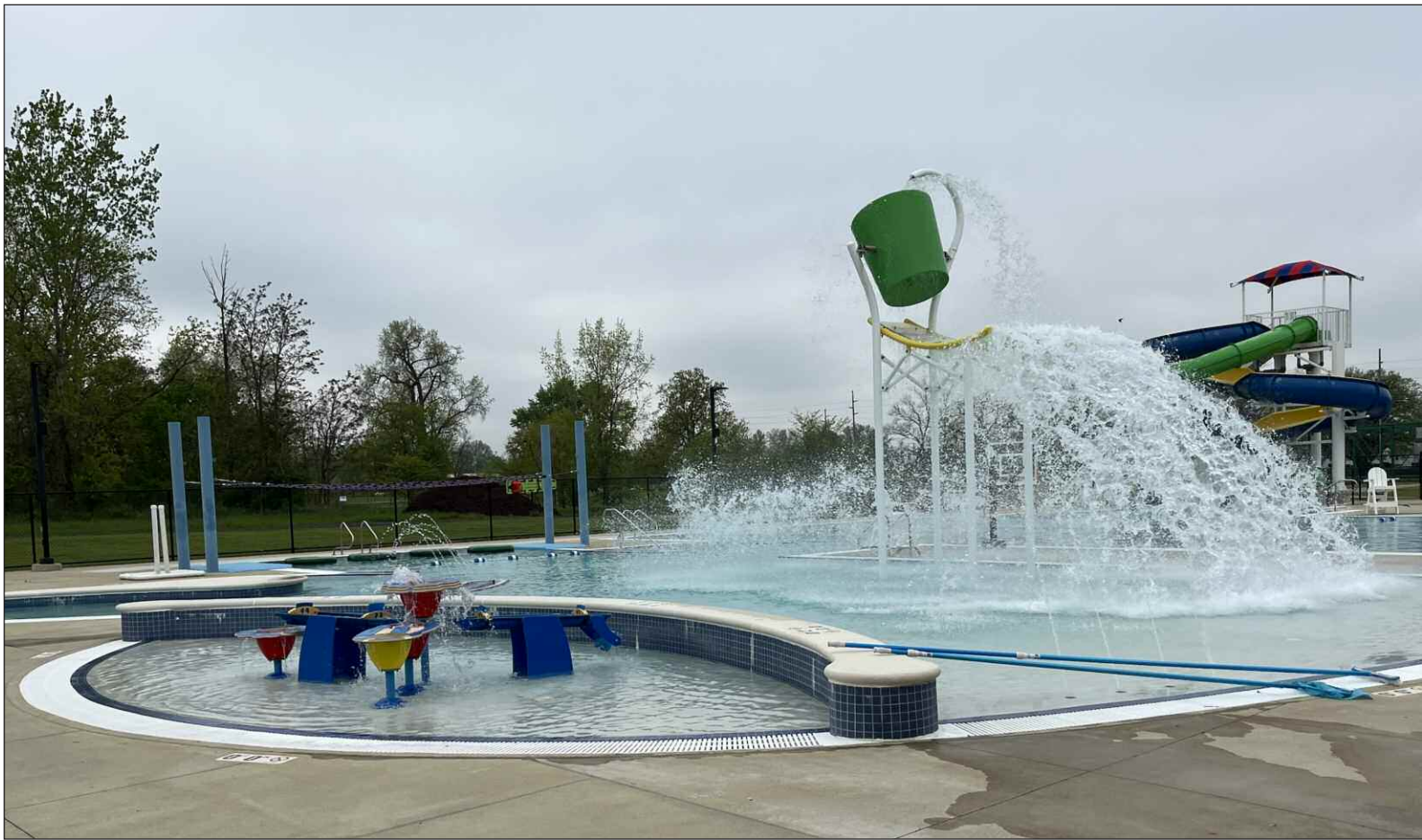


Prepping park



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All of the water features were up and running at Portland Water Park on Thursday morning as work is underway toward opening day on May 24. The facility was scheduled for a health department inspection today. Portland Park Board hired an assistant manager for the water park during its meeting Tuesday evening.

Park board hires assistant manager for facility as work continues toward opening day on May 24

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Progress continues toward opening the water park this month. Portland Park Board hired an assistant manager Monday for Portland Water Park and received updates from staff regarding preparations for opening day. After hiring Mara Bader last month to serve as the manager for the facility, board members Brian Ison, Michael Brewster, Shauna Runkle and Jennifer Weitzel selected Hannah Laux as the assistant manager. A 2024 Jay County High School graduate who now attends Ball State University, she has previously served as a lifeguard at the facility. The board also learned that there are 18 lifeguards returning to the staff so far. Applications are still open for lifeguard and concession stand positions. In preparing the water park to open — the scheduled opening date is Saturday, May 24 — staff found issues with the facility's ultraviolet system. Repairs are in process. The board also noted a new policy that it be notified before action is taken on any



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Portland parks manager Ronnie Reynolds tightens the canopy in front of the concessions stand Thursday morning at Portland Water Park. The heater for the pool that was purchased last year is running in preparation for opening on Memorial Day weekend.

repairs that cost more than \$5,000. Parks manager Ronnie Reynolds also updated the board that mulch has been placed around the new playground equipment at the east side of Haynes Park and seasonal workers will begin landscaping and mulching within the next week. Board members discussed quotes for repairs to the baseball/softball field fences at Weiler-Wilson Park. The estimates for that work came in between \$6,500 and \$9,500. They tabled the quotes, and Reynolds plans to do site visits with both firms that submitted quotes to discuss the scope of the work. See Prepping page 2

Trump touts trade pact

President announces deal with the U.K.

By ALEX MORALES

Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service  
President Donald Trump said the U.S. has secured what he described as a comprehensive trade agreement with the U.K., the culmination of weeks of talks between the two allies and marking the first of his promised deals with countries around the world. The U.S. president said in a post on his social media platform that Thursday would be an "exciting day" for the two nations, with the White House promising details in a press conference at 10 a.m. in Washington. "The agreement with the United Kingdom is a full and comprehensive one that will cement the relationship between the United States and the United Kingdom for many years to come," Trump wrote in a second post. "Because of our long time history and allegiance together, it is a great honor to have the United Kingdom as our FIRST announcement. Many other deals, which are in serious stages of negotiation, to follow!" Despite Trump's language, any agreement is likely to be limited. The U.K.-U.S. deal has never been billed as a full-scale free trade pact, which typically take years to negotiate. A U.K. official said Thursday's announcement will set out general terms and focus on specific sectors. U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer is due to speak about the deal later on Thursday. The arrangement keeps in place a 10% baseline tariff, according to people familiar with it, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the terms. The 10% level is seen by administration officials as a minimum floor on trading partners, essential to raising revenue in the U.S. and deterring trade cheating. See Pact page 2

Morales defends ban on student IDs for voting

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com  
Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales on Wednesday celebrated the state's forthcoming student ID voting ban — just two days after he and other Hoosier election officials were named in a lawsuit challenging the prohibition. Since Indiana enacted its photo ID law in 2005, it has allowed students to use IDs issued by public colleges or universities as proof of identification at the polls. A card must include the prospective voter's name, photo and a valid expiration term. That's changing under Senate

A lawsuit has been filed against new policy in U.S. District Court

Enrolled Act 10. Gov. Mike Braun signed it into law last month, but the ban goes into effect July 1. A news release from Morales' office asserted that the law ends the use of "unsecured" cards "that do not meet uniform security standards" — and instead "ensures that all forms of ID used at the polls are held to the same level of verification." "Voting is a sacred right, and it must be safeguarded through consistent and reliable security standards," Morales said Wednesday. The law "reinforces my promise that only eligible Hoosiers are voting in our state," he continued.

But a lawsuit, filed Monday in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, called it a "surgical attack on young voters." Indiana University sophomore Josh Montagne — who is originally from Missouri — doesn't have any other form of ID. He said obtaining one would be "burdensome" because his primary form of transportation is walking and he doesn't have access to a car. Count US IN and Women4Change Indiana, meanwhile, said the ban would hamper their get-out-the-vote efforts by requiring resource-intensive volunteer re-training and voter education campaigns. They anticipated needing to help students secure alternative forms of ID or provide on-site Election Day assistance so unaware students aren't disenfranchised. The trio of plaintiffs alleged that Senate Enrolled Act 10 "deliberately abridges young voters' right to vote," in violation of the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The plaintiffs further argued that the "sever(e) burden" on such voters, done "without any corresponding justification," violates the 1st and 14th Amendments. They requested an injunction. See IDs page 2

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 74 degrees Wednesday. The low was 50. Tonight's low will be in the lower 40s. Expect sunny skies Saturday and Sunday with highs in the mid 70s. Lows will be in the 50s. The high will be in the upper 70s Monday under partly cloudy skies. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available today. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Details from the JCHS girls tennis match against Union City.

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

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





# Capsule Reports

**Truck flipped**  
Damage is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000 after a Tennessee man lost control of the semi he was driving on Indiana 1, causing it to overturn about 12:20 p.m. Tuesday.

Chad L. Goad, 57, Jamestown, was driving his 1986 Peterbilt 382 south on the highway near county road 200 North when his trailer's wheels on the passenger side went off the west side of the road. Goad attempted to correct the truck and trailer,

but they were pulled into the ditch, causing them to flip. The truck came to a stop upright with the trailer upside down.

The semi was towed.

**Turning accident**  
A Portland man crashed a car into a Portland woman's vehicle at the intersection of Meridian and Water streets about 12:56 p.m. Tuesday.

Steven M. Keister, 35, was driving a 1998 Ford Mustang on Meridian Street. At the same

time, Katelyn M. Crump, 32, was driving her 2017 Kia Soul and stopped at the traffic light in the southbound lane preparing to turn east. Keister told police he swerved to avoid hitting Crump's vehicle but still crashed into it.

Keister registered a 0.042 breath alcohol content on a preliminary breath test. He was cited with infractions and a misdemeanor for operating a vehicle recklessly and driving in and out of a line of traffic,






driving with a suspended license, driving without insurance and failing to stop at the scene of an accident.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

**Struck rear**  
A Portland woman crashed her car into the back of a Dunkirk man's vehicle at the intersection of county road 400 South and Industrial Drive in Dunkirk about 9:17 p.m. Sunday.

Marisa M. Smith, 23, was driving her 2018 Jeep Wrangler west on county road 400 South behind a 2011 Dodge Avenger driven by 19-year-old Elijah M. Williams. She told police they began slowing down while entering a 35 mph speed zone and Williams stopped abruptly. Williams told police Smith was following him too closely. Smith crashed into the back of Williams' car, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage.

CR almanac

Saturday 5/10	Sunday 5/11	Monday 5/12	Tuesday 5/13	Wednesday 5/14
 <b>77/49</b> Sunny skies are expected Saturday when the high will be in the mid to upper 70s.	 <b>80/55</b> Another day of sun on Sunday, when the high will reach nearly 81 degrees.	 <b>83/62</b> Warm temperatures Monday under mostly sunny skies. Chance of rain all day.	 <b>75/62</b> There's a 50% chance of rain on Tuesday with thunderstorms also possible.	 <b>80/65</b> Wednesday has a 30% chance of rain. Otherwise, the temperature may hit 80.

Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> 14-15-30-40-59 Power Ball: 20 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$82 million	Daily Four: 2-0-6-2 Quick Draw: 1-7-9-15-20-23-25-27-34-38-40-44-47-51-52-61-66-67-71-74 Cash 5: 7-8-33-37-42 Estimated jackpot: \$80,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$100 million	<b>Ohio</b> Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 3-9-6 Pick 4: 2-4-9-7 Pick 5: 5-4-3-9-6 Evening Pick 3: 3-8-1 Pick 4: 8-6-3-3 Pick 5: 1-6-4-3-0 Rolling Cash: 2-21-28-31-39 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 8-4-5 Daily Four: 8-5-7-6 Quick Draw: 1-2-6-7-13-26-29-33-47-49-50-54-57-60-62-64-66-73-76-78 Evening Daily Three: 7-0-9	

Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.54 June corn .....4.56 July corn.....4.59	June beans .....10.61 Wheat ..... 4.87
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.61 June corn .....4.65 July corn.....4.68	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.52 June corn .....4.52 Beans .....10.56 June beans .....10.59 Wheat .....4.76
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.58 June corn .....4.58 Beans .....10.56	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.58 June corn .....4.60 Beans .....10.31 June beans .....10.31 Wheat .....4.71

Today in history

In 1502, Christopher Columbus set sail on his final voyage. A navigator and admiral, Columbus left port from Cadiz, Spain, hoping to find a passage to Asia.

In 1754, what is considered to be the first American political cartoon was published in The Pennsylvania Gazette. It featured a segmented snake and featured the caption "Join, or die."

In 1973, Jay County Hospital Board awarded bids for the removal of a house and garage on property it had purchased east of the hospi-

tal to J.C. Wells and Clyde Gibson, respectively.

In 2018, Jay County Council rejected Scout Clean Energy's request for a tax abatement on its planned \$150-million Bitter Ridge Wind Farm. After some adjustments the abate-ment would be approved in September.

In 2022, Jay County Commissioners hired John Hankins to become director of Jay County Emergency Management Agency. Hankins resigned later in the year, with Samantha Rhodhamel taking the role.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board executive session, Jay County Community Center Senior	Area, 115 E. Water St., Portland. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
<b>Tuesday</b> 6 p.m. — Ridgeville Town Council, fire station, 302 N. Walnut St.	
<b>Wednesday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	

# Prepping ...

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They also acknowledged that Portland Mayor Jeff Westlake has removed John McFarland from his seat on the board. McFarland, who had been the board's vice president, had been serving a voluntary suspension since his arrest on drug charges in March. He was formally charged last week with two Level 5 felonies, three

Level 6 felonies and two misdemeanors for charges relating to possession of narcotics, controlled substances, marijuana and paraphernalia, as well as unlawful possession of a syringe.

Anyone interested in joining the park board should contact city hall at (260) 726-9395 or Ison at (260) 251-7565.

The board also elected

Brewster as vice president.

In other business, the board:

- Approved A Better Life—Brianna's Hope to use the Hudson Family park concession building for a motorcycle ride/family fun day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9.
- Reviewed a donation acceptance letter for a new storage building for the

Portland Rockets at Portland Memorial Park's Run-kle-Miller Field.

- Tabled a request from the local HAMM Radio Club to use the former concession building at Milton Miller Park. Reynolds and street and parks department superintendent Matt Shauver will take a look at the building to help determine if the request can be accommodated.

# Pact ...

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A chief concern has been ensuring that manufacturers don't try to skirt duties by merely shifting final assembly or packaging of some goods to countries with lower levies before exporting them to the U.S. The decision to retain the baseline tariff was reported earlier by CNN.

With polls showing Americans souring on his economic stewardship, Thursday's deal is a sign that Trump is seeking an off-ramp from his plan to raise U.S. tariffs to their highest level in a century. The president signaled that "many other deals which, are in serious stages of negotiation," would follow as he looks to topple barriers to U.S. exports and calm market turmoil driven by the sweeping scope of his tariffs.

Hopes that a trade deal will lift the outlook for the U.K. economy briefly boosted the pound, but the gain fizzled out as investors waited for details. Stocks saw tentative gains while still lagging peers, and gilts outperformed European and U.S. bonds ahead of the Bank of England monetary policy decision.

Nevertheless, that the U.K. is the first country to secure a deal with the U.S. is a win for Starmer, who's likely to present it as a vindication of his diplomatic approach of refusing

to overtly criticize Trump, holding regular phone conversations with the U.S. president and promising him a second state visit to Britain. It comes just two days after the U.K. announced it had sealed a trade deal with India, Britain's biggest such agreement since it left the European Union.

A U.S. trade deal has long been held up as one of the great prizes of the U.K.'s departure from the European Union, but after British and U.S. negotiators held five rounds of talks during the first Trump presidency, his successor, Joe Biden, suspended them. Thursday's agreement — five years after Brexit — is likely to stop a long way short of the "all-singing, all-dancing" deal that former Tory Prime Minister Boris Johnson once said was possible.

So far, U.S. talks with several nations have centered around, at best, a top-line deal on commitments and intentions that may leave many details traditionally included in comprehensive trade agreements to be negotiated later. Other nations with talks at high levels with the U.S. include Japan, India and Israel.

Whatever the terms announced, the U.K. is still likely to be in a worse economic position with its biggest

individual trading partner than before Trump's tariff war, providing potential attack lines for Starmer's domestic political opponents.

In intensive talks with their American counterparts, British envoys have focused on securing reductions in the most egregious tariffs — the 25% imposed on steel, aluminum and the automotive sector — with an expectation that Trump's base tariffs of 10% on other products would remain.

With the Trump administration conducting an investigation into the pharmaceutical industry, Britain was also seeking to avoid the prospect of tariffs on drugs — a major export to the U.S. Trump's more recent threat of tariffs on the film industry — another U.K. strength — added another sector for Britain to defend. An expansion of tariffs beyond goods is ominous for the British economy, which is dominated by its service sector.

In exchange for U.S. tariff reductions, U.K. ministers had been considering lowering some agricultural tariffs — while vowing to maintain food standards — and reducing an £800 million (\$1.1 billion) digital services tax that largely falls on U.S. tech companies.

# IDs ...

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An estimated two-thirds of students at Indiana University's flagship Bloomington campus used student IDs to vote at the in-campus polling place in the 2024 general election, according to the complaint.

The plaintiffs alleged the law's narrow exclusion of student IDs was unfair:


"Indiana law does not exclude any other category of ID in this way. In fact, in recent years, the legislature has amended the voter ID law to expand the scope of acceptable IDs, even allowing for the use of certain IDs that do not otherwise meet the statutory requirements," the lawsuit reads.

For example, documents issued by the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Indiana National Guard, a federally recog-

nized Native American tribe or other entities can be used even when they don't have expiration dates, or have indefinite expiration dates.

Morales and lawmakers justified the ban as ensuring that only Indiana residents and U.S. citizens can vote in the state's elections.


The plaintiffs, however, noted that Indiana's photo ID law isn't structured to confirm a voter's residence or citizenship — just that the person who shows up at the polls is who they claim.



**Robert Neil Nuckols**  
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*The month of May comes with sorrow.  
How much I lost that sad day.  
No one knows the silent heartaches  
The grief I bare in silence and the tears  
For the one I loved so much.  
I know we'll meet again  
a loving memory never dies.  
as years roll on and days go by  
In my heart a memory is kept of  
The one I loved and will never forget.*

*Sadly missed by your wife,  
Barbara Ann Nuckols  
Daughter, Cindy Lou Schumann, Son,  
Ricky Neil Nuckols (wife: Kim)  
10 grandchildren,  
3 great grandchildren*



SERVICES

Friday

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

**Camp,** Diane: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Muhlenkamp,** Sheryl: 11:30 a.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant.

Monday

**Manning,** William: 10:30 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

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Character Counts

Students were recently selected from each classroom at East Elementary School for exhibiting all six character counts traits — responsibility, caring, respect, trustworthiness, citizenship and fairness — all school year. Pictured above at left are first graders (front row) Pedro Navarro-Hernandez, Lucy Loyd and Camryn Foreman, and (second row) Quinn Alt, Bryson Berry and Lillian Ingram. Pictured at right above are second graders (front row) Braylee Broering, Briella Haley, Skye Ingram and Starlynn Roser and (second row) Brett Huntsman, Joseph Arnold and Thobe Keller.

Relative makes bad choices

DEAR ABBY: My cousin (more like a sister) has made some extremely rash and concerning choices over the last year. After she had her second baby, she left her husband and started seeing a series of borderline-abusive men. She's now in the process of signing full custody of the children over to her ex-husband and impulsively buying a house out of state. What I'm finding challenging is, she will accept nothing less than "full support" from her family and friends. She has cut off her sister, to the point of not attending her wedding, because she expressed that maybe it was time for her to talk to a professional about her mental health. She hasn't spoken to her mother in months either. I don't want to cut her off,

Dear Abby



because I think she genuinely needs help and is experiencing something very challenging. But she's trying to manipulate her ex-husband into giving her more alimony money, while she runs around with a man who verbally abuses her in public. I think she's a danger to herself, but if I say as much, she'll cut me off too. Should I stay in her life so I can help when she inevitably needs it? Or should I take a harsher stance?

— CONCERNED COUSIN IN OREGON  
DEAR COUSIN: Tell your cousin (who is more like a sister) you love her dearly, but she's making some serious mistakes, and you are afraid for her future. It's the truth. Let her know that watching her estrange herself from her family has been painful for you, and if things don't turn out as she hopes, you will be there for her. Then back away until the dust settles.  
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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.  
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**Friday**  
PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. To learn more informa-

tion, please call (260) 251-3259.  
**Saturday**  
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.  
**Sunday**  
A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for

all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.  
**Monday**  
PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.  
PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.  
JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E Walnut St, Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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.  
PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.  
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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Thursday's Solution

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

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# Fed needs credit for steady hand

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Let's take a look at some specific consumer prices.

What we hear or read about are inflation data for the nation. But there is a vast amount of data for other geographies. Sadly, Indiana and Indianapolis are not blessed with data as are Cincinnati and Chicago. However, we do have data for the Midwest, that area from Cleveland to Kansas City.

If we look at March 2015 through March 2025, we find prices rising faster in the nation, 3.1% on average, than in the Midwest (2.9%). These are the average annual increases in consumer prices for the month of March.

## Eye on the Pie



The differences are small, and the Midwest advantage has not been sustained.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for March 2022 had the highest springtime increase (year over year) in inflation in those 10 years: 8.5% for the nation and 8.6% for the Midwest. By this year, the March increase was 2.4% for the

nation and 2.7% for the Midwest.

These data are most encouraging. The important change is the decline in the rate of inflation, nationally and regionally. To lead or to trail the nation by small figures is inconsequential compared to the benefits of declining inflation which was manifest in 10 critical sectors.

For the Midwest, the annual rate of inflation in each of these 10 categories declined from highs in March 2022 to March 2025: Apparel fell from 4.3% to 1.8%, Food at home down from 11.3% to 2.3%, New cars went from a 14.6% rate of inflation to a barely noticeable 0.3%, Used cars and trucks from 35.1% to

0.6%, and fuel for those vehicles from 46.1% down to minus 11.9%.

Of those categories that peaked in 2023, the record is similarly encouraging: Professional health services down in the Midwest from 3.8% to 2.6%, Home owners' rental equivalent increase fell from 6.9% to 5.3%, rents on housing fell correspondingly from 7.3% to 5.2%, electricity declined from 9.8% increases to 3.9% and food eaten away from home dropped from a 9.2% increase to 3.6%.

To the extent that we still have some inflation, it is definitely tamed down from its worse raging of two to three years ago. That's not a credit to the former

or current president, but to the steady hand of the Federal Reserve which has shown moderation in its influence over interest rates.

You may have anticipated something on the price of eggs. The CPI does not report on egg prices for subnational regions. Nationally, egg prices, in March this year, were 60.4% higher than a year earlier.

Today, my supermarket has them down from last week. That's the hard-boiled truth.

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# We can't pretend that Putin is ready

Bloomberg Opinion

Tribune News Service

The White House deserves credit for revitalizing diplomacy to end the war in Ukraine. In its haste for a deal, however, its proposals have too often looked indistinguishable from a surrender on Russia's terms. If the U.S. wants to secure a lasting peace, it will need to put forward a more credible offer — and, most important, increase the pressure on Russian President Vladimir Putin to accept.

According to multiple reports, American negotiators have offered up a ceasefire plan that would leave Russia in de facto control of almost all the Ukrainian territory it currently occupies. In addition to land, Putin would win substantial sanctions relief. The U.S. may also formally recognize Crimea, which Russia illegally annexed in 2014.

Ukraine would be allowed to maintain its military but be offered only vague security guarantees, to be enforced by an ad hoc coalition of allies (not including the U.S.). For at least the duration of the current U.S. administration, it would be barred from joining NATO. Further details would be negotiated after the guns fall silent.

Despite such a favorable offer, Putin seems in no hurry to end his invasion, continuing to demand all four Ukrainian regions he only partially controls. For their part, Ukrainian leaders rightly argue that they need a clearer pledge of continued U.S. military support: not necessarily boots on the ground, but air defense systems, help with cybersecurity and intelligence, and a U.S. backstop for any allied peacekeeping troops.

Otherwise any pause is likely to last only as long as it takes Russia to rebuild its forces. The agreement signed Wednesday to give the U.S. privileged access to Ukraine's mineral resources is no substitute.

The White House ought to keep two things in mind. First, it cannot expect Ukrainians simply to accept a capitulation they anticipate will lead to a renewed assault. While they have little hope of ejecting Russian forces in the near term, their defenses have been stout. The country now boasts Europe's largest standing army and manu-

## Guest Editorial

factures many of its own weapons. Its people are weary of war but not ready to give in.

Second, Russia's advantages aren't as decisive as they appear. Over the past three years, its troops have advanced slowly and at enormous cost. Its war economy is straining under high inflation, labor shortages, soaring interest rates and dwindling foreign reserves. After purportedly topping 4% last year, growth has sputtered to around 0%, according to Goldman Sachs Group Inc. Lower oil prices have dented a major source of budget revenue.

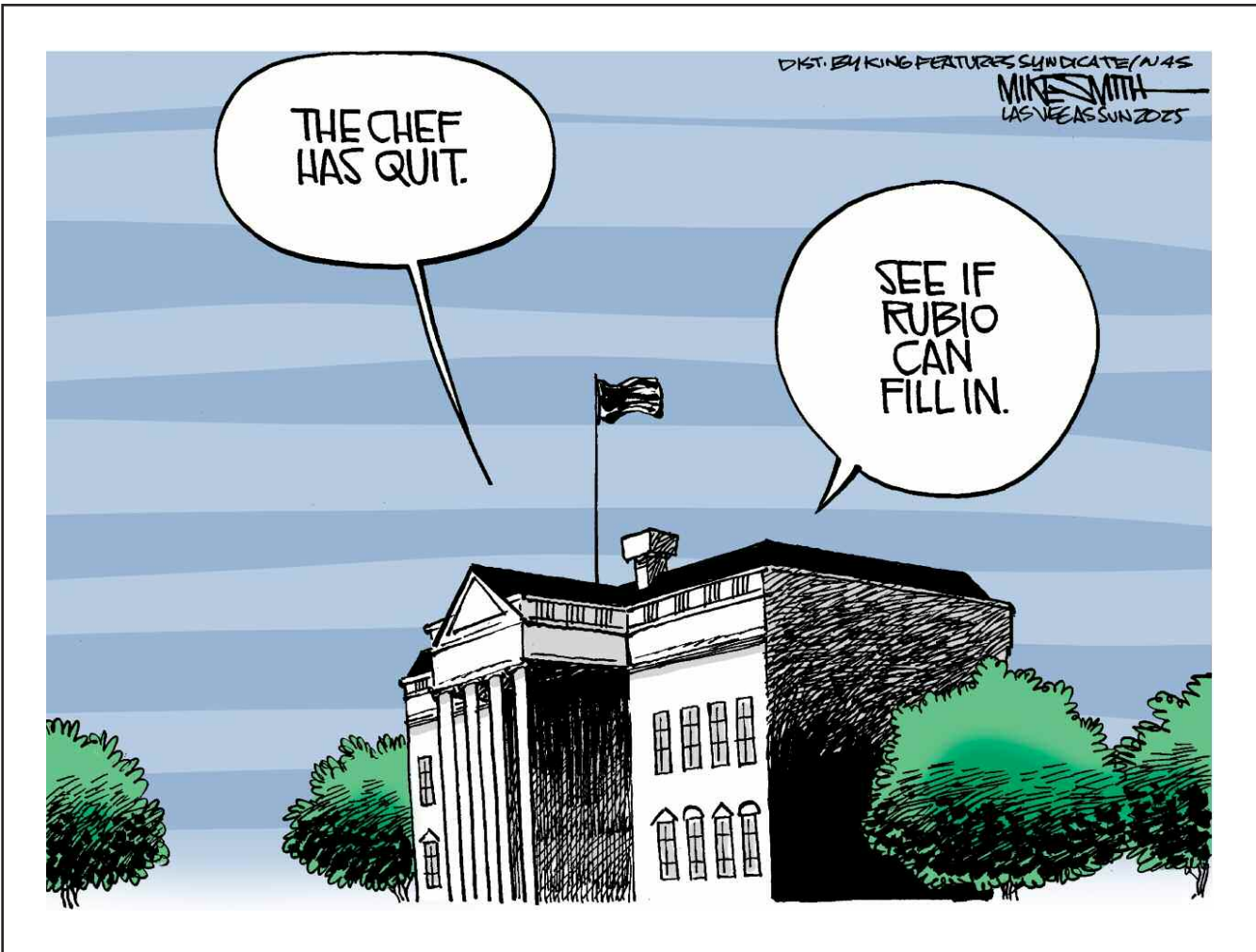
The longer the war drags on, the greater the risk of economic collapse and social unrest at home. Putin has good reason to seek a deal — and reason to fear American pressure if he does not.

U.S. officials have implied that they've presented their final offer and are prepared to "walk away" if the two sides cannot agree. Certainly, that would be wiser than underwriting a sham settlement that rewards aggression and invites future wars.

A better strategy, though, would be to make clear the U.S. is willing to provide logistical help to peacekeepers on the ground, continued aid for Ukraine's military and defense industries, and backing for the country's integration into Europe's security architecture and eventual membership in the European Union.

Simultaneously, American officials should let the Kremlin know that if it continues to balk, the U.S. will further tighten sanctions, including secondary measures against buyers of Russian oil, and take steps to strengthen Ukraine's ability to defend itself. U.S. military aid and intelligence will flow unimpeded.

No matter what deal he signs now, Putin will likely continue to view Ukraine as Russian and Ukrainians' freedom as a threat. To endure, any peace agreement must therefore include a substantive deterrent against future aggression. The U.S. ought to provide it.



# More donors are needed

By STEVEN LEVITT

and RUBY RORTY

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For economists, America's organ shortage is a perplexing public health problem. About 37 million Americans suffer from kidney disease, and more than 800,000 live with kidney failure. At this advanced stage, patients either receive a kidney transplant or remain on dialysis — an expensive and often debilitating treatment — for the rest of their lives. Of the more than 90,000 Americans placed on the kidney transplant waitlist, only about 1 in 4 in 2024 received a kidney.

There are simple steps we can take to radically increase the number of kidneys available for transplant, but political and institutional inertia has stood in the way of these changes. By changing incentives for prospective donors and transplant centers, we could save thousands of lives every year.

The first and best step toward this goal is passage of the End Kidney Deaths Act, or EKDA, a piece of legislation just reintroduced in Congress that would secure \$50,000 in refundable tax credits for living kidney donors who donate to someone they don't know.

Historically, advocacy efforts have focused on increasing organ donation by encouraging people to register to be donors upon death. This is a noble cause, but not one that will ultimately address our nation's kidney shortage: Fewer than 2% of people die in a way that allows their kidneys to be recovered for transplant.

Fortunately, there is a better option. The gold standard treatment for end-stage kidney disease is a transplant from a living donor, which can last its recipient up to twice as long as one from a deceased source. Kidney donation is remarkably safe and getting safer — donors have the same life expectancy as nondonors, and the operation has better out-

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comes on average than childbirth and appendectomies. What's more, tens of thousands of brave people are willing to donate one of their kidneys in order to save the life of a loved one or stranger.

Today, however, only a third of transplanted kidneys come from living donors. Why is that?

One barrier to widespread living donation is a lack of willing donors. Despite the low level of risk associated with kidney donation, it remains an intensive process with a recovery time that can vary from four weeks to several months. Donation can also be expensive: Donors miss weeks of work during the evaluation, donation and recovery process on top of transportation and caretaking costs.

One 2019 paper by university researchers estimated that donors face financial disincentives in the range of \$38,000. Programs that nominally reimburse donors for incidental costs are either means-tested against recipients or only offer reimbursement after donation, meaning donors must be able to afford lost wages and other costs upfront.

In the United States, it remains illegal to provide donors with any valuable consideration for kidney donation. This not only prohibits financial compensation, but also prevents donors from receiving health care coverage or other benefits following donation.

At the policy level, we can bring living organ donation to an all-time high by revisiting the National Organ Transplant Act, or NOTA, the legislation that makes compensation for kidney donation illegal. The EKDA, a 10-

year pilot program proposed by the Coalition to Modify NOTA, offers a sensible, moderate approach to valuable consideration in the form of refundable tax credits of \$50,000 for nondirected living donors. The credit would be paid out over the course of five years, at \$10,000 each year, and mirror the support we already extend to other public servants, such as veterans, firefighters and adoptive parents.

If the act passes, the coalition estimates that 100,000 Americans would receive healthy kidneys from living donors over the course of 10 years. Taxpayers would save \$10 billion to \$37 billion in averted dialysis costs over the same time period. Meanwhile, such policy reform would also help tackle a persistent disparity: the disproportionate impact of kidney disease on low-income Americans, who are significantly less likely to receive a kidney from a loved one.

Importantly, this effort is being led not just by politicians or social engineers, but also by living donors and transplant surgeons — people who are intimately familiar with the process of kidney donation and the struggles faced by donors and recipients alike.

Often, we don't know how to solve big problems in health care. In the case of kidney disease, we already have some of the answers. By implementing commonsense reforms, voters, policymakers and medical institutions can team up to radically reduce death and suffering as a result of this devastating disease.

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# Steps can help mental health

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COLUMBIA, Missouri. — You know the drill. The calendar is overflowing, you're running late and finally leaving the office for meetings. And then you notice a teary-eyed coworker with a quivering lip who softly utters, "Have a good day."

Do you have time to stop? No. Should you make time? Yes, says University of Missouri Extension pesticide applicator training coordinator Sam Polly.

Polly says he too often sees stressed-out farmers, ag industry people and colleagues. Even though his "hair on fire" schedule often dictates the workday, he tries to find time to lend an ear and offer a kind word.

Rural communities where Polly teaches pesticide safety are especially vulnerable to stress and mental health challenges, says Karen Funkenbusch, director for Missouri's Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance program.

Compared to urban residents, rural folks face pervasive stigma and geographic barriers to getting mental health care, according to the Journal of the Missouri State Medical Association. Funkenbusch says that makes it especially important for people in rural communities to be aware of challenges friends, neighbors and acquaintances might experience in their everyday lives.

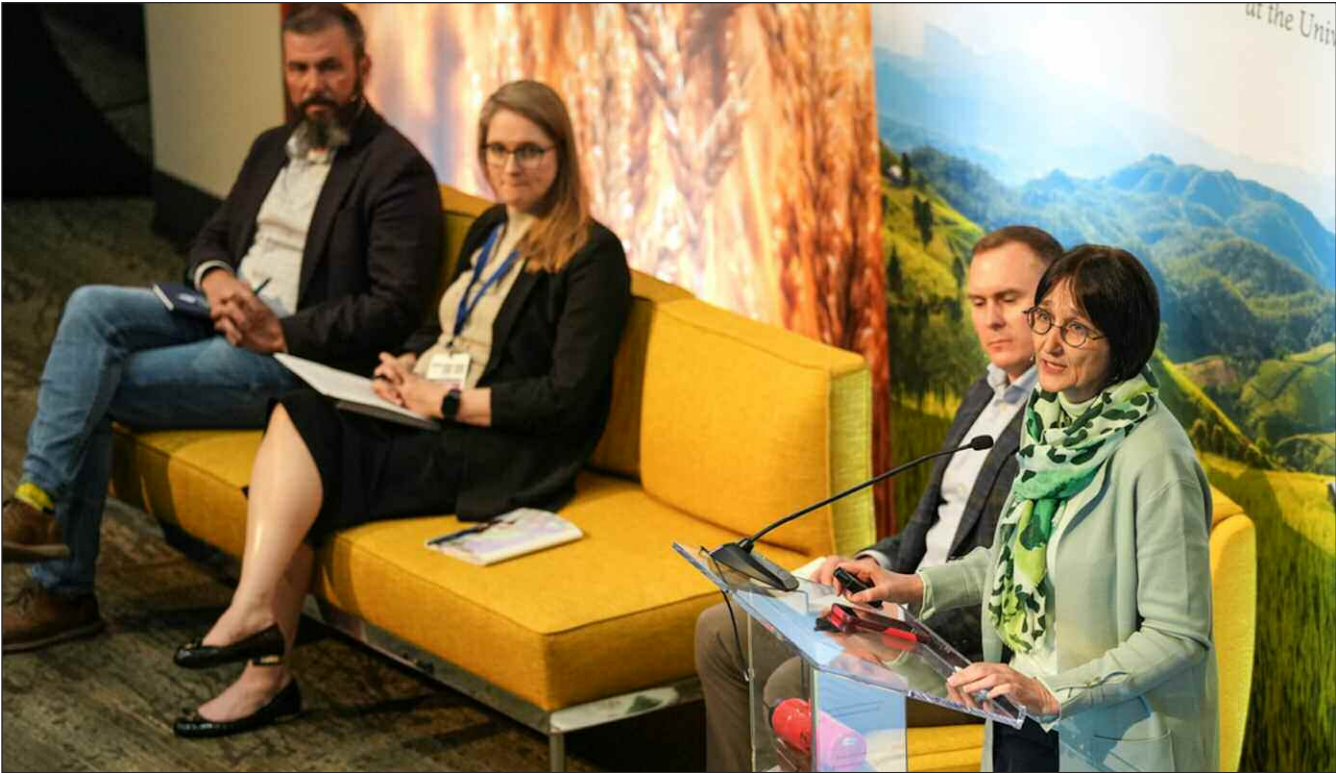
During May, Mental Health Month, Polly and Funkenbusch offer 10 tips to lighten the load for others:

- Encourage breaks**  
Set the example by taking a 15-minute walk occasionally. Ask a coworker to join you on a "walk-and-talk."
- Just say no**  
Set boundaries and accept that others have them also. Learn to say and accept "no."
- Check judgment**  
"Offer a nonjudgmental listening ear," says Polly. "Let them know they are not alone, and thank them for having the courage to face their challenges."
- Give grace**  
Before your colleague even arrives at work, they may have already done a day's work: getting kids to school, cooking breakfast, throwing in a load of laundry. They might have had to deal with forgotten homework or lunch money, a flat

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tire, an escaped pet. Before you add to their anxiety, pause and remember that employees are people whose days sometimes get off to a rough start. Ask yourself if their performance is helped or hurt by how you react, and give grace where you can, says Funkenbusch.

- Be the example**  
Encourage others to show kindness by setting an example. Lift others up by jotting a message on a sticky note and leaving it on a windshield, computer screen or mirror.
- Accommodate**  
When possible, build flexibility into your work and home environment.
- Elephant on menu**  
Step back and break tasks into manageable portions. Think about, "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time."
- Start with gratitude**  
When you see a coworker struggling, suggest that they write down three things they are grateful for each morning. Make it a morning habit to think of three things or people you are grateful for while you brush your teeth.
- Seek awe every day**  
Take a walk and relish in the little things like icicles on the barn, the smell of freshly cut hay, spring flowers, fall color or the bawl of a newborn calf. Polly calls it "medicine for the mind."
- Use resources**  
Find resources in the Mental Health Toolkit, from MU Extension and the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center, at [muext.us/MentalHealthToolkit](http://muext.us/MentalHealthToolkit), or follow Show-Me Strong Farm Families at [facebook.com/ShowMeStrongFarmFamilies](https://facebook.com/ShowMeStrongFarmFamilies).



Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute

Claudia Ringler (right), director of natural resources and resilience at the International Food Policy Research Institute, delivers the keynote speech at the April 29 Heuermann Lecture. Panelists included Brandon Hunnicutt (left), a fifth-generation Nebraska farmer and chairman of the Nebraska Corn Board, and Abbie Raikes, director of the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Center for Global Health and Development (second from left). The panel was moderated by Jesse Bell (second from right), director of water, climate and health at the Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute.

# Irrigation importance

**By ARIANNA ELNES**  
Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute  
Claudia Ringler, director of natural resources and resilience at the International Food Policy Research Institute, discussed the often-overlooked connection between irrigation and nutrition in an April 29 Heuermann Lecture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The lecture was part of the week-long 2025 Water for Food Global Conference, hosted by the Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute at the University of Nebraska.

"If you have water security, you are more likely to have food security," Ringler told a full crowd in the Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center. "If you are water insecure, you are actually consuming fewer food groups and are more likely to be malnourished."

Ringler said traditional nutrition science has largely overlooked how irrigation influences dietary quality and health outcomes. Irrigation supports food security, she said, by extending the growing season, improving crop yields, diversifying food production, supporting animal products and enhancing the effectiveness of other agricultural inputs.

"[Through irrigation], we are expanding the growing season," Ringler said. "We are improving the cropping index. We are diversifying the production mix. We improve the benefits of other inputs, such as fertilizers or seed technologies."

Additionally, in many low- and middle-income countries, irrigation systems support not only agricultural production, but household water needs.

"And so, water for domestic uses is also important for nutrition," Ringler said. "To maximize the nutrition benefits from irrigation, we have to pay more attention to domestic water."

There are many opportunities for improvement, she said.

**Lecture highlights benefits including improving crop yields and extending the growing season**

- Ringler noted that there is a direct link between research and development investment and food security, and while there has been significant progress, it has also slowed significantly. Many farmers around the world still lack access to the technologies and practices needed to use water efficiently, improve yields and support better nutrition, she said.
- Ringler said the relationship between irrigation and nutrition is not a straight line, but intentional planning can help close the gap. She introduced four pathways that can help ensure irrigation systems contribute to improved nutrition:
- Promoting crop biodiversity to increase nutrient density in diets;
  - Raising household incomes through productive agriculture;
  - Improving water access for hygiene and sanitation;
  - Supporting women, who are more likely to be household cooks and child caretakers, to be involved in agricultural irrigation and decision-making, which is linked to reduced child undernutrition.
- She also highlighted the challenges of poor sanitation and malnutrition, which frequently occur together in water-insecure communities. In this context, irrigation can be a powerful tool to improve both health and agricultural outcomes.
- A panel discussion moderated by Jesse Bell, director of water, climate and health at the Daugherty Water

- for Food Global Institute, followed Ringler's talk.
- Drawing on her experience working in Rwanda, where stunting affects 35% to 40% of children, Abbie Raikes, director of the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Center for Global Health and Development, emphasized the importance of learning from innovations abroad and breaking down silos between agriculture and public health.
- "I've worked in public health for a long time, and rarely do I see the agricultural community represented," she said. "It's encouraging to see this audience engaged and ready to take on the challenge."
- Ringler concluded with a challenge to all attendees:
- "Take one thing from this talk and apply it to your work," she said. "Anyone working in irrigation has the power to help move the needle on nutrition."
- Heuermann Lectures are sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources and funded by a gift from the late B. Keith and Norma Heuermann of Phillips. The Heuermanns have been longtime university supporters, with a strong commitment to the state's production agriculture, natural resources, rural areas and people.
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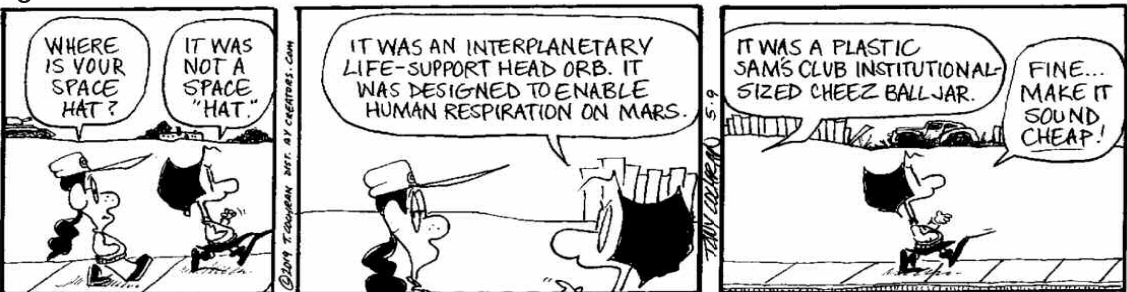
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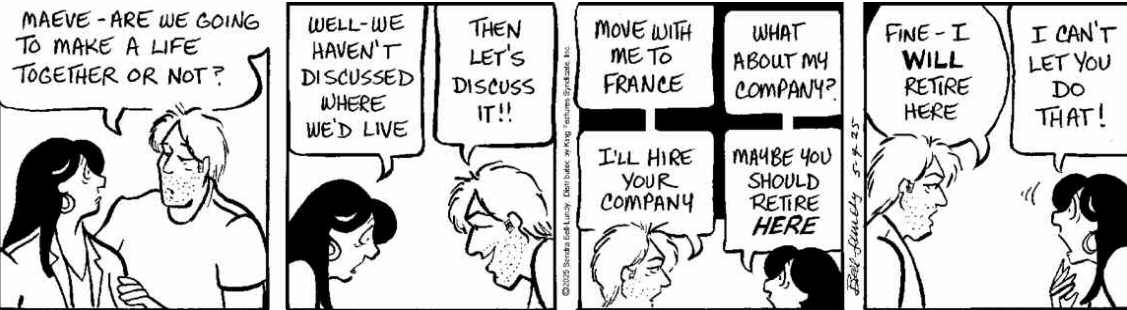
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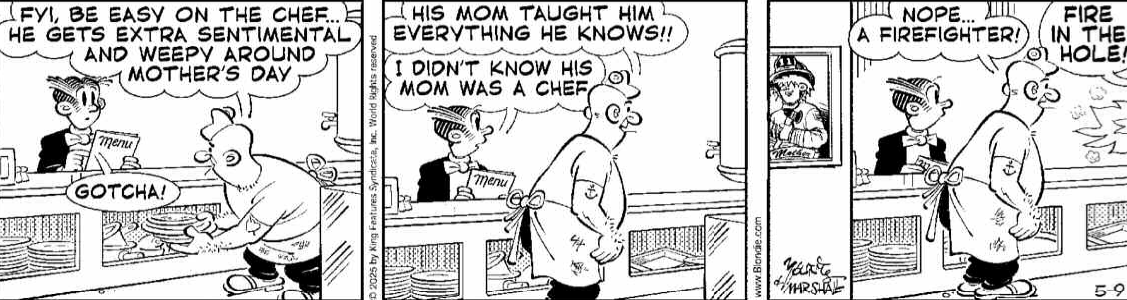
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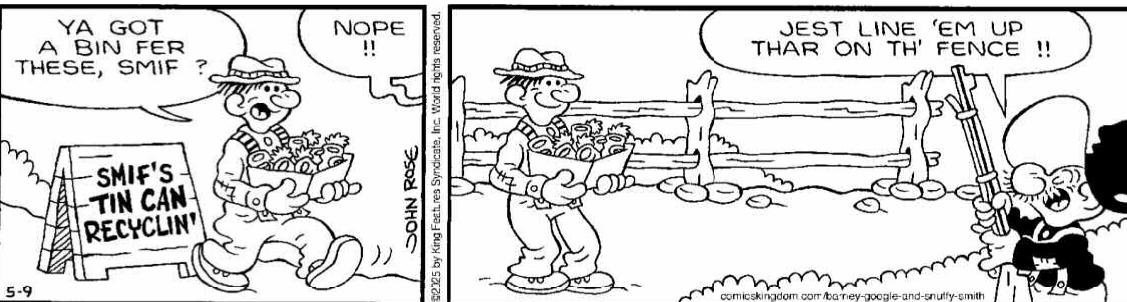
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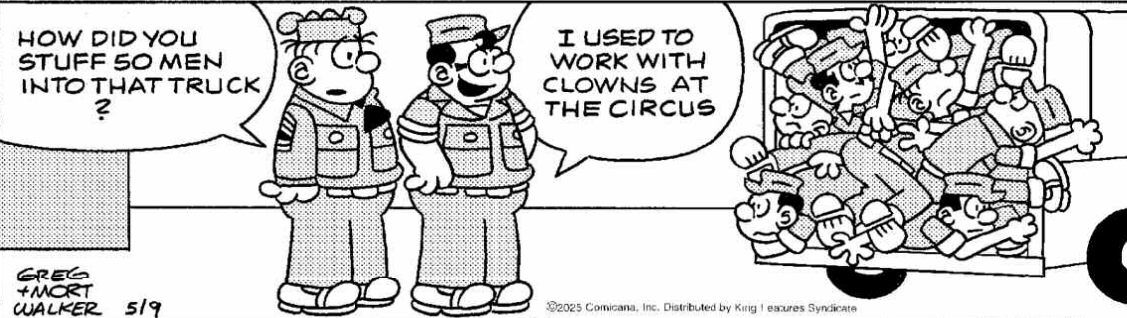
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

1. The bidding has gone:  
Partner You  
1♥ 1 NT  
2♣ ?  
What would you bid now with:  
♠ KQ9 ♥ 762 ♦ 853 ♣ J1094

2. You are South, and the bidding has gone:  
West North East South  
Pass 1 NT 2♥ ?  
What would you bid now with:  
♠ J95 ♥ 74 ♦ 843 ♣ AKQ95

3. The bidding has gone:  
You Partner  
1♦ 2♣  
2♦ 2♠  
3♦ 3♣  
What is partner's most likely distribution?

1. Three hearts. It would be wrong to pass two spades, since partner is showing a strong hand (upward of 17 points, including distribution) with greater length in hearts than spades. For example, partner might have one of these hands to justify his bidding:  
♠ AJ63 ♥ AQJ95 ♦ 10 ♣ AQ2  
♠ AJ874 ♥ AKJ1053 ♦ 9 ♣ 6  
♠ AJ72 ♥ AQ9854 ♦ KQ ♣ 7  
Certainly, you'd want to be in four hearts on the first and third hands, and in four hearts or four

spades on the second, proving that an excessively cautious pass of two spades could be very costly.  
2. Three notrump. True, you have no heart stopper, but that shouldn't prevent you from bidding what ought to be the right contract. The odds are very good that partner has at least one heart stopper, so undertaking a game in notrump is clearly indicated. The temptation to bid three clubs should be rejected, as virtually all experienced players would treat three clubs in this sequence as not forcing. They would reserve that bid for hands such as ♠ Q73 ♥ 8 ♦ 1065 ♣ K98742, where you are likely to make three clubs, but not three notrump.  
3. Partner probably has five spades and six clubs, and either two red singletons or a doubleton in one of the red suits. Partner might have five spades and seven clubs, but that is less likely.  
The key lies in partner's three-spade bid. He can't be rebidding a four-card suit, so he must have five spades. He must also have more clubs than spades because, if he had equal length in the two suits, he would have bid the higher-ranking suit first. Therefore, partner must have at least 11 black cards, five of which are spades, for all three of his bids to make sense.

Tomorrow: The so-called guessing game.  
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Mallory Winner lurches forward to fling a pitch to home plate during the Patriots’ 3-1 loss to the fifth-ranked Starfires on Wednesday. South Adams managed to get three runs from just three hits and three walks by Winner.

# Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Girls tennis vs. Union City — 5 p.m.; Track ACAC tournament at Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Norwell — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high baseball at Adams Central — 5 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Crestview — 5 p.m.; Softball at South Adams — 5 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Jay County — Baseball doubleheader at Hagerstown — 10 a.m.; Softball at Lady Panther Classic — 10 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Softball at Covington Classic — 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**TV sports**  
**Today**  
4:30 p.m. — IndyCar: Sonso Grand Prix (FS1)  
7 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Toronto Maple Leafs at Florida Panthers (TNT)  
7 p.m. — Indy NXT Series: Indianapolis Grand Prix (FS1)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Cleveland Cavaliers at Indiana Pacers (ESPN)  
7:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Houston Astros (FDSN Indiana)

**Saturday**  
10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Southampton at Manchester City (USA)  
11:30 a.m. — IndyCar: Sonso Grand Prix (FS1)  
12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: AFC Bournemouth at Aston Villa (NBC)

8 p.m. — ARCA Menards Series: Tide 150 (FS1)  
8 p.m. — UFL: D.C. Defenders at San Antonio Brahmas (FOX)  
9:30 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Dallas Stars at Winnipeg Jets (TNT)  
10 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Oklahoma City Thunder at Denver Nuggets (ESPN)

**Saturday**  
10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Southampton at Manchester City (USA)  
11:30 a.m. — IndyCar: Sonso Grand Prix (FS1)  
12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: AFC Bournemouth at Aston Villa (NBC)

12:50 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Chicago Red Stars at Washington Spirit (ABC)  
1 p.m. — Indy NXT Series: Indianapolis Grand Prix (FS1)  
1 p.m. — UFL: Michigan Panthers at Arlington Renegades (FOX)  
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Trust Championship (CBS)  
3:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Boston Celtics at New York Knicks (ABC)  
4 p.m. — Grand Slam Track (NBC)  
4:05 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Washington Nationals (FDSN Indiana)  
4:30 p.m. — IndyCar: Sonso Grand Prix (FOX)  
6 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Washington Capitals at

Carolina Hurricanes (TNT)  
7 p.m. — AMA Supercross: Salt Lake City (USA)  
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Houston Astros (FDSN Indiana)  
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at New York Mets (FOX)  
7:30 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Heart of Health Care 200 (FS1)  
8 p.m. — Banana Ball World Tour baseball (ESPN2)  
8:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Minnesota Timberwolves at Golden State Warriors (ABC)  
9:30 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Vegas Golden Knights at Edmonton Oilers (TNT)

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located: Bubb Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 W Votaw St., Portland, IN  
MAY 10, 2025  
9:30 A. M.  
OLD ITEMS & COLLECTORS ITEMS & HOUSEHOLD GOODS  
Oak 2 pc. cupboard; tall entry bench with coat pegs; old mustard cabinet; (2) hump back trunks; ; Royal Crest iCastle Rosei Sterling flatware (123 pieces); Sterling spoons; Sterling candleholders; Sterling tray and 2 teapots;Portland Typhoons, 1942 thru 1945; JEWELRY: 10K ring (3.7g), 10K ring (3.3g), 10K heart necklace (1.6g), 14K ring (2.3g); Boyds Bears; drums and guitars; (2) Star Wars Battling Drones (new); LARGE ASSORTMENT OF GNOMES; large lot of holiday dEcor; and many other items not listed.  
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Aaron Loy AU11200112  
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SATURDAY JUNE 7TH, 2025  
TIME 10:00 A.M.  
LOCATED: 127 Rayburn Dr, Portland IN.  
REAL ESTATE  
Real Estate sells at 10:00 AM.  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch style home containing 1,328 sq ft finished living area. Central Air, Sun room, 2 car attached garage.  
Detached garage/ shop building. Home has

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been well maintained.  
Open House:  
Sunday May 25th from 1-3 PM or for private showing phone Auctioneers.  
VEHICLE & FURNITURE & SHOP  
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Grandfather Clock. 8 Track Stereo/ Record Player. Glider Rocker w/ Ottoman. 3 Cushion Sofa. Rocker Recliner. Metal Patio Set. Bird Bath. Lawn Cart. Craftsman 10i Table Saw. Craftsman Router w/ Stand. Craftsman Scroll Saw. Craftsman Grinder/Sander. Shop, Hand, and Lawn and Garden Tools.  
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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Friday May 16th, 2025  
TIME 5:00 P.M.  
LOCATED: 225 E WATER ST, PORTLAND IN  
VEHICLES & SHOP & APPLIANCES & MISC  
2011 Ford F350 4x4 with utility bed. 2008 Ford E350 15 Passenger Van. 2007 Chevrolet 3500 Box Truck w/ lift gate. Simplicity Citation 0 Turn Mower w/ 52i cut, 623 hours. . Dewalt Table Saw. Delta Industrial Table Saw. Delta Sander. . Paint Shaker. Sun Generator Alternator Tester. Hot and Cold Tables. Ice Maker. Coca Cola Cooler. Coca Cola Upright Cooler. (15) Folding Lunch Tables.. Balance Beam. Gymnastic Vault. Uneven Bars. Desks, Chairs, Filing Cabinets.  
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OWNER: Jay School Corporation  
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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Saturday May 24th, 2025  
TIME 10:00 A.M.  
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REAL ESTATE  
Real Estate sells at 10:00 AM.  
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Open House: Sunday May 11th 1-3 PM, or for private showing phone auctioneers.  
VEHICLES & JEWELRY & ANTIQUES & SHOP  
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Dated at Portland, Indiana, on May 1, 2025.  
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38D01-2410-MF-000021 wherein PennyMac Loan Services, LLC was Plaintiff, and Shaun Hines was the Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 12th day of June, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 AM or as soon thereafter as is possible at the Jay County Sheriffs Department 120 North Court Street; 3rd Floor Courthouse; Portland, IN 47371 in Jay County, Indiana, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana. A part of the northwest quarter of Section 35, Township 23 North, Range 13 East, Jay County, Indiana, as shown on a survey completed by Farber Surveying, Inc., File #0123-06, dated January 24, 2023, being more particularly described as follows:  
Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 23 North, Range 13 East, Jay County, Indiana; a distance of 353.16 feet for the point of beginning of the tract herein described; thence S 02 degrees 19 minutes 50 seconds E, a distance of 134.99 feet; thence S 87 degrees 35 minutes 11 seconds W, a distance of 176.56 feet; thence S 00 degrees 53 minutes 16 seconds E, a distance of 140.96 feet; thence S 88 degrees 58 minutes 09 seconds E, a distance of 398.78 feet; thence N 01 degrees 35 minutes 37 seconds W, a distance of 299.89 feet to the North line of said Northwest Quarter; thence S 87 degrees 35 minutes 11 seconds W, a distance of 221.84 feet to the point of beginning, Containing 2.08 acres, more or less.  
More Commonly Known As: 3903 W 200 S, Portland, IN 47371  
Parcel No. 38-06-35-200-001.000-022  
Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.  
Larry R. Newtown Jr. Sheriff of Jay County Indiana  
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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located at 620 N Pierce Street, Portland Indiana on Saturday Morning  
**MAY 24, 2025**  
9:30 A.M.  
REAL ESTATE  
3 Bedroom manufactured home with approximately 1400 square feet of living area sitting on concrete crawl space. This 1994 home features 2 full bathrooms, gas forced air furnace, central air, metal roof, and attached carport with approximately 736 square feet. This home is situated on a 136' x 173' corner lot which is equivalent to 3 city lots. Property also has 2 outdoor storage sheds. This home is located at the east end of Portland near the Jay County Fairgrounds which allows you to live in the city limits while enjoying the rural sitting.  
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Jay County Patriots vs. Class 2A No. 5 South Adams Starfires									
Jay County (11-2, 1-2 ACAC)									
	ab	r	h	bi					
Ruble ss	3	0	0	0					
Missicano cf	3	0	0	0					
Lykins c	3	0	1	0					
May cr	0	0	0	0					
Shimp 1b	2	1	1	0					
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Winnner p	3	0	1	0					
Schwieterman rf	2	0	0	0					
Trinidad 2b	3	0	0	0					
Bice lf	3	0	0	0					
CBrown 3b	2	0	0	0					
Totals	24	1	3	0					
South Adams (12-2, 2-1 ACAC)									
	ab	r	h	bi					
Patterson cf	2	1	0	0					
Weigel 2b	2	0	1	3					
Baker p	3	0	0	0					
Nnschwndr 1b	3	0	1	0					
CBllnbchr pr	0	0	0	0					
Beitler 3b	3	0	0	0					
Bernard dp	3	0	0	0					
RBollenbacher c	2	0	0	0					
ABrown lf	2	1	2	0					
LeFever rf	0	1	0	0					
Totals	20	3	4	3					
IP H R ER BB SO									
Jay County									
Winner	5	3	3	3	3	5			
Trinidad	1	1	0	0	0	2			
South Adams									
Baker	7	3	1	0	2	8			



# Slight slip

Jay softball slips up in the third inning of 3-1 loss to No. 5 Starfires

By ANDREW BALKO  
The Commercial Review

BERNE — After Avery Brown and Lindsey LeFever reached base to start the third inning of a scoreless game, Mallory Winner worked an 0-2 count on Bekah Patterson.

Foul ball.  
Foul.  
Ball one.  
Foul.  
Foul.  
Ball two.  
Foul.  
Foul.  
Ball three.  
Ball four.  
It took 12 pitches, but Patterson drew the walk to load the bases.

Shelby Weigel made Winner pay for the mistake.

While the Jay County High School softball team's offense struggled to get going, the Class 2A No. 5 South Adams Starfires scored all three runs in the third inning for a 3-1 victory on Wednesday.

"Of course they're a good ball team," said JCHS coach Doug Arbuckle. "They're ranked and got a solid pitcher. Runs are going to be scarce when you play a team like that more than likely. I thought we could have done a little better job at the plate with our approach with some of our at bats. ... To be honest, we haven't seen that many caliber pitchers this year. So it's good to see here now than down the road here in a couple of weeks for the sectional."

The Starfires (12-2, 2-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) got runners in scoring position in three innings, but they only managed to make it to the plate in the third.



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Jay County High School third baseman Chloe Brown fields a ground ball during Wednesday's 3-1 loss to the Class 2A No. 5 South Adams Starfires. The Patriots kept mistakes to a minimum, only committing one error, which didn't amount to any runs.

Brown sent Winner's first pitch of the inning to shallow right field to give South Adams its first hit of the game. LeFever worked a full count before draw-

ing a walk to put two runners on with no outs.

Winner got Patterson to swing at the first pitch and foul off the second to go up 0-2. The

JCHS senior just couldn't finish her off as Patterson fouled off six more pitches before drawing a walk.

After the long at bat, Winner

fell behind Weigel 2-1 in the count. The SAHS second baseman sent the fourth pitch to the gap between center and right field, plating all three runners.

"Mallory had a good game and she battled and we had a couple of walks," Arbuckle said. "(Patterson) had that good at bat there with about 10 or 11 pitches and worked a walk and then of course they come up with the big hit. In a low scoring game like this, that's key, when you get runners on base and you can get that one big hit."

While the Starfires managed to put together a big inning, Jay County (11-2, 1-2 ACAC), which finished 11th in the Class 3A coaches poll, couldn't break through against Addie Baker.

Through the first six innings, the Patriots only had three base runners on a first-inning single by Jaelynn Lykins and walks from Hallie Schwieterman and Jozey Shimp in the second and fourth frames.

South Adams didn't take the Patriots' lineup lightly, as their dugout noted how Jay County came back from a 3-0 deficit to No. 6 Woodlan on Saturday. So when Brenna Ruble worked a 3-0 count to start the sixth inning, SAHS coach Jessie O'Dell took a trip out to talk to Baker. The senior pitcher responded with three consecutive strikes to put Ruble down.

Baker followed with a six-pitch strikeout of Morgan Misicano and got Lykins to ground out to second base on the first pitch.

See Slip page 7

# Tribe offense tees off against Blue Jays

DELPHOS, Ohio — The Indians worked to put up five early runs, but it was a seven-run sixth inning that lifted them to victory.

The Fort Recovery High School baseball team took down the St. John's Blue Jays 12-6 on Wednesday.

Fort Recovery (12-5, 4-4 Midwest Athletic Conference) put up five runs in the first four innings. St. John's

## FRHS roundup

(9-10, 3-5 MAC) came back to tie the game in the bottom of the fifth inning. FRHS immediately

responded by exploding for seven runs. The came in on a pair of fielder's choices hit by Mason Diller and Caden Grisez and doubles from Alex Gaerke and Caden Homan.

Homan led the Tribe with four RBIs, while Gaerke had three.

Jacob Foote earned the win after finishing off the fifth inning and throwing

the sixth. He didn't give up any runs, but allowed three hits.

## Rocky road

ROCKFORD, Ohio — Fort Recovery's softball team lost a crucial MAC game to the Division VI No. 9 Parkway Panthers 9-3 on Wednesday.

The Panthers (15-4, 5-1 MAC) got up early with five

runs over the first two innings. Fort Recovery (11-7, 4-2 MAC) scored a pair on consecutive singles by Emma Will and Ava Grisez in the third, but PHS took the two runs back in the bottom half.

The final Tribe run came on a groundout by Kylie Post.

Jenna Homan suffered the loss after giving up nine

runs, only three of which were earned, on 12 hits and two walks.

Prior to the loss, Fort Recovery was tied for second in the MAC with Parkway and No. 5 Minster at 4-1. They all trailed St. Henry at 4-0, which still has games against the Panthers and Indians. The highest FRHS can finish in the MAC is a tie for second.

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