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Viability concerns

Funding, planning questioned for project

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review Portland Redevelopment Commission spent most of its meeting Friday discussing the counof 68 acres on the city's west side.

expressed Members concern about planning for the project and the ability to fund the overall Acceleration and Develvision moving forward.

Consultant Ed Curtin of CWC Latitudes updated the redevelopment commission on the project, which calls for commercial space along Votaw Street (Indiana 26/67) and 76 single-family homes, eight duplexes and 154 multi-family units. He noted that a recent meeting of county and city officials and others was intended to get everyone on the same page regarding the proj-

city hadn't really been engaged in how or if they wanted to participate in

the project," Curtin said. Commissioners purchased the land for potential development in February 2023 and hired Rundell Ernstberger and Associates of Indianapolis for planning the project six months later. Representatives from the

firm presented an initial concept design in March

The overall project is estimated at \$25.5 million. The county is currently focused on an initial step about \$3.6 million that involves utility connections.

Curtin noted that Portland Redevelopment Commission could contribute to the project financially or with incentives for a developer as the project is in the city's existing tax financing increment (TIF) district.

Redevelopment comty's planned development mission members raised questions about financing for the project, with Reda Theurer-Miller asking if it can move forward without Regional Economic opment (READI) 2.0 dollars.

The county contributed \$1.24 million in federal coronavirus relief dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act to go toward the project. A \$1.5 million commitment from Jay County Redevelopment Commission is contingent on READI 2.0 funding. (Local officials have said the county is expected to receive \$1.2 million in READI funds — its request was about \$4 million — but announce-"Up until that point, the ments confirming that money have not yet been made by state officials.)

Joe Johnston of Portland Redevelopment Commission questioned the viability of the project

long-term. "If we're struggling for finances in project 1A now, where's the financing going to come for 1B?"

he asked. See Concerns page 2



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Fort royalty

Fort Recovery High School hosted promenade Friday in the gymnasium, announcing seniors Evan Evers and Karlie Niekamp, pictured above, as king and queen. Prom activities resumed shortly after at Romer's Catering and Entertainment in St. Henry, Ohio.



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Tangled tunes

Rapunzel from Disney's "Tangled" visited Jay County Public Library on Thursday. Pictured, Amara Eley of Portland (at right) and other children gather around Rapunzel as she sings "I See the Light." Festivities at the library included face painting, hair braiding, painting pictures, making paper lanterns and other movie-themed activities.

GOP finalizes \$44 billion budget

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

The majority of Statehouse Democrats opposed the 2025 budget — crafted over four months and passed by Republicans early Friday morning decrying unvetted last-minute additions and cuts.

For chief House budget architect Rep. Jeff Thompson, the budget was one that "lives within our means" following a grim financial forecast the week

House Speaker Todd Huston gave a robust defense — and rare floor appearance — in favor of the legislation after nearly two hours of debate.

Republicans defend spending plan, Democrats decry last-minute changes

made sure we protected K-12 and we did that," said Huston, R-Fishers. "... House Bill 1001 builds on ... what's taking place in Indiana. It builds on that success. When we see a challenge – and when we get a challenge we meet it and we excel through

Democrats largely opposed the "This budget does so much. It measure, citing the lack of funds continues to invest in K-12 edu- for child care and Medicaid cation in every way. Even with a waiver waitlists while wealthy

surprise shortfall in revenue, we Hoosiers get tax dollars to send their children to private schools.

"This budget doesn't just keep our government running, it impacts the real people — the Hoosiers — that are depending on us. They're counting on us to pass a budget that, yes, will get balanced. But, more importantly, one that reflects their needs and values," said Sen. Rodney Pol, D-Chesterton. "... Unfortunately, this budget falls short of that."

See **Budget** page 2

FBI arrests Wisconsin judge

By DAVID VOREACOS, **ALEX EBERT** and ZOE TILLMAN

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

A state judge in Wisconsin was charged Friday by the FBI with obstructing federal officials who tried to detain an undocumented immigrant, escalating the Trump administration's conflict with the judiciary over its hardline immigration strategy.

Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Hannah Dugan was accused of obstructing a pro-

Dugan is accused of obstructing

vidual to prevent his arrest. U.S. authorities said the case stemmed from an April 18 incident in which agents ceeding and concealing an indi- showed up at her courtroom to

detain an undocumented migrant from Mexico, who was appearing in his domestic battery case.

Dugan "put the lives of a lot of people in danger," Attorney General Pam Bondi said on Fox News. "What's happening to our judiciary is beyond me. They're deranged. That's all I can think of. Some of these judges think they are above and beyond the law which they are not. If you are harboring fugitives, anyone who is here illegally, we will come after you and we will find

Deaths

Gregory J. Grissom, 75, Goshen Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature was 71 degrees Friday in Jay County.

Today's forecast calls for cloudy skies with a high in the lower 60s. The low will dip into the upper 30s tonight. Expect mostly sunny skies Sunday with a high in the mid 60s.

See page 2 for an extended

outlook.

In review

Jay County High School's prom is scheduled for tonight. Promenade, which will include the crowning of the prom king and queen, will begin at 8 p.m. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

Coming up

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

Wednesday — Details from Monday's Dunkirk City Council meeting.

Thursday — Results from the JCHS girls tennis match against Union City.



Budget

Continued from page 1 Included in the last version of the budget is an expansion of school choice voucher eligibility, meaning that even families earning more than \$220,000 — an estimated 3,000 students — will qual-

One member from each party

crossed caucus lines in the House, but it moved out of the chamber on a 66-27 vote.

The bill fared roughly the same in the Senate, where two Republicans voted against the proposal but one Democrat supported it, for a final vote of 39-

mostly cloudy

It now moves to Gov. Mike without public testimony, that will live in infamy," said Pierce, Braun for his signature.

The budget didn't only impact K-12 education, but also the state's various higher education institutions.

Rep. Matt Pierce, a Democrat from Bloomington, railed against last-minute language, slipped in

would give Braun complete control over the Indiana University Board of Trustees.

Other provisions would require reviews of tenured professors for productivity and publicly posted syllabi.

"April 24, 2025, is a date that

who is employed by IU. "The faculty of our state universities were suddenly and deliberately attacked by the Republican supermajority."

Rep. Chris Campbell highlighted another \$1 million budget cut to a housing first program.

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Sunny skies are expected Sun- day with highs	Mostly sunny on Monday when there's a	Tuesday's forecast shows a 70% chance of rain	There's a slight chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly	Thursday has a 70% chance of rain under		

and thunder-

Lotteries

chance

showers late.

of

Hoosier Midday

in the mid to

Daily Three: 2-8-9 Daily Four: 1-6-9-1 Quick Draw: 11-25- Powerball 28-29-35-36-45-48-49-51-53-54-59-60-62-63-64-65-71-74

Ohio Midday

Pick 3: 7-5-7 Pick 4: 1-7-2-0 Pick 5: 8-5-7-2-0

cloudy.

Estimated jackpot: \$168 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$60 million

Markets

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May corn4.94	ADM
June corn4.97	Montpelier
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Portland	May beans10.68
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June corn5.05	Heartland
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Today in history

family of Florence led the 100-yard dash, 200 an unsuccessful attempt dash and high jump. to overthrow the ruling Medici family.

Richland Township

Corn4.89

May corn4.89

arrived at Cape Henry, Chesapeake Bay. They were the first permanent English settlers in North America and later formed the Jamestown colony.

Law Omstead was born that followed. in Connecticut. He whose observations provide the most complete look at the region prior to the Civil War.

Virginia farm 12 days after assassinating President Abraham Lincoln.

Republic of Tanzania did not see the ATV in was founded as Tanganyika and Zanzibar were merged. Julius High School sopho-Nyerere served as the more rallied to win 10 new country's first consecutive games as

president. High School boys track tional rival Union City team won a three-team 4-1. Haines was down a meet over Albany and set and trailing 5-2 in host Pennville. Mike the second before start-Hudson won three ing her comeback. events for the Wolves,

In 1478, the Pazzi taking the top spot in

May corn4.94

Beans10.47

May beans10.47

Wheat4.84

In 1986, an explosion and fire at the Cher-In 1607, settlers nobyl nuclear power facility in Ukraine in the Soviet Union sent large amounts radioactive material into the atmosphere. Thousands of deaths were attributed to the In 1822, Frederick radiation in the years

In 2013, Eric Brackbecame a journalist man and Samantha Thobe were crowned as about the American Fort Recovery High South are considered to School's prom king and queen.

In 2018, Carl Corwin, 65, of rural Port-In 1865, John Wilkes land died when the Booth was killed at a ATV he was driving on Indiana 26 was struck by a 2002 Ford Mustang. The driver of the Mustang said he must In 1964, the United have fallen asleep and time.

In 2022, Jay County the Patriot girls tennis In 1973, the Redkey team knocked off sec-

—The CR

Obituaries

Gregory Grissom

October 8, 1949-April 10, 2025 Gregory J. Grissom, 75 years old, passed away April 10, 2025, at his home in Goshen, Indiana.

He graduated from Portland High School in 1967 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served until his honorable discharge in 1971.

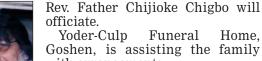
He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Virginia Grissom of Portland, Indiana.

He is survived by his siblings Cynthia (Kenneth – deceased) Wal- National Cemetery, Marion. The

lace of Knox, Indiana. Rosemary (David) Smith of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Thomas (Jeanne) Grissom of Rapid City, South Dakota, Margaret (Robert) Wiley of Union City,

Indiana, and Elaine

(Gene) Gibson of Goshen, Indiana. A graveside service with military honors will be held 2 p.m., Monday, April 28, 2025, at Marion



with arrangements.

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.

Concerns

Continued from page 1 County attorney Wes Schemenaur said the idea was that by getting utilities in place the site would be more attractive to potential developers, adding that CB Development of Geneva and RCS Construction of Celina, Ohio, have expressed interest. Curtin agreed that the infrastructure is the lynchpin of the project.

Regarding a potential financial commitment from the city's redevelopment corporation, Johnston said his review of finances indicates that the bulk of its funds are already committed. Portland clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips confirmed Johnston's assessment, saying most of the money is set to go toward bond payments or other projects and initiatives.

Ultimately, Curtin asked Portland Redevelopment Commission members if they are supportive of the project philosophically.

"I think it's tough to be right now," said Theurer-Miller. "And the reason I say that is because I don't think the planning was in place. I don't think there was a strategy around how we get to where we need to

kind of situation. It was done exclusively. That, again, makes it difficult to get behind a project that really needs to involve an entire community. ... A project of that magnitude requires a lot of people sitting at a table to determine what's the best way to get there and how do we get there together.'

Jay County Redevelopment Commission member Chuck Huffman said that while he has not polled members of the group, "my read on it is that we're perilously close to just pulling the \$1.5 million off the table, with or without READI coming through." He concurred Theurer-Miller's with about comments process not being inclusive, saying Jay County Redevelopment Commission was approached at the last minute for matching funds for the county's READI 2.0 application last summer.

Johnston asked Portland Mayor Jeff Westlake if Portland City Council has had open discussion about the project. He said it has not. Westlake said he is in

favor of development in also other things that "It wasn't an inclusive need to be addressed in creating

the city. He speculated that the city could consider a contribution if there is a timeline in place and the ability to claw back funds if progress is not made. Johnston suggested that

Grissom

Portland Redevelopment Commission step back and see what happens with READI funding and discussion amongst the city council and potentially meet again to discuss the project next month. redevelopment The

commission also heard an update from Theurer-Miller on Portland Main Street Connect.

The organization met recently with officials from Indiana Department of Transportation, which agreed to purchase eight planters for use in the areas of the new bumpouts in downtown Portland. (They will be similar to those already used in the downtown area.) When the planters are placed, barricades will be removed.

Theurer-Miller also noted that a Portland Main Street Connect planning committee held a couple of meetings with local stakeholders and disgeneral but that there are cussed issues such as addressing ordinances, relationships ance of \$850,618.25.

with owners of vacant properties and sprucing up the downtown area.

In other business, the commission:

·Heard from Theurer-Miller veterans banners will be hung in the downtown area in time for an event Saturday, May 17. It will include a memorial ceremony for veterans at 3 p.m. at Freedom Park, an Arch Bridge Kroozers car show and a Main Street festival.

 Briefly discussed its economic development plan, with Theurer-Miller asking how frequently the commission should be referring back to it and how often it should be updated in order to make sure it does not become outdated. Curtin said it should be referred to regularly as the commission reviews projects.

 Approved an updated contract with Curtin that details the duties he is responsible for handling. His original contract was signed in 2019.

·Agreed that it would continue to capture all of the assessed value available to it through the tax increment financing (TIF) district.

·Heard the financial report, which shows a bal-

Capsule Reports

Laundry room fire

Firefighters put out a small blaze in a laundry room Friday.

Dunkirk Fire

responded to Diana Bear's house at and caused smoke throughout the 216 E. Commerce St. for a fire about house. Two firetrucks and 10 fire-8 a.m. Friday. The fire was contained fighters arrived on scene, putting Department to a bookshelf in the laundry room out the fire in about five minutes.

Felony arrests

Dealing

A Pennville man was arrested Friday for dealing methamphetamine.

Jason D. Harding, 47, 410 E. Max Drive, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony. He was being held on a \$10,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

Today

Lowe, Clarence: 2 p.m., East Centre Baptist Church, 1220 .E Main St., Centre, Alabama.

Monday Schoenherr,

Marjorie: 10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery. Grissom, Gregory: 2 p.m.,

Marion National Cemetery, Mar-

May 3

Faller, Peg: Noon, Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.

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Board **Monday**

Citizen's calendar

Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County

Solid Waste Management District Board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City

Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland Portland.

of Works, 9 a.m. — Jay County mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland

Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

May 5

5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.,

50th anniversary



Becky and Bill Bailey - 2025

Becky and Bill Bailey

The Baileys are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bill and Becky Bailey were married April 26, 1975, at Salamonia United Church of Christ.

Bill Bailey retired from Teledyne Portland Forge, and Becky Bailey retired as a medical technologist. She also worked at Bloomfield Elementary School as a library assistant.

They have two children, Luke Bailey (Keri) and Elaine Harris (Jeremy), and four grandchildren.

The Baileys plans to celebrate with a family dinner and a trip out west later this summer.

Stress impacts driving decisions

By JANA HOLLINGSWORTH

The Minnesota Star Tribune Tribune News Service

DULUTH, Minn. - When a Jeep cut me off and then slowed to several notches below the speed limit, I first gasped and then gestured wildly, swearing. These things I remember.

But a sensor I was wearing to capture my heart rate and electrical changes in my skin, along with a vehicle "black box," revealed more: aggressive braking and accelerating and a rapidly beating heart. It didn't help that it was in the middle of the workday, when I am almost always stressed.

"This one was clear that when you were a little more flustered, the driving was definitely bad,' said Turuna Seecharan, an assistant professor in the engineering department of the University of Minnesota Duluth.

I should find ways to calm myself before driving to news Seecharan said, so that stress more than 100 driving sessions doesn't influence my choices on the road.

She and graduate student Md Sakibul Hasan Nahid are researching the role emotions like stress play in driving. Is there a correlation? I wore a sensor for several days to better understand the research. My data showed I was less stressed when I wasn't in the middle of a workday, even if something unexpected happened on the roadway.

The study could be useful for driver training programs, or lead to technology that warns drivers of stress levels before they get behind the wheel, Seecharan and Nahid said, because stress, fatigue and anger can all cloud decision-making while driving.

"Just like you shouldn't get into a car if you're too tired or you shouldn't get into a car if you're drunk, it's the same thing," Seecharan said. "Pay attention to your emotional state.'

The researchers have recorded

for 25 drivers aged 18-30 so far. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says drivers aged 15 to 20 are involved in more fatal crashes than any other group. In 2020, motor vehicle crashes were the leading cause of unintentional death for drivers between 15 and 24, according to

The data collection method the UMD researchers used is similar to what car insurance companies use to determine how safely

the administration.

after each driving trip.

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

CENTER — Free pregnan-

cy 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 Fri-

day. For more information

or to schedule an appoint-

ment, call (260) 726-8636.

BREAD OF LIFE COM-

- Will be served from 5:30

MUNITY FAMILY MEAL

to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury Unit-

ed Methodist Church, 204 E.

Arch St. in Portland. Every-

PORTLAND EVENING

OPTIMIST CLUB — Will

meet at 6 p.m. the second

and fourth Monday of each

month at Richards Restau-

NARCOTICS ANONY-

MOUS — Will meet at 6:30

p.m. each Monday at A Sec-

ond Chance At Life Min-

istries, 228 S. Meridian St.

in Portland. For more infor-

mation, call Brenda Eads at

(260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen

at (260) 251-8792.

Walk-ins accepted.

one is welcome.

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(260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY

someone drives, but it also factors in emotional state by starting with baseline physiological data. Braking and accelerating behavior is gauged, and drivers submit mood data before, during and

The researchers found that electrodermal activity (changes in skin from sweating) can be helpful in predicting emotional states and aggressive driving. The more you sweat, the higher the electrodermal activity.

Boss adds errands to job workload

DEAR ABBY: I started a new job a year and a half ago. It's in a small office. My boss and I are the only employees. I enjoy the job very much, but there's an aspect of it that has really started to wear on me. Increasingly, my boss has been asking me to take care of personal tasks for him that are unrelated to the business. I understand that he has no one else to rely on, but it shouldn't be my problem. I'm a single mom with two kids, and I already have enough on my

The final straw was when I asked for the day off to spend with my entire family, and he asked me to pick up his pets in the afternoon (to save him the cost of having them boarded overnight) and give him a ride home from the airport at 9:30 p.m. I had to leave my family gathering to do this.

Part of me knows it wasn't fair of him to ask for these things. I don't want to lie and say I can't, but "I don't want to" seems petty. I have enough trouble running my own household without helping out with another. How do I say this without losing my job? — NO WORK-WIFE IN IDAHO

DEAR NO WORK-WIFE: For your boss to expect you to run errands for him without being compensated is taking advantage of you. The first thing I would do if I were in your shoes would be to start exploring the job market in your community. Then, if I found anything that suited my particular skills, I would have a talk with my boss and explain that I have responsibilities after working hours that make it difficult to comply with his requests.

tribute to his business, he ago and you are not comfortmay figure out another way able contacting her now.

Dear Abby



to get his errands run. However, if he doesn't, you will have another job lined up.

DEAR ABBY: My mother has cancer that has metastasized, and my family is now expecting me to talk to her. We haven't had a relationship in nine years, ever since she moved out of state with her boyfriend. Abby, our relationship has been toxic ever since she found out she was pregnant with me almost 35 years ago. My family expects me to put out a "fire" I didn't start, just because she is sick. The last time she was in town, I held her accountable for the choices she's made, and she exploded. She screamed, cussed at me and disrespected me in my home.

Am I cruel for standing my ground and refusing to be mistreated by her? Must I please my family and succumb to their pressure to surrender my peace? What if my mother survives only to abuse me again? – VICTIMIZED IN OHIO

DEAR VICTIMIZED: Your mother's illness is terminal. What you must decide is whether you would like to make peace with her for yourself, NOT because relatives are pressuring you into it. If the answer to that question is no, tell these wellmeaning relatives because of the abuse you suffered at her hands from the time you were little, you feel If he values what you con- you lost your mother years

Community Calendar

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

MOUS — Will meet at 10 will meet from 5 to 6:30 a.m. at Zion Evangelical p.m. each Sunday at Fel-Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

MISSISSINEWA CHAP-TER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REV-OLUTION — Will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at Jay County Historical Society Museum. The special guest Brenda Cotton, Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution regent Kathy Selman at Hoover St., Dunkirk.

(260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for ALCOHOLICS ANONY- all kinds of addictions, lowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be chapter is celebrating its played from 9 a.m. to noon 106th anniversary with each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE played starting at 1 p.m. central district director. each Monday at West Jay For questions, contact Community Center, 125

Tuesday

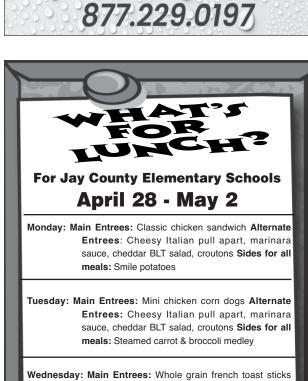
COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOV-ERY SUPPORT GROUP A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk.

BEFORE AFTER! CRACKED OR BOWING WALLS SETTLING FOUNDATIONS BASEMENT WATERPROOFING CRAWLSPACE ENCAPSULATION CONCRETELEVELING SAGGING FLOORS



marinara sauce, cheddar BLT salad, croutons Sides for all meals: Hash brown patty Thursday: Main Entrees: Mashed potato & chicken bowl

Alternate Entrees: Cheesy Italian pull apart,

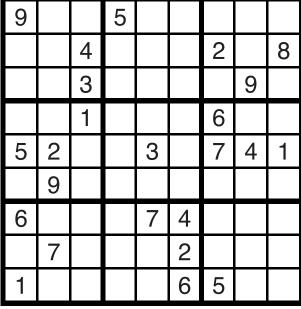
Alternate Entrees: Cheesy Italian pull apart. marinara sauce, cheddar BLT salad, croutons Sides for all meals: Seasoned corn

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic pepperoni pizza Alternate Entrees: Cheesy Italian pull apart, marinara sauce, cheddar BLT salad, croutons Sides for all meals: Seasoned peas and carrots



(260) 726-4710

Sudoku



Friday's Solution

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

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



Work to improve financial literacy

Journal-Advocate (Sterling, Colorado)

It's a basic life skill necessary for future success, but unfortunately, it's something far too many people struggle with: financial literacy.

April is National Financial Literacy Month, a national camorganized by Jump\$tart Coalition to raise awareness about financial literacy. It's an excellent opportunity to review and upgrade your financial smarts, because whether you're just starting out or have been earning your way for quite some time, it's never too late to learn about saving and improving your financial outlook.

According to a report from

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the National Financial Education Council, 50.2% of individuals in a recent survey said their lack of literacy cost them \$500 or more in 2024. Additionally, 5% said it set them back by \$10,000 or more. The average respondent lost \$1,015.

For those wanting to upgrade money management smarts, the Credit Counseling Society offers the following tips for making a personal budget:

1. Set practical budget goals

goal should be challenging yet realistic; you should also give vourself a deadline to teach it.

2. Track money coming into your household and your spending — The best way to figure out where you spend your money is simply to track your spending for a month. Whether you're paying your mortgage payments, shopping online or buying snacks at a convenience store, jot down every cent you spend into a single docu-

3. Avoid spending more than you make — Overspending is a key reason why household budgets fail, so all of these steps help you avoid spending more than you make. If you are overspend-

It's important to have specific ing, then review the master list of months later without scrambling goals in mind. A practical budget monthly expenses and cut it to find extra money in an emerdown until your total expenses match your total income.

4. Whenever you're unsure about a particular expense, ask yourself, if you need it, or just want it. When balancing your budget, remember that it's easy to think that a want is actually a need. If this is what you're having trouble with, start by reducing an expense by 50% and see how it goes.

5. Make room in your budget for irregular expenses — Make room for a seasonal and unexpected expenses fund. For example, if your family budget lets you save \$80 a month in this fund, then you'd be perfectly ready for a \$400 seasonal expense five

gency fund.

6. Put your home budget plan into action — Ask yourself: Have I covered what I need (housing, food, utilities, transportation, etc.)? Have I factored in debt payments and put money aside in a savings account for unexpected expenses, savings, and the fun stuff? You might discover that some parts of your budget need to be adjusted as you use it. That's totally fine. Do whatever you need to fit the budget to your situation and your goals.

We encourage everyone to take some time this month and brush up on your financial knowledge because financial literacy is paramount to your success.

Environmentalism is a conservative value

By ERIC RUARK

Ask most Republicans or right-leaning voters for their thoughts on "environmentalism," and you'll hear a litany of complaints progressives' attempts to remake our economy, increase the cost of living, and regulate small businesses into the ground.

It's simply a political reality that campaigns against eating meat and zoning battles to outlaw single-family homes — not to mention the war on oil and natural gas — have made "environmentalist" practically a dirty word on the Right.

And that's a problem, because protecting our environment, conserving our natural resources for future generations, and promoting a high quality of life for all Americans are fundamentally conservative endeavors.

This isn't an attack on or a defense of the political Right. It's an argument that it's long past time for the Right to seriously take up the mantle of environmental stewardship rather than ceding it to the radical Left. And that project must begin with addressing the urban sprawl that's been devouring our fields, forests, coasts, and rivers for decades — largely thanks to population growth driven by immigra-

The United States gained almost 90 million people over the last forty years. We're on track to add another 65 million or so by

All that growth has consequences. Between 2002 and 2017, urban sprawl consumed more than 17,000 square miles of previously open spaces — an area roughly twice the size of New Jersey. And a whopping two-thirds (67%) of that land loss resulted from constructing new houses, shopping venues, roads, and other infrastructure to accommodate increased demand from a growing population.

All this sprawl fundamentally disrupts the places and ways of life we hold dear. A study from the U.S. Department of the Interior and North Carolina State University predicts that, based on current trends, the Southeast will eventually become one "megalopolis," a "seam-less" urban corridor stretching from Raleigh, NC to Atlanta, GA, "at the expense of agricultural and forest lands."

vative about that.

isn't inevitable. Voters have *Post*.

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the power to chart a differ-

unwanted growth unwelcome change.

The federal government, though, plays the biggest role. It grants lifetime residency and work permits to over one million legal immigrants each year — a number that has stayed relconsistent atively decades, regardless which party holds the White House.

Republicans in Congress have proposed reforms to decrease both legal and illegal immigration — which would curtail the population growth that's transforming communities nationwide.

In 2023, the House passed a sweeping immigration bill that would end catchand-release, end abuse of parole that was rampant under the Biden-Harris administration, and require every U.S. employer to check the legal status of recent hires through E-Verify. Republicans have also sponsored bills that would reduce "chain migration," which enables recent immigrants to sponsor their overseas relatives for green cards — regardless of whether those relatives have the skills to succeed in the 21st century economy.

people move to the United States in the coming years, the dreaded army of bulldozers, cement-rollers, and tree-cutters will only keep advancing. There's no way around it.

For too long, the environmental movement has been dangerously politicized. While the Left has done little actual conservation, many on the Right have defaulted to opposing conservation efforts on "principle." This has to change. Maybe the debate over how to manage future immigration flows will be the cata-

There's nothing conser- Research for Numbers USA. This Fortunately, this future appeared in the Palm Beach

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ent course.

Local ordinances are a good place to start. Consider how zoning regulations can protect certain areas from new development. Libertarians may gripe about government overreach, but reasonable people recognize zoning for what it is: a legitimate way for local citizens to prevent

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Ruark is director of piece originally



Francis had strength to be kind

By JOHN KRULL TheStatehouseFile.com

When Jorge Mario Bergoglio became the bishop of Rome in 2013, no one knew that his papacy would be blessedly out of pace with that of much of the world.

Pope Francis stepped onto the world's stage at a time when many so many, too many world's leaders spoke and acted out of anger. It was this pontiff's fate to try to both preach and practice peace, patience and humility at a time when many — again, so many, too many — of the world's inhabitants just wanted to scream and

That was not Francis' way.

It was clear from both his talk and his actions that he took seriously the biblical admonitions to practice kindness and generosity of spirit. He eschewed many of the royalist trappings of previous popes because he believed such luxuries erected barriers between him and his vast congregation.

He aspired to be the pope not just of the powerful, the comfortable and the firmly entrenched but also the marginalized, the dispossessed and the disenfranchised.

Nowhere did he make that clearer than when he discussed people who weren't straight. For years, the Catholic Church's treatment of LGBTQ human beings ranged from inhospitable to downright mean.

Francis changed that. "If a person is gay and seeks God and has good will, who am I to judge?" he said in 2013 when he was asked about homosexual priests.

To make his point even more unmistakable, he said flatly on another occasion that "being homosexual is not a crime."

In speaking so, he enraged conservative critics within the church. They argued that Francis the church should not be a museum dents.

John Krull



surrendered what they — falsely considered the moral high ground.

They did not want to lose the moral authority to condemn those of whom they disapproved. At the same time, others were dis-

appointed that he didn't fundamentally change the church's policies regarding human sexuality. They noted that, while he said homosexuality wasn't a crime, he never said it wasn't a sin.

Both his critics and his supporters often claimed to be confused by his thinking on such matters.

I think they were being deliberately obtuse. The key to understanding Francis'

position came in the last five words of his response to the question about gay priests.

Who am I to judge?

In an era in which so many world leaders feel so certain about so many things, Francis had the courage to embrace modesty. He knew that being pope was not the same thing as being

Francis recognized that there are many sins — lying, adultery, blasphemy, etc. — that do not violate civil laws except, occasionally, in very specific contexts. He thought that choosing to criminalize one sin while legally condoning others was at least as great an evil as the supposed sin

Beyond that, Francis believed that a church that did not embrace and welcome sinners was not a church at all. He adhered to the old notion that

for saints but a hospitable for sin-More importantly, he believed that

all human beings are sinners in need of divine guidance and forgiveness.

That was the source of his humilitv. the reason he refused to cloak himself and his papacy in the garb of privilege and power.

When he criticized, he did so directly but without malice.

He said Russia's invasion of Ukraine was wrong and he noted that those who would build walls to keep poor immigrants in conditions of oppression and misery could not legitimately call themselves Chris-

On those questions, he was on solid ground.

The gospels have few kind things to say about those who indulge in unprovoked aggression or deliberate

Pope Francis died the other day after battling bronchitis and pneumonia. He was 88.

In the years to come, scholars and historians will debate how his papacy altered the arc of the church's story or if it did at all. They will explore his moves to make the Catholic church more inclusive, more welcoming and more democratic (with a

All that study will be worthwhile and valid, but it will capture only part of the reason his papacy mattered as much as it did.

Why it was so refreshing.

During an age when so many — too many — people embraced pure meanness as a way to live and interact with others, Pope Francis chose kindness.

May he rest in peace.

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Trivial Review

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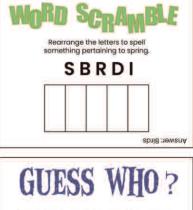
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I am a professional wrestler born in Massachusetts on April 23, 1977. I pursued a career in bodybuilding and worked as a chauffeur at a limousine company. I went on to win 25 wrestling championships, including 16 WWE World Heavyweight titles

Answer John Cena





This religious holiday is celebrated by billions of people across the globe each spring.

Answer: Easter



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1792: "La Marseillaise," the French national anthem, is composed by Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle.

1859: British and French engineers break ground for the Suez Canal.

1954: The first practical solar cell is demonstrated by Bell Telephone Labs.



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Contract & Bridge By Steve Becker

Beyond the shadow of a doubt

North dealer Both sides vulnerable NORTH SOUTH ♠ K J 7 5 2 ▼ A Q 8 The bidding: North 1 ♦ South West 1 **4** 6 **4** Pass Pass ten of diamonds. Opening lead -

A conscientious declarer does not relax merely because he has an excellent chance to make his contract. He goes a step further to consider whether there might be an even surer — preferably cast-iron — way to get home safely. Today's

way to get nome sarely. Today's deal provides an example.

West led a diamond against six spades, and South could count 11 sure tricks. A 12th trick was available foresteen the state of the forest state of the sta able if either a heart or club finesse succeeded, and the odds in favor of one or both finesses succeeding were 3-to-1.

But 3-to-1 shots have been known to fail and, in fact, would have in the actual case. However, South substituted a method of play that ignifican chances.

He won the diamond lead with the king and, after drawing three rounds of trump, cashed the J-Q of diamonds. When West proved to have no more than three diamonds, South had a sure thing, but he had to be careful not to cash the dia-mond ace at this point, which would have forced him to choose a discard prematurely.

fiscard prematurely.

For example, suppose he had cashed the ace and discarded a heart. If he then took either a heart or club finesse, he would have gone down one. Whichever finesse he elected to take, West would win with the king and return the same suit. Eventually, South would try the other finesse and lose it for the other finesse and lose it for

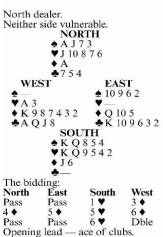
down one. Instead, South led a low heart from dummy at trick seven and inserted the eight. West won with the ten but had to return either a heart or a club, handing declarer a free finesse and the slam as well.

The effect of delaying the discard on the ace of diamonds was that it allowed South to create an endplay position from which West could not escape and raised a 75% chance of success to 100%.

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Contract By Steve Becker Bridge

Famous Hand



Opening lead — ace of clubs.

When there's a borderline choice between which of two bids to make, you never know when exercising one choice might lead to tremen-

one choice might lead to theiriendous success, while exercising the other might lead to absolute ruin.

This very situation arose in dramatic fashion in today's deal from the 1970 world championship match between Brazil and the United States At the first table, with Bobby

shown, Jacoby opened with or shown. Jacoby opened with or heart, when he could just as easil have opened with one spade, an this paid off handsomely when hended up making six hearts doubled for a score of 1,210 points.

There was nothing to the pla Jacoby ruffed the club lead, drow out the ace of hearts and had threst of the tricks.

rest of the tricks. At the second table, with Gabrie Chagas and Pedro Assumpca holding the North-South cards for Brazil, the bidding went:

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Declarer ruffed the club lead an played a round of trump. Whe West showed out, South could no afford to continue drawing trump so he led a heart, hoping for a 1-division. West thereupon took the ace and returned a heart for East t ruff, and the slam went down one

Observe that even if North ha wound up in six hearts at this tab (North had bid hearts first), the slam would likewise have faile against a spade lead by East.

Wolff and Jim Jacoby North-South for the U.S., the bidding went as Tomorrow: How to improve your game.

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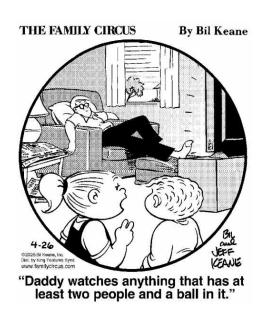
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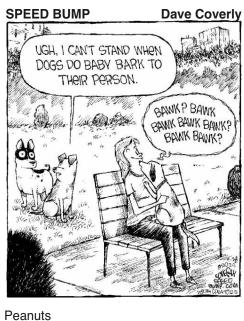
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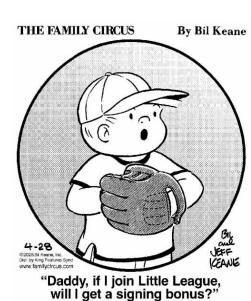
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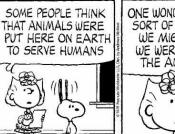
















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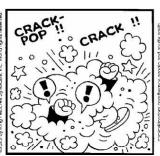






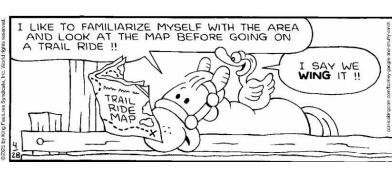


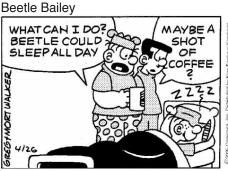






















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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that Dale W. Fennig was, on the

22nd day of April, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Rose E. Fennig deceased, who died on March 3rd, 2025. All persons who have claims

against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after death decedent's whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 22nd day of April, 2025. HINKLE BACSTER.

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bedrooms, 1 full bathroom and 1426 square feet of living area. Home has gas forced air furnace with central air, gas water heater, a water softener and a partial basement. The kitchen has nice oak cabinets with space for a

table along with a dining room. There is a 24í x 26í 2 car detached garage with heat and water, a small utility barn with a walk in cooler and

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a 32í x 48í pole barn

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COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NOTICE IS HERBBY GIVEN THAT: Pennville Partners LLC, 11293 S 700 E-90, Geneva, IN 46740, has filed with the Jay County Plan Commission a petition, #MapChg2025-14-17, requesting a Rezoning/Map Change to the zoning regula-

tions, to wit: Parcel IDs (3): 38-01-35-300-015.004-01 1 & 38-01-34-401-005.010-011 & 38-01-34-401-005.011-011 Location of Properties Affected: 1 parcel on the west side of CR 300 N, north of Daisy Lane & 2 parcels, Lots 6 & 7, on Max Drive, on the north side of the road: Penn Township, Sections 34 & 35:

all are within the corporate limits of Pennville Action Requested: To combine the three (3) vacant parcels with the existing & proposed expanded mobile home parks. The parcels will require rezoning from R8 (SFR) Single Family Residential to R10 (MFR) Multi Family Residential to comply with Section 804 of the Jav County Zoning Ordinance. A public hearing will be held by said Commission on May 8.

2025 at 6:00 pm at the Community Resource Center, 118 S Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana At that time, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters set out in the petitions. The petition and file on this matter is available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 S Meridian Street /

If unable to attend the meeting, the Department will accept letters from the public prior to the meeting date. Letters may be sent or taken to the Jay/Portland Building Department. Questions may be directed to the office at260-726-6904.

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Jay County Plan Commission John Hemmelgarn Zoning Administrator/ Director Date: 4-21-2025

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ers; bolts; nuts; wood and metal pulleys; fish-

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

JAY COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATION JAY COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: Pennville Partners LLC, 11293 S 700 E-90, Geneva, IN 46740, has filed with the Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals a petition, #SpExc2025-03-13, requesting a Special Ex ception to the

regulations, to wit: Parcel IDs (3): 38-01-35-300-015.004-011 & 38-01-34-401-005.010-011 &38-01-34-401-005.011-011 Location of Properties Affected: 1 parcel on the west side of CR 300 N, north of Daisy Lane & 2 parcels, Lots 6 & 7, on Max Drive, on the north side of the road; Penn Township, Sections 34 & 35; all are within the corporate lim-

its of Pennville Action Requested: To combine the three (3) vacant parcels with the existing & proposed expanded mobile home parks. The properties will require rezoning to R10 (MFR) Multi Family Residential to comply with Section 804 of the Jay County Zoning Ordinance that states this type of business requires Special Exception Use approval from the BZA. The rezoning request is contingent on receiving Special Exception Use ap-

proval from the BZA

A public hearing will be held by said Board on May 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Community Resource Center, 118 S Merid ian Street, Portland, Indiana, At that time, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters set out in the petitions. The petition and file on this matter is available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 S Meridian Street / Ste E, Portland, Indiana 47371.

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ing; and many other items not listed. **AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** This is a quality auction with a nice variety of antiques and collectibles. Auction preview will be held on Friday April 25th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Doors will open day of auction at 8:00

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BOOKS - TRI STATE MEMORABILIA

Large collection of Gene Stratton Porter Books (80+) to include Her Father's Daughter, A Daughter of the Land, The Magic Garden, The White Flag, The Keeper of the Bees, At The Foot of The Rainbow, The Harvestor, Michael O'Hallaren, A Girl of the Limberlost, Laddie, The Song of the Cardinal, Freckles, Freckles Comes Home, Tales You Won't Believe, and What I Have Done With Birds. Some are 1st editions; History of Jay County, Vol I & II; History of Adams & Wells Co, Vol I & II; Zane Grey; Ernie Pyel; Geneva, Bryant, Portland and Adams Co. books; 1932-1950 Early V-8 Ford Service Manuals; Dykes Automobile and Gasoline Engine Encyclopedia; Gas Engine magazines; YEARBOOKS: South Adams (1966 thru 1974), Geneva (1950 thru 1964), Bryant 1952, Geneva (1939-1950), and Hartford 1941; The Informer Geneva 1913 and 1914; 1938 Trail of The Limberlost; Dixie Camp Atterbury 31st Div.; and many other books and reading material not listed. Playboy magazines; Tri State belt buckles, collector engines, mugs, books and other assorted items.

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Cub Cadet 1250 Hydrostat mower; Cub Cadet 1450 Hydrostat mower, no deck; 8' X 6' tandem axle bumper trailer, no title; George single wheel garden tractor with Clinton motor; International tiller for garden tractor; IH 2 ½ hp type LB engine; Farymann diesel engine; International engine; Cub Cadet front blade; upright air compressor; (2) 27 drawer metal index; (5) 6 door lockers; 3T engine hoist; 1T hoist; IH small battery jack; Dewalt 18V drill; (2) Columbian vises; Skil 7 ¼ circular saw; router bits; magnetos; electric power washer; Craftsman gas blower; McCullouch Mac 110 chain saw; drop cords; metal shelves; bottle jacks; hack saws; files; aluminum extension ladder; wood step ladder; electric supplies; CB radios; older spark plugs; copper & brass fittings; gauges; clamps; electrical wire; metal pulleys; pipe wrenches; spray guns; open end wrenches; sockets; tin snips; grinder; C Clamps; Bosch angle grinder; US 1941 and 1945 hatchets; screws; washers; bolts; nuts; wood and metal pulleys; brass blow torches; lanterns; Coleman gas stove; copper pipe; soldering irons; electric hack saw; cattle panels; hay hooks; wire crates; S & K sockets; torch heads; 1 man saws; cross cut saws; Fairbanks Morse engine in pcs.; tow straps; come along; wood carts with dolly wheels; fuel tanks; wheelbarrow; tires; rims; pliers; punches; drill bits; wood bits; small scrap; index; screws; eye hooks; tackle box; shop vac; fishing poles; antlers; hoes; shoves; corn jobber; hammers; galvanized cans; and other items not listed.

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www.thecr.com Page 8 **The Commercial Review**

Get over it

Tribe weathers mistakes to take down Coldwater 9-8 to get back on track

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY The Indians took a hard loss to the Wildcats earlier in the week.

They gave up a pair of runs through the first three at bats in the first inning.

Then later, the Tribe made multiple defensive mistakes to nearly blow a six-run lead.

In each instance, the Indians had to just get over it to buck down and get the

The Fort Recovery High School softball team weathered a handful of struggles to hold on and beat the Coldwater Cavaliers 9-8 on Thursday.

"The girls were being resilient tonight for sure," said FRHS coach Carrie Schoen, "We started out a little slow. Had a really good breakout inning on offense, got some comfort with that for sure. Coldwater comes back like a typical MAC team would do. Kudos to them but the girls found a way to just dig deep and be resilient to try and get that

Coldwater (3-10, 0-3 Midwest Athletic Conference) struck first as Dana Zahn drew a walk to lead off the game and quickly came in to score as Avery Knapke drove an 0-2 fastball to leftcenter field for a triple. Knapke scored during the next at bat on a wild pitch.

The two Cavaliers produced a third run in the top of the second inning as Zahn smacked a single up the middle, stole second base and scored on Knapke's double down the left field line.

Down 3-0. Fort Recov-



Fort Recovery High School freshman Layla Armstrong lays out to make a diving catch that took away a scoring opportunity in the Tribe's 9-8 win over Coldwater on Thursday. "I think my coaches have definitely been helping me a lot, especially with moving plays and being on my toes." Armstrong said.

ery's offense started to got a changeup and pulled and again reached third out that came against Riley come alive a little in the bottom of the second inning when Alexis Grisez hit a fly ball to right field for a single and advanced to second on an error by Ava Doll.

After Kayla Heitkamp attempted to move Grisez over to third with a bunt, the sophomore stole the bag. Down 1-2 in the count with one out, Heitkamp was just looking to get Grisez in, but in the process blasted a home run to deep

"When I went up, I was eager to hit, and then when she made it to three I was even more eager to get her home," Heitkamp said. "I was down 1-2, so I knew I wasn't going to get much,

it for a home run."

The Indians (9-5, 3-1 MAC) claimed the lead the next inning. Layla Armstrong led off with a single to right and Emma Will smashed a double to deep left to put runners on second and third base. With two outs, Ella Schoen sent a ball to Hailey Stough at shortstop, who mishandled it allowing both runs to

FRHS padded its lead with five more runs in the fifth inning. Will led off the inning with another double and two batters later, the second two-run home run of the game came off the bat of Jenna Homan.

Grisez hit a single to left

after taking second on a passed ball and then stealing the bag. Heitkamp walked before Kylie Post singled to score Grisez. Courtesy runner Courtney Klenke stole second base, and an error by catcher Chloe Frysinger Heitkamp home. As part of the initial error, Klenke made her way to third and was awarded home after Knapke's throw from center field sailed out of play.

Homan put out a solid performance, going all seven innings for the Indians while only allowing two earned runs on eight hits. She struck out seven batters in the contest, including her 100th career strikeEales to end the fifth frame.

"I took a lot of practice and I'm excited to hit (the 100 strikeout mark)," Homan said. "I knew I was getting pretty close. I didn't realize I was that close but I knew it was coming. ... It was fun."

CHS struck back in the sixth inning and Homan had to go to work as her defense struggled. She struck out the first two batters, one of which reached base on a dropped third strike and throwing error. The next batter sent a ground ball that second baseman Armstrong had to range to the middle of the field just to snag. The fresh-

Box score

Coldwater Cavaliers

Coldwater (3-10, 0-3 MAC) DZahn 2b Knapke cf Eales dp LZahn If

Frysinger c

Will cf Homan p Schoen 3b AlGrisez 1b Heitkamp rf Klenke cr Hart If

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LOB — Coldwater 8, Fort Recovery 3. 2B — Coldwater 2 (Knapke, Klingshirn), Fort Recovery 2 (Will 2). 3B — Coldwater 1 (Knapke). HR — Fort Recovery 2 (Homan, Heitkamp. SB — Coldwater 1 (DZahn), Fort Recovery 2 (AlGrisez 2).

Klingshirn 6 10 9 5 3 2 Fort Recovery Homan 7 7 8 2 2 7

shortstop Ava Grisez for the force at second base and the second out.

Homan issued a walk before the opposing pitcher, Alivia Klingshirn, doubled to score two runs. The FRHS junior then induced three consecutive ground balls that all were mishandled and allowed two more runs to score. Eales pushed one more run in on a single to right before Homan ended the inning by snagging a line drive Stough man flipped the ball to belted back at her.

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Jay baseball picks up first conference win over Woodlan Warriors

WOODBURN — Not much has gone the way of the Patriots in the early part of the season, but as they entered Allen County Athletic Conference play, they finally broke through.

The Jay County High School baseball team scored two key runs in the top of the seventh inning to beat the Woodlan Warriors 6-5 in Thursday's ACAC open-

The Patriots (3-6, 1-0 ACAC) developed a 4-0 lead by pushing a pair of runs across in the first and third innings. Woodlan (7-5, 0-1 ACAC) responded in the bottom of the third by putting up a four spot and taking a 1run lead in the fifth inning.

Down a run in the top of the seventh inning, Carter Fugiett led off with a single and Drew Schemenaur reached base on an error. Kade Sommers drove in the first run with a single to right field and Garrett Bennett followed it up with an infield single to score the winning run.

Aiden Phillips earned the victory after tossing the final two innings and keeping the Warriors off the board and without a hit.

Can't score

 ${\tt COLDWATER, Ohio-The\ floodgates}$ opened in the sixth inning as Fort Recovery's baseball team fell to the Coldwater Cavaliers 9-0 on Thursday.

Coldwater (11-1, 5-0 Midwest Athletic Conference) scored its first two runs in the first inning before pushing seven more across in the sixth inning on four singles, two doubles, a walk and an error.

Caden Grisez suffered the loss as he gave up two earned runs on five walks and one hit over 3 1/3 innings of work.

The Indians (8-4, 1-3 MAC) had runners in scoring position in five of the seven innings, but failed to come up with a run. Brody Hart led the offense with a double and a single, while Reece Wendel added two singles.

Dirksens dominate

The Jay County Junior High Junior High School tennis team hosted Adams Central, winning 15 of 19 matches against the Jets.

Leading the day with perfect records at 4-0 were Elly Byrum, Claudia Dirksen, Henry Dirksen and Maria Laux.

Also finishing the day with a perfect ing 3-for-3.

Local roundup

record at 3-0 were Job Dirksen and Paul Dirksen.

Cadly Henry, Parker McCory and Aubrie Whetzel all finished 3-1 on the day, while Maddie Clark secured three wins and had one match end in a tie.

Ended early

ALBANY — The Jay County Junior High School golf team fell to Delta 196-218 on Thursday at Albany Golf Club.

Only four golfers for each team finished their rounds before lightning ended the match early.

Karson Hines and Murphy Link both shot 52s for the team low. Right behind them was Kayden Hutzler with a 54.

The final score came from Josh Brown, who needed 60 strokes to get through the match.

Walks power

The Portland Red 10-and-younger All Stars softball team beat Blackford 13-0 on Thursday.

Every single batter in Portland's lineup drew at least one walk and stole a base once in the victory.

Three players collected hits, the biggest coming from Jo LeMaster with a double into right field. Kendall Snow and Emme Theurer also reached base with a single apiece.

Carsyn Guggenbiller handled business in the circle, striking out five batters over five innings. She didn't give up any runs despite surrendering a walk and two hits.

Offense thrives

The Portland 8-and-younger Allstars softball team took down Selma 17-4 on Thursday.

Hayden Guggenbiller, Ava Lochtefeld, Kinley McLaughlin, and Maddie Theurer led the way for Portland by going 4-for-4 at the plate. Lochtefeld and Theurer scored all four times they reached base.

Maitlynn Castillo and Skye Ingram were also perfect with the bat, finish-