

Redkey woman died in fire on Monday

Fire was mostly confined to upstairs bedroom

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review REDKEY — A woman died Monday after her bedroom caught on fire. Lana Roberts, 18, was pronounced dead at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie after being transported there for treatment of injuries from the fire. She sustained severe burns all over her body. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Jay County Sheriff Ray Newton and Delaware County coroner Gavin Greene indicated they don't believe foul play was involved. Emergency responders received a call about a fire at 19 N. Union St., Redkey, about 8:13 p.m. Monday. Redkey Fire Chief Randy Young said the fire started in an upstairs bedroom, mostly keeping the flames contained to the room and causing smoke damage throughout the house. Redkey Fire Department arrived on scene about 8:18 p.m. Monday, putting out the flames in about 20 minutes. Approximately 15 Redkey firefighters responded, along with eight from Dunkirk Fire Department. Jay County Sheriff's Office, Jay Emergency Medical Service and Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office also responded to the scene. Firefighters pulled Roberts out of the fire and EMS workers transported her to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital. Delaware County Coroner's Office pronounced her dead at 9:35 p.m. Monday. Authorities conducted an autopsy Tuesday morning. Results are pending. Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office and Jay County Sheriff's Office are investigating the fire.



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Fester on stage

Luke Moser performs as Uncle Fester during Saturday's rehearsal for the Jay County High School production of "The Addams Family." The production opens Friday in JCHS auditorium with additional performances on Saturday and Sunday. For a story about the show, see Thursday's edition of The Commercial Review.

Considering safety facility

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review County officials believe they'll need to get a bond in order to pay for police radio upgrades. While they're at it, they'll also look into costs to construct a bigger building for a few county departments. Jay County Commissioners agreed Monday to seek requests for proposals for constructing a public safety facility. For years, officials have discussed constructing a multi-faceted building to serve as a hub for Jay Emergency Medical Service, Jay County Health Department and Jay County Coroner's Office. Department heads have voiced concerns with commissioners in recent years about their current buildings, with Jay Emergency Medical Service and the health department requesting more square footage and the coroner's office asking for a more accessible building.

County to seek proposals for a new building to house coroner's office, EMS and health department

(The coroner's office is currently located in Jay County Courthouse, while the health department is located on Arch Street and the EMS building is on Creagor Avenue adjacent to IU Health Jay.) Commissioners president Chad Aker said Monday he thinks the county will need to establish a bond in order to pay for upgrades to the county's emergency responder radio system, a multi-million dollar project. (Ritter Strategic Services is currently working for the county to seek quotes for stand-alone systems as well as quotes for a system connected to the Integrated Public Safety Commission's system.) While the county is looking into bonding, Aker suggested commissioners also see how much it would cost to construct the public safety facility. Commissioner Doug Horn asked if there's an alternative to the problem, such as purchasing an existing structure. Aker said he and others have been looking into alternatives for years but have run out of options. Commissioners Aker, Horn and Duane Monroe then agreed to move forward with seeking proposals.

"It's just things that, I'm trying to look ahead generating funds," said Newton. Schemenaur mentioned a few questions still need to be answered about the ordinance and suggested commissioners table it until their next meeting, with commissioners agreeing to do so. Relatedly, Aker asked Newton on Monday how many inmates on average the jail has been housing. Its population as of Monday sat at 44 inmates, the lowest Newton said he has seen in the last 16 or more years. He estimated the average sits around 39 inmates on the weekends. Commissioners also heard about recording issues with Jay County Sheriff's Office phones. Bill Baldwin, 911 director, talked about potentially installing larger fiber optic cables at the jail, saying jail officials are working to get costs for the project. See Facility page 2



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Teachers protest

Grand Rapids Public Schools (GRPS) educators involved with the Grand Rapids Education Association (GREA) protest what they say is the lowest pay in Kent County before a Monday board of education meeting. The district and union are in the midst of a yearlong collective bargaining process.

New rules approved

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review DUNKIRK — New rules for solicitation are in place. Potential changes regarding fees and tax rates will wait. Dunkirk City Council approved updates to the city's ordinance regarding solicitation at its meeting Monday while tabling, or removing from the agenda altogether, several discussions. The updated solicitation ordinance calls for a \$20 fee for a permit, which would be valid for 14 days. Permit applications must be filed at least five days in advance of soliciting. A background check, to be performed by Dunkirk police, will also be required. Anyone with convictions for crimes of violence, burglary, theft or a sexual offense can be barred from receiving a permit. Mayor Jack Robbins noted that it is the preference of Dunkirk

Dunkirk council OKs updates to city's solicitation ordinance

Police Chief Dane Mumbower that the background checks be handled by local police. Council members Jesse Bivens, Dan Watson, Christy Curts, Randy Murphy and Donna Revolt unanimously approved the ordinance. It will need to be published in the newspaper before going into effect. They also revisited several topics that have been on the agenda for multiple meetings, including the possible reduction of the city's stormwater fee, the creation of a water meter fee and updates to the golf cart ordinance. Bivens said he feels the stormwater fee should not be changed at this time because of uncertainty about the need for work for a planned apartment complex on the city's south side. He suggested removing the item from the agenda and revisiting it later in the year. Other council members agreed, saying they would not want to reduce the fee only to need to increase it again to cover potential project needs. See Rules page 2

Deaths

William Stanley, 95, Redkey
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 74 degrees Monday. The low was 50.
There is a 50% chance of rain tonight with a low in the lower 60s. Expect mostly sunny skies Thursday with the high climbing into the mid 80s and wind gusts up to 25 mph.
For an extended forecast, see page 2.

In review

Applications are open for Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition grants. The coalition provides funding to alcohol and drug initiatives that address prevention, intervention and justice or enforcement. For more information, email allyssa@jcdpc.org or call (765) 209-4648. The deadline to apply is June 13.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from the FRHS sectional final against Preble Shawnee.
Friday — Coverage of Wednesday's Jay County Council meeting.
Saturday — Details from the Jay County softball game against Heritage.

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Obituaries

William Stanley
June 26, 1929-May 9, 2025
William Bond Stanley, 95, of Redkey passed away peacefully Friday surrounded by love and comfort at his son's residence in Fort Wayne.
Bond was born in Redkey on June 26, 1929, a son of the late William E. and Clara (Baugher) Stanley. He was a 1947 graduate of Redkey High School and proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Bond retired from Borg Warner and was a faithful member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Portland, more recently attending Aboite Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Korean War Veterans Association and formerly raced at Eldora Speedway during the 1950s. He is known for his love



Stanley

of family, caring, compassionate, patient and supportive nature and his willingness to help his children see their dreams and ideas come to fruition.
Bond enjoyed RC planes, fishing, bowling, woodworking, dedication to his church and being the family repairman.
He is survived by his son Ted A. Stanley (wife: Judy); daughter Tamara J. Dalton (husband: James); three grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two

great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Patricia Ann (Green) Stanley and brother Frederick Lewis Stanley.
Visitation will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Monday at MJS Mortuaries – Redkey Chapel. Funeral services and military rites will follow at 2 p.m. with Pastor Joe Hines officiating.
Interment will be held in Hillcrest Cemetery at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries – Redkey Chapel.
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.
There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

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Thursday 5/15	Friday 5/16	Saturday 5/17	Sunday 5/18	Monday 5/19
85/68	85/62	77/56	73/51	71/52
Mostly sunny skies are expected on Thursday with wind gusts around 25 mph.	Friday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a low chance of afternoon rain.	There's a slight chance of rain Saturday. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Mostly sunny on Sunday when the high will be in the mid to upper 70s.	Monday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with highs in the low 70s.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 15-16-41-48-60 Power Ball: 21 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$106 million	Daily Four: 4-1-1-8 Quick Draw: 3-5-6-13-16-18-20-27-36-40-48-52-54-57-62-64-67-69-76-77 Cash 5: 12-14-32-40-45 Estimated jackpot: \$105,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$110 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 8-4-6 Pick 4: 3-4-7-0 Pick 5: 2-2-0-8-9 Evening Pick 3: 7-1-9 Pick 4: 4-4-4-7 Pick 5: 3-3-3-8-1 Rolling Cash: 9-21-26-29-35 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 3-6-3 Daily Four: 6-3-4-7 Quick Draw: 2-6-8-10-12-14-30-32-38-42-43-46-48-49-58-59-66-71-75-76 Evening Daily Three: 4-8-5	

Markets

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Today in history

In 1607, settlers of the Virginia Company of London established the first permanent English settlement in North America at Jamestown, Virginia.
In 1643, Louis XIV became king of France at age 4.
In 1796, Edward Jenner administered the first vaccination against smallpox in Berkeley, Gloucestershire.
In 1804, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark started on their famous expedition to the Pacific coast. The trip was commissioned by President Thomas Jefferson.
In 1940, Holland surrendered to Germany during World War II.
In 1944, George Lucas, best known for directing Star Wars films, was born.
In 1967, Mickey Mantle hit his 500th career home run off of Baltimore Orioles pitcher Stu Miller.
In 1973, the U.S.

launched its first space station. It was known as Skylab and served for six years as a laboratory for biomedical and technological experiments.
In 1984, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg was born.
In 1998, the last episode of the television show “Seinfeld” aired on NBC. It drew more than 75 million viewers.
In 2021, the team of Allysen Fullenkamp, Mara Pearson, Marie Nachtsheim and Abbie Francis broke the 11-year-old Fort Recovery High School record in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 51.99 seconds as the Indians hosted the Midwest Athletic Conference Championships.
In 2022, the Jay County High School baseball team swept a doubleheader against Fort Wayne South Side. Josh Dowlen scored the winning run in a 4-3 walk-off victory in game one.

—The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Today 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. Thursday 6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
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Facility ...

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Also, commissioners approved a one-year, \$33,840 agreement with Vialytics for rating roads.
The program allows the county to handle the work in-house while automating the process. It could be downloaded on smartphones, and those devices may be attached to a mount on Jay County Highway Department vehicles’ windshields. Users can then record their routes.
The application captures photos every 10 to 12 feet while driving at 40 mph, with photos uploaded to a database once the smartphone connects to the internet.
The AI program identifies and classifies 15 types of road damage while also detecting and documenting defective traffic signs, manhole covers and water drains.

In other business, commissioners:
•Approved the following: a \$53,624.04 change order with Hays and Sons Complete Restoration of Muncie for renovation work in Jay County Courthouse; a \$36,400 expense to have engineering firm EGIS inspect work as it progresses on the Seventh Street bridge in Portland; purchasing a \$108,185.82 mini excavator for Jay County Highway Department, along with up to \$20,000 in additional equipment; an annual report on congressional school interest to be sent to the Department of Education; a Jay County Purdue Extension office employee to attend 4-H camp at the end of May, with the work load not to exceed seven hours; an annual financial report to be sent to Indiana Local Technical Assistance Program; and new Jay Emergency Medical Service

director Jessica Curtis to have authorized access to the department’s bank account and use the department’s credit card.
•Tabled decision on repairs to a small structure on county road 300 North, with highway department administrative assistant Stephanie Klarer noting the estimated cost at around \$645,000.
•Signed a grant application for LifeStream Services’ 2026 budget, which comes to approximately \$1.3 million. Jay County contributes \$52,000 toward the service annually.
•OK’d Jay County corner Brayden Fields to seek quotes for a new vehicle for his office.
•Received a quarterly update from Jay and Portland Building and Planning director John Hemmelgarn. As of April 30, 89 building permits have been issued, with 59 of those in rural areas of Jay County.

There have also been six new home permits—five of them are in rural areas of the county — and 11 commercial use permits.
•Learned Mustard Seed Remodeling started bathroom renovations at Jay County Country Living last week.
•Heard about a three-year-old inspection report of Jay County Country Living, which listed several safety hazards and building deficiencies. (The report has resurfaced among the public recently. Core Facilities president Matt Stechly completed the report, with copies shared at a joint Jay County Council and Jay County Commissioners session in February 2022.) Hemmelgarn said the report lists concerns that are not relevant. “That’s a good solid building, there’s a good roof on it,” he said. “Things are in pretty good shape for the building that it is.”

Rules ...

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Bivens advocated for a water meter fee, saying it’s clear the city needs to generate funds to cover the cost of future replacements. But, he said, it’s unclear how much the fee should be in order to meet those needs.
Watson suggested the addition of any fee should be handled at the same time the council addresses its water and sewer rates. He also asked where the city stands in regard to planned projects in its master utility plan.
Robbins said he would review the plan and report back to the council.
Bivens, Watson, Curts, Murphy and Revolt then tabled the water meter fee and agreed to remove the stormwater fee from future agendas.
They also tabled proposed updates to the city’s golf cart ordinance, with Robbins saying Mumbower needs more time to provide input.
In other business, the council:
•Awarded a \$148,076 contract to

Brooks Construction of Fort Wayne for paving work related to an Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings grant. Streets to be paved are Pleasant Street on the west side of the city, Fourth Street, D Street and Lincoln Avenue between Main and Angle streets.
•Approved the following: starting the process to make the intersection of Washington and Broad streets a four-way stop; an agreement with consulting firm baker Tilly for work relating to annexation of land on the south side of the city and a contract not to exceed \$5,000; a resolution allowing the city to make payments via electronic transfer; an ordinance recertifying council districts with no changes; a \$200 sponsorship for the city’s softball field; a \$200 sponsorship for the Dunkirk Moose Lodge’s back-to-school program; Payment of \$371 to law firm Barnes and Thornburg for work related to

the city’s new tax increment financing (TIF) district; \$245,983.70 in claims.
•Heard from Revolt that Erin Moore has been hired as manager of Dunkirk City Pool with Kenzie Clayton as assistant manager. She said there are enough lifeguards and other staff hired for the 2025 summer season.
•Learned from Curts that the fire department will be participating in West Jay Elementary School’s field day Friday.
•Decided it will not have a second meeting in May. (The regularly scheduled meeting falls on Memorial Day.) Council’s next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 9.
•Heard from water department superintendent Brock Farmer and Bivens about the idea to offer field trips to the department for students. Farmer attended a similar event in Hartford City.

Scam emails sent from ‘state’ accounts

By **LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ**
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Fraudulent messages purportedly sent by state agencies about collecting tolls are “scams,” the Indiana Office of Technology confirmed Tuesday.
The office cautioned Hoosiers to “not click on any of the links,” noting that Indiana “does not send unpaid toll notifications via text or email messages.”
“A (former) contractor’s account was hacked and used to send those messages,” the office added.
Each scam message says it was sent “using GovDelivery Communications Cloud on behalf of” numerous state agencies. Some of the messages came purportedly from former Gov. Eric Holcomb.
Indiana previously

used the platform, offered by Colorado-based Granicus, to manage digital communications with constituents. The contract for those services ended December 31 — but Indiana’s account wasn’t removed, according to IOT.
The office said it’s “working with” the company “to stop any further communications.”
Agencies like the Department of Revenue and Alcohol & Tobacco Commission also warned subscribers on Tuesday to “ignore and delete” the spam messages, and apologized for the inconvenience.
Indiana has since switched over to products from California-based Salesforce.

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Thursday
Cline, Keith: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Monday
Stanley, William: 2 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

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Regional contest

Optimist International North District Regional Oratorical contest was held at Huntington College on April 26. Londyn Cavanaugh of East Jay Elementary, pictured above at right, placed first and won a \$2,500 scholarship from the Optimist International Foundation. Sam Gibson of Bloomfield Elementary, pictured above at left, placed third and won a \$1,000 scholarship. Cavanaugh will compete in June at the next level competition in St. Louis.

Try seasonal soup for summer

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, I purchased your recipe booklet which had a very good recipe for gazpacho (no oil in the recipe).

I no longer have that booklet. Could you print the gazpacho recipe? Also, is the booklet still available? There were several other dishes in it I enjoyed preparing. Thank you. — BRENDA B. IN BOSTON

DEAR BRENDA: I'm pleased to share the gazpacho recipe. It's a light, refreshing and healthy accompaniment to a spring or summer meal, and is included in the first of my Cookbooklet set.

Yield: 8 (1/2 cup) servings

INGREDIENTS

4 1/2 cups tomato juice
3 cups finely chopped tomatoes
1 1/2 cups finely chopped peeled cucumbers
1/2 cup finely chopped green pepper
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
2 1/4 tablespoons vinegar
4 dashes Tabasco sauce
Salt, pepper, garlic, garlic salt or garlic juice to taste
Spike seasoning, if desired.

METHOD

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients, and mix well. For a spicier gazpacho, add 1-2 dashes of Spike. Chill 1 to 2 days to blend the flavors. Serve in cups with a thin slice of lemon as garnish.

Tip: Using a food processor to chop the vegetables makes

Dear Abby



it swift and easy. To order the Cookbooklet set, send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$16 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mt. Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

There is an assortment of recipes in these booklets, ranging from appetizers and soups to main courses, side dishes and delicious desserts. Some of those dessert recipes won blue-ribbon prizes at county fairs, and I'm sure you will enjoy the introduction, which contains tips on entertaining. As my mother used to say, "It's not what's on the table that makes a successful party, it's who you put in the chairs."

DEAR ABBY: I am at the end of my rope with a relative. She lies constantly. She makes up elaborate stories that I have Googled and proven false. For instance, she claimed she went to high school with a certain celebrity. (According to Google, the celebrity is 15 years older than she is.) She constantly tries to one-up any-

thing I mention. I am fed up and want no further communication with her. What would make someone behave this way? Why does she need so much attention? — TRUE OR FALSE IN ILLINOIS

DEAR TRUE OR FALSE: You may be taking this too personally. Folks who make up stories often do it because they are insecure and want to inflate their image. Because they don't feel good about themselves, they feel they must add "something" to make them appear more important, influential or successful than they are. These individuals are to be pitied rather than ostracized. To the extent that you can, try to ignore her tall tales.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are staying with my in-laws while our house undergoes renovations. It's day three now, and I heard my father-in-law sneak another woman into the basement last night while everyone was asleep. Do I say something and risk getting kicked out or starting a family war? (He's the sole earner, and it's his house.) Or do I bite my tongue and keep this information to myself? — SAW TOO MUCH

DEAR SAW TOO MUCH: Although you may have heard it, you didn't actually see anything. Chalk it up to having had a nightmare and remain silent, at least until you are out from under your in-laws' roof.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

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

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

JAY COUNTY CIVIC

THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

PORTLAND EAGLES — Will meet at 6 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Eagles' lodge, 320 N. Meridian St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday

in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

STITCH AND CHATTER QUILT CLUB — Meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center. Show and teal is at 1 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to sew. Bring unfinished projects and a sewing machine. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday 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.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL MUSEUM — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Friday and Saturday of each month at Webster Depot, 132 W. Railroad St.

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SUICIDE GRIEF — Meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month. The support group serves to help individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. To register, contact Stephanie Patterson at (260) 251-3259.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

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. For more information, 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.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL MUSEUM — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Saturday and Friday of each month at Webster Depot, 132 W. Railroad St.

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.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome.

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- 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.
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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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Distracted driver ruins a nice trip

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from May 12, 2005. It turns out, distracted driving was already an issue before smartphones. For Jack, one in particular ruined a nice drive.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

It was a Thursday afternoon, and I was headed for Muncie. It's not one of my favorite drives, but there was a meeting at Minnetrista that I had to attend.

And the sun was shining, so it seemed to be a pretty good recipe for spring fever: A little windshield time, some Etta James on the CD player, no phone calls. What more could a guy ask?

Back in the Saddle



I'd barely left Portland's city limits when the recipe changed. Popping up in my rearview mirror as I made the curve near the radio station was a car that was following too closely. I tried to ignore him, but inevitably found myself checking the mirror again and again. Sometimes he was tailgating so closely I couldn't see his

headlights. Sometimes he backed off slightly. We headed past Jay County High School and the state highway garage, joined together by some invisible chain, as if my job was now to tow the other car down Ind. 67. By now, I'd muttered enough curses at the guy that Etta James would have objected that I was ruining her performance. As we moved past county road 200 South, I figured he'd pass. Go ahead, I thought. I'd rather have you driving like an idiot in front of me than on my tail. I slowed down a tad and hugged the white line so he'd get the hint. He slowed down just as much

and hugged my rear bumper even tighter. In the rear view mirror, he was close enough that I could probably pick him out of a police lineup if I had to. And a minute or two later, I wondered if I would actually have to. He was reading. I looked back once in the mirror to see his face entirely hidden by a piece of paper he was perusing, tailgating all the while. Homework? I wondered. Then I figured it out: Directions. Next time I looked back, my reading/driving buddy had a Rand-McNally Road Atlas opened in front of him. Not only couldn't

I see his face, it looked as if the atlas was driving the car. Maybe he's looking for Ind. 1, I thought. No such luck. We breezed through Redkey like automotive Siamese twins. Maybe he missed the turn for Dunkirk and will take Ind. 167 north, I thought. Not a chance. We moved through Albany with little space between us. Finally, after several more consultations with the road atlas, he got where he was going. I almost waved as he took the Muncie Bypass. But I figured he wouldn't see me. He had too much reading to do.

Medical bills should not impact our credit

By CHLOE ROGERS
OtherWords

Imagine getting penalized on your credit report for getting cancer, breaking a leg, or just walking into an emergency room. That's not a hypothetical.

It's the reality for millions of Americans saddled with medical bills they didn't plan for, understand, or even owe in many cases — only to see their credit scores plummet as a result.

Thankfully, this past January, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) stepped in to prohibit medical debt on credit reports. This rule was a win for fairness, accuracy, and basic human decency. But that progress is in jeopardy from industry lawsuits, congressional attacks, and the new administration's all-out assault on the agency.

The Trump-appointed leadership of the CFPB and the lobby group for credit bureaus, the Consumer Data Industry Association, just asked a federal judge to vacate the medical debt rule. The Trump administration is siding with the credit bureaus, effectively asking the court to strike down the very protections the CFPB once championed.

At risk are financial protections for 15 million impacted people in the United States, which could unravel before they've even taken hold.

Medical debt has zero value for predicting whether someone will pay their debts — which is the whole point of a credit score!

That's a fact backed by the CFPB's own research. Including it on credit reports doesn't help lenders assess risk — it simply punishes people for being sick, hospitalized, or denied insurance coverage.

That's why the CFPB's medical debt proposal banned credit bureaus from weaponizing hospital bills against people who rely on credit scores to rent apartments, find jobs, or buy cars. But now, the Trump-led CFPB is potentially opening the door for corporate giants, and their allies in Congress, to undo this progress.

They're eager to overturn the medical debt rule because flawed, fear-inducing data is profitable. Debt collectors depend on medical debt to pressure people into

Chloe Rogers



paying bills they may not actually owe. Credit bureaus profit by selling these scores to landlords, lenders, and employers.

According to recent research from the CFPB, at least 15 million people in the United States have a total of \$49 billion in medical debt in collections on their reports. People with medical debt are far more likely to forgo necessary medical care. This disproportionately burdens Black and brown communities, Southern rural families, and the chronically ill. They aren't irresponsible borrowers — they're victims of a broken health care system and a rigged financial one.

Even after it's paid off, problems with medical debt can haunt your credit report for years like a financial ghost, hurting your chances to get ahead long after you've paid the price.

Some states — like Oregon, California, and New Jersey — have limited medical debt on credit reports. But we can't rely on patchwork laws. We need strong, national standards. And we need a CFPB that doesn't flinch in its determination to protect consumers.

Credit scores wield enormous power over people's lives, but most of us don't understand them — until it's too late. Behind that three-digit number is a web of private companies and political decisions. If we don't fix the system, we'll reinforce inequality in invisible but deeply unfair ways.

The CFPB was right to act.

Now, it must stand its ground. We all must demand that medical debt stay off credit reports — for good. Because no one should have to choose between getting medical treatment and getting wrecked by the financial system.

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Pope offers hope as bridge-builder

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The selection of Pope Leo XIV — the former Cardinal Robert Prevost — as the first U.S.-born leader of the Catholic Church has great potential to energize Catholics and non-Catholics as the new pontiff emerged with a message of building bridges and building on the foundation laid by his predecessor.

The late Pope Francis opened that door when, as a cardinal from Argentina, he became the first pope from Latin America, the global south and the Western Hemisphere. Now, Leo, 69, has busted that door off its hinges.

Yet from what we're learning about Leo and from his brief initial words to the world, it doesn't appear that his American heritage — while a historic first, largely unexpected and stunning — will define his papacy.

Rather, his first impression to the world is one of worldliness, of a person who left Chicago to do missionary work in Peru — sharing South American ties with Francis — and eventually became archbishop of Chiclayo in that country.

"We have to seek together to be a missionary church — a church that builds bridges and dialogue, always ready to accept, like this great piazza with its arms," he said from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. "We have to show our charity, presence and dialogue with love."

And the many who prayed that whoever followed Francis would continue his progressive leadership have reason to be encouraged as Leo called on everyone to "keep the voice" of Francis in their hearts.

"Help us and all others to build bridges with dialogue ... to be one common people living always in

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peace," he said. "Thank you to Pope Francis."

It was Francis who brought Leo to the Vatican in 2023 to head the church's Dicastery for Bishops, tasked with overseeing the selection of new bishops. And with a clear nod to Francis' concern for people living in poverty and the marginalized, Leo said: "We must be a church ... that goes forward and which always seeks peace, charity and to be close to those who suffer."

Likewise, from his first meeting with the faithful, it appears that the world is ready for an American pope. The crowd beneath the balcony — which naturally included many who were Italian and likely expected one of their countrymen to restore the papacy to their national legacy — embraced Leo for what he said and who he is, rather than rejecting him for where he's from.

Who he is, according to a long-time friend and fellow Augustinian, is a holy man of many talents.

Father Robert Hagan works at Villanova University, the Catholic school outside Philadelphia where Leo earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1977. He has known Leo for more than two decades, and he noted that the new pope has been a missionary, an administrator, a counselor, a teacher and a leader.

"I think this is a culmination of gifts and experience that now the world will be proud of and ... can hold up as what we all aspire to be — to be the loving peacemakers,

the promoters of freedom and justice that we're all called to be," Hagan told CNN's Erin Burnett. "Hopefully, that will inspire people to do it where they find themselves in their particular walks of life."

It was also compelling and heartwarming to hear Leo, who speaks multiple languages, depart briefly from Italian to deliver a message in Spanish in recognition of the people in Peru, where "a faithful people accompanied their bishop to share their faith with him."

While Leo's journey has taken him far from Chicago, there's nothing wrong with Americans taking pride in him being raised in this country, as Hagan does.

"Pope Leo represents all that is good about being an American," Hagan said. "To want to work for the freedom and the justice and the opportunity for all people, the core values upon which this country was founded. To ... be an instrument, a promoter of all things good for the common good, for people on the margins, for the poor. These are values that Pope Leo has lived."

Hours or even days into a new papacy, there's no way to know what kind of pope Leo will be. It's been said that many people, including a good number of Jesuits, were skeptical — if not outright discouraged — after Pope Francis stepped to the balcony's railing on March 13, 2013.

The former Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio had a reputation from his days as a bishop and cardinal in Argentina as stern and authoritarian. But Francis distanced himself from that perception and became the people's pope.

It seems that Leo, without such perceptions to overcome, has a clearer path in front of him. And we're hopeful that it will be one the world can follow.

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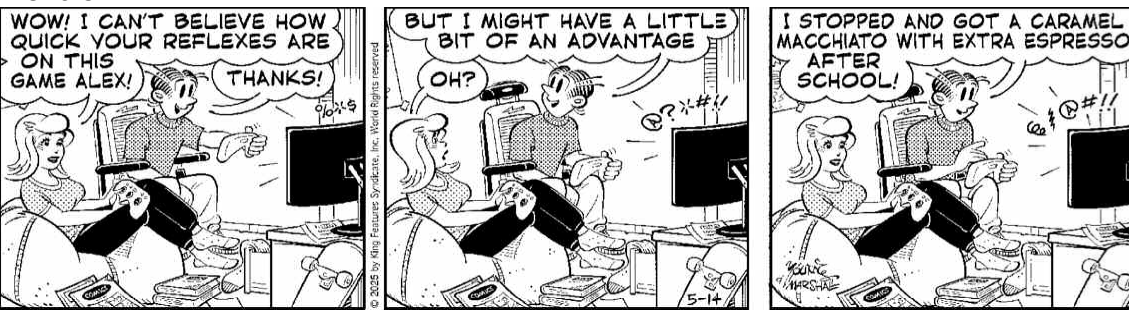
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Accent on the wrong syllable

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH	
♠ 7	
♥ A 10	
♦ Q 6 5 2	
♣ A Q J 7 6 2	

WEST	EAST
♠ K J 6 3	♠ 10 9 8 5
♥ 7 5 4 3	♥ J 8 6 2
♦ 9 8 7	♦ A J 10
♣ 5 4	♣ K 8

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

You can't play bridge by rote. While it's true that, over the long haul, you'd probably hit the mark quite often by blindly applying the general rules of bidding or play, it's important to remember that a general rule should not be regarded as a substitute for thinking.

Suppose you're East in today's deal and partner leads the diamond nine. Dummy follows low, and the question is whether to play the ten or the ace.

Your decision is crucial. If you play the ten from force of habit, consistent with the traditional principles of sound defense, it costs you the contract. South wins with the king, takes a losing club finesse and finishes with 10 tricks.

Observe, however, that if you win the opening diamond lead with the ace and shift to the ten of spades, the contract fails regardless of what declarer does from that point on. Eventually he loses three spades, a diamond and a club, and goes down one.

It should not surprise you that if you let South win the first diamond with the king, he will make the contract. While it can't be denied that putting up the diamond ace allows South to score three diamond tricks instead of one, those three tricks do not give him the nine he needs to make the contract. You should feel much more concerned with finding a play that defeats the contract than with finding a play that stops declarer from making three diamond tricks.

To that end, you should launch an attack on spades — your only real hope — before declarer can launch his own attack on clubs. If you do, you wind up with a modest plus instead of a substantial minus.

Tomorrow: Diligent detective work.
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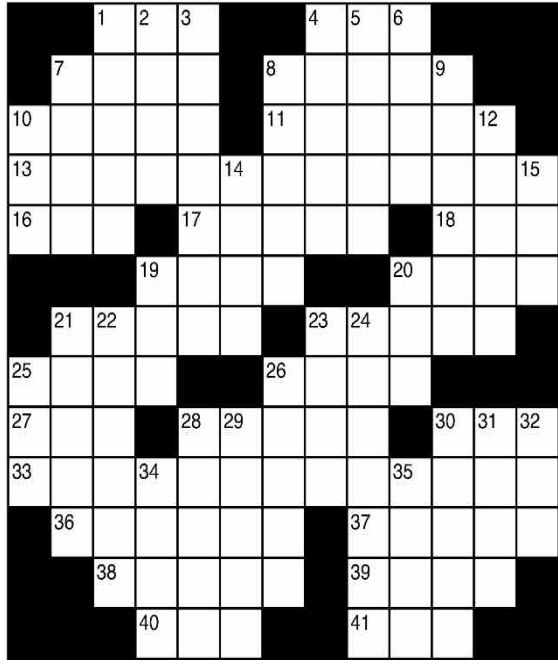
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Bearcats blown out

Patriots bat around in three innings as they beat down Muncie Central 23-4

By **ANDREW BALKO**

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MUNCIE — Three of the first four Patriots that went to the plate were sent back to the dugout without much fanfare. The other batter only reached base because of an error by the Bearcats.

The Patriots followed up the slow first inning by batting around the order in three of the final four innings to blow out the Bearcats.

The Jay County High School baseball team throttled the Muncie Central Bearcats on Monday for a 23-4 victory.

“I think it’s all about making progress and making sure we’re playing our best baseball by the end of the year,” said JCHS coach Todd Farr. “I’m pleased with the way the guys’ at bats are coming along. We’re putting the ball in play and making things happen. We were able to get some steals and we haven’t been stealing a whole lot of bases lately so it was nice to get that going. And we were trying to get some guys going that may have not had a whole lot of confidence, so we were trying to get them up. And then we got a chance to play everybody, so that’s good.”

After the Patriots (7-10) were held scoreless in the

first inning with just Carter Fugiett reaching base on an error; they came out hot in their second chance at the plate.

After an initial out, Aiden Phillips got the second inning started with a single into left field, followed by Garrett Bennett who got hit by a pitch. With one out and two runners on, Brady Jetmore delivered a single to left field to drive Phillips home and get Jay County on the board.

“Aiden’s been on a streak right now hitting, so I felt that he was going to get on no matter what,” Jetmore said. “Then Bennett’s that guy who’s been getting hit by pitches a lot lately. So, when he got on I felt a boost of confidence and I finally squared up a ball. It felt good to get that run in.”

The party didn’t end there as three of the next four batters drove in runs as Drew Schemenaur hit an RBI single, Leighton Brown walked to load the bases and Wyatt Foster and Fugiett were hit by back-to-back pitches to plate runners. Two more runs came in on a single by Gavin Byrum, the 10th batter of the inning, before the second frame ended on a hard line drive by Phillips to right field.

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Jay County High School shortstop fields a ground ball in the bottom of the fifth inning in Monday’s 23-4 domination of the Muncie Central Bearcats. Byrum pitched two innings and drove in two runs on a single in the second inning to contribute to the JCHS victory.

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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 been well maintained.
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VEHICLE ñ FURNITURE ñ SHOP
2003 Chevrolet Venture Minivan. Cast Iron Bulldog.
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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Friday May 16th, 2025
TIME 5:00 P.M.
LOCATED: 225 E WATER ST, PORTLAND IN
VEHICLES ñ SHOP ñ APPLIANCES ñ 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.
Large Auction. Several Items Not Mentioned
OWNER: Jay School Corporation
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Saturday May 24th, 2025
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 606 S Western Ave, PORTLAND IN
REAL ESTATE
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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.
VEHICLES ñ JEWELRY ñ ANTIQUES ñ SHOP
2007 Kia Rondo EX V6 w/ 196,000 miles. Remington Score Master 511 22 cal Bolt. 1932 Bryant Owls Gold 14k Class Ring. JayCees 10k Gold Ring. 1972 JayCees Gold Pins. Scottish Rite 10k Gold Ring w/ Diamond. Lions Club Silver Necklace. Shrinker, Masonic, and Scottish Rite Memorabilia.
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FRHS baseball, softball had 12 honored

The Tribe softball team climbed all the way to second place in the Midwest Athletic Conference.

With a majority of the MAC season over, the Indians baseball team is likely to finish either fifth or sixth.

With the postseason right around the corner, both teams had some strong representation in the conference awards.

The Fort Recovery High School baseball and softball teams combined to have twelve players recognized as the MAC released its postseason awards late on Monday night.

Jenna Homan and Emma Will headlined the softball team, as both were selected to the first team All-MAC.

Homan, who is one of four players listed as a pitcher on the graphic, threw 129 innings for the Indians (13-9, 5-2 MAC) this season earning a 12-8 record and a 4.02 ERA. She

Tribe baseball team had seven players recognized by MAC while the softball team had five

struck out batters 127 times on the season while issuing only 54 walks. Homan has also contributed with the bat, posting the second-best batting average on the team at .413, while leading the Indians with 27 RBIs, 13 doubles and three home runs.

Will, who manned center field throughout the season, held the team's best batting average at .452. She collected 38 hits on the season and broke the school record for career hits during the Tribe's game against Anna on April 29. She

also leads the team in runs scored at 30.

Fourteen other players joined Homan and Will on the first team.

The baseball team had one player named to the first team All-MAC in right fielder Mason Diller.

The first-year starting senior on varsity earned a .378 batting average so far on the year with a .946 OPS. He's driven in 27 runs and scored 22 times himself out of the second spot in the Tribe's lineup.

Diller was joined by 19 other players on the first team.

Caden Grisez and Alex Gaerke both made the second team All-MAC. Both players have split time on the left side of the infield and on the mound for Fort Recovery (13-6, 4-5 MAC), as well as filling in the DH spot at times.

Grisez has pitched just over 12 innings for FRHS and has a 1.70 ERA, while Gaerke put together a 3.67 ERA over a team-high 42 innings pitched. Gaerke has a .347 batting average on the year and has driven in 20 runs. With six games left in the regular season, Grisez has an average of .286 and 24 RBIs and runs scored.

In the softball awards, Ella Schoen was the only Indian selected to the second team All-MAC.

The senior third baseman boasted a .400 average with 24 runs scored and 15 RBIs on the

season. She also had a .929 fielding percentage on the season after committing four errors on 56 attempts.

The softball team had a pair of honorable mentions in sophomore first baseman Alexis Grisez and freshman second baseman Layla Armstrong.

Four FRHS baseball players were recognized as honorable mentions. Those four were senior Jacob Foote and juniors, Dylan Klenke, Brodie Hart and Reece Wendel.

Taking home the major awards for softball were Parkway's Bryn Schoenlein, who was the MAC Pitcher of the Year, and Addi Inskeep of Minster, who was the MAC Position Player of the Year.

Minster's Louis Magoto earned the MAC Pitcher of the Year for baseball, while Mason Welsch of Coldwater took home the MAC Position Player of the Year award.

Bearcats ...

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The JCHS offense expanded on its 6-1 lead in the third as it sent 16 hitters to the plate en route to 12 runs scored. In the inning, the Patriots walked three times, four batters were hit by pitches, two reached on errors, Brown, Foster and Fugiett all hit singles and in his second at bat of the inning, Schemenaur hit a grand slam.

"I've been struggling at the start of the season hitting the ball," Schemenaur said. "Everybody's been hyping me up and getting me out of my head. Keeping me out of my head helped a lot and a lot of extra hours put in. I really just sat back and waited for my pitch and was able to drive it out of the yard."

Jay County had a pair of walks in the fourth inning, but didn't manage to score. It batted around for a third time in the fifth inning, scoring five more runs on a Cam Fraley single, a sacrifice fly by A.J. Myers, a Rylee Sollars single, and an error by the MCHS third baseman Aaron Coggeshall.

All nine of the Patriots in the starting lineup either drove in or scored at least one run, white eight collected hits. The players who came off the bench combined for two hits, three walks, two runs and three RBIs as well.

Schemenaur led the team with five RBIs on two hits, followed by Fugiett with three runs driven in and Jetmore with two. Foster led the team with four runs scored, while Brown, Jetmore and Sollars all crossed the plate three times apiece.

"Since we've been sticking with this lineup, it's been a boost of confidence for all the guys that have been in the lineup," said Jetmore. "Some other guys came in and hit today and I just feel like everyone's gained a lot of confidence."

The Patriots also played well defensively, as they didn't commit any errors.

Kade Sommers, Byrum and Grant Wendel shared responsibilities on the mound. They combined to give up four earned runs on seven hits and two walks over the five innings. The Bearcats (4-17) scored three of its runs on home runs.

"They were really just throwing the right pitches, getting ahead in counts and keeping the hitters guessing all night," said Schemenaur, who caught all five innings. "That's what we practice and we worked on pitch sequence and they really did well tonight with that."

Sommers picked up the win after surrendering one run over the first two innings.

Box score					
Jay County Patriots vs. Muncie Central Bearcats					
Jay County (7-10)					
	ab	r	h	bi	
Brown dh	2	3	1	0	
Wendel 3b	1	0	0	0	
Foster 2b	4	4	1	1	
Fugiett 3b	3	2	1	3	
Geesaman 1b	2	1	0	1	
Fraley 1b	2	1	1	1	
Byrum ss	4	1	1	2	
APhillips lf	2	2	1	1	
Myers lf	1	0	0	1	
Bennett rf	1	2	0	0	
Sollars rf	1	3	1	1	
Jetmore cf	3	3	1	2	
Vazquez ph	0	0	0	0	
Schemenaur c	3	1	2	5	
Barton cr	0	0	0	0	
Totals	29	23	10	18	
Muncie Central (4-18)					
	ab	r	h	bi	
Campebl cf	1	1	1	2	
Michellini ph	1	1	1	0	
Shelley p	1	0	0	0	
Allen ph	0	0	0	0	
Emberton ss	2	0	1	0	
Harrold ph	1	0	0	0	
Kahle lf	2	0	0	0	
Wynn ph	1	0	0	0	
Dabney 1b	2	1	1	1	
EPhillips ph	1	0	0	0	
Coggeshall 3b	2	0	1	0	
Wesley c	2	0	0	0	
Miller rf	2	0	1	0	
Conner 2b	2	1	1	0	
Totals	20	4	7	3	
Jay Co. 06(12) 05X X — 23					
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LOB — Jay County 9, Muncie Central 4. HR — Jay County 1 (Schemenaur), Muncie Central 2 (Dabney, Campbell). SB — Jay County 7 (Brown, Foster, Fugiett, Byrum, Jetmore, Sollars 2).					
IP H R ER BB SO					
Jay County					
Sommers	2	1	1	1	3
Byrum	2	5	2	2	0
Wendel	1	1	1	1	2
Muncie Central					
Shelley	2.2	5	16	6	4
Emberton	2.1	5	7	2	5



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Drew Schemenaur, the catcher for JCHS, catches a pop up in foul territory near the Muncie Central dugout during Monday's 23-4 win. Schemenaur led the Patriots with five RBIs, four of which came from a third-inning grand slam.



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Mavs win lottery

By BRAD TOWNSEND
The Dallas Morning News
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DALLAS — Hell froze over: Lady Luck howled in laughter. Cue Al Michaels: Do you believe in miracles, Dallas?

Yes.

The Mavericks, believe it or not, drew the first pick in Monday evening's NBA draft lottery in Chicago, making franchise history in the process.

Unbelievably, Dallas experienced the ultimate lucky break of drawing the No. 1 pick and consensus top selection Cooper Flagg of Duke. This marked the first time in 17 draft lottery attempts that Dallas vaulted to a higher pick than the odds projected.

Of its previous 16 attempts, it on nine occasions drew the pick the odds projected they would get; the other seven times it drew a worse pick.

Dallas last season plummeted from reigning Western Conference champion to out of the playoffs, tying Chicago for the league's 11th-worst record, 39-43.

Out of 1,001 ping pong ball combinations, the Mavericks entered the lottery with only 18. That gave them only a 1.8% chance of drawing No. 1 and consensus top pick, Flagg of Duke; Dallas had a 1.98% chance of getting the second pick; 2.21% odds of drawing No. 3; 2.5% odds of getting No. 4.

Sports on tap

Local schedule		9:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Golden State Warriors at Minnesota Timberwolves (TNT)	
Today		Thursday	
Fort Recovery — JV softball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.		TBA p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Cleveland Cavaliers at Indiana Pacers (ESPN)	
Thursday		TBA p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Oklahoma City Thunder at Denver Nuggets (ESPN)	
Jay County — Boys golf vs. South Adams — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Heritage — 6 p.m.; Softball vs. Heritage — 6 p.m.; JV baseball at Heritage — 6 p.m.; JV softball at Heritage — 6 p.m.; Junior high golf at Southern Wells — 4:30 p.m.; Junior high baseball at McCulloch — 5:30 p.m.		12 p.m. — PGA Championship (ESPN)	
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Wapakoneta — 5:30 p.m.; Softball at Ansonia — 5 p.m.; Middle school track MAC meet at home — 4:30 p.m.		12:40p.m. — MLB: Chicago White Sox at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)	
		4 p.m. — IndyCar: Indy 500 (FS1)	
		7 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Carolina Hurricanes at Washington Capitals (TNT)	
		9:30 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Dallas Stars at Winnipeg Jets (TNT)	
TV sports		Local notes	
Today		Registration open	
1:05 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Philadelphia Phillies (FDSN Indiana)		Registration for the 35th annual Flat 50 Plus bicycle ride in Adams County is now open. To register, visit RunSignUp.com.	
4 p.m. — IndyCar: Indianapolis 500 (FS1)		There are rides ranging from 20 to 100 miles long.	
7 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: New York Knicks at Boston Celtics (TNT)		The event will be held at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 21. It will start at Bellmont High School and will have stops in Willshire, Geneva and Monroe with refreshments.	
7:14 p.m. — MLB: Chicago White Sox at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)		
8 p.m. — NFL: 2025 NFL Schedule Release (ESPN2)		To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com .	
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