

Fatality on 26



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

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FR man died in crash on Friday

A rural Fort Recovery man died Friday when the truck he was driving went off of Indiana 26, struck a utility pole and flipped. Gregory C. McEldowney, 51, was pronounced dead at the scene of the incident on the north side of the highway between county roads 500 East and 600 East.

According to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report, McEldowney was traveling east on Indiana 26 about 11:40 a.m. Friday when the 2007 Chevrolet Silverado he was driving crossed the center line and went off the north side of the road for an unknown reason. It struck a culvert, became airborne and started to flip. The

top of the truck then struck a Jay County REMC utility pole, snapping it, and the vehicle continued to roll several times before coming to a stop upside down 88 feet north of the highway. McEldowney was ejected from the vehicle, with his body ending up under the bed of the pickup truck.

He suffered injuries to his entire body, with internal injuries listed as the most severe. The vehicle is owned by the Mark P. McEldowney Trust, 567 Mercer Darke County Line Road, Fort Recovery. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$25,000 to \$50,000. It was towed.

Battery storage pause advances

City plan commission recommends moratorium

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
A proposed moratorium on battery storage facilities advanced Thursday. Portland Plan Commission members voted unanimously to recommend to Portland City Council that it place a one-year moratorium.

The issue is expected to be on the Portland City Council agenda for May 19. There were no comments Thursday during the public hearing on the moratorium. Jay/Portland Building and Planning director John Hemmelgarn noted that Jay County REMC has expressed interest in a battery storage unit at POET Biorefining southwest of the city. That site falls within the city's 2-mile buffer for zoning rules. He said the moratorium would allow time for research on such facilities and to develop an ordinance to govern them. "I just want a chance to get ahead of it," said Hemmelgarn. He noted that a moratorium can be lifted early or extended, if necessary. Plan commission member and former mayor Randy Geesaman said he feels the moratorium is the proper way to handle the situation. Commission members Bart Darby, Kent McClung, Ashley Hilfiker, Chad Aker, Kyle Cook, Ron Laux and Geesaman, absent Jerry Alexander and Steve McIntosh, voted to recommend the moratorium. Jay County Commissioners approved a one-year moratorium on battery storage and new solar facilities at their meeting Monday.

Shifting timeline

Board of Works will need to update its long-term control plan with IDEM

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
Work at the city's wastewater treatment plant is moving along. Officials will need to update documentation with the state to reflect a change in the timeline. Jeff Hersha of Jones and Henry Engineers of Fort Wayne, updated Portland Board of Works on the project Thursday and asked that a work session be scheduled to update the city's long-term control plan. The more than \$18.3 million overall project includes the construction of a wet weather pump station and an equalization basin. Both are part of the city's 2008 agreed order with Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the city's long-term control plan. The new system will allow

excess water to be pumped into the equalization basin during times when the city's facility is overloaded. That water can then be pumped back and treated before being discharged. Hersha reported that James S. Jackson Company of Bluffton continues to make progress on the wet weather pump station. He said excavation for the project is at about the halfway point. He added that Jutte Excavating, which is handling the equalization basin, expects to have materials arriving soon and begin staging for its portion of the project this month. The project that officially started in June 2024 has a completion date of 2025 in the long-term control plan. Because of various delays, the expected completion date is now Oct. 9, 2026.



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The City of Portland will need to update its long-term control plan with Indiana Department of Environmental Management relating to work at its wastewater treatment plant. Pictured above, a crew works Friday on excavation for a wet weather pump station that is part of the \$18.3 million project. The work is now expected to be complete in fall 2026.

Hersha said he has been in communication with Indiana Department of Environmental Management about the timeline and the reasons for the delays. But, he added, the city will need to formally update its long-term control plan to reflect that change and submit it to the state agency for approval. "I expect that we would be successful," said Hersha. "The circumstances are understood by everyone in the state, or everyone in the country. But it is a box that we'll need to check. See Timeline page 2

Deaths

James Plodzien, 77, Portland
Jimmy Miskinis, 74, Muncie
Dorotha Teagle, 92, Hartford City
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 72 degrees Friday.
Expect a high of 60 today with a 50% chance of showers. Rain is expected tonight with a low in the upper 40s and Sunday, when the high will top out in the upper 50s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.






In review

The Portland Foundation is accepting applications for its summer grant cycle. The deadline for summer scholarships and Women's Giving Circle Grants is June 11. For summer grants, the deadline for Teacher Creativity Mini Grants and Dr. Donald Johnson grants is June 26. To apply, visit portlandfoundation.org.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS baseball team at the Wapahani Invitational.
Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Portland City Council meeting.
Thursday — Details from this week's Portland Park Board meeting.

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57/47	60/47	66/49	72/49	68/45
Sunday's forecast calls for rain, with up to a quarter inch possible. Winds will reach 20 mph.	The forecast calls for a high of 60 degrees with a 40% chance of showers.	There is a 30% chance of rain, mainly in the afternoon. Skies will otherwise be partly sunny.	The high will climb into the low 70s under partly sunny skies. There is a 30% chance of rain.	Skies will be partly sunny with a high of 68.

Lotteries	
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 5-0-0 Daily Four: 4-6-4-8 Quick Draw: 3-4-7-12-13-21-23-27-30-35-37-44-47-51-56-62-63-67-70-71	Pick 3: 2-5-4 Pick 4: 5-9-0-6 Pick 5: 8-6-2-8-6
Ohio Midday	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$44 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$80 million

Markets	
Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.80 June corn4.82 July corn4.85	June beans10.58 Wheat5.03
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.87 June corn4.91 July corn4.94	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.76 June corn4.78 Beans10.68 June beans10.70 Wheat4.93
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.79 June corn4.74 Beans10.68	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.79 June corn4.81 Beans10.38 June beans10.43 Wheat4.83

Today in history	
<p>In 1494, Christopher Columbus spotted the island of Jamaica. Spanish colonists settled the island 15 years later.</p> <p>In 1972, the Bryant High School baseball team clobbered Southern Wells 11-0. Jim Wendel tossed a two-hit shutout for the Owls, and Ron Wendel had three hits.</p> <p>In 1973, Portland native Philip D. Young announced plans to open a law practice in the city. He had served as production control manager at Jay Garment Co. before enrolling in the Indiana University School of Law.</p> <p>In 2018, the Fort Recovery High School baseball team locked up its first Midwest Athletic</p>	<p>Conference championship as it clobbered visiting New Knoxville 10-0 in five innings.</p> <p>In 2022, local Republicans backed former Jay County Sheriff Ray Newton for a return to the office as he defeated Tony Lennartz and Patrick Wells in the primary election. Newton, who had served from 2007 through 2015, went on to win the general election.</p> <p>In 2022, a leaked document indicated the U.S. Supreme Court was planning to overturn the historic Roe v. Wade abortion rights ruling. (An official decision from the court would not come until June.)</p> <p>—The CR</p>

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

Obituaries

James Plodzien
Nov. 18, 1947-April 24, 2025
James Plodzien, age 77, of Portland passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, April 24, 2025. He was born in Elgin, Illinois, on Nov. 18, 1947, the son of Chester and Virginia Plodzien. James had worked as a nursing home administrator and also as a construction manager and inspector. He graduated from Crystal Lake Central High School and Milton College in Wisconsin. Surviving are three sons, Michael Plodzien (wife: Monica) of Portland, Shaun McKenna of Elgin, Illinois, and T.J. Plodzien (wife: Melissa) of Carol Stream, Illinois; one daughter, Jennifer Couture (husband: Dan) of Lombard, Illinois; one brother, Don Plodzien (wife: Annette) of Crystal Lake, Illinois; one sister, Sandra Rodgers (husband: Steve) of New Zealand; and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kimberly Plodzien. Memorial services will be held on Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Fr. Peter Logsdon presiding. Visitation will be from 6 to 7 p.m. prior to the services. Memorials can be made to Jay County Conservation Club. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.



Plodzien

Born on July 18, 1950, in Muncie, Indiana, he spent the majority of his life in the warmth of Dunkirk, Indiana, where he was known for his compassion, loyalty and creative spirit.

Jim was a loving husband, a devoted father and grandfather, and a friend to many. He was a man of many talents — a skilled hot end operator and journeyman at Kerr Glass, a dedicated member of the Dunkirk American Legion and a proud United States Marine during Vietnam.

Yet, his most cherished role was that of a family man. As the renowned author George Bernard Shaw once said, “Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.” For Jim, his family was that splendid torch — a source of joy, love and inspiration.

Jim’s zest for life was evident in his hobbies and interests. Be it exploring the world of words through reading, cultivating beauty in his flower garden or indulging in the art of cooking, he embraced every moment life offered him. But the times that truly brought a twinkle to his eyes were the moments spent with his family and his beloved canine companion, Zoey. His love for his family was deep, his loyalty unwavering and his compassion knew no bounds.

He is survived by his loving wife, Connie; his daughters Dawn and Angie; his granddaughter Chelsea; five great-grandchildren; and his



Miskinis

sister Dorothy Miskinis (Lewie Mays). He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Audrey Miskinis; his granddaughter Jamie Kelsay; and his brothers, Kenny, Donnie and Dub Miskinis. A gathering of family and friends to celebrate Jim’s life will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 2 to 4 p.m. at the Wilson-Shook Funeral Homes and Cremation Center (Dunkirk Memorial Chapel), located at 317 N. Main St., Dunkirk, Indiana. A celebration of life will follow at 4 p.m. We invite all who knew and loved Jim to join us in honoring his life and his legacy. We encourage you to share your memories of Jim and upload photos to the memorial page at wilson-shookfh.com, as we remember a man who, in his own unique and special way, touched the lives of so many. As Maya Angelou beautifully expressed, “People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” May Jim’s love, compassion and creative spirit continue to inspire us all.

Dorotha E. Teagle, Hartford City, a Pennville High School graduate, Jan. 15, 1933-May 1, 2025. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

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.

Jimmy Miskinis

July 18, 1950-May 1, 2025
On May 1, 2025, Jimmy A. Miskinis, known to his friends and loved ones as Jim, peacefully left his earthly home.

Timeline ...

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The board did not set a work session at the meeting but will look to do so in the next few weeks. Also related to the project, the board approved a \$586,318.50 pay request from James Jackson for work completed in March. In other business, the board: •Approved a contract with LeeAnn Miller of Reclaiming Design to purchase the properties at 208 and 210 N. Meridian St. The contract lays out a timeline of five years for her to complete upgrades to the properties, including adding real or artificial grass for greenery, seating, tables and more whimsical elements such as a trellis, lighting and flowers. (The board had

approved the sale to Miller at its March meeting.) •Agreed to reimburse Charles Street resident Cliff Moser \$335 for plumbing work to fix a problem that was later discovered to be caused by an issue with a city lift station that had gone offline. (Moser originally visited city council on April 21. Council members supported his request but advised him that it was a board of works decision.) •Approved a six-month extension of a waiver of sewage fees for Kyle Love, whose home was destroyed in the September tornado. He said he is close to beginning to rebuild, with a goal of occupying the new house in September.

•Tabled a decision on leveling and seeding the lot at the southwest corner of Main and Commerce streets, the former site of the Bailey Building. Board members said they want to take another look at the property and decide whether concrete at the southeast corner of the property should be removed as part of the project. •Denied a request from Pam Zielinski to have a \$9.64 late fee on a utility bill waived. She said she did not receive the bill. Board members said the late fee was assessed following the city ordinance and expressed concern about being flooded with similar requests if they made an exception.

JAY COUNTY DUST CONTROL PROGRAM

(300 Ft. Minimum) Cost. .. \$1.40 per foot

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION CONDITIONS:

- 1.) Your dust control flag markers must be in place, at BOTH ends, of your application area by June 5th.
- 2.) If potholes appear, during the summer months, in your dust control area; please contact the Jay County Highway Dept @ (260) 726-8701 and request grading or stone applied.
- 3.) The Jay County Highway Department retains full control and authority to maintain said dust controlled areas by grading. Grading will usually be necessary if the surface has deteriorated to a hazardous condition in the opinion of the Highway Department.
- 4.) I agree to pay, in advance, for the dust control solution applied by GREAT LAKES CHLORIDE, INC.
- 5.) Dust mats will be applied in 50 feet increments only. (300 feet minimum)

ONE APPLICATION ONLY

DEADLINE: Thursday May 29th, 2025

LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE

Checks or Money Orders Only

Jay County Highway Department
1035 E 200N, PORTLAND, INDIANA 47371

For More Information, call 726-8701

Sen. Brown
sues AG Rokita
By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com
Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita’s claims about a sitting lawmaker — that she stopped an immigration bill for “personal reasons” — could land him in more legal hot water after she lodged a disciplinary action against him. Rokita, in an archived April 30 interview with radio host Casey Hendrickson, said the bill “stalled” because “someone had a personal grudge against the language,” naming Fort Wayne Sen. Liz Brown as the barrier. “... (She) told me one of the reasons was she’s got a family member who’s an illegal alien,” Rokita told Hendrickson. In a statement shared with the Indiana Capital Chronicle, a spokesperson for Brown called the claim “blatantly false.” Brown went on to confirm that she’d filed an official grievance and request for an investigation into Rokita’s comments with the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission. When author Rep. J.D. Prescott was asked about the bill’s demise by the Indiana Capital Chronicle, he referred questions to Brown.

A Choired Taste


Free Community Concert

The twenty-two voices of *A Choired Taste* will sing under the direction of Eric Rogers, with Linda Braun as the accompanist. The choir will perform American, Irish, and Scottish folk songs, as well as contemporary secular and sacred music. The community choir will be joined by local instrumentalists, Pete Vogler, Reid Knuth, and Zec Landers.

First Presbyterian Church of Portland is sponsoring *A Choired Taste* as a part of its community outreach program.

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church, 402 North Ship St., Portland, IN

ADMISSION IS FREE OF CHARGE



SERVICES

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

Tuesday
Miskinis, Jimmy: 4 p.m., Wilson-Shook Funeral Home, Dunkirk Memorial Chapel, 317 N. Main St., Dunkirk.
Smith, Mary: 3 p.m., Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany.

Wednesday
Plodzien, James: 7 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Friday
Teagle, Dorotha: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Service listings provided by

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

Auditions are next week

The next chance to audition comes in May. Jay County Civic Theatre will hold auditions for its September production of “Legally Blonde The Musical” from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 5, and Tuesday, May 6, at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Auditions are open to anyone. Participants may come at any time on either day of auditions.

Attendees are asked to prepare about 30 seconds of a musical theatre song to show their vocal ability. They may also be asked to read from the script. Be prepared to attend call backs from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 8, if requested.

Those who are unable to attend the auditions but still want to be part of the show should contact director Brad Younts at bmyounts@gmail.com. For more information, visit jay-countycivic.org or email info@jaycountycivic.org.

Free admission

All Indiana State Parks will offer free admission on Sunday, May 4, to celebrate Welcome Weekend and the opening day of Visit Indiana Week.

Campgrounds at state parks are now open. Sunday is also a free fishing day.

“We’re excited to welcome back longtime visitors, and we also warmly invite anyone who’s never visited,” said Ginger Murphy, deputy director of Indiana State Parks, in a press release. “Our parks offer beautiful scenic views, camping and healthy outdoor activities, nature centers for learning

Taking Note

about Indiana’s history and natural resources, and delicious dining and restful lodging at our inns.”

For a full list of activities planned for the weekend, visit calendar.dnr.IN.gov. Find a list of state parks at on.IN.gov/stateparks.

Concert is Tuesday

A Chaired Taste, a Jay County community choir, takes the stage at 7 p.m. Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church, 402 North Ship St., Portland. Eric Rogers will direct the 23-person choir, with Linda Braun accompanying. Program songs include American, Irish, and Scottish folk songs, gospel, as well as contemporary secular and sacred music.

The choir will be joined in concert by local instrumentalists, Pete Vogler, Reid Knuth and Zec Landers.

Admission is free.

Series announced

The Muncie Three Trails Music Series will host seven concerts this summer.

The series will open with a performance by Steep Canyon Rangers on Saturday, May 31, at Canan Commons. The bluegrass band is a member of the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame.

Dates for other shows are as follows:

- Friday, June 13 — Harlem Gospel Travelers at Canan Commons
 - Saturday, Aug. 16 — Blue Moon Marquee at Canan Commons
 - Saturday, Aug. 23 — Vanessa Collier at Brown Family Amphitheater at Ball State University
 - Saturday, Aug. 30 — Jennie Devoe at Canan Commons
 - Saturday, Sept. 6 — Colby T. Helms & the Virginia Creepers at Brown Family Amphitheater
 - Saturday, Sept. 20 — The Afro Peruvian Jazz Orchestra at Brown Family Amphitheater
- All shows begin at 7 p.m. For more information, visit munciethreetrails.com.

Hall of Fame

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 into the Jay County Hall of Fame at the fairgrounds in Portland.

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. They may be sent to Cincinnatus League, PO Box 513, Portland, IN 47371, or emailed to karenannbailey9@yahoo.com.

Clash of attitudes rips blended family

DEAR ABBY: My stepdaughter, “Allie,” (whom I’ve raised as my own since she was 2), has banned my 39-year-old daughter’s 19-year-old girlfriend “Taylor” from coming to her house for the holidays. She dislikes that Taylor is 20 years younger than her sister. Because of this, I decided to celebrate the holidays at my house instead of hers.

My husband had a massive stroke four years ago, and it is difficult for him to spend much time away from home. Because Taylor would be there, Allie decided not to be present. She hung up on both of us when we tried to discuss the situation with her, and we haven’t spoken to her since.

My sister-in-law told my husband we need to reach out to Allie so we “have no regrets.” We declined because Allie has always been a diva who lies and manipulates. How should this be handled? At this point, I want to say I’m done because I don’t feel we should be the ones to apologize. — WELCOMING IN LOUISIANA

DEAR WELCOMING: Ask yourself this, and answer the question honestly: If Allie were hit by a truck tomorrow, would you regret that you hadn’t reached out to her? If the answer is no, stand pat. If the answer is yes, continue inviting her to holiday events and give her the opportunity to grow up and be gracious. The choice is yours; it shouldn’t be your sister-in-law’s, whose business this isn’t.

DEAR ABBY: My husband left me and moved another woman in with him in our second home. We had been married for 37 years. He said we had drifted apart and that he did not love me anymore.

For almost two years, I have

Dear Abby



been working on my issues, but I held out hope that we could work on a reconciliation. We are friendly, but he isn’t interested in reconciling. He also says he does not want a divorce and prefers to continue being separated. As I have grown used to being alone, I have started thinking more about divorcing him, even though it would have a financial impact on me. I did talk with a counselor in the past, but I feel stuck where I am. Should I stay separated or divorce? — IN LIMBO IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR IN LIMBO: No one can make that decision for you. However, I have a suggestion that may help you make some important decisions about your future. Make an appointment with an attorney who specializes in divorce law and discuss what the financial fallout would be if you divorced your absent husband. The negative impact could be less than you fear. However, if it is not, then return to your therapist, continue working on your issues and ask for help in figuring out what would be the healthier choice for you.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-

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

Monday

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

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United

Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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

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

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

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who’s lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

Tuesday

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

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

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based 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. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

Wednesday

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Elementary Schools
May 5-9

Monday:	Main Entrees: Jumbo crispy chicken tenders	Alternate Entrees: Mozzarella and pepperoni panini, pizza sauce, PB&J Cheese fun lunch	Sides for all meals: French Fries
Tuesday:	Main Entrees: Beef nachos	Alternate Entrees: Mozzarella and pepperoni panini, pizza sauce, PB&J Cheese fun lunch	Sides for all meals: Seasoned refried beans
Wednesday:	Main Entrees: Classic cheeseburger in bun	Alternate Entrees: Mozzarella and pepperoni panini, pizza sauce, PB&J Cheese fun lunch	Sides for all meals: BBQ baked beans
Thursday:	Main Entrees: Sloppy joe meal, dinner roll	Alternate Entrees: Mozzarella and pepperoni panini, pizza sauce, PB&J Cheese fun lunch	Sides for all meals: Tater tots
Friday:	Main Entrees: Classic cheese pizza	Alternate Entrees: Mozzarella and pepperoni panini, pizza sauce, PB&J Cheese fun lunch	Sides for all meals: Roasted broccoli

Jay Community Center

115 E. Water St.
Portland • (260) 726-6477

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

Jay County Optimist Clubs

Respect for Law Week

May 4 through May 11

WE SALUTE OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Thank an officer This Week!

Schools are vital to communities

By HEATHER REICHENBACH and DIANE WOODWORTH
Public schools are far more than places of learning. They are the heartbeat of our communities, driving economic growth, fostering a sense of unity, and delivering essential resources. They contribute immeasurable value to the social and economic fabric of our state, providing lasting benefits that extend well beyond the classroom walls.

Economic engines
A strong public school system doesn't just nurture students — it fuels economic prosperity. Neighborhoods with quality educational opportunities see higher property values, and research backs this up. Accord-

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ing to the National Bureau of Economic Research, for every \$1 increase in per-pupil state aid, housing values rise by approximately \$20. When we invest in public education, we strengthen the financial foundation of the entire community.

Community hubs
Our public schools serve as vital centers of community life, with a reach that extends far beyond traditional school

hours. They host before and after school programs, sporting events, and cultural performances such as music and theater. They empower individuals of all ages through adult education, childcare, social services, and English language classes.

During the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, when many nonprofits and businesses were forced to shut down, schools remained a lifeline for food distribution and health and wellness services. They continue to be spaces where local organizations, both for-profit and nonprofit, gather to support the broader community.

Bridging neighbors
Public schools remain one of

the last few places where people from all walks of life come together. Exposure to peers from varied backgrounds fosters an appreciation for different perspectives and experiences, helping to break down barriers and shaping a more inclusive community. Beyond academic knowledge, students learn the invaluable lesson of teamwork through participation in group projects, sports, and extracurricular clubs.

Public schools also create opportunities for parents and adults to connect. Whether volunteering with the PTO or attending school functions, these interactions help build community bonds and remind us that, despite our differences, we share the same goal: the success of our children.

Investing in future
At a time when education budgets are targeted for cuts, we must recognize that the strength of our public schools is directly tied to the strength of our communities. Supporting public education means investing in a more prosperous, connected, and vibrant future.

Public schools are the anchor institutions of Indiana's communities — essential places where people come together to create a better future for everyone.

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Reichenbach is president of the Warsaw Community Schools Board of Trustees. Woodworth is a retired school superintendent.

Crazy theories don't merit Senate hearing

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service
The senior senator from Wisconsin, Republican Ron Johnson, is posing fresh questions about the deadliest attack on the United States in history, feeding into paranoid and dangerous conspiracy theories. Johnson asks as though they're open questions: "What actually happened on 9/11? What do we know? What is being covered up?"

In an interview we're loath to amplify, Johnson asserts that an investigation of World Trade Center Building 7 was "corrupt" and suggested its collapse was the result of a "controlled demolition." He expresses the desire to hold Senate hearings on the topic.

We get that it's high time in our history for conspiracy theorists to peddle nonsense, like Health Secretary Bobby Kennedy does, but as people who had friends and colleagues perish on that day, and following on editorials in this space that won a Pulitzer Prize for championing the very real health crisis faced by first responders who worked The Pile in the days and weeks after the attacks, we take this particular set of lies a bit personally.

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and the Pentagon. They intended to train another plane at the U.S. Capitol, but that one was brought down by courageous passengers in a field in Pennsylvania. All told, the attacks killed nearly 3,000 people, the vast majority of whom were in New York City.

And the toll of those killed in the panic and chaos of that dark day has now likely been surpassed by the toll of firefighters, construction workers, cops and others who engaged in rescue and recovery efforts amid the smoldering wreckage, even as thousands more continue to struggle with lung diseases, cancers and other terminal conditions.

It is salt in the wounds of those actually harmed by 9/11 that a man like Johnson, who can find the time and energy for corrosive conspiracy-mongering, is nowhere to be found as Sens. Chuck Schumer, Kristen Gillibrand and a broad coalition of House members seek to secure full federal funding for the World Trade Center Health Program for these heroes.

In other contexts, Johnson has said, "When I think of Sept. 11th I think of firefighters, first responders, police walking up the stairs into danger to save others. In these tragedies we always seem to see and witness the absolute best of humanity and the American character."

In his latest words and actions, we see and witness the absolute worst of both.



Legislators cling to imagined past

By JOHN KRULL
TheStatehouseFile.com
Watching a state's leaders decide to race backward would be fascinating if the consequences for their foolishness weren't so likely to be devastating to so many people.

The Indiana General Assembly has adopted a budget, the first on Indiana Gov. Mike Braun's watch.

In part because our elected officials were caught off guard by revenue projections revealing a \$2.4 billion shortfall. That forced lawmakers to go back and try to make the numbers balance.

Whether they were or will be successful remains to be seen.

What's clear is that they operated more out of a commitment to their assorted fantasies, biases and prejudices than they did out of any recognition of reality.

As was to be expected from an overwhelmingly Republican legislature, they focused on cutting spending rather than increasing revenue. To hit their belt-tightening targets, they focused their fire on education and public health.

Therein lies at least one problem. Even in normal times — and these are not normal times — this approach would be self-defeating.

Economists have been projecting a coming worldwide labor shortage for at least the past 15 years. Birth rates have slowed dramatically in this century while life expectancy has remained static or, in some places, has even increased.

This means that every year there will be proportionally fewer people of working age to provide for the needs of more and more people who have left the workforce.

That presents a challenge not just for Indiana, but for states and nations everywhere. Skilled labor will be the most valuable resource for at least the next generation — and communities all over the globe

John Krull



will be scrambling to find bright, well-trained people to fill their workforces.

And what will bright, well-trained people be looking for as they search for a place to live and labor?

Well, contrary to what our state's leaders seem to think, it's not low taxes and deregulation.

No, what they want are, among other things, good schools for their children and a strong medical care system should family members get sick.

Those, of course, are the very things Indiana's leaders decided not to protect or prioritize.

That's a steep climb all by itself, but circumstances make it even steeper.

President Donald Trump's misguided tariffs and the accompanying trade war will wound the entire U.S. economy, but the deepest gashes will be felt in states such as Indiana.

There's a reason for that.

The leaders of other nations have taken Trump's measure. They know where his tender spots are.

They understand that he never has wanted to stray too far from his political base, particularly his most fervent supporters in rural America.

The tariffs and trade barriers they have imposed in response to the president's threats and herky-jerky, on-again-off-again implementation of U.S. affairs have hit and will continue to hit red states the hardest.

That's not by accident.

They're targeting the people who support Trump, both to send those

voters a message and to create a fire in the American leader's backyard.

The effect of this Trump-created trade fecklessness for Indiana will be dramatic. The bet here is that this is not the last time revenue projections will have to be revised downward as Indiana farmers and other agricultural producers find it more and more difficult to sell their products in international markets.

Thus, at the same time that Indiana is battling harder and harder to persuade good people to settle and work here, the state will have less and less of the things they value to attract them.

A smarter, more discerning set of Hoosier leaders would have invested in building the sort of social infrastructure that would lure qualified labor here, but doing so would have imposed an unacceptable burden on our elected officials.

Many — maybe even most — of them have pledged fealty to MAGA, but their notion of making America great again is taking it backwards to some illusory past found only in the dreamiest imaginations.

Theirs is an impossible task because time is a river. It runs in only one direction.

No matter how our leaders may wish to return Indiana to an earlier age that never truly existed, they cannot do so any more than they can make the Mississippi flow from south to north.

Meanwhile, the present trembles beneath our feet and the future ... well, the future gathers like a tornado in the making.

Buckle up.

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QXDOFNR SHRMD?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: APPROPRIATE NAME FOR THE GREEK BRANCH OF A WELL-KNOWN CAR RENTAL ORGANIZATION: OMEGA-HERTZ.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals W

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Talk about Tony

1) What musical theatre production holds the record for most Tony wins?

2) What woman who played a mystery writer on TV and voiced a character in a 1990s Disney movie has hosted the most Tony award ceremonies?

1) "The Producers"

2) Angela Lansbury

5-5 CRYPTOQUIP

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RE FNZRJQ SFHW FHO EXSSXRH:

ZTW CHXZWO HFZTFHQ.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF SOME FAMOUS DESIGNERS WERE TO EMBELLISH SPECIAL PENNIES, WOULD THOSE BE FASHION CENTS?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals D

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to decorating. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 12 = I)

A. 15 16 3 12 10 7

Clue: Make a decorating plan

B. 12 7 8 16 4 12 6 4

Clue: Inside of a home

C. 9 17 2 6 22 8

Clue: Arrangement of things

D. 21 17 12 7 8

Clue: Colors walls

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to decorating.

H M E E T

Answers: A. design B. interior C. layout D. paint

GUESS WHO?

I am a country singer born in Texas on April 29, 1933. I grew up in the aftermath of the Great Depression and played music for money to avoid picking cotton. I wrote my first song at age 7 and had many country hits throughout my long career. I also am an activist and actor.

Answer: Willie Nelson

kids' corner

People FACT:

Eight to twelve is the average number of these that a person owns in a lifetime to help them get around.

Answer: Cars

Maze Craze

Find the way through the maze to the finish line.

START FINISH

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

APRIL 29

1429: Joan of Arc arrives to relieve the Siege of Orléans.

1770: James Cook arrives in Australia at Botany Bay, which he names.

1967: Muhammad Ali is stripped of his boxing title after refusing induction into the US Army a day earlier.

HOME DECOR WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ACCENT ARMOIRE ARTISTIC ASYMMETRY BALANCE COLOR CONCEPT CONTRAST DESIGNER FABRIC FLOORING FOCUS HARMONY LAYERING LIGHTING MODERN MOLDING MONOCHROMATIC PROPORTIONS RENOVATIONS SOFA STYLE TEXTURE TRADITIONAL

How they say that in...

English: Ignition

Spanish: Encendido

Italian: Accensione

French: Allumage

German: Zündung

Did You Know?

Tires that are not properly inflated or aligned can wear out more quickly than they should, which can affect fuel efficiency.

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Car tire

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Riyadh city

6 Reme-dies

11 Big fan

12 Tol-erates

14 Sheathe

15 Eye part

16 Director Ang

17 Ravi's instru-ment

19 Govt. stipend

20 Scurry

22 Paris appella-tion

23 Not single-sex

24 Analyze

26 Philan-thropist — French Gates

28 Shriver of tennis

30 Journal

31 Ven-ezuelan maestro Gustavo

DOWN

35 Iraqi port

39 Mother of Horus

40 Felon's flight

42 Oboe insert

43 Spa sounds

44 Founda-tion

46 Honorary legal deg.

47 Tidy up

49 Duplicity

51 Wrong

52 Masonry finish

53 Struck, old-style

54 Small fruit pies

18 Male turkey

21 Spanish snacks

23 Chur-chill's smoke

25 Candied veggie

27 High tennis shot

29 Jumble

31 Journalist Sawyer

32 Aisle escorts

33 Rid of weap-onry

34 Vegas lead-in

36 Choose

37 Museum pieces

38 Aug-ment

41 Central part

44 Crooked

45 — good example

48 Uncle, to Pedro

50 Snarler, of a sort

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterdays answer 5-3

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The safety factor

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

WEST

EAST

SOUTH

The bidding:

Opening lead — diamond queen.

Although bidding methods have vastly improved since contract bridge was introduced in 1925, comparatively little additional progress has been made in the play of the cards. This is largely because, during the two or three centuries when auc-tion bridge and whist — the prede-cessors of contract bridge — were played, a high level of skill had already been achieved in this area.

For example, take this deal from the 1936 Bridge Olympics, which used prearranged "par" hands to determine the outcome. The salient point of the play is just as valid now as it was then.

West leads three rounds of di-amonds, declarer ruffing the third. South must now draw trump, but when he leads a low spade at trick four and West follows low, he should play dummy's eight! If he doesn't, he will sooner or later have to lose two trump tricks and go down one.

The obvious purpose of the deal was to test South's knowledge of safety plays. In the given case, it was incumbent upon South to real-ize that the only threat to his con-tract was a 4-0 trump division, with West holding the four spades. If that situation existed, South could virtually guarantee getting home safely by leading a spade to the eight at trick four.

It is true that when four cards of a suit are missing, they will divide 4-0 only about one-tenth of the time. Nevertheless, a cautious declarer should take any step neces-sary to protect himself against this possibility.

Even though the safety play might frequently cost South a trick, he should be willing to pay that small premium, since making the con-tract is always the first considera-tion.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

WEST

EAST

SOUTH

The bidding:

Opening lead — five of diamonds.

This dramatic deal occurred in the 1968 Women's Olympiad Teams in a match between Canada and the United States.

The bidding headed into the stratosphere very quickly at both tables. When the U.S. held the North-South cards, Dorothy Hayden opened with a forcing two-club bid, and West, Jackie Begin, jumped to five hearts to deprive North-South of bidding space.

Emma Jean Hawes, clearly influ-enced by her high-card values opposite a strong two-bid, cuebid hearts to show values sufficient for a small slam and interest in a grand slam. Hayden obliged by leaping to seven spades, which became the final contract. (Looking at all four hands, seven notrump couldn't tell whether six hearts indicated a void in hearts or the ace.) West did not find the killing heart lead, and after a diamond lead, declarer took all 13 tricks to score 1,510 points.

At the second table, with Canada now North-South, the bidding went:

West, Hermine Baron, leaped to six hearts over two clubs, posing an extremely difficult problem for both opponents. North made a forcing pass, and South bid only six spades.

Remarkably, this contract went down four! Baron chose the deuce of hearts as her opening shot, and East, Rhoda Walsh, ruffed and returned a club in accordance with her partner's suit preference signal. Declarer went up with the ace, no doubt expecting to win the rest of the tricks, but West ruffed and led another heart for East to ruff. East then played the king and another club, ruffed by West, and South found herself down four for a total team loss of 1,710 points!

Tomorrow: A guess becomes a certainty.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Police officer

4 Apply cream

7 Hock

11 "Exodus" author

13 Summer on the Seine

14 Big fair, for short

15 Greek cheese

16 Frilly wrap

17 Blueprint

18 Young horses

20 Tabloid writing

22 Stannum

24 Neck-wear clasp

28 Postal tote

32 Pulitzer category

33 Ms. Bombeck

34 "Kapow!"

36 "SNL" segment

37 Ship-building woods

39 Meadow

41 Most rational

43 Geese formation

44 Corp. moguls

46 Famed restaurant guide

50 Laptop connec-tion

53 Like sashimi

55 Hawaiian coffee

56 "Law & Order: SVU" actor

57 Verb for you

58 Dance partner?

59 Spruced up

60 Success-ful at-bat

61 Colfs

23 Pick up a perp

25 Capital of Azer-baijan

26 "The Kite Runner" boy

27 Assess

28 Citi Field team

29 Length times width

30 Mogadi-shu-born super-model

31 Mountain pass

35 Dallas cager, for short

38 Compass dir.

40 "— who?"

42 Sacred scroll

45 Mumbai dress

47 Suitable

48 Part of A.D.

49 Labels

50 Humorist

51 Here, in Dijon

52 Nour-ished

54 Drench

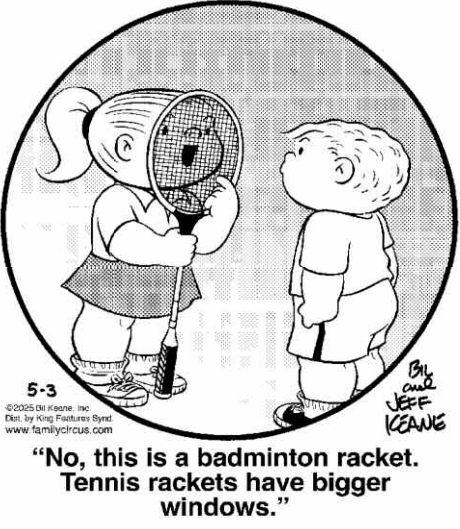
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Saturday's answer 5-5

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



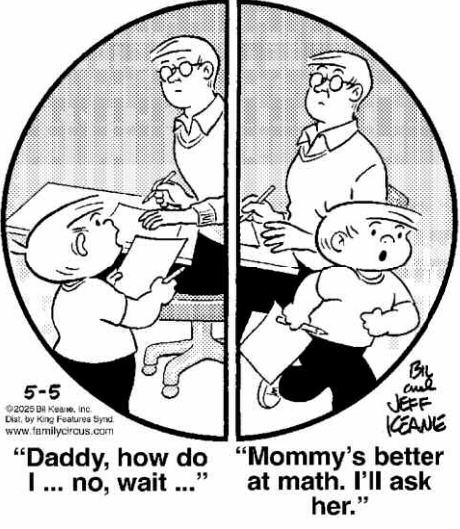
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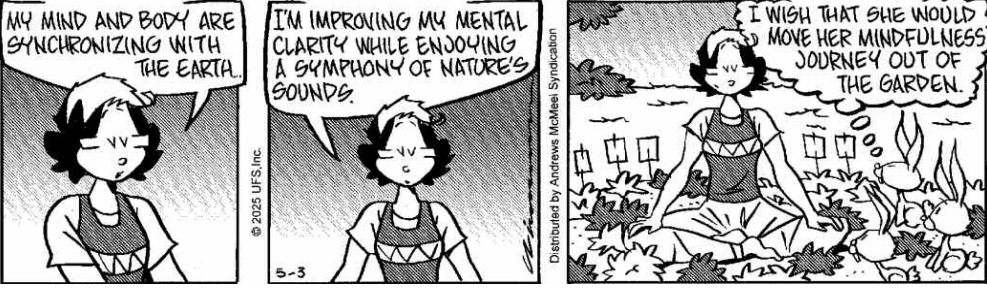
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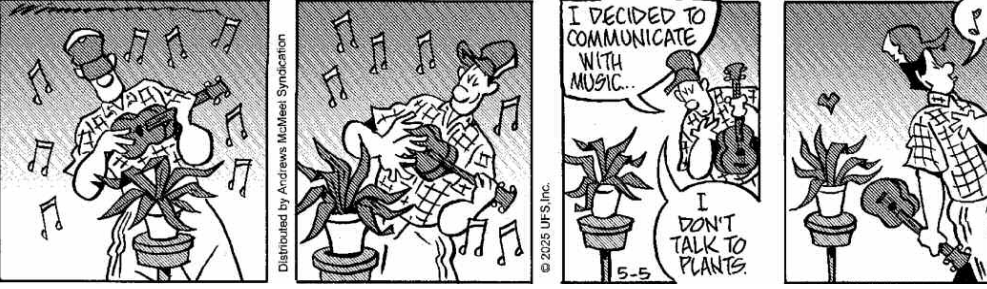
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Rose is Rose



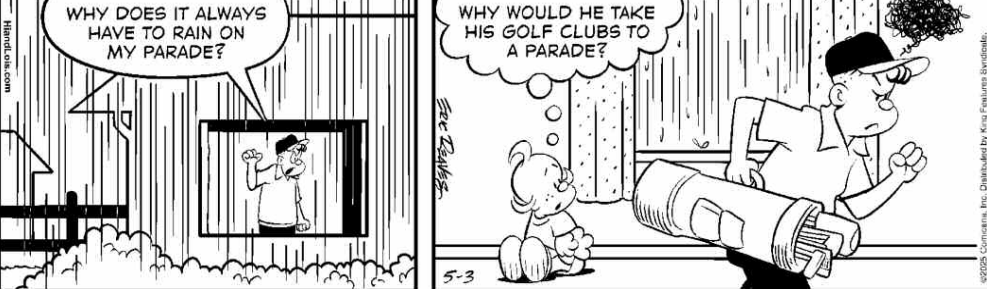
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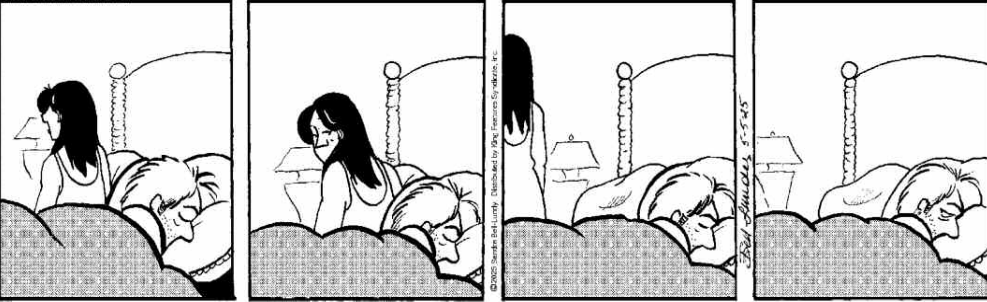
Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Between Friends



Blondie



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



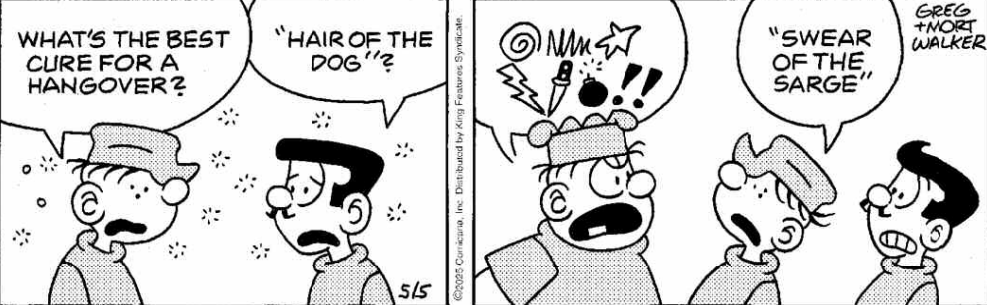
Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Beetle Bailey



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Laughter

Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
2025 TERM
In the Matter of the
Unsupervised
Administration of
the Estate of:
Rose E. Fennig, Deceased
No. 38C01-2504-EU-000013
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 the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 22nd day of April, 2025.
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250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT Preliminary Determination Hearings
Notice is hereby given to taxpayers and all other persons affected thereby that two public hearings for the project described below (the "Preliminary Determination Hearings") will be held before the Board of Trustees of the Jay School Corporation (the "Board" and the "School Corporation," respectively) on the dates, times, and at the locations described below upon a resolution preliminarily determining to obtain financing on the school construction project described below through the issuance of one or more series of general obligation bonds and/or a lease, leases or amendment to lease or leases with a school building corporation incorporated under Indiana Code § 20-47-3 (the "Resolution"). Following the Preliminary Determination Hearings, the Board will consider for adoption a Resolution for the Project (as hereinafter defined). The proposed school construction project is described as follows:
The Project consists of various proposed improvements to the Jay County Jr-Sr High School building and athletic grounds, including but not limited to: (i) certain architectural and school safety improvements including, but not limited to, roofing, security upgrades, sidewalk and masonry repairs; (ii) certain functional improvements including, but not limited to, updating the former TV studio, band and choir rooms, wrestling rooms and kitchen, (iii) certain mechanical improvements including, but not limited to, replacing the pool dehumidification unit, water mains and building HVAC controls, (iv) certain electrical improvements including, but not limited to, the replacement of the main electrical switchgear and related panels, (v) certain outdoor athletic improvements including, but not limited to, a rebuilt tennis court, a rebuilt track, and upgrades to extend the useful life of the football stadium and baseball dugouts, and (vi) other related acquisitions (including real property if desired), improvements, upgrades, equipping, and renovations in connection therewith (collectively, the "Project").
The Preliminary Determination Hearings with respect to the proposed Resolution and the Project will be held on May 19, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. local time (first Preliminary Determination Hearing) and on June 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. local time (second Preliminary Determination Hearing). The Preliminary Determination Hearings will be held at the School Corporation's Central Office located at 414 Floral Avenue, Portland, Indiana 47371. The Preliminary Determination Hearings will be held in accordance with Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1 and will address the Resolution and Project. The Resolution makes a preliminary determination in respect of the general obligation and/or lease financing of the Project.
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1028 Hearing
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Fort Recovery baseball fell to Versailles on Friday, see roundup below

Jay softball travels to Woodlan for doubleheader, see Sports on tap

Four in the 40s

Patriots top four scorers fall between 42 and 44 as they beat Blackford

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

The top Patriot didn't quite have the day he would have liked.

Some of the golfers lower in the lineup put up solid scores.

As a result, the Patriots looked pretty similar across the board and pulled out the victory.

The Jay County High School boys golf team had a combined effort as the top four scorers were no more than two strokes apart to beat the Blackford Bruins 173-209 on Thursday at Portland Golf Club.

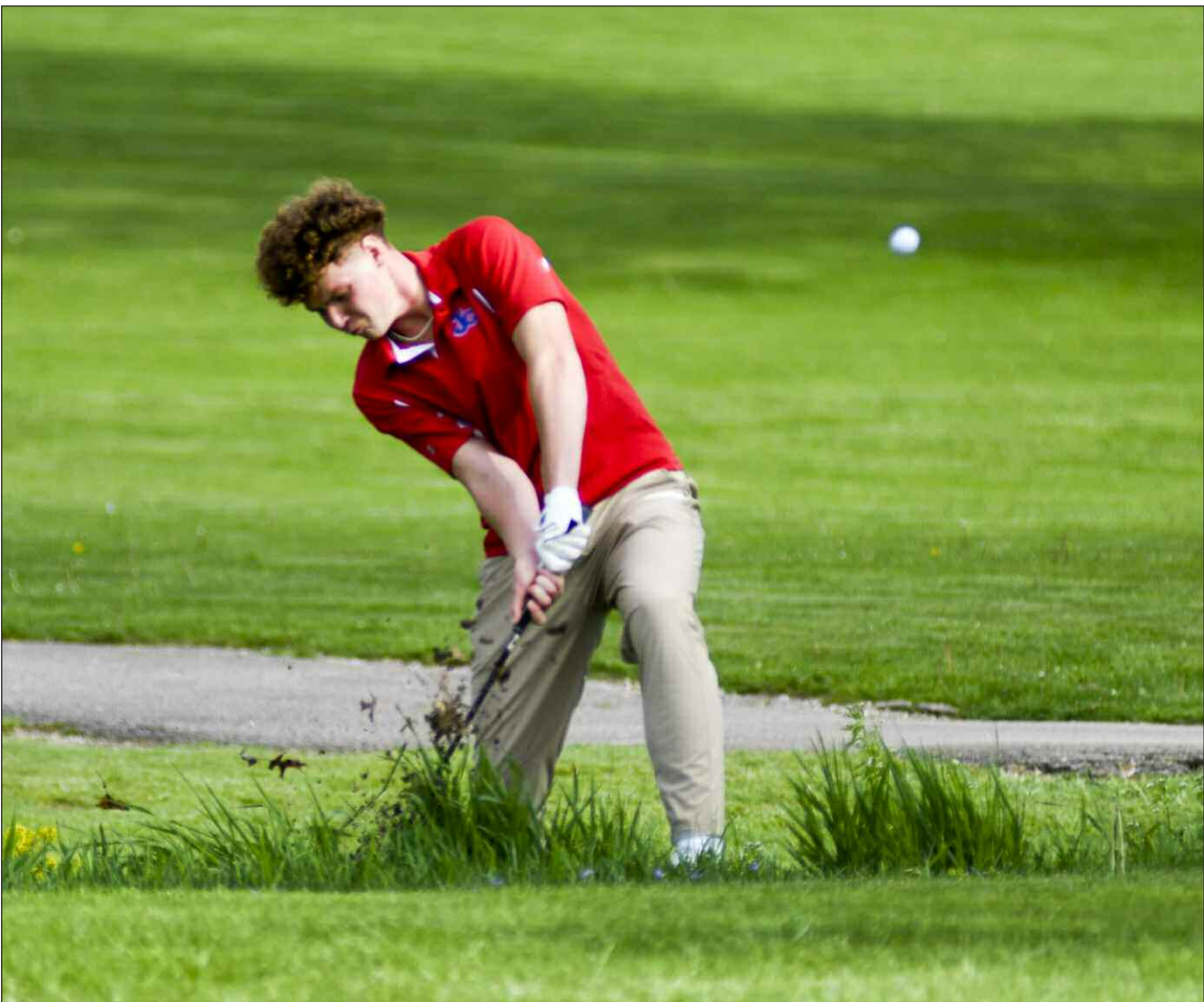
"I thought we played pretty well," said JCHS coach Jay Houck. "That's right about where we've been scoring. It was windy again. A lot of our matches have had a lot of wind, so I think they navigated that well. But overall, pleased to come out with a win."

Tucker Griffin earned match medalist honors by shooting a 42. He made par four times, including three of the final four holes, and added three bogeys.

Ryley Ridgway had the top round for the Bruins, shooting a 46. While his round was only four strokes off of Griffin, all three of the other Patriots that contributed to the final beat out Ridgway.

Just one stroke behind Griffin was Griffin Byrum. Jay County's No. 3 golfer flipped the amount of pars and bogeys that Griffin had, giving Byrum three pars and four bogeys, en route to a 43.

Both Cody DeHoff and Isaac Homan rounded out the final score by shooting rounds of 44 for JCHS (5-2).



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Jay County High School senior Tucker Griffin hits out of some weeds above the creek during Thursday's match against Blackford on Portland Golf Club's first hole. Despite his drive sailing to the left, he saved himself for a bogey en route to a round of 42 that earned match medalist honors and push JCHS to a 173-209 victory.

DeHoff had a consistent round as eight of the nine holes were parred or bogeyed. The only blemish on his scorecard came on the 176-yard, par-3 second hole. While DeHoff finished with a double-par after dumping his tee shot

in the water, it didn't hurt his score in comparison to the competition. (Of the 10 golfers, only Homan and Ridgway parred the hole, while six had double-par and Griffin and Juan Velasquez finished with double-bogeys.)

Homan had a slower start to the day, recording double-bogeys on the first two holes he played, No. 9 and 1, before parring the second. He struggled again on the third and fourth with double-bogeys before figuring things out over

the final four holes. It started on the 414-yard, par-4 fifth hole. His first shot hugged the left side, but stayed in play about 200 yards away from the green. His second shot, slowed by the wind, moved him to within 75 yards of

the green. His third shot was still just short of the green and about 40 feet away from the flag.

His fourth shot put him on the green, but his ball pulled up nine feet short. A straight putt stayed on course for bogey.

He then had the highlight of the day as he birdied the 471-yard, par-4 sixth hole. He then finished the round with a pair of pars.

"On hole six, my third shot from 100 yards out, I put (the ball) within 8 inches of the hole," Homan said. "I made that putt for birdie. The hole 8, I hit (my drive) up to the green, but I chipped over it. But then I chipped in and it was a farther chip than my first one."

Dawson Goldsworthy shot a 51, tying Blackford's No. 2 golfer, Zane Heiser, but it didn't affect the final outcome.

Similarly to the South Adams Invite on April 26, Jay County had to deal with some significant wind during the match, often forcing players to go up a club. While the conditions are preventing the Patriots from hitting their ceiling at times, Houck hopes that it will help them navigate through tough conditions later in the season.

"It's always good to have a number of matches with wind so you're used to dealing with it, rather than have a bunch of calm days and then later on get a windy match and not know how to handle it" Houck said. "I think these are good to give them experience and help them gage how to adjust for the wind in future matches."

Fifth inning gives Tribe fits in loss to Tigers

VERSAILLES, Ohio — One bad inning is all it takes to derail a game sometimes.

Fort Recovery High School's baseball team gave up eight runs in the fifth inning as it lost to the Versailles Tigers 9-4 on Friday.

Fort Recovery (10-5, 2-4 Midwest Athletic Conference) held a 3-1 advantage heading into the fifth frame. The Tigers (12-5, 6-1 MAC) proceeded to score eight runs in the bottom half on five singles and five walks. FRHS got one run back in the seventh inning, but couldn't make a comeback.

Alex Gaerke suffered the loss after giving up eight runs on five hits and seven walks over 4 2/3 innings on the bump.

Caden Grisez led the Tribe's offense with two hits and two RBIs. He had a two-RBI double in the third inning, complemented by an RBI walk from Caden Homan. Gaerke drove in the final run on a single to left field.

Local roundup

Still undefeated

An 11-run fourth inning propelled the Jay County High School softball team to a 17-3 victory over the Adams Central Jets on Thursday to stay undefeated.

A trio of home runs powered the fourth inning as Jaelynn Lykins, Brenna Ruble and Jozey Shimp all sent balls over the fence for Jay County (10-0, 1-0 Allen County Athletic Conference). A Hallie Schwieterman single and a Carley Trinidad Double scored three more runs for the Patriots.

Adams Central (1-7, 1-2 ACAC) scored twice in the first inning and once in the third. Mallory Winner earned the win by pitch-

ing all five innings and only giving up five hits.

Lykins' four RBIs led the offense, while Ruble and Shimp each had three. Ruble and Morgan Missicano each crossed home plate three times.

Near sweep

HARTFORD CITY — Jay County's girls tennis team nearly swept Blackford as it beat the Bruins 4-1 on Thursday.

All three singles players, Brenna Bailey, Meredith Dirksen and Lilly Johnson, picked up wins for Jay County (3-4).

Bailey claimed the No. 1 singles position with a 6-4, 6-0 defeat of Evelyn Gulley. Dirksen took down Emily Ellison 6-0, 6-2 in the No. 2 singles contest, while Johnson beat McKenna Reed 6-2, 6-2.

Gretchen Link and Sophia Sprunger claimed the other victory as they took down Allyson Henderson and Karlie Pitts 6-4, 6-3 in the No. 2 singles contest.

Jay County's sole loss came from Faith Faulkner and Raylah Newton as the No. 1 doubles duo fell 6-2, 6-3 to Jessica Brinkerhoff and Loralee Hile.

Tribe wins

FORT RECOVERY — The Fort Recovery softball team picked up its fourth Midwest Athletic Conference win of the season as it beat the Versailles Tigers 11-7 on Thursday.

The third inning made the difference for the Tribe (11-6, 4-1 MAC) as it put up seven runs on five hits, two walks, two sacrifice flies and an error.

FRHS also put runs on the Tigers (6-14, 1-4 MAC) in the first and sixth innings. Emma Will, Ella Schoen, Alexis Grisez, Kylie Post and Paisley Hart all tied for a game-high two RBIs. Grisez and Kayla Heitkamp each had three hits and Schoen joined the pair to score two runs.

Jenna Homan went the distance in the circle, giving up seven runs, only three of which were earned, on nine hits and one walk.

Held scoreless

The Jay County baseball team couldn't get its offense going as it fell 3-0 to the Adams Central Jets on Thursday.

The Patriots (4-7, 1-1 ACAC) were held to just two hits in the contest. They came from Leighton Brown to lead off the game and Carter Fugiett in the third inning.

JCHS gave up two runs to Adams Central (8-6, 3-0 ACAC) in the third inning and one more in the seventh.

Kade Sommers suffered the loss after surrendering two unearned runs through 3 2/3 innings of work. He struck out six batters and allowed three hits and a walk during his time on the mound.

On tap

Local schedule

Today

Jay County — Boys golf at Winchester Invitational — 9 a.m.; Baseball at Wapahani Invitational — 9:30 a.m.; Softball at Woodlan — 10 a.m.; JV girls tennis at New Castle — 12 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball doubleheader at Russia — 11 a.m.; JV baseball doubleheader vs. Russia — 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Russia — 11 a.m.

Monday

Jay County — Junior high softball vs. Hagerstown — 5 p.m.; Junior high tennis at Adams Central — 5 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Blackford — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high track at Southern Wells Relays — 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Parkway — 5 p.m.; Softball at Parkway — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Arcanum — 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Parkway — 5 p.m.

Tuesday

Jay County — Baseball at South Adams — 5 p.m.; Softball at South Adams — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Boys golf at Heritage — 5:30 p.m.; Track tri meet at home — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. McCulloch — 4:30 p.m.; Junior high baseball at Mississinewa — 5 p.m.; Junior high softball at Tri — 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track county meet prelims at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at St. John's — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. St. John's — 5 p.m.



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