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Redkey responds

Town asks for complaint to be denied

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

The Town of Redkey has filed its response to a council member's complaint with the Indiana Public Access Counselor's Office.

Redkey Town Council member and former president Dave Dudelston filed a complaint last month with the office, alleging the town board illegally terminated former police officer Chris Boggs during an executive session June 8. He also questioned the legality of council members meeting in April and alleged some members engaged in nepotism.

Redkey's response, submitted by attorney John Brooke on behalf of the town, addresses Dudelston's complaints in relation to Boggs' termination and council members' gathering in April.

Brooke's law firm provided the response to The Commercial Review on Wednesday morning.

According to council members, Boggs informed council members May 29 that he would be unable to work for several days because of a family emergency, and he was suspended with pay by council president Brenda Beaty and town marshal Zach Moser on June 1. Boggs was suspended without pay at an executive session June 8, according to Beaty, and he was terminated at council's next public meeting June 20.

Dudelston argued council members did not give proper notice for the executive session. He alleged the town made its decision to fire Boggs at the executive session and that it should have hosted an open meeting directly after the executive session to take formal action.

The Commercial Review received notice May 31 about plans to host the executive session at 2 p.m. June 8 regarding disciplinary action of a police officer. (The meeting's date was incorrectly published in the newspaper as Friday, June 7.)

In his response, Brooke addressed Dudelston's allegation that the meeting took place without a 48-hour notice, pointing to an email sent to The Commercial Review nearly a week in advance.

"There is no requirement that an open public meeting be conducted after an executive session as Mr. Dudelston seems to indicate," Brooke said in his response. "The obligation under the law is that action by the governmental entity must be conducted in an open public meeting."

Referencing council's meeting minutes, he noted the board took official action — it voted to terminate Boggs — at its June 20 meeting.

"Therefore, the complaint filed by Mr. Dudelston is improper," he said.

Brooke also addressed Dudelston's questions regarding the legality of council members meeting in mid April.

Brooke said coverage from The Commercial Review indicated Dudelston called for a meeting with town marshal Zach Moser before he left to attend training at Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and that the meeting was scheduled without notice.

He argued the meeting was conducted by Dudelston on April 11 and that meeting notice was sent to The Commercial Review on April 11 for the purpose of conducting a meeting between Moser and one other board member.

Notice for a meeting April 11 was not given to The Commercial Review.

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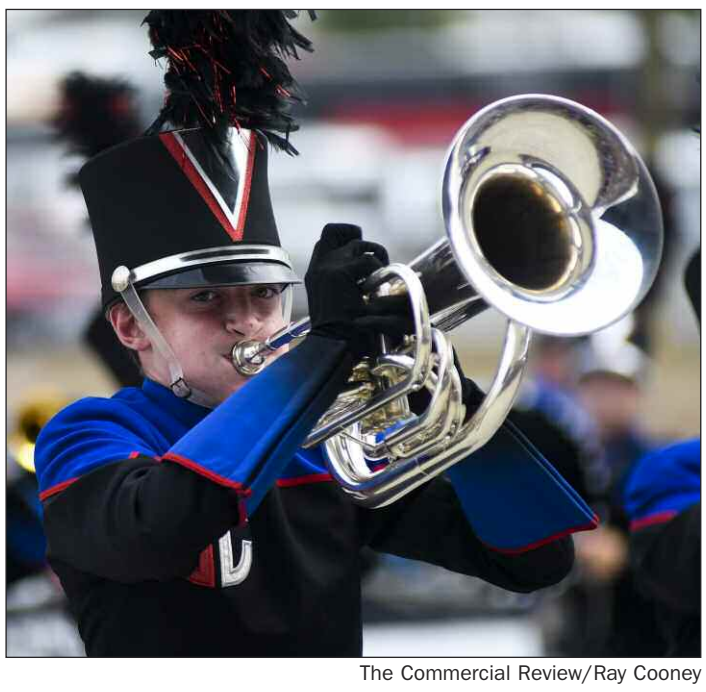
Helping hand

Twins Harper and Hadley McDavid, both 7, get help from father and Portland police officer Brandon McDavid with untangling their balloons Tuesday during Jay County's National Night Out at Hudson Family Park.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Baritone Bond

Lane Stephens of the Jay County High School Marching Patriots plays the baritone Friday during Indiana State Fair Band Day. JCHS placed fifth behind Muncie Central, Anderson, Kokomo and Richmond.

City, Rockets partnering

Feature will be added at Runkle-Miller Filed

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Portland Park Board and the Portland Rockets will partner on a project to add a new concrete pad at Portland Memorial Park's Runkle-Miller Field.

The board will also consider other projects related to the Rockets and at Milton Miller Park on the north side of the city.

The Rockets proposed the concrete pad project last month, saying a donor had offered to provide picnic tables for the area in front of the concession stand. Rockets supporter Randy Fisher said Tuesday that The Goodrich Family Foundation is donating the tables.

Park board members Brian Ison, John McFarland and Shauna Runkle, absent Michael Brewster and Jennifer Weitzel, approved an agreement with the Rockets for the project. City employees will handle the installation of the concrete while the team will pay for materials, estimated at $2,912.35. The agreement also specifies the location, size and other details of the project. It is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.

Fisher also asked the park board to consider allowing the Rockets to place a 20-foot by 45-foot storage building in the park. Ison, the board president, asked Fisher to talk with street and parks superintendent Matt Shauver and parks manager Ronnie Reynolds about an appropriate location for such a structure. (Fisher said the team would be seeking a grant from The Portland Foundation for the building.)

Shauver also said Runkle-Miller Field will likely need to have its electrical system upgraded soon. (The city early this year completed a similar project at Weiler-Wilson Park.)

The board also discussed possible continued expansion at Milton Miller Park, including potentially adding more pickleball courts.

Local pickleball enthusiast Steve Craig said the new courts at the park are used regularly, usually with at least 12 players and with a high so far of 22. (There are two courts, allowing eight players at a time.)

Ison said there is the possibility of installing more to the north or south of the current courts, but added that he'd like his fellow board members to consider bringing on a consultant to look at growth opportunities throughout the city's park system.

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Deaths

Mark DeHoff, 48, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature climbed to 90 degrees Tuesday in Jay County. The low was 68.

Tonight's low will be in the lower 60s. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with a high in the upper 70s and winds gusting to 20 miles per hour in the afternoon.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Arts Place's Hudson Family Park Amphiteater concert series continues tonight with a performance by the Liverpool Lads, a Beatles tribute band at 8 p.m. Imagine Burgers, Kona Ice and The Greazy Pickle will be on hand providing food and refreshments.

Coming up

Friday — Results from the FRHS girls golf team in the Gary Broering Invitational.

Saturday — Coverage of Friday's Portland Redevelopment Commission meeting.

Tuesday — Congressional candidate visits Jay and Randolph counties.

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Obituaries

Mark DeHoff

March 1, 1976-July 26, 2024

On July 26, 2024, our beloved Mark Lee DeHoff, age 48, got to meet our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mark was born on March 1, 1976, to his wonderful parents Tony and Shirley DeHoff. Mark resided in Jay County his entire life. He graduated from high school in 1994 and married his best friend Jennifer Lee (Rigby) DeHoff on Jan. 13, 2001.

Mark worked for the Tire Center in Portland for over 20 years and then for Rich's Auto Repair in Dunkirk for the past three years.


DeHoff

Mark and Jennifer were blessed with four biological children, Justin Lee DeHoff, 19, Morgan Lee DeHoff, 17, Jaxson Lee DeHoff, 15, and Macy Lee DeHoff, 12. An additional young man, Jake Allen Stegemoller, 18, joined the DeHoff team, as did five international students, Maria Sanchez Martin, 17, from Spain, Alba Badajoz Dominguez, 18, from Spain, Auni Fatinah Nor Hasnan, 18, from Malaysia, Oskar Alart Mateo, 17, from Spain, and Anis Edi Feroz, 16, from Malaysia. Additional survivors include his parents Tony and Shirley DeHoff from Portland; brother Rodney Wayne DeHoff and sister-in-law Lisa, Pennville; his father-in-law and mother-in-law Terry and Mary Ann Rigby of Bryant; brother-in-law Joshua Rigby and wife Becki Rigby, Portland; brother-in-law Matthew Rigby and partner Renatta Keith, Alabama; six nieces; three nephews; two great-nephews; and three great-nieces.

Mark was greeted in heaven by his sister Julie Ann DeHoff and niece Alexus Leigh Gierhart and both sets of grandparents.

Mark was blessed with so many friends that have become family to mention.

Mark was a great husband, dad and mechanic. He enjoyed sports, coyote and turkey hunting, and playing cornhole.

Visitation will be held Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland, Indiana. Burial will follow at Center Cemetery west of Portland.

Memorials may be directed to the children of Mark DeHoff in care of Jennifer DeHoff.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge.

They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

CR almanac

Friday 8/9	Saturday 8/10	Sunday 8/11	Monday 8/12	Tuesday 8/13
77/53	72/54	74/54	77/57	78/60
Friday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high around 77 degrees.	Saturday's forecast shows more sunny skies with temperatures in the mid 70s.	More sun is expected Sunday, with the high sitting in the low to mid 70s.	Another day of sun is on the horizon for Monday.	Tuesday looks to be mostly sunny with a high again in the mid to upper 70s.

Lotteries

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: $185 million

Mega Millions
23-29-36-61-70
Mega Ball: 22
Megaplier: 4
Estimated jackpot: $398 million

Hoosier
Tuesday
Midday
Daily Three: 6-9-4
Daily Four: 2-2-3-9
Quick Draw: 1-4-6-10-11-16-17-18-24-31-38-47-54-61-63-68-70-72-73-74
Evening
Daily Three: 5-5-0
Daily Four: 6-1-7-5
Quick Draw: 1-8-12-15-19-20-24-25-32-33-34-46-52-57-58-61-63-65-70-72

Ohio
Tuesday
Midday
Pick 3: 7-8-2
Pick 4: 5-9-3-3
Pick 5: 6-1-4-3-8
Evening
Pick 3: 7-0-8
Pick 4: 5-9-7-2
Pick 5: 5-3-1-8-6
Rolling Cash: 9-11-26-30-33
Estimated jackpot: $110,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....3.67
Sept. corn 3.70
Wheat 4.65

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....3.65
Sept. corn 3.65
Oct. corn 3.64

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn 3.62
Sept. corn 3.62
Beans 10.49
Sept. beans 9.74
Wheat 4.86

ADM Montpelier
Corn.....3.54
Sept. corn 3.52
Beans 10.55
Sept. beans 10.20
Wheat 4.93

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....3.62
Sept. corn 3.65
Beans 10.14
Sept. beans.....9.59
Wheat 4.66

Today in history

In 1896, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings was born in Washington, D.C. She's best known for writing "The Yearling", a 1938 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

In 1945, the Soviet Union, United Kingdom, France and the United States signed the London Agreement and authorized the Nürnberg trials, which tried former Nazi leaders as war criminals.

In 1974, United States president Richard Nixon announced plans to resign from office. His resignation came just over two years after a break-in to Democratic National Committee offices at the Watergate complex in Washington, D.C., leading to an investigation into the Nixon administration. A month after Nixon's resignation, then-president Gerald Ford issued a full pardon to Nixon.

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Citizen's calendar

Friday

8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.

6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Local Schools, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.

7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

7 p.m. — Fort Recovery Park Board, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Tuesday

4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

5:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.

Responds ...

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The newspaper learned early in the afternoon April 12 about plans for council to hold an emergency meeting the same day. Neither the media nor public had received proper notice, and the newspaper then contacted clerk-treasurer Gloria May and then-town attorney Wes Schemenaur about the meeting.

In his complaint, Dudelston said the April 12 meeting was canceled and he and then-council member Chance Retter decided to meet at 6 p.m. April 13 with Moser, which Dudelston said was allowed under the town's personnel policy. Other council members heard about the meeting and attended, he said, which led to a quorum of council members being present. He said he left the meeting. He alleged other council members stayed and Beaty began recording the discussion.

Brooke said the meeting's purpose was to require Moser to sign a reimbursement agreement for his training at the academy. He noted the contract wasn't presented at a public meeting and it wasn't provided to other board members.

"(Moser) refused to sign the agreement and the 'meeting' was disbanded when other board members were advised that this was taking place and stopped the matter," he said in the response.

In his complaint last month, Dudelston also shared concerns about council member Gavin Grady voting to hire his uncle, Ted Kolodka, as a utility worker for the town June 20 and Beaty's vote in a decision to move a sewer clean-out at the property of Bob and Alicha Miller. (They are relatives on her husband's side. The request had previously been denied April 18.)

Brooke said Dudelston's concerns about nepotism are not related to a violation of Indiana Open Door Law. He added the town would respond separately to those matters, if necessary.

Redkey requested the formal complaint be denied and the matter closed.

Dudelston has not attended a council meeting since April 25. He declined to answer in July if he planned to attend another council meeting soon.

In May, Redkey Town Council made changes to its leadership, removing Dudelston as president and electing Beaty as president and Grady as vice president.

Dudleston shared plans with The Commercial Review in July to contact the American Civil Liberties Union about the complaint and file a lawsuit.

Partnering ...

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In addition to pickleball courts, he also mentioned soccer fields, tennis courts and restroom upgrades.

Craig also asked about getting a windscreen for the pickleball courts, estimating a cost of $500 to cover the west and south sides.

The board accepted a donation of a tree from Craig to be placed between the park's Franklin Street parking lot and the courts.

Shauver said city workers can likely handle most of the demolition of existing baseball/softball dugouts at Milton Miller Park though some help may be needed to make sure the removal of electrical wiring is handled properly.

During his parks update, Reynolds noted that all park facilities have been pressure washed, basketball hoops have been painted with court lines to follow at Haynes Park and the arch and welcome sign have been painted at Hudson Family Park. The concession/restroom building at Hines-Inman Memorial Field was pressure-washed and painted in a joint project between the city and Jay County Pee Wee Football.

A project to add lighting along the walking trail at Hudson Family Park is expected to begin soon. Shauver added that the park's fountains, which were damaged by a power surge earlier this year, can likely be repaired.

Final day for water park this year is Sunday

Ison offered a reminder that Sunday, Aug. 11, is the final day Portland Water Park will be open this year. (Pool manager Eliza Bader will provide a year-end report at the September board meeting.) Staff also noted the new pool heater is fully operational.

Reynolds said the umbrellas at the water park are severely worn. The park board asked he and Shauver to get quotes on replacing that material.

Because of schedule changes surrounding Labor Day, the board's next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10.

SERVICES

Today

Louck, Larry: 7 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

Saturday

DeHoff, Mark: 11 a.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.

Pfeifer, Pamela: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Monday

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

McLaughlin, Barbara: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Service listings provided by

Capsule Reports

Grant awarded

Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Indiana was one of several that received funding from Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch announced Monday.

Second Harvest will receive $155,200 of the about $2 million in grants the department provided. The funding will allow food pantries, soup kitchens and other food distribution centers to receive additional food products from the food bank that serves their location.

"Food insecure Hoosiers are some of our most vulnerable and I appreciate the general assembly's support of these individuals and families," said Crouch in a press release.

Civil War Days slated for October

Hartford City's Civil War Days is scheduled for Oct. 4 through 6.

The event includes demonstrations and presentations about the Civil War era, specifically 1864. There will be reenactments of battles from the 1864 campaign around Atlanta.

The event will also feature merchants, blacksmiths, weavers, spinners and others.

Admission will be $5 on Friday, Oct. 4, and $7 on Oct. 5 and 6. Children 5 and younger are admitted free.

For more information, visit hartfordcitycwdays.com.

Taking Note

Offering portraits

Minnetrista Museum & Gardens of Muncie is offering free portraits this weekend.

Portraits will be available in the Center Building from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11.

Minnetrista will also host an End-of-Summer Celebration from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9. It will include exhibits, the opportunity to paint a Bob Ross-style tree, popcorn and refreshments.

Hope Fest

Hope Fest returns this year.

The community outreach program and health fair will be from 2 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 7 at Jay County High School.

Starting at 2 p.m., the health fair will begin with screenings. Other activities, including inflatables, carnival games and archery tag, as well as a car show, door prizes, hot dogs, cookies and more, will also be available.

A free Christian, hip-hop concert will begin at 5 p.m., with performances from Redeemed, Mallory Be., Clean Slate and Joe Nester on the schedule.

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition is currently looking for vendors — those promoting a local nonprofit, business, club or hobby — for the event.

Learn about initiative

Indiana Youth Institute will host a workshop in Muncie to highlight its Youth Worker Well-Being Project.

The event is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at The Boys and Girls Clubs of Muncie, 1710 S. Madison St., Muncie. It will cover topics including access to no-cost telemedicine and virtual mental health services; diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging and trauma-informed workplace grants; access to peer support groups and applications for Emerging Leaders of Color Fellowships.

To register, visit iyi.org.

GriefShare

A program for those who have experienced the death of a family member or friend is back.

GriefShare is being offered to local community members at Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. Facilitated by pastor Darrell Borders, the nondenominational program features biblical teaching focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one.

GriefShare will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning Aug. 29 and 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fridays beginning Aug. 30. To register or learn more, call (260) 726-8832. The program lasts 13 sessions.

Woman doubts husband's fidelity, sexuality

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: During my entire 40-year marriage, I have wondered if my husband is bisexual. He met his friend "Ernie" around the same time he met me. My husband has always had female friends as well as Ernie. When he came home late, I'd accuse him of having affairs with his female coworkers. We have stayed together, although there have been a lot of arguments. Years ago, my brother-in-law went golfing with my husband and Ernie. My brother-in-law told me my problem wasn't another woman — it was a man. When I asked why he thought that, he said my husband and Ernie were in their own little world. He said he wasn't jealous of their friendship, but it was just his opinion.

To cut to the chase, not long ago, my husband and three other friends went on a golf trip. There was a king-size bed in the master bedroom, a second bedroom with two queen-size beds, and a sofa sleeper. I asked my husband about the sleeping arrangements, and he said one slept on the couch, one in the room with two queen beds, and he and Ernie shared the king-size bed.

When I asked what the other guys thought about the two of them sleeping in the same bed he yelled, "I don't care what they thought!" I said, "And it appears you don't care what your wife thinks either."

My husband has always said, "There isn't another woman. You know I love you." He has always denied being bi. He makes me feel like I'm crazy. Please tell me what you think. — FINALLY FED UP IN DELAWARE

DEAR FED UP: For two men to share a bed when there is another option is, in my opinion, questionable. Never having met your husband, I hesitate to state whether he is or isn't cheating on you with Ernie. Being bisexual does not make a person an adulterer. If he were to confirm your suspicion that he is bisexual, would it change your longtime marriage? THAT, my friend, is the $64,000 question.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm sure I am not alone on this subject. Occasionally, when I'm in a restaurant, the mall, the grocery store, etc., I'll run into a former co-worker, former classmate, someone I met at a past gathering, etc., and in the moment, I cannot recall their name. This is especially embarrassing when my spouse or a friend is with me and I can't introduce the person.

Sometimes, when someone is with me and I see an acquaintance before they see me, I'll make a detour to avoid the embarrassment of blanking on their names. If I'm alone, I have no problem conversing with the individual even if I can't recall a name. My problem is those embarrassing introductions. Any suggestions? — FORGETFUL IN HAWAII

DEAR FORGETFUL: I agree, it IS embarrassing, and it happens to everyone. It happened to me occasionally when I was in my 20s and needed to introduce my date to someone. There IS a way to get around it, provided you are fast enough. If a "senior moment" isn't something you are willing to admit, then greet your old co-worker, friend, etc., and say something like, "Hi! How NICE to see you!" Then turn to your spouse (or friend) and say, "We used to work together," and let them introduce THEMSELVES.

Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

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.

Wednesday's Solution

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

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 211 — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at 211 W. Walnut St., Portland. All Auxiliary members are welcome.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

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.

LOCAL'S MARKET — Will be held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in June through October in the parking lot at Jay Community Center in Portland. For more information, contact Bill Cook.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636.

Answers to queries are disturbing

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Eye on the Pie

My counterpart at Ball State University, Michael Hicks, does not hesitate to point to a shortage of well-educated persons in the Hoosier workforce.

Classical economists would say, "Don't worry about it. The market will take care of it. Wages will rise or the demand for such workers will decline."

Economists not glued to rocking chairs are disinclined to wait for the market to find a jolly equilibrium. We urge the state to educate Hoosiers not just for tomorrow's jobs, but to be informed citizens in tomorrow's world.

How great is this "shortage?"

When compared with the nation, Indiana is short 275,400 persons with bachelor, graduate or professional (BGP) degrees. While persons with BGP degrees are 34% of the nation's population 25 years of age and older, only 28% of Indiana's adults have those degrees.

We rank 42nd among the 50 states in those with BGP degrees. An addition of 275,400 would be 22% more BGP graduates in our population.

Perhaps, possession of a degree, certificate or uniform patch doesn't indicate much more than attendance-without-dishonor. But such tokens remain the most utilized proxies for proof of acquired knowledge.

According to 2022 data from the Census Bureau, Indiana ranks 43rd attracting residents from other states or abroad. Nationally, 48% of such movers were BGP degree holders, but Indiana saw only 40% of movers with those degrees, 37th in the nation.

Within Indiana, the percent of the population 25 and older with BGP degrees is greatest in Hamilton, Boone and Monroe counties, at 61%, 49% and 48%, respectively. Hendricks and Tippecanoe come in at 39% each, followed by Bartholomew and Warrick each just below 35%.

And that's it. Just seven Indiana counties are above the national average of persons with BGP degrees. Trailing, just about 11% each, are Scott, LaGrange and Switzerland counties.

That's the status as of 2022.

Where did those migrants with BGP degrees choose to go within Indiana in the past year?

Of those 133,500 changing counties within Indiana, 26% had BGP degrees. That's not far below the 28% for the total population of 25-plus. However, nationally persons with BGP degrees raised the average with their intra-state movements.

Furthermore, nationally, of those changing states or entering from abroad, 50% had BGP degrees while of new Hoosiers, 42% held such degrees.

Seems like we're not on a path to catch the nation in the race for better-educated residents. Is that because our businesses don't want them, are unwilling to pay them or they just aren't bold enough to choose Indiana?*

*"Indiana, a state for the Bold" is now a slogan of our state government.

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Everyone wants a better government

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Guest Editorial

Politics aside, Americans are united on some of the basic things their government should do better: Make sure air travel is safe, simplify the process for filing tax returns, streamline applications for student loans.

At the same time, many are frustrated by the blizzard of new federal rules that rain down on them each year, which hit a record 4,429 in 2021.

That looks set to change. A pair of Supreme Court decisions this year will make it easier to challenge both new and old regulations. With their rulemaking powers clipped, perhaps federal workers should be free to focus more on basic execution. That could be a boon for taxpayers and for Americans' trust in government. But Congress needs to help.

It should go without saying that elected leaders need to prioritize effective administration. Yet agencies tend to get more attention for their policy proposals than for the quality of their implementation or customer service — at least until there's some kind of blunder. The leaders of the Federal Reserve and Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., for example, were rarely asked about the attentiveness of their bank supervisors and examiners until several banks collapsed last year and emergency rescue measures were needed.

With millions of employees to manage, the federal government is always going to make mistakes. But minimizing them is crucial. Research shows that negative experiences with the bureaucracy corrode Americans' trust in government much more than positive experiences improve it. So addressing basic problems — like the Internal Revenue Service's failure to answer most taxpayer phone calls — can make a real difference in how people view their government.

As a start, Congress needs to ensure that agency leaders have the flexibility to hire competent workers. A recent effort to focus on skills, rather than credentials, in government hiring is on the right track. More programs like the US Digital Service and the 18F office — which act as in-house consultancies for the executive branch and recruit private-sector workers with needed skills for temporary tours in government — should also be under consideration. The goal should be widening the available talent pool and improving the nuts and bolts of governance.

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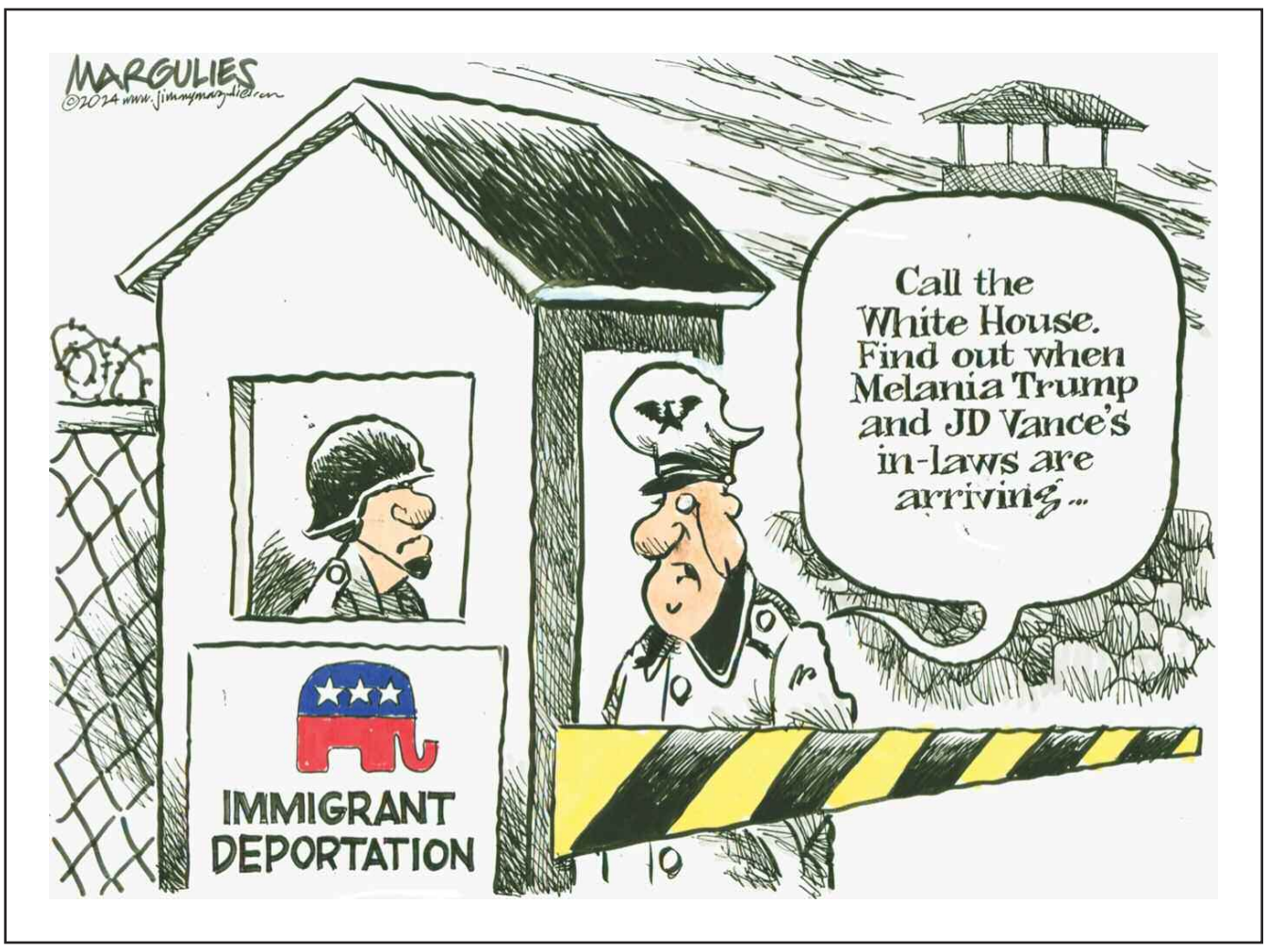
Technology should also be part of the answer. In recent years, the executive branch has been cautiously introducing artificial intelligence systems. Research suggests that, in time, these could have pronounced benefits. One study estimated that aggressive AI investment could free up as much as 30% of federal staffers' time. Freed from drudge work, these workers should be empowered to focus on more creative tasks and problem-solving.

Ultimately, responsibility will fall to Congress to write laws with less ambiguity and clearer directions for regulators. To meet that challenge, more and better legislative staff will be crucial. Restoring the Office of Technology Assessment, a team of experts that provided Congress with technical research from 1972 until it was defunded in the mid-'90s, would help lawmakers understand new challenges and weigh their options for addressing them. So would more investment in the Government Accountability Office's science, technology assessment and analytics team.

Americans disagree on many things. But a civil service that competently serves their interests shouldn't be controversial. Congress should see these court rulings as the opportunity that they are.



Stories put things in perspective

By DENNIS DOEDEN
The Bemidji Pioneer (Minnesota)
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Survival and gratitude.

Those words have been on my mind, and I recently learned about two men who can speak about them.

Boy, can they ever.

Mark Kindem and Corey Fuhrman are pastors serving Lutheran churches in Bemidji. But they would not be preaching this weekend if they had not survived life-threatening incidents, and for that they are very grateful. Kindem survived a plane crash on April 29, and Fuhrman survived a massive heart attack on June 15.

"It was a dark and stormy night," Mark said with a sly grin when describing his airplane accident. A veteran pilot and flight instructor, the Bethel Lutheran pastor was returning from a trip to Stanley, N.D., alone in his rented plane, when the engine stopped. He was just minutes from his destination at the Bemidji Regional Airport. It actually was a cloudy night, and weather conditions were not ideal. But Mark knew what to do in order to keep the plane in the air as long as possible.

"Before I had a chance to get really scared and nervous I felt this presence, like a quilt or a blanket or something with me," he recalled. After a few minutes, he looked to his left through an opening in the clouds and saw the lights of Clearbrook below.

"It was just like candles on a cake," he said. "I was above the clouds. There was no way I could just see anything, and there it was, 'Boom,' right there." He knew there was a football field just north of town, so he was able to make a loop to head toward it.

"And that was my last memory," Mark said.

What he does remember is waking up with his head smashed against the cockpit window and his right leg dangling sideways. The plane had skimmed off the roof of a wild rice plant, flown under utility wires, landed on a road and skidded into a retaining wall.

Mark, 61, was flown to a Fargo hospital and was treated for facial injuries and a broken femur.

During his recovery, congregation members stepped up to lead worship services, and support has come in from family, friends, and people he didn't even know. Mark and his wife, Miriam, have three adult children and five grandchildren.

"You realize that you're not by yourself," Mark said. There are people that God places in your path. I'm grateful for every day that I can see my grandchildren," Mark said, "and then I found out that we're going to have two more grandchildren."

Corey Fuhrman also is feeling grateful these days. The First Lutheran pastor is awaiting heart surgery next month, but he is back in the pulpit after suffering a cardiac arrest the day before Father's Day.

He started the day by attending a graduation party, then officiated a wedding and attended the reception. He experienced discomfort twice while walking from his car to the party and the reception, and thought it might be lung-related and would go away.

But he decided to leave the reception early, and after resting at home, the burning sensation persisted. Fortunately, his son was home for Father's Day and was able to get Corey to the emergency room.

Two stents were inserted into clogged arteries, and a third artery will be tended to during next month's surgery. Although he lives a healthy life, Corey was not surprised that the attack occurred. He is 53 years old, and his father had a heart attack at 52.

"OK, so I made it a year beyond Dad," Corey said. "However, I am my father's son. There's a lot of similarities in who he was and who I am."

Like Mark, Corey was moved by the outpouring of support following his attack. Corey and his three children felt a similar outpouring nine years ago when his wife, Kelly, died of cancer.

"It takes a tragedy sometimes to give us a wakeup call to the beauty and thankfulness of life," Corey said. "And then we live differently because of it. We treat each other differently because of it."

He said First Lutheran plans to conduct an adult education class about the second half of life and faith and how it's different from the first half.

"The first half of life you're looking at self-discovery, who am I going to be, what's my purpose in the world," he said. "In the second half, hopefully, those questions by their very nature have been answered. The point of the class is 'How do we get to that point without tragedy? How do we live a grateful life without having to experience near death.'"

Survival and gratitude. By sharing their stories, Mark and Corey certainly put those words in perspective. For that, and for many other personal reasons, I am grateful.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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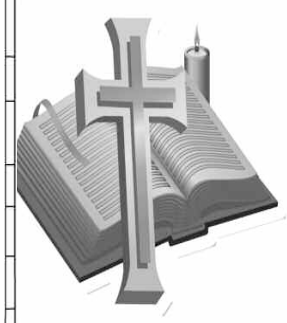

Area churches are listed with location, pastor and phone number, services and website or email address.

All services are Sunday, unless otherwise indicated.

Asbury United Methodist
204 E. Arch St., Portland
Joe Boggs
(260) 726-8464
Services: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
asburyministries.org

Bellefountain United Methodist
440 S. 600 East
Pamela Freeman
Services: 9 a.m.

Bluff Point Friends
80 E. 650 South
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Boundary St. Paul
Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East
Ava Gannon
(260) 726-2373
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Bryant Wesleyan
209 S. Hendricks St.
Paul VanCise
(260) 997-6231
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
bryantwesleyanchurch.com

Calvary United Methodist
301 N. Main St., Dunkirk
Susan Durovey-Antrim
(765) 499-0368
Services: 10:30 a.m.
susan.duroveyantrim@inumc.org

Christ Chapel
2535 Wabash Road, Fort Recovery
(419) 733-1469
christchapelfr.com

Church of the Living God (Miracle Missions)
8472 S. 800 East, Union City
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Church of God of Prophecy
797 N. Creagor Ave., Portland
Nanette Weesner
(260) 766-9334
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nanybell@yahoo.com

Church of the Brethren
Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland
Kevin McClung
(260) 729-7295
Services: 10 a.m.

Church of the Living God
South Broad Street, Dunkirk
Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

Collett Nazarene
450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27
Billy Stanton
(260) 251-2403
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Cornerstone Baptist
211 E. Main St., Portland
Wayne Ward
(260) 726-7714
Services: 10 a.m.

Cornerstone Church of Pennville
190 W. Main St., Pennville
David Davidson
(260) 202-9718
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Dunkirk Nazarene
226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
Tom Fett
(765) 768-6199
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Evangelical Methodist
930 W. Main St., Portland
Steve Arnold
(260) 251-0970
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Fairview United Methodist/Jay County
2875 E. 200 South
Pamela Freeman
Lay leader: Beth Stephen
(260) 726-9184
Services: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community
9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk
Joe Schmit
(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

Family Worship Center
200 E. Elder St., Portland
Ronald Willis
(260) 726-4844
Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

Fellowship Baptist
289 S. 200 West
Hugh Kelly
(260) 726-8873
Services: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

First American Baptist
427 S. Main St., Dunkirk
Dan Coffman
(765) 768-7157
Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

First Church of Christ
1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery
David J. Nicholson
(419) 375-2860
Services: 10:30 a.m.
fccftrecovery.org

First Community Baptist
341 S. Meridian St., Redkey
Everett Bilbrey Jr.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
Services: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; 7 p.m. Wednesday

First Free Will Baptist
12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

First Presbyterian
402 N. Ship St., Portland
Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
(260) 726-8462
Services: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.
firstpcportland.org

Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene
401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff
(419) 375-4680
Services: 10:30 a.m.
frnaz@frontier.com

Fort Recovery United Methodist
309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Rev. Carol McKay
(304) 617-0101
Services: 9 a.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle
468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
Robert Thomas
(765) 348-4620
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Geneva First United Methodist
100 W. Line St., Geneva
Barry McCune
(260) 368-7655
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Geneva Nazarene
225 Decatur St., Geneva
(260) 525-8609
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

Gilead Church
County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren
Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
Earl Doll
(260) 731-4477
Services: 10:30 a.m.

High Street United Methodist
435 High St., Geneva
Rev. Joseph Hampton
(260) 368-7233
Services: 9 a.m.

Holy Trinity Catholic
7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant
Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
Services: 8 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday

Hopewell of Life Ministries
County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
Rev. Ruth Funk
(260) 251-8581
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic
506 E. Walnut St., Portland
Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
(260) 726-7055
Services: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Kingsley Full Gospel
4030 S. 700 East, Dunkirk
Stuart Phillips
Services: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday

Mary Help of Christians
403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
(419) 375-4153
Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.

Mount Tabor Community Church
216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk
Scott McClain
(765) 768-7273
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Mount Zion United Methodist
County roads 600 East and 200 North
Rev. Darrell Borders
(260) 726-4786
Services: 9 a.m.

New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
4017 W. 200 South
Randy Smith
(260) 251-2406
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nbholiness.com

New Covenant Fellowship
1238 W. 450 South
Chuck Myers
(260) 251-0063
Services: 10:30 a.m.

New Life Ministries
415 S. Helen St., Portland
Dr. Kay Fairchild
(260) 223-2961
Services: 4 p.m.
drkayfairchild.com

New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist
5905 S. Como Road
Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
Services: 9 a.m.

Noble Congregational Christian
1964 N. 800 East
Aaron Huey
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove United Methodist
829 S. Indiana 1
Neil Butcher
(765) 760-9085
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Pleasant Hill
9945 N. 800 East, Union City
Bruce Bryan
(765) 964-3664
Services: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.
mypleasanthillchurch.org

Portland Church of Christ
1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
Bob Graham
(260) 726-7777
Bible class: 9:15 a.m.
Services: 10:20 a.m.
Bible School: 6 p.m. Wednesday
portlandcoc.com

Portland First Church of Nazarene
920 S. Shank St., Portland
Steve Cecil
(260) 726-8040
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Portland Friends
226 E. Main St., Portland
Herb Hummel
(260) 202-9732
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.

Praise Chapel Church of God
4527 E. 1000 North (Jay-Randolph county line)
Rev. Josh Canfield
(765) 584-7045
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran
Malin and Elm streets, Bryant
Father Dan Layden
(260) 997-6787
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Redkey Faith Ministries
9811 W. Indiana 67, southwest of Redkey
Rev. Craig and Robin Cotherman
(765) 369-2920
Services: 10 a.m.
RedkeyFaith.org

Redkey First Christian
Union and Malin streets
Jeff Hammers
(765) 468-6172
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Redkey United Methodist
122 W. Main St.
Lori McIntosh
(765) 369-2085
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Redkey Church of the Nazarene
801 W. High St.
Chuck Hollandbeck
(765) 369-2676
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

River of Life
722 W. Main St., Portland
Susan Hathaway
(260) 729-1095
Services: 10:30 a.m.

The ROCK
1605 N. Meridian St., Portland
Matt Ransom
(260) 726-7474
Services: 10 a.m.
matt@therockjc.org

Salamonia Church of Christ
3900 S. 600 East
Bruce Phillips
(260) 335-2017
Services: 9 a.m.

Second Chance at Life Ministries
228 S. Meridian St., Portland
Dave Keen (260) 251-8792
Mike Eads (260) 703-0733
Services: 10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Catholic
1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 7:30 a.m. Sunday

St. Mary's Catholic
346 S. Broad St., Dunkirk
Rev. Kevin Hurley
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

St. Paul Catholic
517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 11 a.m. Sunday

St. Peter Catholic
1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 9 a.m. Sunday

Sugar Grove Nazarene
3984 N. 550 West, Portland
Pastor Mike Heckman
(615) 517-1017
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Bible study: 6 p.m. Wednesday

Sugar Grove Church
County roads 600 South and 1150 West, Dunkirk
Scott McClain
Services: 9 a.m.

Temple Baptist
17920 Indiana 167, Dunkirk
John Elam
(765) 768-7708
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Services: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday
7pillarsdirector@gmail.com
templebaptistin.com

The Church at Westchester
4487 E. 400 North
(260) 726-6311
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Services: 10:35 a.m.
churchatwestchester.org

Trinity Lutheran
301 N. Wayne St., Fort Recovery
Robin Owen
(419) 375-4498
Services: 9 a.m. (contemporary service, fourth Sunday)
pastorrobino@gmail.com

Trinity ArchBridge Church
323 S. Meridian St., Portland
Dan Vore
(260) 726-8391
Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Services: 10:15 a.m.
portlandtrinity.com

Union Chapel
6200 N. 375 West, Bryant
Interim Pastor Chris Kruchkow
(260) 849-0687
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene
County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
Fred Stevens
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Walnut Corner
County roads 200 North and 500 West
Steve Rogers
(260) 251-1113
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

West Walnut Church of Christ
204 W. Walnut St., Portland
Gil Alicea
(260) 726-4691
Services: 10 a.m.
westwalnutchurchofchrist.org

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Robin Owen
218 E. High St., Portland
(260) 726-8832
zionlutheranportland@gmail.com
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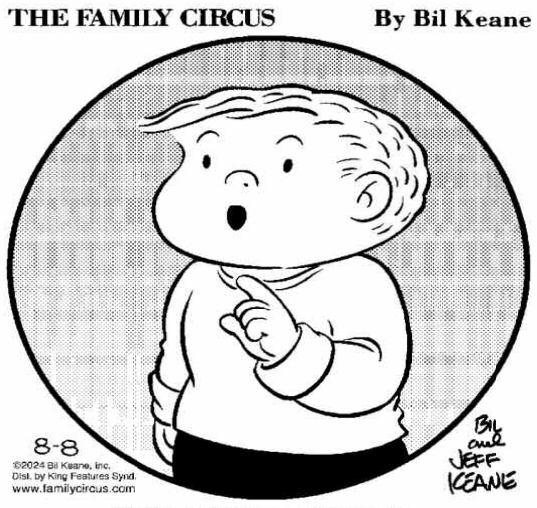

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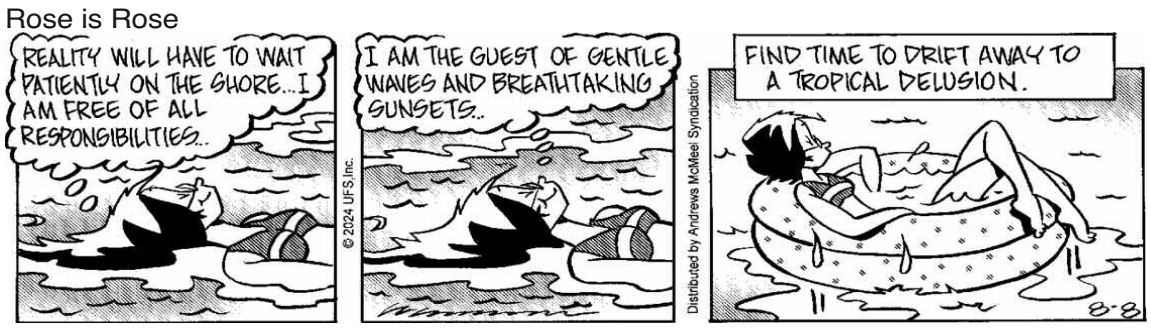

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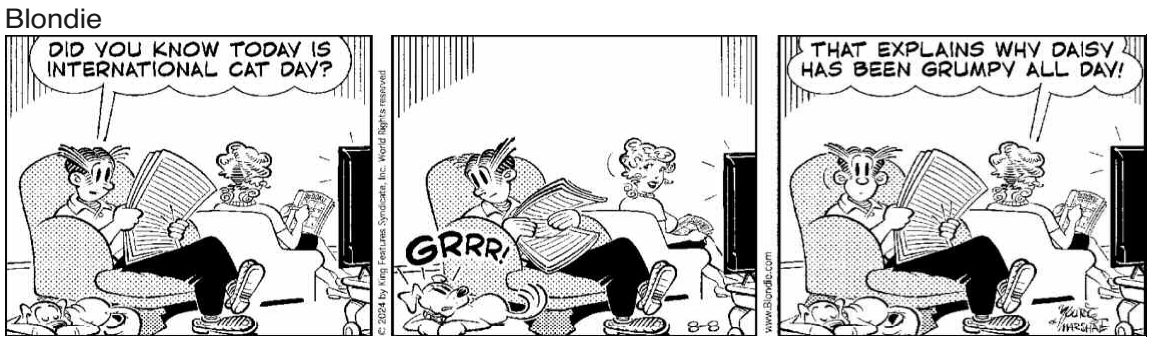

Snuffy Smith

Beetle Bailey

Contract Bridge — By Steve Becker

Think before you leap

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

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

EAST
♠ 8 6 4 3
♥ A Q 4
♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ 10 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q J
♥ 6 3
♦ A K 7 6
♣ K Q 7 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT

Opening lead — two of clubs.

When dummy is short of entries, it is usually just as apparent to the defenders as it is to the declarer. In such cases, the defenders should try to shape their play so as to take advantage of declarer's limited access to dummy. Consider this deal where faulty defense allowed declarer to make a contract that should have been defeated.

West led a club, and South won East's ten with the king. The obvious suit to attack was hearts, so declarer led a heart to the jack. East won with the queen and returned a club. South took the trick with the queen, forced out the ace of hearts and finished with 10 tricks consisting of two spades, three hearts, two diamonds and three clubs.

However, East could have prevented South from making even nine tricks. When the heart was led to the jack at trick two, he should have allowed the jack to win the trick.

Declarer would most likely take a spade finesse at this point. West wins with the king and returns a club. Regardless of how South continues, he falls one trick short of his contract, scoring only one heart trick instead of three and eight tricks instead of 10.

East should reason that dummy's hearts are likely to be dead if he refuses to win the first heart trick. He can see that if South has only two hearts, he will not be able to establish the suit and then bring it home. West's play of the deuce on the first heart lead, indicating three cards in the suit, should cause East to adjust his defense accordingly.

Usually, the holdup play in notrump is reserved for declarer, but there are many times — and this is one of them — where the defense can adopt a similar strategy.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

8-8 CRYPTOQUIP

BCD IVPCF IWGS XDXGFWVZR EDA EWAI LSWRFR ZVGS XCVXGSMR, NVPR, RCSSN WMH XDBR? W LWAMFSMHSA.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SUPPOSING ALL OF WINNIE-THE-POOH'S TEETH WERE TO FALL OUT, I'D SAY HE WOULD BE A GUMMY BEAR.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals S

CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

ACROSS
1 Durango home
5 Tampa Bay NFLer
8 Designer Rabanne
12 Mosque VIP
13 Punk-rock sub-genre
14 Big-screen format
15 Verdi heroine
16 Opening
17 Comic Jay
18 Black Sea port
20 Nest egg choices
22 Marching formation
26 Drive away
29 San Francisco's — Hill
30 Poetic contraction
31 Nile bird
32 Cereal grain
33 Pitcher
34 Sandy shade
35 ER workers
36 Luminaries
37 Admirer of English things
40 Milne bruin
41 Despot
45 Elitist
47 Ecol. watchdog
49 Linguist Chomsky
50 Logical
51 Online address
52 "— Karenina"
53 Early birds?
54 Tofu source
55 Low-fat

DOWN
1 Pisa farewell
2 During
3 "Mau-reen" singer
4 Gathers
5 Started
6 Ms. Thurman
7 Cockpit colleague
8 Kebab go-with
9 Midwest university city
10 Paint container
11 Tic-tac-toe loser
19 Part of RSVP
21 Civil War soldier
23 Grind one's teeth
24 Ogler's look
25 Goofs
26 Broadway star Moreno
27 Abba of Israel
28 Table game
32 Husband of Eurydice
33 Unending
35 Scooby-—
36 Devious
38 Oft-pierced ear areas
39 Tuscany setting
42 Top-of-the-line
43 "Peter Pan" dog
44 Eliot Ness, e.g.
45 Compass dir.
46 Pester
48 Expert

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 8-8

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Cole Hocker pulls off historic upset for gold

By SCOTT M. REID
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Tribune News Service

SAINT-DENIS, France — It was reminiscent of and just as unlikely as another American upset on an Olympic track 60 years earlier.

An unheralded runner from the American midwest, weaving his way through a chaotic and crowded final homestretch, passing one pre-race favorite, then another, the defending Olympic gold medalist and the reigning world champion, racing through the stadium's deafening roar with a blistering kick, lifting his arms into the sky of an electric night as he crossed the finish line and into Olympic history on Tuesday.

All that was missing was the late broadcaster Dick Bank calling him home.

"Look at Hocker!"

"Look at Hocker!"

Cole Hocker, the 23-year-old Indiana native and former Oregon standout, stole the most anticipated Olympic Games 1,500-meter final since Great Britain's Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett faced off at the Moscow Games in 1980, delivering the biggest upset in Olympic track and field history since Billy Mills won the 10,000 meters at the Tokyo Games in 1964.

"Winning gold was my goal this entire year. I wrote that down and I repeated it to myself even if I didn't believe it," Hocker said. "My performances showed me that I was capable of running 3:27, whatever it took. I knew I was a medal contender, and I knew that if I get it right, it would be a gold medal. I've been saying that."

No one else, however, was.

No one, not Norway's Jakob Ingebrigtsen, the Olympic champion three years ago, or his bitter rival Josh Kerr, Great Britain's reigning world champion, not the media, saw Hocker coming in what no less than Coe, the two-time Olympic champion, pronounced a "race for the ages," until it was too late.

By the time Kerr saw Hocker sneaking up on the inside of Stade de France's lavender track past Ingebrigtsen it was too late and he had too little left to respond to Hocker's surge to an Olympic record 3 minute, 27.65 seconds clocking.

"I kind of told myself that I'm in this race too," Hocker said. "If they let me fly under the radar, then so be it. I think that might've just been the best."

Kerr, the former New Mexico NCAA champion who trains in Seattle, was right behind in 3:27.78. The silver medal was an upgrade from the bronze Kerr took in Tokyo but will be little consolation for losing a race whose year-long build-up had focused almost exclusively on the Scot and Ingebrigtsen and had been fueled by the pair's deep and very public animosity toward each other.

"It's difficult to look back on it now just because it's been so crazy since the finish line," Kerr said. "My ears are gone, my legs are gone. I'm proud of the performance I put out there today."

Another American, Yared Nuguse, also snuck past Ingebrigtsen to claim the bronze medal in 3:27.80, just missing catching Kerr. Ingebrigtsen finished in 3:28.24, faster than he ran in his Olympic record-setting victory in Tokyo, but only good enough for fourth place Tuesday.

With Hocker's victory following and inspired by Matthew Centrowitz's gold medal triumph at the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro, the U.S. has won two of the last three Olympic 1,500 gold medals after a 108-year absence atop the medal podium. Hocker and Nuguse's gold and bronze finishes also marked the first time two Americans have made an Olympic 1,500 podium since 1912.

Further evidence of the U.S. emergence as a global middle distance power sparked by Centrowitz's victory came in fifth place where Hobbs Kessler, the 21-year-old Michigan phenom now competing for adidas, finished in a personal best 3:29.45.

"It's a real pinnacle of our sport, being able to come to the world stage where everyone is performing at their absolute best," Nuguse, an NCAA champion at Notre Dame now competing for ON. "It's so, so amazing and to share with a fellow American makes it even better."

If the final reminded the sport of Mills, who was in Paris Tuesday, it was also a reminder of another race for the ages gone awry, especially for the British media and fans.

Ovett and Coe's first meeting at a major international competition was in the 1978 European Championships 800-meter final in Prague. Coe that summer had just started to emerge as the leading threat to Ovett's status as the world's premier middle distance runner. It was a rivalry built as much on Fleet Street as it was on the track, "Covett" receiving smothering press coverage as if they were part of the immediate royal family.

In Prague, Ovett and Coe, like the media, were so focused on each other that they didn't see East Germany's Olaf Beyer until it was too late.

If the lesson of Prague was lost on Kerr and Ingebrigtsen, so were any lessons in hubris.

In between setting world records, the pair had spent much of the last year taking shots at each other in the media. Kerr's win over the Norwegian at the Prefontaine Classic's Bowerman Mile in Eugene, Ore., in May only emboldened the Scot's swagger and seemed to make Ingebrigtsen all the more determined to not only beat Kerr but bury him.

"Just expect one of the most vicious, hardest 1,500 meters that the sport has seen in a very long time," Kerr said Sunday. "I'm ready to go after it, I think we all are. There has been a lot of talk over the last 12 months, even two years. I'm just looking to settle that a little bit on Tuesday, and give my best performance."

Ingebrigtsen, who has referred to his rivals as "a-holes" and Kerr specifically among other things as just "another guy," vowed to run away with the race from start to finish. It took him 105 meters to take the lead, pushing the pace through a blazing — bold or reckless — 54.9 first 400 followed by Kenya's Brian Komen, and Kerr.

"It was the race I expected," Ingebrigtsen said. "I felt extremely good, and that's why I pushed the pace a little too hard. "

They remained in that order past 800 meters, Ingebrigtsen clocked in 1:51.5.

"It was fast, this crowd was absolutely electric," Kerr said. "We went for it, we promised a fast and great race, and that was the result."

Ingebrigtsen still led with 300 to go, passing 1,200 meters in 2:47.3 with Kenya's Timothy Cheruiyot, the silver medalist in Tokyo, on his shoulder and Kerr running wide, building to attack in the final 200.

But as the race entered its final bend, Ingebrigtsen began to pay the price for his courage or arrogance, take your pick.

"I saw that I got a starting gap, and I was a little bit eager," he said. "Of course, it's not what I was hoping for. I can only blame myself. It's a difficult game, balancing your energy. It's difficult to get 100 percent of that."

Kerr pulled up next to his rival off the turn and then pushed past him seemingly headed toward Great Britain's first gold medal since Coe's victory in Los Angeles 40 years ago.

He probably would have held on for the victory had Ingebrigtsen, trying to hold him off and laboring from his effort, hadn't drifted to the outside of Lane One in the final 60 meters opening a gap on the inside for Hocker to sneak through.

"That's an unbelievable feeling," Hocker said. "I just felt like I was getting carried by the stadium and God. My body just kind of did it for me. My mind was all there and I saw that finish line."

And history on the other side of it.

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She hit her drive on a rope, but it struck a tree, bouncing back and to the right. At 105 yards from the green, she pulled out her pitching wedge and sent it closer but caught another tree branch to keep it off to the right.

Her first chip wound up short, only rolling to the fringe, but on her fourth shot, Will hit a chip that rolled in for par.

"I had a really good drive if it didn't bounce off the tree," Will said. "Then I used my pitching wedge, and it was pretty good but off to the right. If it was straight, it would have been on the green, so it wasn't really going my way.

"Then I just got lucky and chipped it in. I've never really experienced that before so it was exciting."

Knapke fell victim to the tough first hole, shooting an 11 to start the match on the wrong foot.

She said after that hole she just focused on her own game to find success. That strategy paid off two holes later on the 280-yard, par-5 second hole.

A strong drive put her 15 yards short of the creek and 103 yards away from the green. Knapke's second shot cleared the green with ease, landing a few feet short of the green to set up a chip that ended a foot from the cup and a tap-in birdie.

"I was excited because it was my first one of the season," Knapke said. "All together, my shots were smooth and there wasn't anything there I was not proud of."

The Indians' other two scores came from Mallory Evers and Georgia Wenning in the No. 4 and 5 positions, respectively. Evers shot a 54 — the sixth-best score of the match — that featured a par on hole No. 3. Wenning also parred the third hole as well as the sixth en route to a 58.

Eva Kahlig's 60 and Briner's 62 didn't affect the team score.

"We just said, 'Today's going to be a better day,'" Vaughn said. "Hopefully everyday we get better. We were talking afterwards that we need to get a couple of them in the 40s and low 50s and we are going to be all right."

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FRHS senior Emma Will chips onto the third green at Union City Country Club on Tuesday. Will provided the best score for the Indians, shooting a 49 to help the Indians take down Tri-Village and earn herself the third-best score of the match.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

Fort Recovery — Boys golf vs. Mississinawa Valley – 9 a.m.; Volleyball scrimmage at Crestview – 5 p.m.

Friday

Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Houston – 9 a.m.; Football scrimmage vs. Lehman Catholic – 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today

1:30 a.m. — Olympic swimming (USA)
4 a.m. — Olympic track & field (USA)
8:35 p.m. — Olympic water polo (USA)
10:30 a.m. — Olympic taekwondo (USA)
12 p.m. — Olympic beach volleyball finals (NBC)
1 p.m. — Little League baseball (ESPN2)
1:30 p.m. — Olympic water polo (USA)
1:35 p.m. — Olympic track & field (NBC)
6:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Miami Marlins (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — NFL preseason: Carolina Panthers vs. New England Patriots (CBS); Detroit Lions vs. New York Giants (FOX)
8 p.m. — Mixed Olympic coverage (NBC)

Friday

1:30 a.m. — Olympic swimming (USA)
4 a.m. — Olympic track & field (USA)
3 p.m. — Olympic beach volleyball (USA)
4:30 p.m. — Olympic beach volleyball (NBC)
7 p.m. — NFL preseason: Houston Texans vs. Pittsburgh Steelers (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — NFL preseason: Philadelphia Eagles vs. Baltimore Ravens (CBS)
8:10 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Kansas City Royals (Bally Indiana)

Local notes

Next up

The Adams Memorial/Kekionga Greenway Gallop 5K is the next race in the Adams County Challenge Series.

The race will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24. It will begin at Riverside Center in Decatur at 4:30 p.m.

The races costs $20 if registered by Aug. 11, and $25 after that date. Registration can be found at www.adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

For more information contact Linda Morris at (260) 724-2604.

Season tickets for sale

Jay County High School began selling season tickets Monday, July 22. Tickets can be purchased during office hours from 7:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

The Patriot Pass and Senior Patriot Pass (for those 65-and-older) cover all high school and junior high events. The former costs $105 while the latter is $60.

For just high school events, High School Adult Super Tickets ($80) and Senior Super Tickets for those 65-and-older ($45) are available. Junior High Super Tickets are available for $60.

Also available are a Pre-Paid Sports Pass, good for 12 games at $50, boys basketball season passes for $50 and football season passes for $25.

Classic set

The 11th Annual Adams Health Foundation Golf Classic is set to be held on Sept. 13 at Wabash Valley Golf Club.

Teams of four can participate for $400, with tee times at either 7:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Included are an 18-hole round of golf, a best, non-alcoholic beverages, a cooler bag and lunch.

All proceeds go to school healthcare scholarships and community health. For more information, contact Kim Trombley by emailing kim.tormbley@adamshealthnetwork.org or by calling (260) 724-2145 ext. 13062.

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Indians take top spot at Mercer County Invite

CELINA, Ohio — The girls started their season on Monday.

The boys had to wait an extra day to hit the links, but the slight delay didn't hurt them as the Indians came out as strong as they could have hoped for.

The village earned bragging rights in Mercer County on Tuesday after the Fort Recovery High School boys golf team claimed the top spot in the Mercer County Invitational with a score of 327 at Mercer County Elks Golf Club.

The Indians finished seven strokes ahead of St. Henry and Parkway, who tied for second with 334. Coldwater wasn't far behind either, finishing third with 337, while Marion Local's 351 strokes had them in last.

Local roundup

Reece LeFevre led the way for the Indians with a 75 in the match. He tied for match medalist honors but lost the outright title in a shootoff.

He shot for par on 11 of the 18 holes, and added a pair of birdies on the 14th and 17th holes – both were par-4s.

Following LeFevre were Keegan Muhlenkamp and Eli Lennartz with an 81 and 82, respectively. They combined for 23 pars in the match.

The fourth score came from Caleb Smith, who shot an 89 in his varsity debut.

Scores of 91 and 95 from Riley Grieshop and Drew Backs didn't impact the final.

Snow cuts back

DECATUR — The Jay County girls golf team shot a 465 at the Bellmont Invitational on Tuesday at Cross Creek Golf Club.

Norwell won the match, with the low score of 369, while the Patriots' score had them trailing behind for fifth place. Bluffton finished as the runner up with 400, Adams Central (454) was third and Bellmont (455) was one stroke behind. JCHS did beat Heritage, which shot a 473.

After opening the season with a 110, Maddy Snow cut back to shoot a 100 on Tuesday. She made par on the seventh (par-3) and ninth (par-4) holes and added seven bogeys.

Snow finished seventh in the meet, while Emma Schwartz of Bluffton claimed the match medalist with an 80.

Brooklynn Bright claimed the second-best score for Jay County with a 116. She shot for bogey four times.

Bailey Towell finished one stroke behind as a pair of bogeys led her to a score of 118.

Erin Aker contributed the fourth score with a 131.

JV comes up short

CELINA and UNION CITY, Ohio — The Fort Recovery junior varsity golf team competed in a pair of events on Tuesday.

Colson Post led the way for the Indians at the Mercer County Invitational with a match-low 92 strokes.

The Indians finished with 403 strokes, falling to Coldwater 24 strokes but claiming second.

Other scores came from Mason Diller (95), Garrett Diller (89) and Hoyt Schmitz (118).

FRHS placed seventh at the Union City Classic with a 219. Will Westgerdes shot the low of 51, while other scores came from Will Faller (54), Reed Albers (56) and Hudson McAbee (58).

Sweet Revenge

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Fort Recovery High School junior Olivia Knapke follows through on a swing on the second hole at Union City Country Club during Tuesday's Union City Classic. Knapke finished with a 51, which was the fourth-best score of the match, to help the Indians to a second-place finish.

Indians girls golf cuts 11 strokes, places second at Union City Classic

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

UNION CITY, Ohio — After a few strong practices leading up to the start of the season, the Indians were disappointed in their opening performance.

One day later, they took a step forward to redeem themselves from the slip up in the first match.

The Fort Recovery High School girls golf shaved 11 strokes off its score on Tuesday to shoot a 212 and take second place in the Union City Classic at Union City Country Club.

On Monday, Fort Recovery dropped its season-opening match to Tri-Village 215-223, but got revenge on Tuesday by beating the Patriots 212-226. While FRHS picked off Tri-Village, they couldn't catch Arcanum, falling short by just one stroke to the Trojans.

"Oh, I'm happy today," FRHS coach Jeff Vaughn said. "We improved 11 strokes from last night, which is always a good thing. The girls played much better, minus a couple holes here and there.

"We competed and lost by one stroke, but I'm much happier with what we did today."

The Indians (1-2) had two of the top five golfers in the event. Reagan Brewer of Tri-Village, who also medaled in Monday's match, shot a 2-under-par 36 to earn match-medalist honors again. Arcanum's Emma Rogers followed Brewer up with a 44. FRHS claimed the next two spots with Emma Will shooting a 49 and Olivia Knapke a 51.

"I feel good because I didn't think I was going to do that good," Will said. "It feels better, because I've been practicing a lot better than I've been playing."

"(It went) pretty good, better than yesterday so I was excited about that," Knapke later said. "Definitely not my best yet, but I know it will come."

Will's round consisted of two pars and four bogeys, while Knapke's score was driven by a birdie, a par and three bogeys.

Will's two best holes came on the 485-yard, par-6 first hole and the 250-yard, par-4 seventh. The senior was the only golfer of the 18 competing to par hole No. 1. Only Brewer bogeyed it and just three more — including Fort Recovery's Evvie Briner — double-bogeyed it. Will said the key for her was avoiding the two creeks and sinking a good putt.

The seventh hole almost turned into a disaster for Will.

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