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### Flag presentation

Runner Eric Butcher of Portland hands a flag to Norma Whitacre alongside her husband Ernie at the mile marker in Bryant honoring Marine Lance Cpl. Andrew F. Whitacre during Friday's opening day of the Indiana Run for the Fallen. The first day started in Fort Wayne and concluded at Freedom Park in Portland, departing this morning for a 58-mile second leg ending in Anderson tonight. Runners will travel the final 30 miles to Indianapolis on Sunday.

# **Dudelston resigns council seat**

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

REDKEY — The town will need a new council member.

Redkey Town Council member Dave Dudelston turned his resignation in to Jay County Clerk's Office on Wednesday.

"I David E. Dudelston resign my position on the Redkey Town Board can't fix stupidity," Dudelston wrote in his resignation.

He served approximately a decade on Redkey Town Council, having been initially appointed to fill the seat left vacant by David Himes in September 2012 and serving in multiple stints since then.

Dudelston said in a phone call Thursday he's leaving the council because of council president Bren-

Frustration expressed about president's leadership

da Beaty. He expressed frustration duct with Redkey police, as well as with Beaty's leadership.

said. "That's the way she operates, it's going to come back to haunt her one of these days."

Dudelston pointed to a few different events over the past year, including former council member Gavin Grady's resignation and con-

his formal complaint to Indiana "There's two sets of rules," he Public Access Counselor's Office against the Town of Redkey regarding the alleged termination of a former police officer during an executive session, a council gathering in April 2024 and alleged acts of

nepotism by council members. His resignation follows Redkey's April meeting in which Dudelston asked the town attorney to read a statement he prepared addressing comments about his and council member Floyd Life's absence from recent meetings. In it, he accused Beaty of starting a "witch hunt" against him and harassing him.

When the town attorney and Beaty pointed out the statement was not on the agenda for the meeting, the discussion devolved into an argument and Dudelston left shortly after.

Dudelston's resignation marks the second council member to leave the council this year, following Grady's resignation Feb. 14. His replacement will be determined by Jay County Republican Party chairman Jenae Blasdel.

### Court upholds verdict, sentence

Crossland appealed her 2023 conviction

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

A Portland woman's murder conviction has been upheld by the state's highest court.

**Indiana Supreme Court** affirmed Chelsea Crossland's conviction and life without parole sentence April 23 for killing her 5vear-old son.

decision The released this week.

Crossland was found guilty July 19, 2023, by a Jay Circuit Court jury of neglecting a dependent resulting in death and murder, with the jury also recommending imprisonment for life without parole.

Details presented during the trial indicated Crossland starved and beat her son, Christian, over the course of 74 days. An autopsy showed Christian suffered from dehydration, malnourishment and blunt force trauma.

Crossland filed an appeal with Indiana Supreme Court in September 2023. Arguments were presented in court March 6 of this year, with the court issuing its unanimous opinion April 23.

"Indeed, overwhelming evidence supports Crossland's guilt," wrote Justice Geoffrey G. Slaughter in the court's opinion document. "The evidence shows that Christian died after his mother beat him. confined him to her bedroom, made him sleep on her closet floor, let him out only to use the bathroom, did not feed him herself, and did not allow her other children to feed him. When Christian died, his withered body weighed twenty pounds, leading a doctor to conclude he had gone without food for 74 days before succumbing. There is no reasonable doubt that Crossland murdered Chris-

See Upholds page 2

### Iore moratoriums?

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Another month, another mora-

Jay County Plan Commission agreed Thursday to host a public hearing next month and discuss enacting moratoriums on wind farm and carbon sequestration development.

Jay/Portland Building and Planning director John Hemmelgarn noted his office is working on potential updates to the solar farm ordinance and drafting a battery storage ordinance. (Jay County Commissioners approved ordinances last month establishing one-year moratoriums on commercial solar and battery storage operations in the county.)

'We have been bombarded with some unusual things this year,' said Hemmelgarn.

In line with updating the solar farm ordinance, Hemmelgarn asked the plan commission to discuss updates to its wind farm ordinance. He referenced potenpauses for wind farms, carbon sequestration

County to consider

tial flaws with decommissioning agreements and suggested looking into readjusting templates for future agreements, asking the plan commission to enact a moratorium on wind farms while the county works out the details.

Addressing other concerns his office has heard, Hemmelgarn also asked the plan commission to enact another moratorium while considering an ordinance outlining rules for carbon sequestration facilities.

According to the United States Geological Survey's website, "carbon sequestration is the process of capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide," the most commonly produced greenhouse gas. Its website says the process is one method to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

"With the ethanol plant, they've went and done their geological studies, and it's in other counties, and it's in other states, it's a real thing, and I don't think we want to get caught off guard with that," Hemmelgarn said.

See Moratoriums page 2



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#### Honors scholar

Jesse Bivens presents a scholarship to senior Morgan DeHoff during Honors Night on Monday at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

#### **Deaths**

#### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 63 degrees Friday.

Skies will be sunny today with a high of 74. Expect a high of 75 Sunday under sunny skies again. Lows will be in the low 50s this weekend.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

Fort Recovery State Museum, Fort Recovery Historical Society and Ohio History Connection will host guided battlefield tours at 3 p.m. Sunday at the fort, 1 Fort Site St. Site manager Kim Rammel and archaeologist Christine Thompson will lead the tours.

#### Coming up

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

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

**Thursday** — Results from the FRHS sectional final against Preble Shawnee.



Eldon Miller, 95, Portland Details on page 2.

### **Moratoriums**

He noted there are state guidelines carbon sequestration facilities must follow. He pointed out that plan commission member and Jay County Council president Matt Minnich has brought up the topic to him.

Other potential facilities the county may want to look into creating ordinances for, he continued, may be data centers and electric vehicle charging sta-

Hemmelgarn also mentioned potential safety concerns with electric vehicle charging stations. He wondered aloud if the county should create an ordinance specifically dealing with the stations, or if they can be treated as an accessory use and monitored with electric code.

Plan commission members Casey Wagner, Chad Aker, Scott Hilfiker, Todd Skirvin, Brad Kosciusko County, which they agreed to host a public hearing at ed next to the existing Freedom

consider moratoriums on wind farms and carbon sequestration facilities.

Also Thursday, the plan commission approved a zoning request from Darrick Plummer of Pennville Partners to allow three parcels currently zoned as single family residential to join the new mobile home park in Pennville.

Plummer plans to convert the lot west of South Street, just He and plan commission mem- Daniels, Houchins and Minnich, south of Max Drive, and the lot ber Jeanne Houchins referenced absent Steve McIntosh, then south of Daisy Lane — it's locat-

**Obituaries** 

Feb. 19, 1930-May 7, 2025

passed away on Wednesday, May 7,

2025, at Persimmon Ridge Nursing

He was born in Mercer County,

Ohio, on Feb. 19, 1930, the son of

True and Dorothy (Macy) Miller. He

was married on Sept. 10, 1949, to

Rowena Fortney and she passed on

Eldon was a longtime barber and

owner of Miller Barber Shop in

Portland for many years. Eldon

graduated from Bryant High School

in 1948 and was a member of the

Portland Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge,

Amateur trap shooters association,

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opinion document, Cross-

land argued the trial court

denied her an impartial

jury and violated her con-

stitutional right to present

Crossland argued in her

appeal "negative pretrial

publicity poisoned the jury

pool, thus requiring that

she be tried in a different

venue," according to court

documents. (Her requests

for a change of venue prior

to the July 2023 trial were

denied.) She also argued

she should have been able

to make a peremptory chal-

lenge — an objection to a

proposed juror — on a

juror she found objection-

a complete defense.

According to the court's

Eldon T. Miller, 95, of Portland

**Eldon Miller** 

May 18, 2024.

said recently rejected a data centheir next meeting June 12 and Village Mobile Home Park—into homes over the course of the more mobile home park space. Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals OK'd Plummer's request in October to combine the two parcels — about 12 acres — and create the mobile home park.

> Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals approved a special exception for the project in April, adding three new parcels to the project. One parcel is located on the west side of county road 300 North, north of Daily Lane, and the other two parcels are located on the north side of Max Drive.

Hopes are to put in 50 lots for

Miller

Bridge

Asbury

Church

Motorbike

Cindy) of

Frankton, Indiana, Ron Miller (wife:

Lucretia) of Portland, Indiana, and

Tab Miller of Portland, Indiana;

eight grandchildren; nine great-

grandchildren; and one great-great-

He was preceded in death by a

Funeral services will be on Mon-

brother, Norman Miller; and a sister,

Arch

and a member and

past president of the

Surviving are three

sons. Larry Miller

Methodist

Vintage

Club.

(wife:

grandson.

Bonnie Miller

the Kroozers, next four to five years.

Pati McLaughlin of Jay/Portland Building and Planning McLaughlin pointed out the original legal notice didn't run in The Commercial Review prior to the April meeting, requiring the zoning board to re-approve the request after the notice was published. Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals will consider the request again at its meeting May 15. If approved, the final decision moves to Jay County Commissioners.

day, May 12, 2025, at noon in the

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with

Pastor Greg Rittenhouse presiding.

Burial will follow in the Gravel Hill

Cemetery west of Bryant. Visitation

will be Monday from 10 a.m. to noon.

tage Bike Club.

bairdfreeman.com.

Memorials can be made to the Vin-

Condolences may be expressed at

The Commercial Review publishes

death notices for those with a connec-

tion to our coverage area free of

charge. They include the name, city

time/date/location of services.

homes or mortuary services.

of residence, birth/death date and

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral

### CR almanac

Sunday 5/11	Monday 5/12	Tuesday 5/13	Wednesday 5/14	Thursday 5/15		
		\$	4			
77/53	77/61	76/61	81/64	87/68		
Sunday looks to be mostly sunny with wind gusts up to 20 mph.	Warm temperatures Monday under mostly sunny skies. Chance of rain all day.	There's a 60% chance of rain on Tuesday with thunder- storms also possible.	Wednes- day has a 50% chance of rain. Other- wise, the temperature may hit 81.	Thursday looks like mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of rain.		

### **Lotteries**

#### Hoosier Midday

Daily Three: 0-9-8 Daily Four: 8-5-5-3 Quick Draw: 3-8-14-16-19-21-42-43-46-54-56-63-65-66-68-75-76-77-78-

Ohio Midday Pick 3: 0-9-8 Pick 4: 3-7-3-2 Pick 5: 5-5-0-1-6

#### **Powerball**

Estimated jackpot: \$82 million

#### **Mega Millions**

Estimated jackpot: \$100 million

### **Markets**

#### **Cooper Farms Fort Recovery**

Corn	4.65
June corn	
July corn	4.69
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#### **POET Biorefining Portland**

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Corn	4.69
June corn	4.73
July corn	4.76

#### **The Andersons**

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Corn	4.67
June corn	4.67
Beans	10.72

June beans	10.77
Wheat	4.84

#### **ADM** Montpelier

Corn	4.60
June corn	4.60
Beans	10.74
June beans	10.77
Wheat	4.75
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#### **Heartland** St Anthony

ou Androny	
Corn	4.66
June corn	4.68
Beans	10.47
June beans	10.47
Wheat	4.69

### **Today in history**

**1962**, Marvel Comics released the Public Library Board first issue of The accepted the resigna-Incredible Hulks.

scored the game-winning goal in overtime to finish off the Boston statement, former glass Bruins' sweep of the St. Louis Blues in the Stanley Cup Finals for their first title since 1941.

In 1972, Lee Hall was elected president of Jay County Hospital board.

In 1973, Albert Milton "Billy" Miller, 39, rural Parker City was found dead in Dunkirk. Macv Dav's inside-the-(Local law enforcement par-home run in the were investigating his fifth inning helped to death as a murder.) A extend the Indians' crewman on a Penn lead. Central freight train found his body in the Commissioners 600 block of Lincoln approved contributing Avenue.

In 1994, Nelson Man-remodel 4-H buildings dela was inaugurated at Jay County Fairas president of South grounds. Africa.

In 2013, Dunkirk tions of the entirety of In 1970, Bobby Orr the staff of Dunkirk Public Library and The Glass Museum. In a museum curator Blake Watson was critical of what he called the board's "unethical behavior."

In 2018, the Fort Recovery High School softball team topped Perry 10-2 to win its first sectional championship since 2010.

In 2021, Jay County \$70,000 to a project to

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#### Indiana Supreme Court justices found both arguments failed, citing for the former there was "no evidence the jury was unable to render an impartial verdict." For the latter, justices said Crossland had already exhausted her allotted peremptory challenges on six other prospective jurors.

The court found that while there was prejudicial pretrial publicity, jurors agreed to judge Crossland impartially despite exposure to it. The court noted "a general atmosphere of prejudice

**Upholds** throughout the communi- court ty" may overcome pre-

sumptions about jurors

staying true to their word. "But Crossland's case is a far cry from those truly rare cases where a community's bias was so strong as to leave jurors unable to render an impartial verdict," wrote Slaughter.

Crossland also shared concerns about witness Nicholas Riddle, who is the father of two of her children. She said the trial

"committed land an unlimited right to reversible error in denying introduce whatever evi-[her] the ability to dence she wants," Slaughimpeach" Riddle, court documents say. Crossland argued excluding impeachment evidence infringed on her Fourteenth Amendment and Sixth Amend-

ment constitutional rights. tion does not give Cross- of Crossland's guilt."

ter wrote. "Besides, on this record, any evidence in excluding this evidence was harmless. Evidence of Crossland's guilt was overwhelming, and the excluded out-of-court statements "The trial court did not by Riddle would not have err because the constitu- created reasonable doubt

Manning, William: 10:30

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Monday

a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St.,

Miller, Eldon: noon, Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Service listings provided by Portland, Indiana 47371 progressiveofficeproducts.com

### **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

# Citizen's calendar

#### **Monday**

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

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

4 p.m. — Jay 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.

#### **Tuesday**

6 p.m. — Ridgeville Town Council, fire station, 302 N. Walnut St.

#### Wednesday

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.



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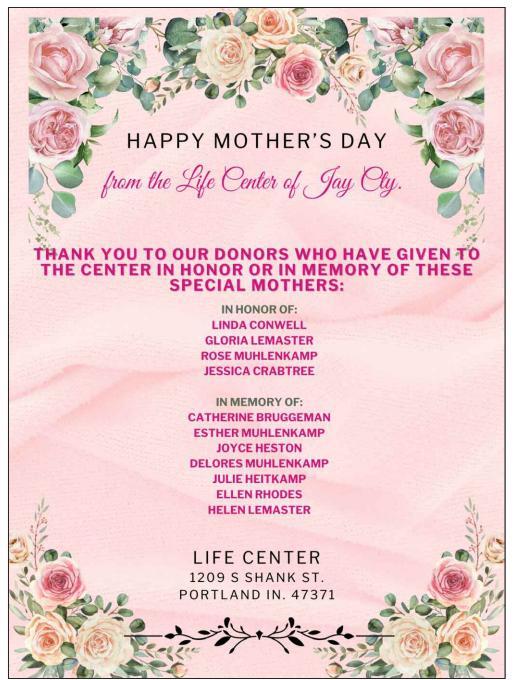


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### **Club donates**

Portland Evening Optimist Club recently donated \$500 to Jay County 4-H Clubs. Pictured above, from left, are Purdue Extension Office health and human sciences coordinator Ashley Drees and Evening Optimist Club president Bobby Ruiz.

### Coalition grants are available

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition's grant applications for 2025 are open.

Jay County Commissioners designated Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition as the Local Coordinating Council (LCC) to review potential grants and award these grants from the Jay County Alcohol and Drug Countermeasures Fund. The mission of the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition is "to promote best practices among youth and adults to reduce the illegal use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in Jay County.'

The coalition seeks to provide funding to those alcohol and drug initiatives in Jay County that address identified priority issues in the areas of prevention, inter-

#### **Taking** Note

vention and justice or enforcement. Agencies or programs targeting these issues in Jay County are eligible to apply for funding.

Applications are available by visiting the coalition office, 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For questions, please contact Ally Raines (765) 209-4648 or at allyssa@jcdpc.org. Applications applications will be disqualified.

#### **Madison alumni**

It's almost that time of year. Madison Township High School Alumni Association will host its annual banquet May 31 at United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St., Portland.

Registration and social hour begins at 4 p.m., with dinner to follow at 5 p.m. Honor classes this year are 1955, 1960 and 1965.

Tickets are \$20 per person, and reservations with checks payable to Madison Alumni should be mailed to Dennis Theurer, 14429 E 196th St., Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The deadline to register is May 24.

For questions, call Dennis are due by 5 p.m. June 13. Late Theurer at (317) 999-0429 or email dennistheurer@frontier.com.

## Partner treated just like a child

DEAR ABBY: I'm engaged to a delightful woman from a foreign country. She's a divorcee, and her 19-year-old son is doing well in college. She essentially raised him herself. Because of some spectrum disorder and ADHD symptoms, her son was apparently a handful. I am healthy, have multiple advanced degrees (including an M.D. and a Ph.D.), and have enjoyed a successful and lucrative career. I have raised six happy, healthy and independent children. I've worked very hard and have a substantial bankroll.

My concern is that she tends to treat me like she might treat her son. She asks me (repeatedly) if I'm cold and suggests that I wear more clothes. She asks me if I'm hungry, thirsty or tired, and if I should exercise. I don't think she does it maliciously. I think she genuinely cares for me and is expressing her love with these matronly concerns. I have suggested repeatedly

that she doesn't need to provide advice on clothing, hunger, etc. that I'm an adult and have successfully figured out those things for a very long time. She has much less money than I do, and I help to support her. But I cannot continue to tolerate her maternalistic attitude. I have told her sev-

eral times that I need a lover, not a mother, but it doesn't seem to penetrate. How can I get this woman whom I love to treat me as an adult and not to question my mature decisions? — NOBODY'S

CHILD IN NEW YORK DEAR NOBODY'S CHILD: Your fiancee may not be trying to infantilize you. Many, if not most, women who love the men in their lives fuss over them. Because her efforts are not pleasing and are having a negative effect, you are going fer we use YOUR car this to have to be more direct in time." Remember, nothing will

Dear Abby



mean tell her it is such a turnoff for you that you are considering ending the relationship. Stating it just that way may help the message to penetrate. And if it doesn't. then you aren't the man for

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a

relationship with my partner for 10 years. While the first two years were good, things have slowly deteriorated. For example, we used to go to movies and dinner at least one day a weekend. Now we don't do anything unless he wants to play cards. I'm getting bored with cards all the time. I feel like I'm wasting my life sitting at home with him. There's no excitement. And to top it off, when we do go places, we invariably end up taking my car, and I must pay for the gas and wear and tear. It's getting old. Any advice? — FED UP IN **MISSOURI** 

DEAR FED UP: You appear to be the passive partner in this relationship. If you would like to change the balance of power, assert yourself. Because you find playing cards so often boring, and he isn't up for going to a show or out for dinner, go with a girlfriend. I wish you had mentioned why you provide all the transportation, changing that pattern should be as easy as saying, "No, I preyour message, and by that, I change unless YOU change.

### **Community Calendar**

mit an item, email rant. news@thecr.com.

#### **Saturday**

ALCOHOLICS ANONY Community Center. MOUS — 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 - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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

Notices will appear in FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 Community Calendar as meet at 7 a.m. for breakspace is available. To sub- fast at Richards Restau-

> PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to New members welcome. noon each Monday at Jay

JAY COUNTY DRUG — 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-

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

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS PORTLAND BREAK- SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will

p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Meridian St., Portland. For more information, month at R & R Fabricacall (260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY CARE St., St. Henry, Ohio. PREVENTION COALI- 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. Walkins accepted.

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

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

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

251-8792.

REDISCOVERING JOY The support group of Methodist Church, 323 S. widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each tions, 601 E. Washington

#### **Tuesday**

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

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Fellowship Nazarene Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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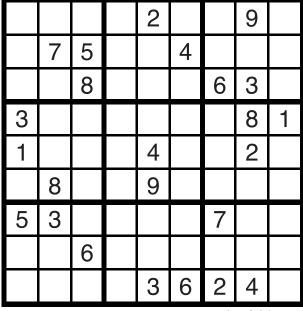
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### Sudoku



Level: Advanced

#### **Friday's Solution**

The objective is nine-by nine grid each column, each r each of the nine t three boxes (also blocks or regions) of the digits from 1 to one time each.

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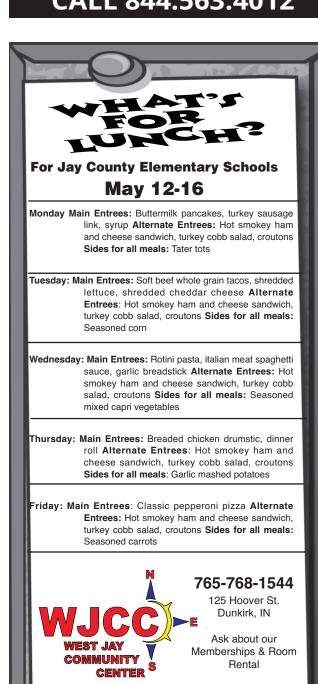
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# Have mental health conversations

May is recognized nationwide as Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to elevate the conversation around mental wellness, reduce stigma and remind our community that help and hope are always avail-

Every one of us is impacted by mental health, whether personally or through the experiences of family, friends, coworkers or neighbors. In Jay County and beyond, we continue to see the growing need for accessible, compassionate mental health and recovery support. Mental illness does being healthy all the time. ery resources. We believe in Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, to

### **Letters to** the Editor

not discriminate. It affects people of every age, race, gender and background. Now more than ever, we must make it known: it's OK to ask for help, and no one should face mental health challenges alone.

As Dr. Lisa Damour reminds us, "Mental health is not about

ings that are appropriate for the situation and being able to manage those feelings effec-Acknowledging our emotions and learning how to navigate them is a vital part of well-being, and it's something we all can work on together.

Organizations like Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition and our many community partners, including Meridian Health Services, A Better Life -Jay Behavioral Health, work daily to connect individuals with peer support and recov-

Mental health is having feel- treating mental health with speak with a trained crisis the same urgency and empathy as physical health.

During Mental Health Awareness Month, we encourage individuals to check in on themselves and each other. Attend a support group, talk to a peer, volunteer, share your story or simply listen without judgment. Together, we can build a stronger, more supportive community.

If you or someone you know Brianna's Hope and IU Health is experiencing a mental health crisis, help is available

You can call or text 988, the

counselor.

Locally, organizations like Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition, Meridian Health Services, A Better Life – Brianna's Hope, and IU Health Jay Behavioral Health offer sup-

port and linkage to care. You're not alone. Support is just a phone call away.

Let's continue the conversation beyond May. Mental health matters every day of the year.

Sincerely, Ally Raines

Director of Recovery

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition

### Games teach lessons and create memories

By JOHN KRULL

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The sight distracted me. Then it compelled me to pull over and take a small detour into the past.

A happy past.

I was on my way home when I drove past the church where my daughter and son first started playing softball and baseball. I spent many, many hours watching, coaching and practicing with my children as they learned how to play the game.

There was a new group of boys and girls with a new group of parents on the fields where my kids once played. They were practicing.

On impulse, I decided to pull into the parking lot. I got out of my car and leaned against the hood.

I watched several coaches who doubtless were fathers trying to teach young children the proper way to hold a baseball bat and stand at the plate dominant hand on top, feet spread for balance but close enough to allow the hitter to step forward for power. I saw other adults gently rolling ground balls to kids and encouraging them to charge the ball and not just wait for it to come to them.

I smiled.

I remembered the hot, hot day that my son and I came to this same field when he was in the third grade. He had decided that he loved the game and had shoulders. asked me how he could get "really good at baseball." Practice, I told him.

So, when the field was open on a blazing Sunday afternoon, we came here with a bucket of baseballs.

Over and over, I threw him batting practice pitches. Lofted fly balls for him to try to catch. Tapped and then drilled ground balls for him to scoop up.

By the time we were done, our shirts clung to

I was the one who called it quits. As we drove home, he asked how soon before we could go back and practice some more.

It was then I realized he'd developed a passion for something — and that the discipline he would have to summon in pursuit of that passion would serve him well in life long after his playing days were over.

Another time on a field just a short stroll away, my daughter's team found itself short an umpire.

The coaches asked the parents for a volunteer so the girls could play the game. No hands went up.

My wife nudged me. So, I raised my hand.

behind the plate, wearing College journalism stua chest protector and a dents.

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face mask while I called balls and strikes praying that a foul ball didn't come skittering back at my unprotected

I was the only umpire and there was a lot of action. Trying to get into position to see how a play unfolded and then making the proper call was a challenge.

At one point, when my daughter's team was in the field, the batter rapped a ground ball to my daughter at shortstop. The runner at first was fast and got a good jump.

My daughter gathered the ball and threw it to second base to try for the force out. The ball and the runner arrived at what seemed like the same time and I wasn't in the best position to see it because I'd thought the play would be at first.

It could have gone either way, but I had been taught that a tie always goes to the runner.

So, I called the runner

My daughter looked at me. I gave her a sheepish smile and shrugged my

She nodded, walked back to her position and got ready for the next play. I knew then she always

would be able to cope with disappointment and find a way to move forward in life.

The children who practiced on these same fields as I leaned against my car on a warm spring evening have all those games and all those lessons ahead of them.

Their parents have no idea how fast the days to come will pass. Or how much they will

miss these games, these practices, these moments. My daughter is 26 now,

my son 24. They both live and work on the East Coast — my daughter in Boston and

my son in New York. Because only a few hours separate them, they sometimes get together over a weekend.

When they do, upon occasion they go to a baseball game.

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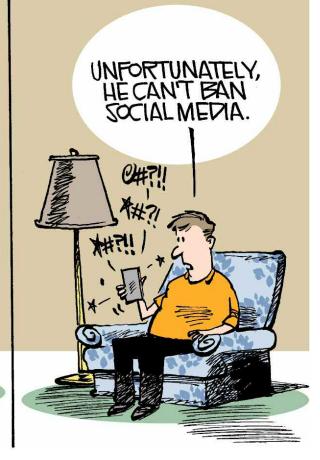
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# What if bureaucracy is good?

By BETH KOWITT

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Even in our ultra-polarized era, the public and private sectors seem to have reached a consensus on the common scourge of our time: bureaucra-

JPMorgan Chase & Co. CEO Jamie Dimon can't hide his disdain for it, mentioning some form of the word 21 times in his April letter to shareholders and going so far as to say it "kills" Amazon.com Inc. CEO Andy Jassy wrote in his annual missive that people who are trying to build things hate it — that it frustrates and slows them down. Over

at the State Department, Marco Rubio identified bureaucracy as the reason for the organization's massive cuts and restructuring. And Depart-Government ment of Efficiency head Elon Musk famously waved a chainsaw in the air, pledging to slash through what he has called the "tyranny of bureaucracy" in the

federal government. Bureaucracy is an easy scapegoat, a way to rally support and advance an agenda by evoking something that is universally reviled. Who doesn't hate waiting in line at the DMV, filling out seven pages of paperwork at the doctor's office or the headache that can come with getting an expense report approved? "It's kind of unifying," says Pedro Monteiro, an assistant

ances to this very amorphous thing." But bureaucracy isn't just inertia, disengagement and red tape. It's also order and stability. While bureaucracy has evolved into a pejorative term used to describe complicated and pointless administrative procedures, bureaucracy is, at its core, an administrative system and way of organiz-

professor at Copenhagen Business

School. "It's easy to attach our griev-

ing.
It's the framework that provides the hierarchy and formalized rules that help an institution run. "The opposite of bureaucracy is not freedom and agility — it's chaos," says Mike Lee, a professor of organi-

**Beth Kowitt** 



zational behavior at INSEAD. "When you remove all the formal structures, things become opaque, less fair and power concentrates at tne top." Exhibit A: DOGE, which has managed to create more turmoil in the federal government than it has

Bureaucracy didn't always have such a bad rap. Before becoming a staple of office life, it emerged as an alternative to feudalism — a way to put people into jobs based on their technical merit and skill rather than at the king's pleasure. Even today, more bureaucratic institutions are likely to be fairer ones, in which competence holds a higher value than connections.

In corporate America, where bureaucracy has become synonymous with middle management, a trend called "unbossing" has taken hold. In 2023, Meta Platforms Inc. CEO Mark Zuckerberg kicked it off with his call for the "year of efficiency," telling employees, "I don't think you want a management structure that's just managers managing managers, managing managers, managing managers, managing the people who are doing the work.

At pharmaceutical giant Bayer AG, CEO Bill Anderson has implemented what he calls "dynamic shared ownership," eliminating managers as the company moves to self-directed teams. Watching what Musk has done to the federal government has only given CEOs greater license to amp up the anti-bureaucracy rhetoric. Speaking at a recent conference, Gallup CEO Jon Clifton noted that some executives are "musing about the idea that they want their own DOGE departments."

This kind of flattening or "delayering" is supposed to push decisionmaking down to the workers on the ground. In practice, though, it can also be a euphemism for cost cutting. It also can end up consolidating control at the top, with CEOs reporting that flattening actually got them deeper into the weeds on daily decision making.

That's not to say unbossing can't work. But the companies that have done it successfully have had to implement more structure and When process. Zappos.com Inc. transformed into a self-managed holacracy, in which decision-making and authority is spread across an organization, employees' became much more tightly defined and its 150 departmental units turned into 500 team circles. Wikipedia is run by a collaborative community of volunteers but has implemented a lot of bureaucracy to function effectively.

A big risk of removing the structures that come with bureaucracy is the question of what will emerge in their stead. "It's really easy to break things and hard to build a high-functioning, high-performing organization in its place," Lee told me. Doing so requires thoughtful, intentional action and design, yet Lee says the conversation rarely gets to that point.

One reason companies keep defaulting to bureaucracy is because it works, for better or worse, as "both a weapon of domination and the primary tool for realizing many of humanity's most significant undertakings," Monteiro has written.

For a case in point, look no further than Dimon's attempts to rid JPMorgan of its extraneous processes and procedures: He layered on even more of them, deploying a team tasked with investigating the "stupid stuff we do, the bureaucratic stuff we do."

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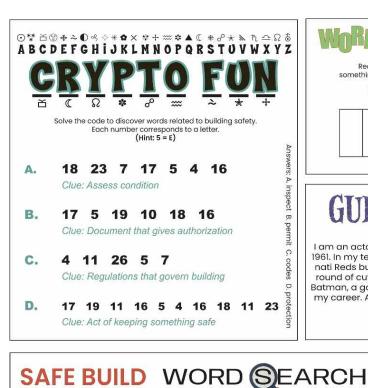
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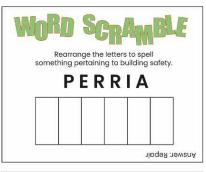
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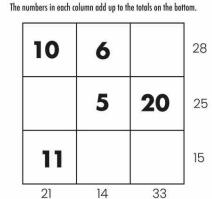


Cinco de Mayo celebrations often feature this type of traditional Mexican folk music.

Answer: Mariachi







**Math Blocks** 

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The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.



**Get Scrambled** Unscramble the words to determine the phrase. VIEYLL SUCMI



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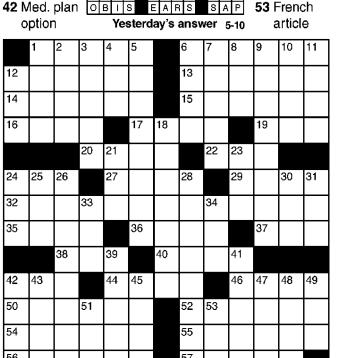
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#### Contract & Bridge By Steve Becker

#### The so-called guessing game

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There is so much more to the art of guessing two-way finesses correctly than meets the eye. The best players seem to have a knack for guessing right far more than might normally be expected, but in many cases it's not just plain luck that leads them to the right decision.

Consider this deal where the play started with three rounds of spades. Declarer ruffed the third spade and was faced with the question of whether to lead a trump to the king and take a finesse against East at

trick five, or whether to take a trump finesse at trick four by leading low to the ten.

Declarer "guessed" right when he

played a low heart to the ten, which won. He continued with the king, led a club to the ace and cashed the ace of trump, on which East showed out. South then ran his clubs, and it didn't matter when West ruffed, because that would be the last trick for the defense. Had declarer instead led a heart

to the king and then finessed against East, he would have gone down at least one after West won and returned a fourth round of

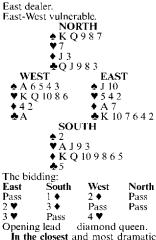
Now let's suppose East had held the Q-8-5-2 of trump instead of West. In that case, East would have won dummy's ten with the queen, but he would not have been able to prevent South from scoring 10 tricks since a spade return could be ruffed by dummy's king, leaving declarer with the A-J-9. In effect, declarer's decision to

take the trump finesse against West was a safety play catering to every possible 4-2 or 3-3 division of the trump suit. It was not so much a question of guessing which defender had the queen; it was more a question of guaranteeing the contract against any normal division of the suit.

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### Famous Hand — Part 1



In the closest and most dramatic final in the history of the Bermuda Bowl, the United States defeated Italy to capture the 2003 world team championship. Incredibly, the margin of victory, after 128 grueling deals played over three days, was I International Match Point!

The U.S. triumph came after it ad squandered a 62-IMP lead with 25 deals remaining to be played. In fact, with two deals to On the penultimate deal, Italy

play, the Italians were leading by 21

opened the door for the Americans by reaching five hearts and going down one while the U.S pair at the other table stopped in four hearts. This left the U.S. 11 IMPs behind heading into the last deal, shown here. The story of how they picked up 12 IMPs to win the title is pre-

At the first table, with Italy holding the East-West hands, the bidding went as shown. West's twodiamond bid indicated length in both majors, and West later made a dubious decision to continue on to four hearts after East had competed to the three-level

East won the opening diamond lead with the ace, led a heart to the king, cashed dummy's ace of clubs and returned a low spade, losing to North's queen. North led a diamond to South's king, and South returned the heart nine taken by returned the heart nine, taken by dummy's queen. When declarer now tried to cash the spade ace, South ruffed, cashed the heart ace and led a diamond, forcing dummy

Since declarer had no hearts left in his hand, he had to lose all three of dummy's remaining spades to North at the end, so East finished down four 400 points for the U.S. This windfall for the Americans set the stage for a series of astonishing developments at the other table, as we shall see tomorrow.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand — Part 2.

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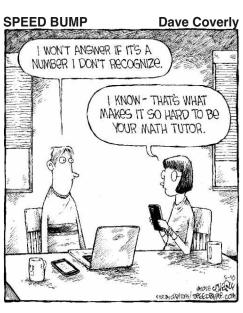
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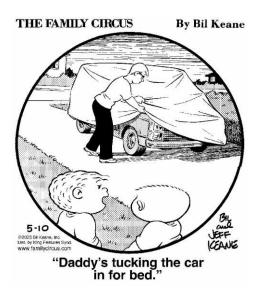
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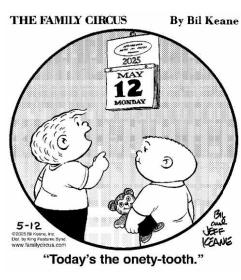
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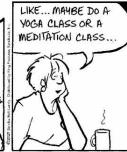


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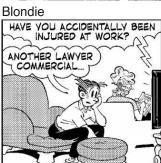






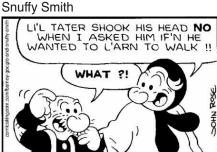




























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pegs; old mustard cabinet; (2) hump back trunks;; Royal Crest ìCastle Roseî Sterling flatware (123 pieces); Sterling spoons; Sterling candleholders; Sterling tray and 2 teapots; Portland Typhoons, 1942 thru 1945; JEWELRY: 10k ring (3.7g), 10K ring (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

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LOCATED: 606 S Western Ave, Portland Indiana

#### SATURDAY MAY 24TH, 2025

10:00 A.M. REAL ESTATE

Real Estate sells at 10:00 AM.

3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch style home containing 1,456 sq ft finished living area. Home has central air, newer roof, 1 car attached garage, 12x20 ft utility shed/shop. Home is in move-in condition. Open House: Sunday May 11th 1-3 PM, or for private showing phone auctioneers.

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#### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION** Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 W Votaw St., Portland, IN MAY 17th, 2025 9:30 A. M. ANTIQUES - OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMSñ HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Oak wardrobe: Radio Flyer wagon; John Deere 3 speed bicycle; John Deere wrench sets; JD, Case & Oliver steering wheel centers; JD wrenches: hump back trunk; flat top trunk; #20 cast iron pot belly stove; Marlin 22 semiautomatic rifle; ammo; 1940is Coke tray; Stanley scraper plane; Stanley Bailey smooth plane; Indiana Band ribbons and awards; marbles; ice cream freezer; tractor plates; cleaning supplies; and many other items not listed.

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#### 90 SALE CALENDAR

Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112 Kaden Khayyata AU12400069

**PUBLIC AUCTION** 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 been well maintained. Open House: Sunday May 25th from

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Minivan. Cast Iron Bulldog Grandfather Clock. 8 Track Stereo/ Record Player. Glider Rocker w/ Ottoman. 3 Cushion Sofa. Rocker Recliner. Metal Patio Set. Bird

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#### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION** Friday May 16th, 2025 TIME 5:00 P.M. LOCATED: 225 E WATER ST, PORTLAND

VEHICLES ñ SHOP ñ

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May 17, 2025

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### Another

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The duo got off to a quick start in the first set. Newton started the first game with back-to-back aces with Banda returning the ball long and LaFuze leaving it short of the net. The Indians managed to return the ball after the next two serves but the Patriots outlasted them each time before Banda made an error.

In no time at all, Faulkner and Newton won the first set 6-0. Their only blemish in the second set came in the fourth game, but they quickly flushed it to pull it out 6-1. It took the Patriots less than 45 minutes to wipe out the UCHS duo.

"I switched the lineup this week and took Faith out for a minute," Garringer said. "I was nervous putting them back together because they didn't practice at all this week. But they needed that confidence boost. Both doubles teams did.'

Gretchen Link and Sophia Sprunger had a bit of a rockier path in the No. 2 doubles contest. trading games with Sofia Emrick and Emmi Kreiner in the first set. At one point, Link and Sprunger trailed 4-3, but came back to take the lead to win the set 6-4.

They cruised through the second set to beat Emrick and Kreiner 6-2 a little more than an hour after the lineups were read off.

The Patriots' two most dependable positions pulled off victories as well.

Brenna Bailey, who was battling an illness that affected her



Jay County's No. 1 singles player Brenna Bailey runs up to hit a low forehand during her 6-0, 6-0 sweep of Union City's Ashley Garrett on Friday. The win moved Bailey to 10-0 on the season, just one win shy of her total from 2024, when she played the No. 2 singles position.

ability to breathe clearly, swept Ashley Garrett 6-0, 6-0 in the No. 1 doubles match. Bailey had to keep the pace slow in the beginning due to a runny nose that impeded her breathing, and in return, Garrett continuously pushed the ball from one half of the court to the other to force the Patriot senior to move.

"She tried to get me out of breath, and she was but I just tried to place it where I knew her weakness was," Bailey said. "If

short, she wasn't very good at that. ... Then my serves were good, so that's how I won."

Because Bailey fought through the match, she preserved her perfect 10-0 start to the season. Despite moving up from No. 2 sinaway from her total number of wins from a season ago.

"I just got more knowledge of the game in the offseason working with Delta's assistant coach,"

you hit it right at her, a little Bailey said. "I'm just more patient this year and try not to get into a bad mindset. ... I'm really happy (with the start) but it makes me a little more nervous to

Meredith Dirksen won her eighth match of the season at the gles to No. 1, she is just one win No. 2 singles position, taking down Shleby Arnold 6-2, 6-0. Lily Johnson gave up two of

the first three games to Union City's No. 3 singles player Addison Thornburg, but ended up tak-

ing the set 6-2. They traded games in the second set, forcing a tiebreaker that Johnson got ahead 5-1 before securing the 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) victory.

"Lily is the most mentally strong player that I have," Garringer said. "Nothing phases her. She doesn't get down on herself. She can shake off a game if she loses it and come back from it and in tennis I think that's probably one of the most important things."

#### Adams Central 4 Jay County 1

The Jay County girls tennis team dropped its final Allen County Athletic Conference match of the season 4-1 to Adams Central on Thursday.

Bailey secured the only point for the Patriots, beating Melanie Bertsch 6-0, 6-1 in the No. 1 singles contest.

Dirksen nearly beat McKayla Ringger at the No. 2 singles position, but instead had her fivematch win streak snapped 1-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

Johnson nearly forced a third set, but dropped the No. 3 singles match 7-5, 6-2 to Tenley Hendricks.

Link and Sprunger couldn't come up with the win in the No. 2 doubles match, losing to Jillian Brotherton and Lila Ringger 6-3,

Adams Central's Alexa Brotherton and Macy McClure swept Courtney Harris and Newton 6-0, 6-0 at the No. 1 doubles position.

### Fort Recovery

walk.

Continued from page 10 Fort Recovery put up three runs in the fifth and down the Starfries (13-3). The fifth inning runs came from an Ava Grisez loss, single and a passed ball. Emma Will singled and Homan doubled in the seventh to put the Tribe up 7-3.

Homan gave up three runs to SAHS in the final inning, but held on to pick up the win in both games.

#### **Tribe splits**

FORT RECOVERY -Fort Recovery's baseball team split a pair of games on Thursday and Friday, falling short of St. Henry 15-10 before beating Crestview 8-5

MAC) held a 6-2 lead heading into the fourth inning against St. Henry (10-6, 6-2 MAC), but gave up eight runs in the frame and The Fort Recovery girls ond place with a throw of

Tribe's offense with four seventh innings to take RBIs on two hits, including a double.

> Colson Post suffered the giving up six unearned runs in the fourth inning, while just recording two outs. He gave up four hits and one

Fort Recovery bounced back as it scored seven runs in the first inning against Crestview (7-9). Runs scored on a Brodie Hart walk, a Caden Homan single, a wild pitch, a Post triple and a single by Reece Wendel.

Dylan Klenke pitched a complete game to earn the 12.16 second and 57.49, victory. Of the five runs respectively. The Indians (13-6, 4-5 scored against Klenke, only three were earned.

#### Three titles

weren't able to climb back. track team finished fifth 107 feet, 1 inch. Niekamp Alex Gaerke led the out of six teams at the Mercer County track meet hosted by Coldwater on Thursday, while the boys team fell to sixth.

The Indian girls scored 58 points, beating out Parkway (41.5) for fifth. Coldwater won the meet with 175.5 points. The FRHS boys only managed 10 points, while Marion Local claimed the county crown with 170.5.

Anna Roessner and Karlie Niekamp led the Indians, combining for 34 points. Roessner put work in the 100-meter and 400meter dashes, winning both events with times of

Niekamp chucked her discus 116 feet, 2 inches to claim the top spot in the COLDWATER. Ohio — on Niekamp's heels for sec-

also finished fourth in the shot put with a mark of 30 feet, 8 ½ inches.

Other points for the girls came from:

•Riley Heitkamp in the 3,200 run (third - 13 minutes, 12.31 seconds)

•Madison Heitkamp in the 100 hurdles (fourth -17.98) and the 300 hurdles (fourth - 53.29)

 Kennedy Muhlenkamp in the 800 run (fifth -2:35.46)

Only two boys finished in the top six for FRHS. Isaac Roessner placed fourth in the long jump with a distance of 19 feet, 2

Carson Fullenkamp finshed fifth in the shot put with a throw that traveled 42 feet, 2 inches. The other points came

event. Elisa Evers followed from the 4x400 relay team that finished fourth in 3:53.51.

#### Jay County Continued from page 10 Cody DeHoff shot

Brown led JCHS with three RBIs on two hits and a walk. He also scored two runs. A.J. Myers was sad-

dled with the loss after throwing three innings in relief of Kade Sommers. Myers surrendered four runs (only one was earned) on five hits.

#### **DeHoff leads** The Jay County boys

golf team slipped to third place in a trimeet with Bluffton and Bellmont at Portland Golf Club on Thursdav.

Bluffton claimed the top spot with 156 strokes, beating out Bellmont's 162 and the Patriots' 166.

the low score for Jay County (6-4) with a 38. One Bluffton golfer and two from Bellmont beat him out. DeHoff never shot worse than a bogey while making six pars on the day. Tucker Griffin fol-

lowed DeHoff with a round of 40 strokes. He also never shot worse than a bogey, but only made par twice. He did have a highlight on the 335-yard, par-4 first hole with a birdie.

Griffin Byrum and Isaac Homan made up the rest of the team score by carding 44 each.

Dawson Goldsworthy shot a 47 from the No. 5 spot, which didn't affect the final score.

### Sports on tap

#### Local schedule

Jay County - Baseball doubleheader at Hagerstown – 10 a.m.; Softball at Lady Panther Classic - 10 a.m. Fort Recovery Softball at Covington Clas-

sic - 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

### Monday

Jay County — Baseball at Muncie Central – 5 p.m.: Track guad meet at Union City - 5:30 p.m.: JV baseball at Bluffton- 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Selma - 4:30 p.m.: Junior high track vs. Driver - 5 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Munice Burris - 5:30 p.m.; Junior high softball at Delta -5:30 p.m.; Junior high tennis vs. Bluffton - 5:30

#### Tuesday

Jay County - Boys golf vs. Southern Wells -4:30 p.m.; Baseball at Southern Wells - 5 p.m.; Softball at Southern Wells - 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Randolph Southern – 5 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Daleville – 5 p.m.; Junior high tennis at South Adams - 5 p.m.; Junior High softball at Blackford – 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track MAC meet prelims at Coldwater - 4:30 p.m.; Softball sectional final vs. Preble Shawnee – 5 p.m.; Baseball at Memorial – 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Memorial – 5:30 p.m.

#### TV sports

Today 9:30 a.m. — Bundesliga soccer: Werder Bremen at RB Leipzig (ESPN2)

10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Southampton at Manchester City (USA)

11:30 a.m. — IndyCar: Sonsio Grand Prix 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

1 p.m. — UFL: Michigan Panthers at Arlington Renegades (FOX)

3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Truist 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: Sonsio 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

7:30 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Heart of Heath Care 200 (FS1) 8 p.m. — Banana Ball World Tour baseball

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)

10 p.m. — Major League Rugby: Houston SaberCats at San Diego (ESPN2) 10 p.m. — Boxing: Charly Coronel Suarez vs.

Emanuel Navarrete (ESPN)

#### Sunday

7 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Newcastle

United at Chelsea (USA) 10:15 a.m. — La Liga soccer: FC Barcelona at

Real Madrid (ESPN)

11:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Liverpool FC at Arsenal FC (NBC)

12 p.m. — College lacrosse: Notre Dame at

Ohio State (ESPN)

12:50 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Kansas City Current at Bay (ESPN)

1 p.m. - LPGA Tour: Mizuho Americas Open

2:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Houston Astros (FDSN Indiana)

3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: AdventHeath 400 (FS1)

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3:10 p.m. — IMSA SportsCar Championship: WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca (NBC)

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Registration forms are available at www.adamscountv5kchallenge.com and can be submitted to Debra Gerber at 656 W Van Buren St., Berne, IN 46711.

The series fee is \$125 with a t-shirt included in each race or \$90 without it. For students under the age of 18 registering, the cost will be \$100 with the t-shirts or \$80

without. The first race. Monroe Lions 5K, is set for at 8:15 a.m. Registration will cost \$20 with no

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# Another foe down

Jay girls tennis wiped Union City 5-0 to beat its second potential sectional opponent of the year

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

The Patriots were coming off a pair of tough losses, including their final opportunity to get a conference victory.

Their minds were completely wiped of that as they rolled to victory against a conference opponent.

The Jay County High School girls tennis team swept the Union City Indians 5-0 on Friday in a potential preview of a sectional opener or championship match.

Jay County (4-6, 0-3 Allen County Athletic Conference) previously beat Winchester Community 4-1, another potential sectional opponent on April 21. JCHS still has to face Randolph Southern on Tuesday, and will get its first view of the sectional bracket on May 19. But for now, the sweep of the Indians boosted the Patriots' confidence even more about their odds in the sectional.

"It felt really good," said JCHS coach Andrea Garringer. "I've been really nervous the whole season with these doubles. They just showed me right there that we've made a good choice. I felt better about seeing them together and it felt really good to 5-0 them."

Faith Faulkner and Raylah Newton left no ball uncontested as they steamrolled through their No. 1 doubles match against Cintia Banda and My LaFuze.

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Jay County High School junior Lily Johnson connects on a backhand during her No. 3 singles match against Addison Thornburg of Union City on Friday. Johnson and Thornburg traded games in the second set before the Patriot won the tiebreaker to pick up her third win of the season 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) and complete the 5-0 JCHS sweep.

### **Tribe** softball picked up two victories

ST. HENRY, Ohio and BERNE — The Indians suffered a tough loss on Wednesday, killing their Midwest Athletic Conference title hopes, but they came back to dominate a team that sat atop the MAC and edged out a ranked team from Indiana.

Fort Recovery The High school **FRHS** softball roundup

bounced back after a loss to Parkway to beat St. Henry 27-9 and the Class 3A No. 5 South Adams Starfires 7-6 on Thursday and Friday, respectively.

The Indians (13-7, 5-2 MAC) went for the jugular early against St. Henry (8-11, 5-1 MAC), scoring 11 runs in the first inning. They also put up 12 in the fourth while plating just a pair in the third and fifth

frames. Jenna Homan, Kayla Heitkamp and Layla Armstrong all hit home runs in the game, while leading FRHS with seven, six and four RBIs, respectively.

The win over St. Henry, and a loss for Minster against Marion Local, guaranteed the Indians will finish tied for second in the MAC.

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### JCHS softball beats up on Bluffton Tigers 10-0

Doug Arbuckle told the Patriots their memory Patriots their memory needed to be short to Jay County bounce back from a loss at South Adams on Wednes-

As a result, they got the job done in only five innings against

Tigers. After going 0-for-3 on Wednesday, Brenna Ruble delivered a two-RBI double in the bottom of the fifth inning to give the Jay County High School softball team a walk-off win via the mercy rule against the Bluffton Tigers 10-0 on Thursday.

(12-2, 2-2 Allen County three RBIs on two doubles. JCHS also got a pair of doubles from Morgan Misand Carley Trinidad, who Ruble's double.

### roundup

led the team with three

Trinidad picked up the win in the circle without giving up a run or a walk. She allowed two hits over the five innings of work, while striking out 11 bat-

Jay County scored an unearned run on Bluffton Ruble led the Patriots (6-12, 2-3 ACAC) in the bottom of the first inning. It Athletic Conference) with scored one more in the second before finding its groove in the third for five runs. There were three sicano, who drove in one runs scored in the fifth on run and scored two more, an Ava Bice single and

Jay County's baseball team scored five runs over the final two innings, but couldn't tie the Bluffton Tigers, resulting in a 7-6 loss on Thursday.

Bluffton (14-6, 5-0 ACAC) put up four runs in the top of the sixth inning, but the Patriots (5-9, 2-2 ACAC) punched back with four of their own on singles by Leighton Brown

Carter Fugiett. In the seventh, Aiden Phillps starting things off with a single and Garrett Bennett and Drew Schemenaur reached base by getting hit by pitches. With two outs, Brown drew a walk to cut the deficit to 7-6 with the bases still loaded. Wyatt Foster followed with a groundball to shortstop that ended the game.

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