "We had several opportunities to close that game out and get it done and we didn't."



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Jay County High School seniors Sam Myers (19) and Ryne Goldsworthy (23) connect to get the lead runner out at second base during the Patriots' 13-12 loss to New Castle in Saturday's sectional semifinal at Yorktown. The two provided an offensive spark with five combined hits and eight RBIs.

"Give those guys a lot of credit for sticking in it and battling. Our guys battled, we just couldn't close it out."

The win gave New Castle the opportunity to play Delta in Monday's championship game.

In the top of the eighth inning, Sam Myers smashed a three-run home run to deep right field to give Jay County a 12-9 advantage.

It just couldn't hold on. Jackson Edwards recorded the

first out of the inning by sitting Coy Akins down with a strikeout looking. Edwards then walked Garren Mefford before Cormac Stilwell's line drive to left and Carson Bane's infield single.

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FRHS track won't stress over state tourney

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review
Only six Indians are set to compete tomorrow.

For five of them, it will be the last time they don the purple and white, and they are hoping to celebrate their final career appearances as Indians.

The Fort Recovery High School track team will be represented at the OHSAA Division III state tournament at the University of Dayton's Welcome Stadium Thursday and Friday by five seniors and one junior and will compete in a total of eight events.

"It's going to be a fun meet," said FRHS coach Christy Diller. "We've got a really talented bunch of kids and a lot of them qualified in two events which is crazy..."

Our goal is to make finals. I think keeping it light and low key keeps everyone in a good headspace so they can go out, have fun and compete."

The lone junior, Anna Roessner, will compete in three events, while Trevor Heitkamp, Kiana Matsuda and Mara Pearson are slated for two events and Natalie Brunswick will be in one.

Roessner will be the first athlete to compete for Fort Recovery in Thursday's prelims.

She is slated to run the 100-meter dash at approximately 4:50 p.m. and is listed as the fourth seed with a time of 12.24 seconds. Regional-foe Delaney Jones of West Liberty Salem has the top seed at 11.93 seconds. The other two sprinters are a lot more familiar, as Roessner raced against St. John's Alex Kessen (12.0 seconds) and Coldwater's Izzy Zahn (12.21 seconds) multiple times throughout the season.

Later in the evening, Roessner will look to advance and face all three in the 200-meter dash, as the same three girls hold the top spots in that event as well.

"It's nice to know them and know that I'm friends with them," Roessner said. "It's fun to know that all these girls from the (Midwest Athletic Conference) are all up there at state..."

"I know I have the potential to keep them and will keep that in the back of my head, but I also know they are very, very fast, so it's not easy by all means."

Roessner will also lead off the 4x100 relay team that holds the highest seed of the Indians at third. The regional time of 49.19 seconds clocks in 0.02 seconds slower than Trinity for the second seed.

The top seed, West Liberty-Salem, held a lower seed than the Indians at the regional, but ran what would be a state record 48.67 seconds. (Gates Mills Gilmour Academy set the record of 48.7 in 2009.)

"We are seeded well," Diller said. "My personal philosophy is that if we keep things light they can compete their best because they aren't worried about pressure on them."

Diller had good things to say about each leg of the race from Roessner's starts, Paige Guggenbiller's ability to step into the role last year to create a winning formula, Kiana Matsuda's ability to "cook the curve" and create distance in the third leg before Mara Pearson powers through the final stretch.

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JCHS falls to No. 7 Yorktown in final

By **RAY COONEY**

The Commercial Review
MUNCIE — The Patriots responded once.

They responded twice. Playing in a sectional championship game for the first time in 14 years, they hung in there against a state-ranked rival.

They just made a few too many mistakes and couldn't generate quite enough offense.

Jay County High School's softball team battled Yorktown in Saturday's sectional championship game at Delta but was unable to overcome the Class 3A No. 7 Tigers as its season came to an end with a 4-2 defeat.

"I'm just proud of these girls for the way they fought and battled," said JCHS coach Doug Arbuckle. "They played with a lot of heart."

"That's a good ball team, good pitcher, and we hung with them."

The win was the 19th in a row for the Tigers, who opened 2-2 but have not dropped a game since falling 11-2 to Class 4A No. 4

New Palestine on April 16. Their four runs mark their lowest total since a 3-2 victory April 25 over Westfield.

"They played well," said YHS coach Jeremy Penrod. "Give a lot of credit to them. They really deserved to win this game just as much as we did."

Yorktown (21-2), which has won three consecutive sectional championships and is also the two-time defending regional champion, was set to host Norwell (17-7) in the regional title game at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The winner advances to the semi-state to play either Boone Grove or No. 2 Western on Saturday at Twin Lakes.

After the Tigers scored one run each in the bottom of the first and second innings Saturday, Jay County (16-7) responded with one of their one in the top of the following frame. It was the two they tallied in the bottom of the third that the Patriots couldn't match.

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