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Moratoriums recommended By BAILEY CLINE

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Moratoriums may be put in place on solar and battery storage developments.

Jay County Plan Commission recommended up to one-year moratoriums for future battery storage and solar facilities in the county after public hearings Thursday.

The decision moves next to solar facilities in Jay County for in favor or against either facility Jay County Commissioners. If both recommendations are approved, the moratoriums crammed into Community would prevent developers from Resource Center's meeting room creating battery storage and Thursday, with several speaking

Plan commission wants time to develop battery storage ordinance, review solar rules

up to one year. 30 More visitors than

coming to Jay County.

Battery storage

has discussed potential battery noted Thursday that his organi-

storage projects from NextEra Energy Resources and Jay County REMC.

Sattery storageNeil Draper, president and
CEO of Jay County REMC,

zation has been planning battery storage projects at some substations.

"This project allows our peak demand to be reduced during projected high-power usage times through the month and year," he said. "Many people do not realize this, but the cost of electricity varies greatly throughout the day ... the goal of this project is to charge batteries during night time with less expensive energy and use it to offset usage during those peak hours.'

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China caps tariffs on U.S. at 125%

Warning says Beijing will *'counterattack* and fight to the end'

By JOSH XIAO

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

China retaliated against Donald Trump's latest tariffs by hiking duties on all U.S. goods, while calling administration's the actions a "joke" and saying it no longer considers them worth matching.

Beijing will raise tariffs on all U.S. goods from 84% to 125% starting April 12, the Ministry of Finance said on Friday, after the White House clarified that levies on Chinese goods rose to 145% this vear

"Given that American goods are no longer marketable in China under the current tariff rates, if the U.S. further raises tar-



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Performing today

A Cincinnati Circus duo will perform two shows today to close Arts Place's Eric R. Rogers Performance Series. Tickets are \$7 and are available at myartsplace.org. Performances will be held at 3 and 6 p.m. Free activities, including face painting and juggling demonstrations, will begin 45 minutes before each show.

House GOP passes tax plan

iffs on Chinese exports, China will disregard such measures," according to the statement.

With tariffs at levels now set to halt most all trade between the world's biggest economies, the concern now is that the economic fight could spill into other areas of the relationship. Trump and Xi are locked in a standoff over who will move to deescalate first: Trump has said he's "waiting" for a call from Beijing, while Chi-nese officials have repeatedly said they're open to negotiations but won't be bullied into talking.

In a separate statement Friday, the Commerce Ministry said Washington's repeated use of excessively high tariffs has become little more than a numbers game — economically meaningless and revealing its use of tariffs as a tool for bullying and coercion. "It's become a joke," the ministry said.

it will "resolutely counterattack and fight to the end" if the U.S. substantially infringes on its rights and interests. It also said America should take full responsibility for the damage caused by the tariffs.

S&P 500 futures fell alongside European stocks after China's announcement, while futures on the Hang Seng China Enterprises Index pared gains.

Democrats refer to legislation as a 'scam'

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ Indiana Capital Chronicle

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A gargantuan local property and income tax plan — alternately dubbed a "great win" by Republicans and a "scam" by Democrats cleared the Indiana House of Representatives on Thursday. The 65-29 vote was decided largely along party lines.

It came a day after lawmakers China also warned that made sweeping edits with Gov. Mike Braun's blessing. And the Senate appears poised to consent to the changes.

"SB1 offers meaningful tax relief for Hoosiers. The plan to CUT, CAP, and REFORM means relief now and systemic changes for the future to protect taxpayers," Braun posted on social media. "Thank you to the House for their hard work and I look forward to the Senate sending this to my desk for signature next week!"

Senate Bill 1 would save home-

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Indiana Capital Chronicle/Leslie Bonilla Muniz

Rep. Greg Porter, House Democrats' finance lead, delivers remarks to reporters on the Republican-led passage of a massive local tax plan. Porter and his caucus held a news conference, featuring bright red and orange signs, after the House adjourned on Thursday.

owners a collective \$1.2 billion in property taxes over three calendar years, from 2026 through 2028, according to a Thursday fiscal analysis. It does so largely by creating a credit for 10% off every homestead's bill, up to \$300 each.

Rep. Jeff Thompson, R-Lizton,

dubbed it a "great win for Hoosier taxpayers" Thursday.

Thompson, the House GOP caucus' tax and budget head, said about two-thirds of homeowners would pay less in 2026 than this year under the overhauled legislation.

But local units of government

would lose a projected \$1.5 billion over the three years, per the analysis. Public school corporations alone represent about half the loss, at \$744 million — although Democrats contend other tax changes push that figure to almost \$800 million.

"It's a loser for schools," Rep. Greg Porter, D-Indianapolis, told the chamber.

In comments to reporters Thursday, House Speaker Todd Huston, R-Fishers, noted that estimates for local government losses are based on projected revenue. He urged greater focus on year-over-year collections.

"I'm going to push back on everybody that says, 'Well, we would have collected 'x." Before you say it's a cut, what did you collect last year? And what are you collecting this year? And then tell me what the numbers are," Huston conclud-

House Democrats accused their GOP colleagues of strong-arming local units of governments into raising local income taxes to make up property tax revenue losses.

The legislation caps total local income tax rates for all counties to 2.9%, down from 3.75%. Municipalities would be authorized to impose rates up to 1.2% within that county total — a tool they have not had before. Under current law, they have to get county officials on board to nab a local income tax.

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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 49 degrees Friday.

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high in the mid 50s. The low will be in the 30s tonight.

Expect mostly cloudy skies with winds gusting to 25 miles per hour and a high in the low 60s Sunday. Windy conditions will continue overnight with a low in the lower 50s.

Highs will climb into the upper 30s under mostly cloudy skies Monday. There is a 30% chance of rain.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay School Board will meet in executive session at 4 p.m. Monday.

Also, Fort Recovery School Board has moved its meeting from its regularly scheduled date of April 21 to Monday, April 14. It will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the community room at Fort Recovery High School.

Coming up

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

Wednesday — Details from next week's Dunkirk City Council meeting.

Thursday — Coverage of the JCHS baseball game against New Castle.



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Draper added that all of the power would be used locally for members of Jay County REMC. In addition, he said, a contract between Jay County REMC and generation and transmission electric cooperative Wabash Valley Power Alliance for moving forward with the project would provide guaranteed proceeds to Jay County REMC every month, helping keep members' electricity costs low and bringing in capital funds to the cooperative.

Brent Revher of Wabash Vallev Power Alliance said there are three sites that have been earmarked as potential battery storage locations in Jay County. (Those sites are alongside substations in the areas of Trinity and Mount Zion — Mount Zion substation is currently in development — and Greene Township.)

Plans are to store energy substations, alongside he explained, on land owned by the cooperative. The properties would be fenced in and remotely monitored at all times.

thermal management systems pared statement, voicing safety and battery cell isolation, according to documents shared at the meeting. The batteries would be made from lithium iron phosphate, which documents say is safer and more stable.

Paul Brown of Energy Safety Response Group noted battery storage is regulated, requiring various safety protocols to be put in place and approved for each facility

Each site would store less than eight megawatts of energy.

pivotal role to help keep costs down and offset some significant upward pressures in the cost of power today," Reyher said.

If the three battery storage projects were to be delayed or canceled, he continued, there would be "upward pressure on retail rates for cooperative members.'

Taylor Christian, lead project manager at NextEra Energy Resources, noted his company is also undergoing safety measure discussions and testing for a potential project in Jay County.

Rural Portland resident Bob Lyons said NextEra Energy Resources, which owns and operates Bluff Point Wind Energy Center in southern Jay County and northern Randolph County, is planning a battery storage facility on his farm ground. He talked about the subsequent raise in assessed value and potential tax abatements that he said would benefit the whole of the county.

Rural Union City resident Other protections include Diane Siegrist read from a preconcerns with battery storage and questioning facilities whether Jay County REMC members would see benefits from it.

"How much more do we want to put in our county for the benefit of people not living here?" she asked. "Too many of our young, productive youth are moving out of the county. I just want it to be safe for my children, my grandchildren, future generations and don't you want the same for your

dren?"

Commission member Jeanne Houchins said the commission needs to educate itself on battery storage before creating an ordinance. Plan commission member and Jay County Commissioners president Chad Aker and commission members Brad Daniels and Todd Skirvin shared similar sentiments.

"I just don't want this to be the wild west," Aker said.

Commission member Matt Minnich, who also serves as Jay County Council president, said landowners should be able to do what they want on their land.

Solar farms

Four companies — Invenergy, Scout Clean Energy, Leeward Renewable Energy and Hodson Energy — are planning solar farms in Jay County.

Jay/Portland Building and Planning director John Hemmelgarn noted none of the projects have started construction yet. Pati McLaughlin, assistant director of Jay/Portland Building and Planning, pointed out the moratorium will not impact those projects.

Several residents spoke in opposition of solar farms Thursday.

Approximately 5,441 acres of Jay County are slated for solar farms in the coming years, noted Diane Siegrist. She questioned how many of those acres are in "prime farm land" and how much more farm land the county plans to give up to solar farms.

Jeff Birsfield of rural Port-

"Battery storage would play a children and your grandchil- land — he also previously nies have cited delays with served on a committee made to put together solar and wind ordinances — shared concerns about whether renewable energy sources are helping to reduce pollution and issues with current setback requirements for solar facilities.

Brady Johnson of rural Bryant noted he'll have solar panels across from his property with one of the planned projects. He told plan commission not to listen to recommendations from company representatives who don't live in Jay County. (Birsfield soon after read off a list indicating a majority of farmers involved in pending renewable energy projects don't live in Jay County.)

Mark Trumbauer of NextEra Energy Resources suggested plan commission look at legislation passed from other counties and states, saying there are many others going through the same situation.

Lyons cautioned the county on setting a moratorium.

"It seems to me like vou're closing the barn door after the horse is out," he said. "You've got four (projects), and you won't let anymore in?'

Commissioner Duane Monroe said he would like to see a moratorium in place for solar companies to give officials time to consider ordinance stipulations, such as setback requirements.

Hemmelgarn noted some solar projects have asked for and received extensions on construction timelines. (Compa- moratorium at any time.)

regional transmission organization PJM Interconnection's process.)

Aker questioned whether the county will see the solar projects take shape. He pointed out the projects would bring economic development dollars into the county and referenced Indiana Senate Bill 1, which in part could reduce county revenue. Aker said the county will need to look for a revenue replacement if the bill passes.

Commission members and Hemmelgarn voiced concerns about the current solar ordinance, pointing out the county can't measure its effectiveness on solar projects because none of the planned Jay County facilities have been completed.

Minnich noted when the solar ordinance was originally created more than six years ago, there weren't commercial solar facilities near Jay County. That has since changed, he added.

Recommendations

Plan commission president Scott Hilfiker reminded commission members they weren't making a decision Thursday on whether to accept or deny proposed projects.

Casey Wagner and Aker, Hilfiker, Skirvin, Daniels, Houchins and Minnich, absent Steve McIntosh, recommended up to one-vear moratoriums on commercial battery storage and commercial solar operations. (As reminded by McLaughlin, officials can choose to end a

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Sunday 4/13	Monday 4/14	Tuesday 4/15	Wednesday 4/16	Thursday 4/17			
62/54 Mostly cloudy skies on Sunday when wind gusts may reach up to 25 mph.	of thunder- storms Mon-	49/35 Tuesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with lows around 35.	58/42 Mostly sunny on Wednesday when the low will hit the lower 40s.	65/52 Thurs- day's forecast shows a 50% chance of showers with highs in the mid 60s.			
Lotteries							
Hoosier Pick 3: 8-1-4 Midday Pick 4: 3-1-0-5 Daily Three: 8-1-2 Pick 5: 9-7-4-3-7							

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"This plan is a trick. It's a scam. It presumes Hoosiers can't under-

stand that 2.9% of their income is a lot more money than a \$300 proper-ty tax credit," House Minority Leader Phil GiaQuinta, D-Fort Wayne, told reporters during a Thursday news conference.

"Statehouse Republicans are telling you they are cutting property taxes so they can score political points," he continued. "But let me tell you the truth ... They're forcing our local servants to take the heat for raising your taxes.³

Rep. Mike Andrade, D-Munster, called the measure "a bait and switch" in which "local governments are left with no choice but to raise income taxes or slash critical services to subsidize the revenue loss.

Thompson pushed back, noting told his colleagues.

the new, lower cap actually "slashes" untapped local income tax capacity from \$5 billion to \$3 billion. That didn't satisfy Democrats.

Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, said it still would allow local governments to hike income taxes by three times more than what homeowners would save in property taxes.

"I don't think that would happen," he said of locals. "But, Braun math says (that) if I save you a nickel in your left pocket, I can take 15 nickels out of your right pocket."

House Speaker Todd Huston offered vehement defense in a rare speech from the floor.

"The idea that this is a bait-andswitch is comical ... because at the end of the day ... we are providing taxpayer relief. We are," Huston

The local income tax furor appeared to trouble Braun.

"I have heard from several Hoosiers since my property tax deal was announced yesterday who are concerned about the local income tax provisions in the bill. Let me be clear," he wrote in a Thursday morning social media post. agreed to a deal that delivers meaningful property tax cuts ... and cuts the total local income tax rate by 23% from 3.75% to 2.9%.

Although Braun wrote he "trust(ed)" that's what was in the massive amendment approved Wednesday, his team was still examining the document "line by line to verify all of the language matches the deal.'

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Quick Draw: 11-12- Powerball 14-15-20-24-25-30-33-37-41-42-47-50-61-68-71-75-77-80

Daily Four: 1-4-2-7

Ohio

Midday

Estimated jackpot: \$82 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$72 million

Markets

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Richland Township	May corn4.88
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In 2013, Elle Sutter three-team won the 800-meter run, against Jackson Center 1,600 run and 3,200 run, and also led off the winning 4x800 relay, for the Fort Recovery High School girls track team opener 183-215 to the as it scored 49.5 points Wapahani Raiders. to finish second in a

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meet (54.5) and Houston (43). In 2018, the Jay County High School boys golf

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team dropped its season —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday

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

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

4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks conference room, 414 Floral Ave., Portland.

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

6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, living facility, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland.

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

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

Capsule Reports

Intersection crash

Portland woman crashed into oncoming traffic at the intersection of Pleasant and High streets about 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Sarah Williams, 39, was driving her 2020 Kia Niro west on High Street when she stopped at its crossing with Pleasant Street. She told police she didn't see the northbound 2024 Jeep Wrangler and continued into the intersection, crashing into 49-year-old Blue Donnelly's car.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Her vehicle was towed.

Four firsts

Jay County High School's academic team earned first place in four disciplines Tuesday as it competed in a four-way Eastern Indiana Academic League competition at Wapahani.

JCHS picked up victories in:

SERVICES

Today

Best, Pamela: noon, Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Monday

Laux, Jerome: 10:30 a.m., 471 St. Anthony Road, Fort Recovery.

Harriett, Thomas: 11:30 a.m., Pennville Community Gym, 390 W. Pleasant St., Pennville.

Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE **DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com

•English — Keira Corwin, Cameran Paxson, Ella Stockton and Izzy Winkles

•Fine arts — Trov Lee and Izzy Winkles

•Math — Jensen Avery, Joseph Boggs, Brennan Chrisman, Trenten Hamilton and Andrew Stouder

•Science — Joseph Boggs, Brennan Chrisman, Audrey Muhlenkamp, Adamaris Ruiz-Herrera and Andrew Stouder

team took second.

WIND RUSH HOMES 997 Boundary Pike Portland, IN 47371 260-726-9230 TDD Relay 800-744-3333 2 & 3-Bedroom Duplex Limited Rental Assistance Available for those who qualify \$200.00 Security Deposit Move-In Special Satellite TV Service Total electric with water included in rent. Playground, Laundry Facilities "This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider E and Employer"

Jay County Solid Waste Management District

Rain Barrel Workshop

Join Bettie in making a FREE rain barrel

Interested in harvesting rainwater from your rooftop?

April 17th at 6:00 pm 5948 W. State Road 67

The interdisciplinary

10.27

Family



Regional Oratorical contest

Six Jay County students competed in the Optimist International Regional Oratorical Contest held April 3 at Jay County Christian Academy. Pictured above from left are Vanessa Vanover, Sam Gibson, Anna Fisher, Leah Steed, Angelina Geesaman and Londyn Cavanaugh. Gibson, Vanover and Cavanaugh will advance to the Optimist International District Oratorical Contest to be held at Huntington University on April 26.

Woman won't pay unemployed sister's rent

DEAR ABBY: At 63, I am the voungest sister of four siblings. We grew up in the turmoil of Dad's alcoholism and hoarding, as well as physical and emotional abuse from both our parents.

One of my sisters, "June," was sexually assaulted by my brother. She's 71 now and hasn't worked since she was in her early 30s. She supports herself on Social Security and a pension from her ex-husband. Her ex-husband recently passed away, and the pension stopped. She now expects my sister and me to pay her rent because she's "too old to be working anymore.³

Abby, June is perfectly capable of getting a part-time job. She refuses to apply for anything despite my telling her I will pay her rent for only two more months. My other sister, "Lisa," is guilting me by saying "we don't want to see her on the street."



I'm about to retire after working 48 years. I worked two jobs until I was 52. I'm extremely angry about the situation. Although I can afford it, I don't feel it should be my responsibility because June won't make any effort to help herself. Advice? — SIBLING DRAMA IN NEW YORK

DEAR SIBLING DRAMA: Schedule a family discussion for yourself and your two sisters. At that time, tell them you are willing to help June and, IF she gets a parttime job, you would be willing to pay PART of her rent HOSTESS IN PENNSYLVANIA IF Lisa will split the cost

with you. Do this only if Your husband's nieces' and both your sisters are willing to make it a joint effort.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I always host every holiday. During each holiday before we eat, we say a Catholic mealtime prayer because we are religious. However, recently, my husband's nieces and nephews, who are in their early 20s, stopped participating in the prayer. I am OK with that, but they talk and mock our prayer while we are praying.

How can we handle this? Our children noticed how inappropriate they were. I understand if they don't want to participate, but shouldn't they sit quietly and respect us? I am against them coming into our home, mocking our religion and then putting out their hand for a gift. Thanks for any words wisdom. — FAITHFUL of DEAR HOSTESS: Wow.

nephews' behavior is beyond rude. If they don't wish to join you in the pre-meal prayer, they ABSOLUTELY should be respectful and sit quietly until you are finished. When it happens again, the first words out of your husband's mouth after "Amen" should be to TELL them that what they're doing is rude and not appreciated. However, if he can't bring himself to do that, the ball will be in your court.

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DEAR READERS: At sundown, the first night of Passover begins. This major Jewish holiday celebrates the most momentous event in Jewish history — the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. Happy Passover to my readers who observe this important holiday. – LOVE, ABBY

Nominate, recognize volunteer efforts

Cincinnatus League is looking for individuals to induct into its Hall of Fame at Jay County Fair this year.

The organization honors those who have contributed to the Jay County community through volunteer efforts by inducting them Taking into the Jay County Hall of Note

Fame at the fairgrounds in Portland. This year's ceremony is slated for July 2. Qualifications stipulate individuals must be at least 65 years old by the time of the event, live in Jay County or have significant ties to Jay County and have devoted time and effort to the community in ways beyond employment and occupation.

Nominations must be received by May 2. To learn more, contact Karen Bailey at (260) 729-1249 or Barbara Street at (260) 726-5219.

Composting 101

There's an upcoming workshop for learning how to turn waste into something new.

Jay County Solid Waste Management District and Purdue Extension Office are partnering on Composting 101, a free workshop slated for 6 p.m. April 22 at the recycling center, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.

Attendees will learn the art of composting and discover how easy it is to reduce waste while enriching a garden, as well as engage in a hands-on edible compost activity. There will also be a worm bin giveaway.

To learn more or ask for accommodations, contact Purdue Extension Office at (260) 726-4707.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in FAST OPTIMISTS — Will Community Calendar as meet at 7 a.m. for breakspace is available. To sub- fast at Richards Restau*email* rant. mit an item, news@thecr.com.

Today

ALCOHOLICS ANONY munity Center. MOUS — Will meet at 10 a m at Zion Evangelical

played from 9 a.m. to noon For more information, call each Monday at Jay Com- (260) 726-5924.

JAY COUNTY DRUG CENTER — Free pregnan- more information, email PREVENTION COALI- cy testing with ongoing rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.c Lutheran Church, 218 E. TION — Will meet at noon support during and after om. High St., Portland. For the second Monday of each month at Jay County Ca Ε m (2ea Co H GI on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio. TAKE OFF POUNDS

p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. PING PONG — Will be New members welcome.

PREGNANCY CARE pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted. BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY FAMILY MEAL – Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome. PORTLAND EVENING **OPTIMIST CLUB** — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant. NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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



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more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for pl 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

SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will PORTLAND BREAK- meet for weigh-in at 4:30

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60) 251-3259.	
EUCHRE — Will be	
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ommunity Center, 125	
oover St., Dunkirk.	
DIABETES SUPPORT	
ROUP — Meets at 3 p.m.	

Tuesday COMPASSIONATE

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

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

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

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.





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Opinion

Speak up in support of our library

To the editor:

On behalf of the Jay County Public Library, I want to draw your attention to recent developments of great significance to Jay County Public Library and to libraries across the state.

Our state legislature is considering property tax and local income tax reforms that may result in lower revenue for Jay County Public Library.

Our state legislature is also proposing a 30% budget cut for ing \$3.5 million to the Indiana the Indiana State Library, an State Library — is under conagency that greatly supports sideration to be eliminated.

Letters to the **Editor**

what we do here at Jay County Public Library.

At the federal level, the Institute for Museum and Library Services — an agency that distributes grants to states includsources is vital to the services Jay

— it helps fund our membership in Evergreen Indiana, Info Express (the courier service that allows Jay County residents to borrow from over 130 other Evergreen libraries) and the Indiana Digital Library (the provider of ebooks through the Libby App), as well as all the materials and programs we provide.

These possible cuts in federal and state funding along with cuts in local property and income tax revenue will make it more diffi-

Funding from all of these cult for Jay County Public action by Jay County residents Library to continue to provide County Public Library provides the kind of services and resources for Jay County that you are used to receiving. Programs that support early literacy, families and life-long learning will be more difficult to do.

It has been our practice to not involve Jay County Public Library in political matters. However, these moves at the state and federal levels represent a financial and symbolic threat to library services in Indiana.

Therefore, we feel it is necessary to respond with a call to who value their public libraries.

If you wish to have your voice heard, I invite you contact our state legislators, Rep. J.D. Prescott and Sen. Travis Holdman.

Simply let them know how much you value your library.

I know that Jay County loves and supports Jay County Public Library. We experience that every day and we continue to be grateful for that support.

Eric Hinderliter Director Jay County Public Library

Congress needs to question Musk

By AARON SCHERB Tribune News Service

No American is above the law. When congressional Democrats on the House Oversight and Govern-Reform ment Committee tried to subpoena Elon Musk earlier this year, Republicans blocked the effort. What are they trying to hide from us?

Elon Musk is the wealthiest individual in the world. The Department of Government Efficiency and Musk are taking drastic, and in some cases, likely unconstitutional and illegal actions that significantly harm millions of Americans.

Over the last two decades, Musk has helped build his personal fortune with tens of billions of dollars from our taxes. Since 2008, Musk and his companies have received more than \$38 billion in contracts, subsidies, loans and tax credits from the U.S. government.

No one voted for Musk. Because he was never confirmed by the Senate, he never had to testify at an open hearing and face scrutiny for his actions and DOGE's activities. So, why are congressional Republicans afraid of him answering questions to provide the truth to all Americans?

Because Musk has never had to answer questions about DOGE and his many administration continue to conflicts of interest, we make harmful decisions, urge Congress to subpoena mainly in secrecy, that neg-

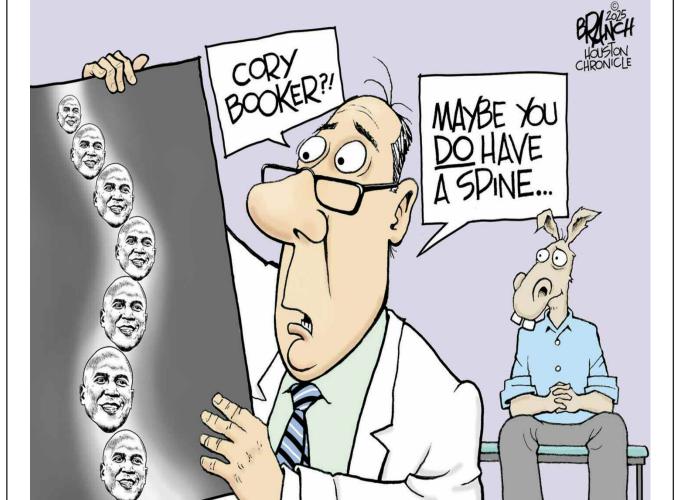


taken, and what systems have you created to ensure that all DOGE employees comply with the Ethics in Government Act, the Office of Government Ethics regulations, and all other ethics and conflictsof-interest laws and regulations?

You have repeatedly said that DOGE would be transparent. How many FOIA requests has it received? How many requests has it fulfilled, and how many FOIA requests are still pending? Will you commit to fully complying with all aspects of the law and all court decisions, even if you disagree with them?

Numerous courts have granted temporary restraining orders against the actions of DOGE and, in some cases, ruled that its actions are unconstitutional. How can you guarantee that DOGE will uphold the rule of law and respect those decisions?

These are some of the questions that our elected officials must ask Musk as DOGE and the Trump him to testify under oath to atively affect millions of us Common Cause recently launched a "Fire Elon Musk" campaign that has generated more than 25,000 calls, more than 40,000 letters to congressional offices, and more than 500,000 petition signatures opposing Musk's backing of the Trump campaign and involvement in the government. And when we tried to run a "Fire Elon Musk" ad in the Washington Post to draw attention to his unconstitutional and illegal actions harming millions of Americans, the Post backed out of publishing the ad at the last tion. As tens of thousands of Americans continue to contact their members of Congress to urge them to hold Musk accountable, Common Cause will continue to demand transparency and accountability from Musk and everyone in this administration



Past, truth can't be denied dreamy quality, with its hungry **By JOHN KRULL**

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A social climber insecure about his position in the world and a party boy with self-destructive impulses long before fame and fortune laid bare his weaknesses, he was not the sort anyone could have predicted would write a masterpiece as exquisite as "The Great



and hopeless yearnings for green lights in the darkness and dimly conjured and improbable futures and haunted yearnings for halfremembered, half-imagined pasts. It is a book that aches, one that probes a nation that always seeks

and fears losing its best self. It's a cliche to find autobiography in an author's works. But Fitzgerald is Gatsby, a Minnesota boy of shaky social standing who reinvented himself not as a nouveau riche hustler on the make but as an Ivy League chronicler of the upper crust. He is Tom and Daisy, trashing friendships, his reputation and even his own talent without meaning to or seeming to be aware that he was doing so. And he is Nick, taking note of everything he sees and struggling to make sense of a world that both fascinates and appalls him. Gatsby also is us, we Americans who believe we can make ourselves into whatever we wish while rarely acknowledging that pursuing one's most heartfelt desires almost always comes at a cost. Gatsby insists at one point that we can relive the past. From there, it's a short hop to believing we can alter history, simply by wishing it were otherwise. But the past, like the truth, cannot be denied. It has a force that, as Fitzgerald's haunting conclusion makes clear, sweeps all of us up and bears us ceaselessly away in its grasp.

answer these questions:

- How much has your net worth increased or decreased since you started working at DOGE as a "special government employee"?

- How long is your contract as a "special government employee"?

- How much money have your companies collectively made or lost since you began working in the Trump administration on January 20, 2025?

- Which of your companies have gotten contracts from the Trump administration since you started working as a "special gov-ernment employee"? How much are those contracts minute without explanacollectively worth?

Has DOGE ended or attempted to end any contracts that the federal government has with your companies? What has been your involvement in those decision-making processes?

What steps are you taking, and what processes have you implemented to eliminate real and perceived conflicts of interest in your decision-making at administration?

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Gatsby."

Maybe, though, it was Fitzgerald's flaws that made it possible for him to craft America's most nearly perfect novel.

Social climbers by definition consider themselves outsiders and observe others with the keenness of both hunter and prey, never sure where they will fit in the societal food chain. They stay alert to nuance and idiosyncrasy because they're never certain when either an opportunity or a threat will present itself.

His capacity for self-damage may have attuned him to the ways men and women pursue doomed pathsand often continue to pursue them even when they have come to know the road ahead leads only to ruin.

Still, there is something almost miraculous about "The Great Gatsby," which turned 100 on April 10.

It is a novel as beautifully wrought as a divine sculpture, perfectly balancing sturdiness with delicacy, a book that is both of its time and yet timeless, a tale of the American longing that is both ever evolving and somehow eternal.

"The Great Gatsby" tells us of a Midwestern lad named James Gatz, who transforms himself into because no one is above the Jay Gatsby, "an elegant young law. Jay Gatsby, "an elegant young roughneck"—Fitzgerald's only physical description of the character who gives the book its name— DOGE and within the tor of legislative affairs at and quasi-bootlegger who builds a Common Cause. He wrote fortune in pursuit of a dreamed

The book tells of his obsessive love for Daisy Buchanan, part Midwestern lass, part Southern belle and all entitled and somewhat embittered debutante bride of Tom Buchanan, a gruff trust-fund baby who takes the best in life as simply his due. Tom and Daisy are, the book's narrator informs us, "careless people" who smash up other lives, both because they can and because they are oblivious and indifferent to the wreckage they trail behind them.

That narrator is Nick Carroway, another son of the Midwest. Nick is a veteran of the Great War, World War I, the War to End All Wars.

At the start of the tale, Nick says he returned from the fighting with a desire to see the world stand at a kind of "moral attention." The book, as it unfolds, reveals the soaring costs of moral indifference as it moves from penetrating portraiture of a nation and an era to violence to tragedy and finally to elegy.

Nick is a storyteller who strains to be detached, to care less than he does, which makes him not entirely reliable.

He moves through the action like a man attempting to find his way in a dense fog. He struggles to make sense of right and wrong, of good and bad, in a land and time more attuned to sensation and sensual pleasure than eternal verities. His search gives the novel its *ism students*.

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, loving care. ake this deal where West led the g and another diamond against hearts. East took the ace and ntinued with a third diamond. uth ruffed hopefully with the ne, and when West discarded a

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to go down one when East returned another diamond. It did not matter whether South ruffed with the seven or the queen; either way he would sooner or later lose a second trump trick. South would have made the con-

tract had he handled his trumps more carefully. It was obvious that East had the ten of trump after the nine won the third trick, and it was not difficult to deduce from the bidding that East also had the ace of trump. South should therefore have led

the first trump from dummy, and not from his own hand. At trick four, he should have crossed to dummy with a club or a spade and returned a low trump. If East followed low, South would

win with the queen and lead a low trump back to the jack, depleting West of his trumps in the process. If instead East went up with the ace on the first trump lead and returned a diamond, South would ruff high, lead a low trump to the jack, return to his hand to draw East's last trump and claim the rest.

Either way, by leading the first trump from dummy, declarer could neutralize the defenders' intermedi-ate cards and at the same time make maximum use of his own

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here are plays that seem to make sense at all when they are made, t which, when carefully exam-d, turn out to be totally logical. Consider this deal, played many years ago by Albert H. Morehead, one of the true giants in the early years of contract bridge. Morehead was South and got to

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four spades on the bidding shown. West led a low club to his partner's ace, and East returned the jack of

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clubs, won by South with the king Morehead crossed to the queen of diamonds and returned a trump. After East followed low, declarer — lacking X-ray vision — won with the king. It was at this stage that More-head made a rather peculiar play. He led the five of hearts! West won with the pine and ratured the

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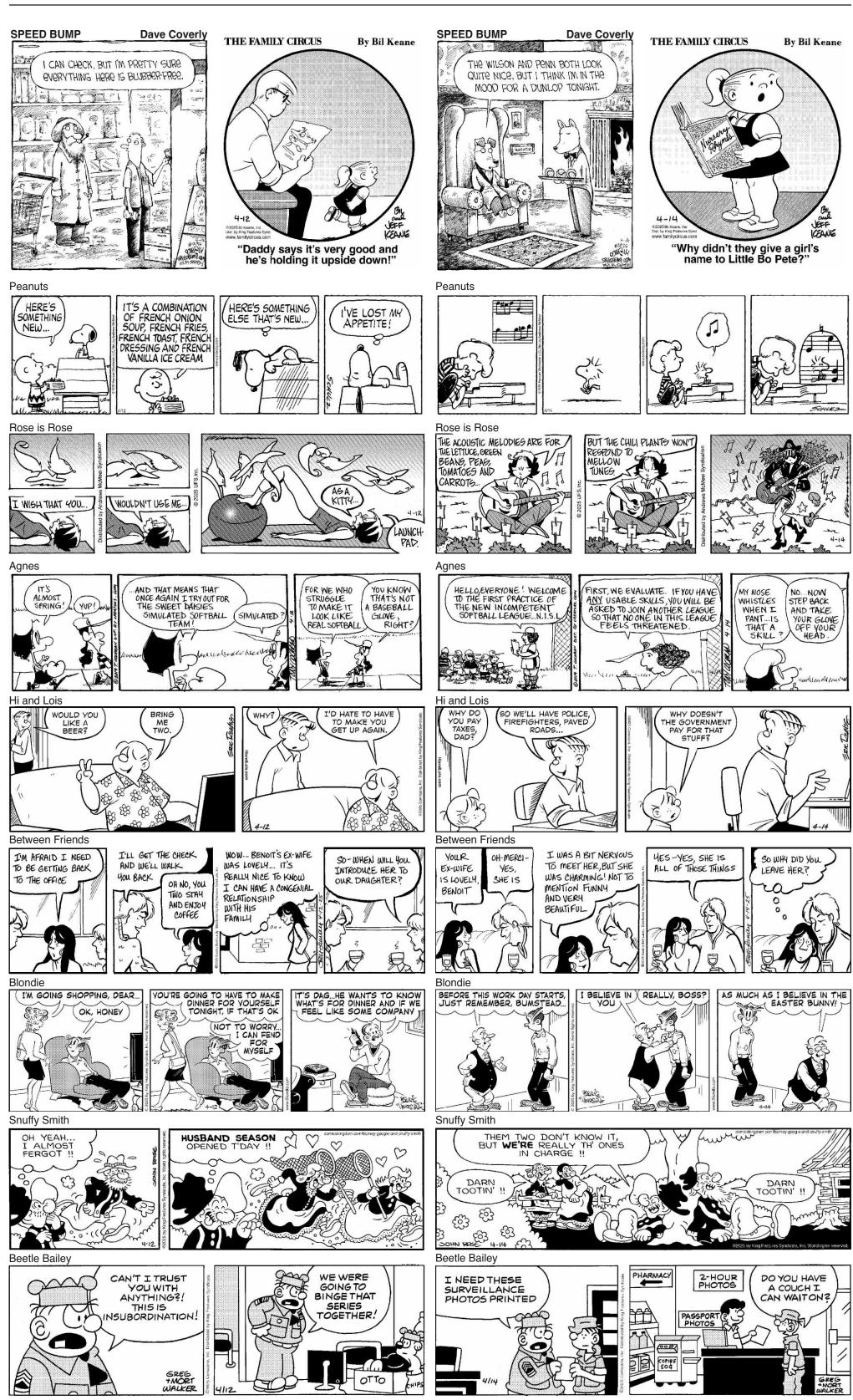
with the nine and returned the queen of clubs, ruffed by South. Now Morehead played a diamond to the king and led a trump from dummy. East went up with the ace, but that was the last trick for the defense. Morehead lost only a spade, a heart and a club, and so made four spades.

Now let's suppose that Morchead had not made that strange heart play at trick five. Let's say he had made the "more normal" play of a diamond to the king to lead another trump from dummy through East's A-J. In that case, Morehead would have gone down one against proper defense. East would go up with the ace of spades and lead a heart to West, who would return a diamond for East to ruff.

Morehead's odd-looking heart play, specifically designed to cut a subsequent link between East and West, prevented this from happening.

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Sports

Patience at the plate

After JCHS hitters change approach they put up 16 runs in win over Delta

By ANDREW BALKO The Commercial Review

A pair of groundouts to the pitcher and a flyout to center field, getting the Eagles off the field in only five pitches left coach Doug Arbuckle unimpressed with the Patriots' approach at the plate in the bottom half of the first inning.

His speech to the girls in between innings must have worked, because the Patriots never sent less than eight hitters to the plate and scored less than four runs in the next three innings to end the game early.

The offensive adjustment led the Jay County High School softball team to its third victory via mercy rule of the season over the Delta Eagles 16-3 on Thursday.

"The response shows a lot about their character," Arbuckle said. "Whatever reason today, even warming up today we felt like we were a little flat and weren't into it too much. I talked to them a little bit about it that you have to come prepared to play no matter who the opponent is. Everybody's gunning for you and you have a bullseye on your back now."

Despite having run ruled Marion and Blackford in their first two games — Jay County (3-0) scored at least one run in the first inning of those contests -- the Patriots let Delta (1-2) escape back to the dugout, while only forcing Katelyn Burns to throw five pitch-

Arbuckle pulled his girls together as they were heading out to play defense, to talk about their approach at the plate and urge them to be more patient.

'(Coach) knew that she wasn't throwing a strike the first pitch every time," said Jozey Shimp, who was an offensive leader with two doubles, three runs scored and two RBIs. "So he wanted us to sit and wait on anything we could hit in the gaps. ... That's what I did. I knew I didn't

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Jay County High School's Dakota Chowning runs in on a fly ball that ended the first inning and took away an opportunity for the Delta Eagles to score during Thursday's 16-3 victory. The left fielder also threw a girl out at home plate to save a run in the fourth inning.

runs on eight hits, two fourth run in the inning walks and three strikeouts off a single up the middle Freiburger. over five innings — surrendered singles to Destinee Drown and Ava West before a pair of strikeouts gave JCHS a chance to put what Arbuckle had to say into practice.

by Morgan Missicano as well.

The third inning started off hot as well with Shimp and Winner smacking back-to-back doubles off Haley Loser to score anoth-Shimp started Jay Coun- er run. The second run was better able to take ty off in the second inning came on a ball Schwieter- advantage of errors than with a screaming line man smashed right at right the Eagles. Of the Patri-

of an error by Caidyn

JCHS went on to score eight more runs — none of which were earned — in the fourth inning on four hits, three errors and two walks.

In general, Jay County drive that went off the fielder Liz Bramlett, who ots' 16 runs, only two were including a passed ball.

cle with three unearned board. JCHS would score a and the second as a result coach Caitlyn Grim. "I think it has to do with age and learning the game and the IQ of softball at this level and knowing it's OK to make one mistake, but you can't let it turn into two."

On the other side, Delta only managed to plate three unearned runs, despite having runners in scoring position in each of the first four inning

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Jay County Trinidad 5	8	3	0	2	3						

to directly save runs or cut an inning short.

The first two plays came in the fourth inning between third base and home plate after. First, JCHS caught Loser in a rundown after Trinidad fielded a bunt by Bramlett, ultimately resulting in the runner being thrown out returning to third base. Three batters later, Bramlett tried to score on an Ava Smith to left field, but got gunned down at home plate by Dakota Chowning to end the inning.

The final key defensive play came in the fifth as shortstop Brenna Ruble caught a short fly ball and quickly flung the ball to first base to double up Burns and end the game.

"We preach to them about next play," Arbuckle said. "You have to have a One reason DHS wasn't short memory and not dwell on it. We had those

want a changeup, so I was looking for something down the middle that or that I could hit to a gap."

secured the win in the cir-

lie

glove of Drown at third charged in too far and let earned as they benefitted Schwiterman and Two more scored on a Mis-Carley Trinidad — who Trinidad all followed with sicano infield single, the singles to crack the score first of which she drove in tal ball game," said DHS three key defensive plays turn things around.

base. Mallory Winner, Hal- the ball tip off her glove. from 10 Eagle mistakes, able to take advantage of the five Jay County errors three nice plays there. ... "I think it's just a men- was the Patriots having Those were key plays to

JCHS track teams open with wins over Tribe

The Patriots' depth was key for them to take down a foe vault (9 feet) from across the border.

While the Indians' natural (45.75) strengths in the individual girls races and boys field events shined, the Patriots piled on the points with 20 first-place finishes between the boys and girls and secured two of the three scoring spots or more in 17 of 28 non-relay events.

The result was a pair of Patriot victories.

The Jay County High School track teams opened the season on Thursday with wins over the Fort Recovery Indians.

The Patriot boys won all but one race and added two field events to the list of victories to run away with a 92-40 triumph. The Jay County girls excelled in the relays and field events to beat FRHS 77-55.

Alig both won multiple events the field events they won as for the JCHS boys. Gambill focused on the sprints, claim-(24.60 seconds), while Alig took both hurdles events -15.77seconds in the 110 hurdles and 46.49 in the 300 hurdles — as well as the high jump (5 feet, 6 ¹/₄ inches). Of those five events, Jay County swept the 110 hurdles and added a second-place hurdles, with winning times of finish in the 100 dash, 300 hurdles and high jump.

Other victories for the Patriot boys came from:

•Blake Collins in the 400 dash (58.03)

•Joseph Boggs in the 800 run (2 minutes, 14.46 seconds)

•Dash Thacker in the 1,600 run (4:58.68)

•Caleb Garringer in the 3,200 run (10:58.93)

•Peyton Yowell in the pole

•The 4x100-meter relay team

•The 4x400 relay team (3:56.00)

Jay County swept the 400 and 1,600 runs, while adding a second or third place finish to stack points in the 800 run and pole vault. (The top three placements earned points for its team in every event other than the relays, in which only the winning team received points.)

Carson Fullenkamp led the Tribe boys with a pair of victories in the shot put (45 feet) and discus (119 feet, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches). Isaac Roessner added the only other individual victory in the long jump (19 feet, 6 inches) while the Fort Recovery 4x800 relay team took the top spot in 10:01.00. (They claimed anoth-Caden Gambill and Adam er scoring spot in all three of well.)

The Indian girls had a lot ing 100-meter and 200 dash more success in the individual races, led by Anna Roessner and Madison Heitkamp. Roessner claimed the three sprints with times of 12.51 seconds, 25.93 and 58.24 in the 100, 200 and 400 dashes, respectively. Heitkamp's wins came in the 17.46 in the 100 and 52.80 in the 300.

Fort Recovery's other victories came from:

•Kennedy Muhlenkamp in the 800 run (2:35.39)

•Joelle Kaup in the 3,200 run (13:02.50)

•Karlie Niekamp in the discus (116 feet, 4 ³/₄ inches)

FRHS got extra points in the 400 dash, 3,200 run and the dis-

Recovery High School leads teammate Riley Heitkamp and Jay County's Jessie Homan in the 3,200-meter run in a dual meet on Thursday. While Kaup won the race for the Tribe with a time of 13 minutes, 2.50 seconds, the Patriots won the meet 77-55 due to strong performances in the relays and field events. The Patriot boys also took down Fort Recovery 92-40.



cus while placing second and third in the shot put.

Brooklynn Byrum secured the only individual victory for Jay County from a race by running a 6:00.62 in the 1,600. (JCHS swept the event.)

While the Patriots didn't manage to win many of the other jump (4 feet, 8 ¹/₄ inches) racing events, they took second and third place in the 100 dash, pole vault (8 feet) 200 dash, 800 run, 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles.

The Jay County girls dominated in the relays and field events, put (32 feet, 1 inch) with victories coming from:

•4x100 relay team (53.37 second)

•4x400 relay team (5:33.00) •4x800 relay team (12:37.00)

•Mya Kunkler in the high

•Maria Hemmelgarn in the

jump (15 feet)

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•Jordyn Hutzler in the shot

Extra points from Jay County's depth came in the pole vault, high jump and long jump.

Jay County will be back in action today at the Wapahani relays, while the Indians will break until Tuesday. That meet will be at home against a pair of Midwest Athletic Conference •Peyton Carpenter in the long foes in Versailles and St. John's.

Joelle Kaup of Fort

Sports

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Rebounds

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Homan then made up for his pitching mistake by legging out a single on a chopping ground ball to Zach Osborn at shortstop, allowing Wendel to reach home plate.

By the end of the second inning, Fort Recovery had a 4-1 lead on AHS (4-3). Austin Siegrist got the frame started with a single through the left side and then traded places with Gavin Evers on a fielder's choice. Colson Post followed with an infield hit to second base to put Evers in scoring position and Wendel got the ball through the left half of the infield to score the Tribe senior. Both Post and Wendel came in to score on a Mason Diller single to left field.

Two more runs came in the third frame. Alex Gaerke and Brody Hart got the ball rolling with backto-back singles up the middle. Siegrist then legged out a bunt for an infield single that scored Gaerke – he had to maneuver past catcher Zeb Pleiman to avoid the tag — but Hart got caught trying to take third base.

Siegrist, who finished 2for-2 with a walk, a run, an RBI and two stolen bases, swiped second and moved to third on an Evers single. Post finished the Tribe's scoring with a ball hit to first base that allowed Siegrist to head home.

"It was pretty good to keep the runs going," said Siegrist of the first three innings. "We kept pressure on the pitcher. ... I was just seeing the ball out of the



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FRHS second baseman Austin Siegrist fields a ground ball during the Indians' 6-3 win over Anna on Friday. Siegrist had a strong defensive performance that included fielding three ground outs, turning a 6-4-3 double play and tossing out a runner at home plate on a double-steal attempt.

throwing strikes. So being mins. Homan started to aggressive, hitting and looking for the pitch you want (worked well)."

Homan earned the win for Fort Recovery, tossing four innings and only allowing one run on three hits, one walk and three hit batters.

The junior got into a slight jam in the second Pleiman back to the inning after walking Kale Hoying and giving up a ing strikeout to end the pitcher's hand and he was bloop single to Clay Cum- inning with no harm done.

work through the trouble by striking out Ethan Egbert on three pitches before catching Carson Worthington looking in the next at bat. Homan hit the next batter, leading to Hart coming to the mound to talk. After the mound visit, Homan sent Carson dugout with another look-

"My defense makes me feel good about it," said Homan, referencing that his team made no errors during the four innings he was on the mound. "I have all my trust in them and then my coaches and other teammates are supportive. They give me that extra energy that I need, that extra motivation to just go at them like I have nothing to lose.

Post finished off the game for FRHS on the mound, making quick work of the Rockets in the fifth and sixth innings to hold the 6-1 lead.

Post, who made his first varsity pitching appearance, ran into a little bit of trouble in the seventh as a hit batter and an error put the first two hitters on base. A ground out to Caden Grisez at shortstop moved the runners up before Aiden Keller drove in a run with an infield single.

While Zeb Pleiman's groundout scored a second run, Post turned the water off with a third dribbler to Grisez to end the game.

"That's great that we can get a little depth there," said Eyink, referring to his team's pitching. (Fort Recovery's top three pitchers were unable to go as two had pitched on Thursday and another is nursing a hurt arm.) "In some of these non-MAC games that can be huge for us to stay competitive in those as well.'

Marion Local 3, Fort Recovery 2

MARIA STEIN, Ohio -The Indians fell in the Midwest Athletic Conference season opener 3-2 to the Marion Local Flyers in eight innings on Thursday.

After giving up a run in the bottom of the first inning, FRHS took a 2-1 lead on a Post ground ball that scored Siegrest in the third and a Gaerke single in the fourth.

Small ball helped the Flyers (4-0, 1-0 MAC) as Parker moved to second base on a three walks and no hits.

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groundout and to third on a fly out. After a walk extended the inning, Hess made it home on a wild pitch by Gaerke.

MLHS caught a break in the eighth inning as Hess reached base on an error and a walk moved him to second. The game winning run was scored on another error.

Jacob Foote was saddled with the loss after giving Hess led off with a single, up one unearned run on

Couples is one of the oldest players to break par at Masters

By SCOTT HANSON The Seattle Times

Tribune News Service

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Seattle native Fred Couples had the shot of the day in the first round of the Masters on Thursday, holing out from 186 yards for an eagle on the 14th hole that propelled him to a 1under 71.

"I don't think I've ever had an eagle on a par-4 here before," said Couples, 65, who hit a 6-hybrid on his hole-out. went crazy."

Couples did not see the ball go in, but he was certain it had from the huge roars.

The 71 had Couples in a tie for 12th place with the round still going on, and he came just a month shy of being the oldest player to break par at the Masters.

Tom Watson shot a 71 in 2015 to still hold the mark at 65 years, 219 days, not that Cou-

"I'm happy as a clam," said Couples was greeted by CBS "I hit it really, really well and it 5 13th, he hit his third shot into iust carried the ridge. I Couples, who at 63 is the oldest broadcaster Jim Nantz, his the water. out there tomorrow and forget Couples seemed destined for how to play," he said. thought I had enough to get player to make the Masters cut. roommate and golf teammate

was a very fun day."

It certainly was much different from a year ago when Couples played here despite severe back pain and opened with an 80 before shooting a 76 in the second round.

Couples, who said before the tournament that his only goal was to make the cut, put himself in a good spot to do that as the top 50 plus ties get to play on the weekend.

On the way to the first tee, ples was complaining.

and the two men hugged.

Couples then got off to a great start, putting in for a birdie from off the green tough first hole.

Couples said he hit a "pure" went in.

He made the turn at 1-under 35, then ran into trouble at Amen corner (holes 11-13). He bogeyed the tough par-4 11th, then after laying up on the par-

over (it) and then (the patrons) "I hit a lot of good shots. ... It at the University of Houston, a double bogey on the hole, but he made a big-swinging putt from about 15 feet for a bogey.

"I really undercut a shot on 13 (that ended in the water) about 50 feet he said — on the and made a great 6, which kind of was a big boost," he said.

A bigger boost came two putt, but said he was lucky it shots later for the eagle that got him back under par. He got up-and-down from off the green on his final three holes to finish off a good round, which has him looking forward to Friday.

"I don't think I'm going to go

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today Jay County — Track at Wapahani – 9:30 a.m.; Baseball at Mississinewa – 10 a.m.; Boys golf at Yorktown Invitational – 10 a.m.; Girls tennis at Hager-stown – 10 a.m.; Softball at Fort Recovery - 11 a.m.; JV baseball vs. Coldwater - 10 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Anso-nia – 11 a.m.; Softball vs. Jay County – 11 a.m.; JV softball vs. St. Henry - 1 p.m.

Monday

Jay County — Baseball vs. Coldwa-ter – 5 p.m.; Boys golf vs. Richmond – 5 p.m.; Softball vs. St. Henry – 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Coldwater – 5:30 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Bellmont – 5 p.m.; Junior high softball at Delta – 5:30 p.m.; Junior high track at South-ern Wells – 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Softball vs. New-ton – 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Shawnee – 5 p.m.; Middle school track team meet at Versailles – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Jay County — Softball vs. East-brook – 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. New Castle – 5:30 p.m.; Track tri meet at home – 5:30 p.m.; Junior high baseball at Bellmont – 5 p.m.; Junior high soft-ball at Yorktown – 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track tri meet at home – 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Park-way – 5 p.m.; Softball at Parkway – 5



p.m.; JV baseball at Parkway - 5 p.m.

TV sports Today

7:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Manchester City at Crystal Palace (USA)

8:30 a.m. — Fe Grand Prix (ESPN2) Formula 1: Bahrain

Grand Prix (ESPN2) 10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Nottingham Forest at Everton (USA) 11:30 p.m. — IndyCar: Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach (FS1) 12 p.m. — College football: Ohio State spring game (BTN) 12:30 p.m. — NHL: Washington Capitals at Columbus Blue Jackets (APC)

(ABC) 12:30 p.m. — Premier League soc-

cer: Arsenal FC at Brentford (NBC) 12:30 p.m. — Bundesliga soccer: Bayern Munchen at Borussia Dortmund (ESPN)

1 p.m. — College baseball: Wake Forest at North Carolina (ESPN2)

 The Masters golf tourna-2 p.m.

ment (CBS) — College lacrosse: Ohio 2 p.m.

State at Maryland (BTN) 2:15 p.m. - MLB: Philadelphia Phillies at St. Louis Cardinals (FDSN

Indiana) 2:30 p.m. — UFL: Houston Rough-necks at Memphis Showboats (ESPN) 2:45 p.m. — MLS soccer: Atlanta United at New England Revolution (FOX)

3 p.m. - NHL: New York Rangers at Carolina Hurricanes (ABC) 3 p.m. — Ama Supercross: Philadel-phia (NBC)

3:05 p.m. — MLB: San Francisco Giants at New York Yankees (FS1)

4 p.m. — College baseball: Oregon at Maryland (BTN)

5 p.m. — IMSA SportsCar Champi-onship: Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach (USA)

6:40 p.m. — MLB: Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)

7 p.m. — NLL lacrosse: Las Vegas Desert Dogs at Ottawa Black Bears (FOX)

7 p.m. - USL League One soccer:

Naples at Richmond Kickers (FOX) 8 p.m. — College volleyball: Stan-ford at USC (BTN)

8 p.m. — UFC fighting: Julian Erosa vs. Darren Elkins (ESPN)

– USL Championship soc-8 p.m. cer: FC Tulsa at Oakland Roots (FOX)

8:30 p.m. — UFC fighting: Chase Hooper at Jim Miller (ESPN) 9 p.m. — UFC fighting: Virna Jandiroba vs. Yan Xiaonan (ESPN)

9 p.m. — USL Super League: Spokane Zephyr at Dallas Trinity (NBC)

9:30 p.m. — UFC fighting: Sean Woodson vs. Dan Ige (ESPN) 10 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Seattle Kraken (FDSN Indiana)

Sunday

9 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Liverpool FC at West Ham United (USA) 11 a.m. — Formula 1: Bahrain Grand Prix (ESPN2)

11:30 a.m. — Premier League soc-cer: Newcastle United at Manchester United (USA)

12 p.m. - College softball: Georgia

Tech at North Carolina (ESPN2) 12 p.m. — IndyCar: Acura Grand

Prix of Long Beach (FS1) 12 p.m. — College lacrosse: Rut-gers at Michigan (BTN)

12 p.m. — UFL: San Antonio Brahmas at Michigan Panthers (ABC)

1 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Cleveland Cavaliers (FDSN Indiana); Detroit Pistons at Milwaukee Bucks (ESPN)

1 p.m. - NHL: New York Islanders at New Jersey Devils (TNT)

2 p.m. — The Masters golf tourna-ment (CBS)

2:15 p.m. — MLB: Philadelphia Phillies at St. Louis Cardinals (NBC)

2:15 p.m. — MLS soccer: Sporting Kansas City at Portland Timbers (FOX) 3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Food

City 500 (FS1)

3 p.m. — UFL: D.C. Defenders at St. Louis Battlehawks (ABC) 3:30 p.m. — NBA: Los Angeles Clippers at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

4:30 p.m. — IndyCar: Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach (FOX) 5 p.m. — College softball: Nebraska at Northwestern (BTN)

- 7 p.m. NWSL soccer: Bay at Chicago Red Stars (ESPN2)

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Fighters League (ESPN2) 10 p.m. — NHL: Colorado Avalanche at Anaheim Ducks (ESPN)

Monday

3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: AFC Bournemouth at Fulham (USA) 4:30 p.m. — College softball: Rut-

gers at Michigan (BTN) 7 p.m. — NHL: Dallas Stars at

Detroit Red Wings (FOX) 7:30 p.m. — WNBA: 2025 WNBA Draft (ESPN)

7:45 p.m. - MLB: Houston Astros at St. Louis Cardinals (FDSN Indiana)

- **Tuesday** 12 a.m. NBA Playoffs Play-In: TBD at Orlando Magic (TNT)
- at Necasa (FS1) 7:05 p.m. MLB: Cleveland
- Guardians at Baltimore Orioles (TBS) 7:30 p.m. NHL: Florida Panthers at Tampa Bay Lightning (ESPN) 8 p.m. NHL: Utah Hockey Club at

St. Louis Blues (FDSN Indiana) 10:30 p.m. — NHL: Los Angeles Kings at Seattle Kraken (ESPN)

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Tribe rebounds

Indians put together complete game effort 24 hours after MAC loss

Bv ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review FORT RECOVERY — The Indians had dropped their first conference game of the season just 24 hours before they had to take on the Rockets.

A hit by pitch, a towering double and miscommunication on a bunt for an infield single put the Tribe behind in the top of the first inning.

It would have been easy to get down on themselves, but instead they picked themselves up and turned in a solid performance all around.

The Fort Recovery High School baseball team bounced back from a loss to Marion Local with a 6-3 victory over the Anna Rockets on Friday.

On Thursday, Fort Recovery (4-2, 0-1 Midwest Athletic Conference) lost the first conference game of the year on a walk-off error after taking the Flyers into extra innings. However, the Indians didn't let the recent loss or the early deficit get them down.

"That's awesome and what we're hoping to see," said FRHS coach Kevin Eyink. "These guys didn't let (that loss) get them down and took a great approach those early innings at the plate and really had some really nice hits and got that early lead that kept us going.²

Âfter Noah Aufderhaar's RBI single in the top of the first inning, Caden Homan struck out Zeb Pleiman to strand runners on first and third. The Tribe then immediately struck back to tie the score.

Reece Wendel got plunked on Zack Pleiman's first pitch of the game to reach base and moved over to third on a walk from Mason Diller and a Caden Grisez ground out

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Fort Recovery High School catcher Brodie Hart takes a swipe to try and tag out Anna's Aiden Keller during a double steal in the first inning of the Indians' 6-3 win on Friday. Hart didn't manage to catch Keller, but only because he ran far enough out of the baseline to be called out, keeping the deficit at one run. After surrendering the first run in the top of the first inning. Fort Recovery didn't allow a run until the seventh, when it already held a 6-1 advantage.



Fort Recovery picks up a pair of wins FORT RECOVERY of Brenna Haines and

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The Tribe had a small hiccup against Celina on Local Monday.

Indians were faced with their first Midwest Athletic Conference challenge and got just enough offense to get the job done.

Less than 24 hours later, they secured a second victory.

The Fort Recovery High School softball team pulled off back-to-back wins Thursday and Friday, beating Marion Local 3-2 and Fort Loramie 6-1.

Ava Grisez provided FRHS (7-1, 1-0 MAC) with an offensive lift against the Flyers (3-5, 0-1 MAC) by driving in a run on a groundout in the third inning and again with a double in the fifth. She scored what would be the winning run in the fifth on a single by Ella Schoen.

Jenna Homan surrendered a late 2-run home run to Haley Everman, but found a way to finish off MLHS to record the win. She went the distance in the circle, giving up nine hits and striking out eight batters.

She also pitched all seven innings against Fort Loramie (1-4), giving up one unearned run on three hits. She also struck out 10 batters.

The Tribe scored in every inning but the second in the victory. Homan led the team with two RBIs, while she matched Schoen and Layla Armstrong for two hits apiece. Grisez was the only Indian to score two runs.

Jay walked off

Three days later the **roundup**



Hamilton Heights on Thursday.

With the game tied 4-4 going into the bottom of seventh the inning, Gavin Byrum surrendered a single to Josh Newton and a walk to Nick Hulen to put runners on first and second. Bvrum worked a favorable 1-2 count against Kappes, but the Huskie managed to put the ball on a line to left field and drive in the winning run.

Byrum was saddled with the loss after giving up two runs on three hits and four walks over two innings of work.

Jay County (0-2)pushed across a pair of runs in the third and sixth innings, while Hamilton Heights (1-1) chipped away for a run in the first, second, fourth and fifth innings before the winning score in the seventh.

Schemenaur, Drew Carter Fugiett and Joseph Geesaman led the offensive drive, each with an RBI double.

Still looking for their first victory, the Patriots will face Mississinewa in a double header today.

Pats drop opener

DECATUR — Jay County's girls tennis team dropped its season opener to the Bellmont Braves 3-2 on Thursday.

Brenna Bailey secured the victory at the No. 1 singles position over ARCADIA — The Jay Lelia Jin 6-4,6-4. (Bailey County baseball team got played at the No.1 singles walked off by Austin position in two matches Kappes in a 5-4 loss to last year in the absence bottom of the first.

The other point came doubles-player from turned No. 2 singles Meredith Dirksen. The JCHS senior took down Lillian Jin 6-4, 6-1.

County Jay (0-1)dropped the No. 3 singles match as Lilly Johnson was defeated by Emma Fueling 6-1, 6-1.

The No. 2 doubles team of Courtney Harris and Bailey Towell secured a game in each set, but fell to Averie Coats and Alyssa Coffey 6-1, 6-1.

Gretchen Link and Sophia Sprunger lost the No. 1 doubles match 6-0, 6-0 to Ella Ross and Lilyana Suarez.

Junior high wins

The Jay County Junior High School grade baseball teams swept Madison-Grant on Thursday.

The seventh grade team (1-0) edged out a 6-5 victory over the Argylls, while the eighth graders (1-0) had no trouble in their 10-0 win.

Eli Westgerdes led the offensive effort for the seventh grade team with a pair of RBIs, while Roman Clamme, Jaylen Brown and Jenson Edwards added one each. Starting pitcher Andrew Myers earned the win after holding Madison-Grant scoreless in the first inning and getting run support in the bottom half.

Rayden Sollars came through for the eighth grade team with a double and a single that drove in four runs. Brady Millspaugh also notched an RBI and scored a run in the win.

Brody Collins earned the win in one inning of work before the Patriots put up five runs in the

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