

Kooky in love



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

The cast of the Jay County High School choir department's production of "The Addams Family" rehearses Saturday in preparation for this weekend's production. Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday as well as 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$7 and will be available at the door.

Jay County High School will share the love story of Wednesday Addams' on stage beginning Friday

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
They're creepy.
They're kooky.
They're in love.
And they'll be on stage this weekend.
Jay County High School's choir department will present the musical "The Addams Family," opening with a show at 7 p.m. Friday.
"I've had my eye on this show for a while, but I've put it off to wait on the cast I thought would do it the best," said director Susan Denney. "I felt like this was the year to try it."
"It's hard vocally," she added. "Sopranos are singing way up in the stratosphere. It's dividing into six-part and more harmony. So the chorus numbers are

vocally very challenging, but very cool."
As is the typical goal with the show selections, Denney chose "The Addams Family" in part because of the ability to use a large group of performers on stage in those chorus numbers. In this case, it's as "the ancestors," the no longer living relatives of the well-known family made up of father Gomez (Jacob Kellogg), mother Morticia (Jasmine Esparza), daughter Wednesday (Ali McGraw), son Pugsley (Elijah Sutton), Grandma (Kenzie Huey), Uncle Fester (Luke Moser) and butler Lurch (Logan Doll).
After attending a performance at Noblesville High School early in the school year, Denney and her staff decided to dress

the ancestors all in white, using black lights to add to the spooky effect.
"I just think the chorus numbers are super fun to watch on stage 'cause they're all ghosts," said Denney. "It's pretty fun aesthetically."
"This show has some really, really fun chorus numbers that, in my opinion, make the whole show."
The show follows Wednesday's budding romance with Lucas Beineke, a "normal" boy from a "respectable" family.
Wednesday wants to bring her new boyfriend home for dinner and confides in her father. She begs Gomez not to tell Morticia, forcing him to keep a secret from his wife.
The Beineke family — Austin

Curtis as Lucas, Wyatt Mock as Mal and Inara Sanderson as Alice — is invited to join the Addams' for dinner, with both Wednesday and Lucas imploring their parents to be "normal."
That, as one might expect, doesn't go so well and chaos ensues.
Denney said she's been impressed with the cast, especially those who have stepped into lead roles for the first time. One such performer is Kellogg, who guides the show and is constantly trying to keep the peace in his household.
He said getting into the Gomez character has been challenging at times, but enjoyable.
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Braun: State needs more power

Governor calls for expanding electrical capacity

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Gov. Mike Braun warned that Indiana needs swift solutions for its bevy of water and energy "challenges" to support the state's expanding manufacturing sector.
The Republican governor gave candid remarks at a fireside chat at the 2025 Indianapolis Investment Forum held Tuesday at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.
He touted Indiana as "the biggest manufacturing state in the country" and hoped for the Hoosier State "to be on the leading edge of the new base load." Currently, though, "we clearly don't have enough electricity."
"Right now, (Indiana has) all kinds of opportunities that straddle AI and technology. We've got the biggest two issues, probably in the state, that have come out of nowhere — the availability of water and electricity," Braun said. "Neither one of those was on the horizon. But if you're going to tap into that new technology, you've got to have it."
Utilities based in Indiana currently produce just 20 gigawatts of electricity, Braun emphasized. A single data center could consume 5% of that total capacity.
Indiana is already home to more than four dozen data centers — powerhouses for the AI boom. Citizens Action Coalition, a utility-focused customer advocacy group, has tracked nearly 30 more energy-demanding facilities that have been proposed across the state.
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Trump says U.S. is exploring normalizing relations with Syria

By SAM DAGHER and JENNIFER A. DLOUHY
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service
President Donald Trump said the U.S. would explore normalizing relations with Syria after the toppling of longtime autocrat Bashar Assad, adding to a pledge to lift sanctions against the country's new government.
Strengthening ties with Syria's Islam-led administration "gives them a good, strong chance" to recover after more than a decade of war that devastated the economy and triggered one of the world's worst humanitarian and refugee crises, Trump said aWednesday in Riyadh.
He earlier sat down with Syria's new president,

Ahmed al-Sharaa, the first meeting between heads of the two countries since 2000, when Bill Clinton was in power and met Assad's father, Hafez.
"With the support of leaders in this room, and the great leaders you are, we are currently exploring normalizing relations with Syria's new government," Trump said during a U.S.-Gulf Cooperation Council summit in the Saudi capital.
"It gives them a chance for greatness," he continued. "The sanctions were really crippling, very powerful."
Saudi Arabia and its Gulf partners have been keen to pull Syria out from the orbit of Iran, their chief regional rival and a

key backer of Assad. Sanctions relief would allow for international investment to stabilize and rebuild the war-torn country, and prevent the resurgence of militant groups such as Islamic State.
Trump started his four-day Middle East tour cultivating ties with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman, prioritizing dealmaking and largely aligning himself with the foreign policy goals of the oil-rich kingdom's de-facto leader.
Prince Mohammed, or MBS as he's commonly known, sat in on the meeting with Sharaa, a former militant who joined Al-Qaeda in Iraq to fight American troops after the 2003 U.S. invasion.



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U.S. President Donald Trump (second right) and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (right) prepare to pose for photos with leaders during the Gulf Cooperation Council Leaders' Summit at The Ritz-Carlton on Wednesday in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Deaths

Lana Roberts, 18, Redkey
George Nibarger, 84, Montpelier
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 71 degrees Tuesday. The low was 63.
Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the upper 60s with a chance of thunderstorms and winds gusting to 25 mph. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with a high in the mid 80s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

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

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of Wednesday's Jay County Council meeting.
Saturday — Details from the Jay County softball game against Heritage.
Tuesday — Photos from Fort Recovery High School's graduation ceremony.



Obituaries

Lana Roberts
April 21, 2007-May 12, 2025
Lana Roberts, age 18, a resident of Redkey, passed away on Monday, May 12, 2025, at IU Health Ball Hospital in Muncie.

Lana was born April 21, 2007, in Bluffton, Indiana, the daughter of Nick Roberts and Brittany Bailey. She was a junior at Jay County Christian Academy in Portland.

Lana was full of love and devoted to her Lord and Savior,

Jesus Christ. She always loved giving hugs and had a genuine nurturing character. She loved being with family and wanted to be a photographer.

Survivors include:

Her parents — Brittany Bailey (stepfather: Oscar Avilez), Pennville, Indiana, and Nick Roberts, Pennville, Indiana

Her siblings — Mitchell



Roberts

Roberts, Ava Newsome, Laney Stith, Sadie Stith, Cayson Bailey, Sophie Roberts and Isaac Roberts

Grandparents — Bob and Lori Roberts, Redkey, Indiana, Jessica Maymi (Jama Hutzler), Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Steve and Jodi Bailey, Portland, Indiana

Great-grandparents — Sue Schaffer, Pennville, Indiana, Keith Wall, Portland, Indiana, and Caroline Bailey, Portland, Indiana

Several aunts and uncles,

including Jurney and Jyler Robrts

Several cousins

Visitation will be held on Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at IOOF Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville, Indiana.

George "Tony" P. Nibarger, Montpelier, a Dunkirk High School graduate, July 3, 1940-May 7,

2025. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Walker & Glancy Funeral Homa, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Friday 5/16	Saturday 5/17	Sunday 5/18	Monday 5/19	Tuesday 5/20
86/61	68/52	68/46	68/48	71/57
Friday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a chance of rain. Higher chance of showers late.	There's a 50% chance of rain on Saturday, with the low temperature reaching the mid 50s.	Mostly sunny on Sunday when the high will be in the upper 60s.	Monday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with highs in the upper 60s.	Mostly cloudy skies on Tuesday when there's a 60% chance of thunderstorms.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$122 million	Daily Three: 1-1-4 Daily Four: 6-1-1-4 Quick Draw: 7-8-9-13-15-27-28-31-34-39-40-45-54-55-57-58-59-63-68-79
Mega Millions 15-16-41-48-60 Mega Ball: 21 Estimated jackpot: \$106 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 8-4-3 Pick 4: 0-6-0-5 Pick 5: 8-1-1-4-6 Evening Pick 3: 1-6-8 Pick 4: 1-3-7-6 Pick 5: 5-5-3-1-2 Rolling Cash: 4-9-11-12-16 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 6-0-0 Daily Four: 0-6-5-3 Quick Draw: 3-11-18-21-28-31-33-36-38-42-47-51-52-59-60-62-63-65-69-70 Evening	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.62 June corn4.64 July corn.....4.66	June beans10.96 Wheat 4.84
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.64 June corn4.68 July corn.....4.71	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.55 June corn4.55 Beans10.92 June beans10.95 Wheat4.73
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.61 June corn4.61 Beans10.91	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.66 June corn4.68 Beans10.66 June beans10.66 Wheat4.68

Today in history

In 1607, English settlers established Jamestown, Virginia, the first permanent English settlement in North America. Captain John Smith, a colonist with the group, explored the Chesapeake region. He developed a relationship with the Algonquian-speaking natives and was later chosen as president of Jamestown's council.

In 1718, James Puckle developed the first patented machine gun. Named after its creator, the Puckle Gun was designed to be used with two bullet types: round or square.

In 1928, the first Mickey Mouse film was screened. A six-minute production, "Plane Crazy" showed Mickey attempting to fly an air-

plane. His appearance was a reference to aviator Charles Lindberg. Mickey Mouse's success led to the success of animator Walt Disney's company and franchise.

In 2021, Ron Freeman was honored as the first winner of The Spirit of Vicki Lifetime Achievement Award during the Jay County Community Awards. The award was renamed in honor of Vicki Tague, the longtime chamber director who died in 2019.

In 2022, Jay County High School closed its production of the musical "All Shook Up," featuring the music of Elvis Presley. Elsria Goodman and Caleb Darnell played the lead roles.

— The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St.
Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council	6 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, Community Room, high school, 400 Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St. Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.

Capsule Reports

Passing accident
A Portland woman suffered a head injury after a Portland man crashed his car into the back of her vehicle along county road 200 West about 7:50 p.m. Friday.

Isaiah J. Aparicio, 18, was driving his 2017 Dodge Charger north on the

road near county road 200 South behind a 2016 Chevrolet Trax. He began to pass the vehicle in front of him — it was driven by 63-year-old Elizabeth L. Meinerding — when he noticed a Utility Task Vehicle driven by Jessica Imel in the southbound lane. Aparicio attempted to return to

his lane to avoid hitting Imel's vehicle, causing him to strike the back of Meinerding's vehicle.

Meinerding was transported to IU Health Ball Memorial in Muncie for her injury. Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Power ...

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Part of the issue, Braun said, "is we're shutting down our coal fleet prematurely." Had Indiana "known" earlier that an influx of data centers and other development would create such an energy demand, "then we wouldn't be in the pickle we're in now — because we were so dependent on (coal)."

"If you don't keep up with it, you're going to pay even more for it," Braun continued, referring to energy generation. "You've got to get a little bit out of your comfort zone."

An ongoing, statewide push seeks to attract vari-

'If you don't keep up with it, you're going to pay even more for it. You've got to get a little bit out of your comfort zone.'

—Mike Braun, Indiana governor

The governor said Indiana's energy future "will probably be small modular reactors," or SMRs. State lawmakers, with Braun's support, already adopted new nuclear energy incentives during the 2025 session.

"I see an unbelievable

opportunity, if again, we can set the stage," Braun said about SMR technology, although nuclear developments are likely still a decade away. "I hope to be the first guy. We're leading a consortium of them to get out on the leading edge."

Felony arrests

Domestic battery
Several people were arrested for domestic battery recently.

Carl Z. Swallow, 35, 306 N. Sycamore St., Gaston, was arrested Friday and preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies. He was being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Toyanna L. Clark, 34, 140 N. Hawkins Ave., Portland, was arrested Saturday and preliminarily charged

with a Level 6 felony. Clark was being held in Jay County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.

Evelyn J. Galloway, 19, 812 W. High St., Portland, was arrested Monday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony. She was being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

arrested for possession of methamphetamine Friday.

Christin M. Rowls, 36, 7524 W. U.S. Indiana 150, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class A misdemeanor for criminal trespassing and a Class B misdemeanor for public intoxication.

He was being held on a \$33,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

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"I used to watch The Addams Family when I was younger," Kellogg added. "And I took three years of Spanish, so that kind of helped with the accent ..."

As for the personality?

"According to a lot of people, I'm not really a normal person," he joked.

Denney notes the various touches brought by Huey's Grandma as comic relief, Moser's Uncle Fester engaging with the audience and Sutton making his debut on the JCHS stage.

"It's just kind of fun to see them all find their little place in it," she said.

Following opening night Friday, additional shows are slated for 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$7 and will be available at the door.

SERVICES

Thursday

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

Monday

Roberts, Lana: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Stanley, William: 2 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

Saturday

Nibarger, George: 2 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

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Elementary traits

Students were recently selected from each classroom at East Elementary School for exhibiting all six character counts traits — responsibility, caring, respect, trustworthiness, citizenship and fairness — all school year. Pictured above are kindergartners (front row) Otto Huelskamp, Piper Eley, Zoey Williams and Maddox Dull, and (back row) Charlotte Huntsman, Mya Kahlig, Laikynn Derrickson and Kenna Penrod.

Sorority news

Eta Chi Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority met May 6 for a business meeting at Mount Tabor Hall in Dunkirk. President Marsha Eglin opened the meeting with the pledge. The secretary read the minutes of the April meeting that were approved. Shari Van Nueland gave the treasurer's report.

Marsha Eglan announced Alpha chapter of Hartford City will host the Alpha Province for 2026 that will be held in Muncie from March 20 to

22. She also announced the Alpha Province picnic will be held August 16 at noon at the Sigma Phi Gamma Park in Hartford City. Eta Chi chapter will be hostesses next year.

Sechler pickle orders were passed out and will need to be turned in at the social meeting May 20.

There was not any new business. Eta Chi will send \$50 to Dunkirk Public Library for the reading program, Dunkirk Fireworks Committee, and Dunkirk City Pool for pool night, if request are received during our summer break of June and July.

Shari Van Nueland announced our chapter donated \$142 to Smash Cancer program sponsored by Delta High School. Rose Morgan won the 50/50 drawing.

Those attending were Shari Van Nueland, Marsha Eglan, Julie Terrell, Kris Cook, Connie Retter, Julie Adkins, Renee Blumenhorst, Rose Morgan, Marlene Clevenger, Kathleen Inman and Stephanie Faulkner.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its next meeting at noon Friday, May 16, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

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.

Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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

Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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.

Fashion finds don't pass code

DEAR ABBY: My father's wife, "Carole," loves to thrift-shop. She enjoys hunting for a good deal, particularly if she can find things for our 5-year-old daughter, "Liana." It's sweet how excited she gets when she brings over a pile of new clothes.

The problem is, Carole has really different taste than my husband and I do, and most of her purchases aren't appropriate for a little girl to be wearing. (I'm talking hot pants, tiny tank tops, sequin midriff shirts and leopard miniskirts.) These outfits don't pass the school dress code or the Mama dress code. We have told Liana she can wear these things only at home and made a "dress up" box for them. She's OK with that, but I'm not sure what to tell Carole when she asks why Liana isn't wearing her new clothes. Several times, I've had to intervene when she's told our daughter to change into the things she's brought before we go out. I've said things like, "We like Liana to be more covered up," but it's like Carole can't hear me.

How can I spare Carole's feelings while enforcing our standards? — MODEST MAMA IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR MAMA: You have tried the oblique approach. Carole doesn't get the message. Now it's time for you to step up and be a mom. Tell Carole you are grateful for her generosity, but you do not want your daughter

ter "overexposed" in public. Tell her you want Liana to concentrate on her intellectual growth rather than on glitz and glamor, which is why you feel sequin midriff shirts, hot pants and leopard print clothing are not appropriate. Then give her back the items you feel are objectionable so she can donate them again.

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.

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Should bill serve need or greed?

By **JIM HIGHTOWER**
OtherWords

The federal budget is not only about money, but fundamentally about our country's morality — our commitment to fairness, equality, and unity. Which brings me to, of all things, our nation's Farm Bill. This sprawling piece of legislation, updated every five years, is intended to combine the interests of farmers with consumers, production with conservation, grassroots cultures with corporate systems, etc.

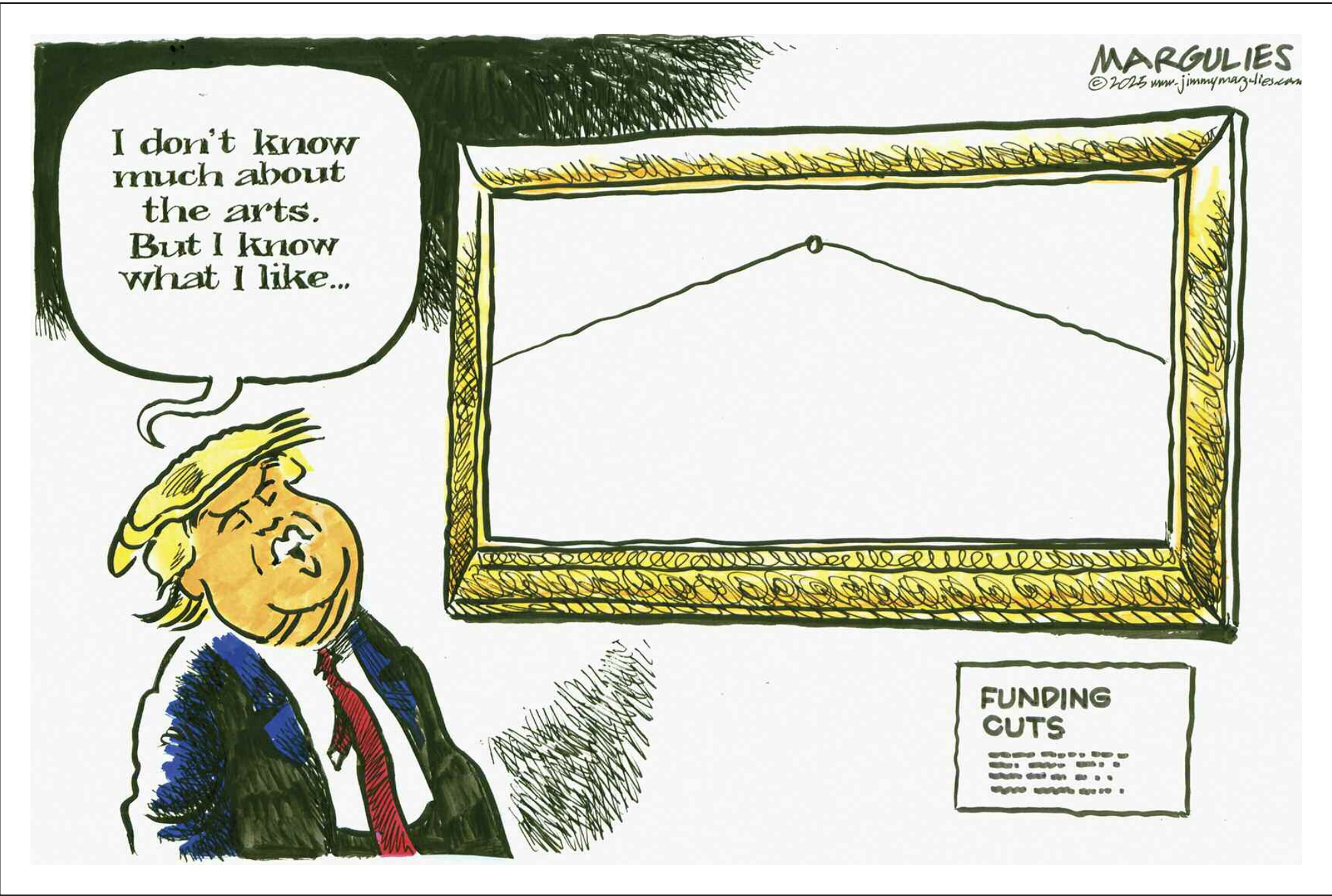
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It's not easy. In fact, downright messy. But now, with plutocratic ideologues and culture warriors dominating their caucus, Republican lawmakers have not even been able to produce

an agreement among themselves, so the comprehensive farm bill America needs is a year overdue and no longer being pursued by the party in charge. Instead, the GOP's Agriculture Committee chairman, Rep. Glenn Thompson, is jerry-rigging a stripped-down sham of a bill limited to the two spending priorities of MAGA Republicans: First, hand out many billions more of our taxpayers' dollars to subsidize agribusiness giants and rich speculators who own the biggest farms. Second, whack America's poorest families. Thompson is banking on extremist Republicans to oppose the Ag Department's hunger programs, like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Those programs help 40 million poverty-stricken Americans (including 1 in 5 children) afford the groceries they need. So, there we have the GOP's farm bill ethics — cut the poor to give more to the rich in order to buy votes for more of

the same. The word for this is "corrupt." Also, "cruel." Indeed, it takes an exceptional level of political shamelessness to steal food from the hungry in order to fatten some of the richest people in our country. To fight their depravity, go to ruralorganizing.org.
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President's tariff recession is here

By **MICHAEL J. HICKS**

Three months ago, I released an economic forecast that I called "the best for Indiana in the 17 years I've been doing forecasts." Sadly, I am revising it to what appears to be the worst forecast of the past 17 years — and maybe the worst postwar economic shock to our state. I said in January the U.S. achieved a soft landing — purging inflation from the economy without a big loss of employment. My forecast was for growth nationwide to range from 2.3% to 2.5% for 2025, while inflation would drop to the Fed's target level of under 2.5%. I also predicted Indiana would do well, with growth in the 2.1% to 2.2% range and employment growing by 37,000 jobs this year. That is a darned good forecast given the Fed's tightening of interest rates in 2022 through 2024. Sadly, that will not come to pass. My new forecast, completed in late April, predicts a national recession began as early as March. The sole cause is the extraordinary and volatile tariffs imposed by President Trump as part of his emergency declaration. My new forecast, based on a large structural forecasting model, had the U.S. economy stalling in the first quarter, with growth somewhere between 0% and 0.3%. Astute readers will know that this forecast is already too optimistic. In the days since I did my

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forecast, new data has become available, showing the U.S. economy shrank by 0.3% in the first three months of 2025. That is an inauspicious start, suggesting it will be worse than I predicted. I estimated that the U.S. economy would shrink in each of the next three quarters, and that Indiana's economy would follow. By the last three months of 2025, I predicted growth to drop by 4.1%, ending the year with an economy that shrank by just over 2%, and cost the state 55,000 jobs. That's a pretty tough recession, but again, it is already proving to be too optimistic. The anecdotal evidence is pointing to a much more rapid, and deeper, downturn than a forecast that relies upon weeks-old or months-old data would suggest. For example, since January 20th, when Trump announced his trade war, help wanted advertisements in Indiana are down by more than 25%. For factory and logistics jobs in our state, help wanted ads are down 35%. This decline looks like the labor markets for tourism venues in late March through May of 2020 — the height of COVID-19. This alone suggests the U.S. is on

the precipice of a broad and deep economic downturn. The shock will be far different than most downturns — reminiscent more of the early days of the pandemic than anything else. Over the longer term, this will most resemble the 2008-09 downturn. This is how I think it will play out. The last non-tariffed products have hit U.S. ports. Arrivals now cost anywhere from 20% to 155% more. Part of this is due to tariffs, and part of this is due to the weakening value of the dollar. At the high end of this cost range, domestic buyers have ceased to buy imports. The immediate effect will be to raise prices. The Yale Budget Lab estimates the short-term cost of tariffs at roughly \$4,600 for the average family or about 5.7% of the average Hoosier household. The short term is years, not months. Importantly, the tariff burden is disproportionately borne by younger and poorer households. They will be unable to buy homes and are more likely to lose jobs. It isn't fair, but that is the way of the world. However, most of the damage will come to us on the production side, not the consumer side. Most imported goods into the U.S. are intermediate goods used in manufacturing. This leads to real economic damage. An American-made car has maybe 30,000 parts, of which 10,000-15,000 are imported. Each imported part could be assembled

from parts sourced across dozens of countries. This is one of the great marvels of a modern economy. But, if you take one or two of these parts out of production, the car cannot be finished. That was the supply chain problem that led to inflation spiking in 2021. Auto firms will pay the tariffs — now ranging from 10% to 145% — on about one-third of parts. That'll add maybe 15% to the cost of a new car. Sales of new cars will drop 5%-10%, which is a recession nationwide and a catastrophe in the Midwest. By July, auto assembly in the U.S. will contract, partially due to supply disruptions and partially due to lower demand. This will be like the summer of 2008 for the American auto industry. There's also a long-term component to consider: Anyone trading with U.S. firms will be reconsidering supply chains. So, a free trade structure built over 80 years — of which we are the biggest beneficiaries — is now unwinding. This shock to our economy could be long-lasting, potentially permanent. Our trading partners will suffer as well. But, remember, each of them is in a trade war with one country; we are in a trade war with 189 of 193 countries. The retaliation from 2018 caused the U.S. to become a net importer of food for the first time in maybe 350 years. The next round of retaliation will be crippling. Congress gave John F. Kennedy this tariff authority during the

height of the Cold War. Until 2018, it has been used sparingly. Congress will remove this authority (section 232 of the Trade Act of 1962). The only question is when it will find the courage. My guess is after the next election. Trump might fold after a bad jobs report or two, but he has become erratic and bizarre in a way that cannot be wholly undone. Americans have two more disadvantages in what will be a global downturn. First, we have no real fiscal capacity to stimulate the economy — and that doesn't work on a supply chain issue. Second, the Federal Reserve will not cut interest rates as long as prices are rising — and prices will rise for months. What should have been a summer of solid growth will instead see the U.S. economy moving into a deep recession. No one should be surprised by this. Project 2025 made clear that Trump would start a trade war. This trade war is inexplicably stupid, malevolent and will be deeply damaging to both the short- and long-run economic prospects of the U.S. The one thing it is not is unexpected.
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Modifications can be a boon

Advances in biotechnology are a ‘potential game changer’

By EMILY MATCHAR
Purdue Ag News

Farmers have been improving the genetics of their animals for thousands of years through selective breeding. Wild boars were bred until they lost their tusks and gained fatter meat. Breeding cattle were chosen for favorable traits like muscularity or high milk production.

At the same time, advances in genomics and biotechnology have allowed scientists to make precise changes to animal DNA, creating genetic modifications that can be inherited. A new report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine looks at these new technologies, evaluates potential risks and makes recommendations for the future. The report, “Heritable Genetic Modification in Food Animals,” was written by a committee of experts, including William Muir, professor emeritus of animal sciences at Purdue University.

“It’s a potential game changer,” Muir said of the new generation of technology.

Technologies that transfer DNA from one animal to another (transgenics) have been used for several decades, but the debut of CRISPR in 2012 brought the science to a new level. CRISPR (clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats) is a tool that allows researchers to make precise changes to DNA. These changes can be “knock-ins” — additions of new alleles for favorable traits — or “knock-outs,” the removal of undesirable alleles. When changes are made to an animal’s germ line, or the cells that develop into sperm and eggs, they are called heritable genetic modifications (HGMs).

“The main advance in recent technology is that, with classic transgenics, the genes were inserted at random — we had no control over where they went, so they could have unknown consequences,” Muir said. “Now, with CRISPR, we can insert new genes in areas exactly where we want them.”

Though CRISPR-modified plants are now ubiquitous in American agriculture, the introduction of similarly modified animals has been slowed by a complex regulatory process. Only a few genetically modified animals have been FDA approved for human con-



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sumption. One is AquAdvantage salmon, an Atlantic salmon engineered to grow much more quickly. The salmon was approved for sale by the FDA in 2015, after years of testing. But its journey to market was hardly smooth — dubbed “frankenfish” by opponents, it was subject to mandatory GMO labeling. Though the controversy eventually died down, it likely slowed companies’ eagerness to pursue similar innovations, Muir said.

The only CRISPR-edited animal approved for consumption is a type of beef cattle edited to have short hair, which makes them more heat tolerant. The edited cattle were FDA approved in 2022.

A second CRISPR-modified animal, the GalSafe pig, is close to approval. The CRISPR-modified pig doesn’t produce alpha-galactosides, sugar molecules that can cause allergic reactions in people with alpha-gal syndrome, an acquired meat allergy usually caused by a tick bite. The GalSafe pig originally was bred with the hopes of one day providing organs and tissues for transplantation, since alpha-gal sugars may be a cause of organ rejection.

The benefits of HGMs are not limited to producers and consumers, Muir said. Modifications can also benefit animals. Muir gives the example of laying chickens — because only females lay eggs, male chicks are culled after birth. The alternative is either raising the male chicks for meat or using technology to determine sex while the chicks are still embryos in the egg (in-ovo sexing). Current in-ovo sexing technologies involve either making a small hole in the egg and testing the fluid or scanning the egg for feather color, which only works in chicken breeds where males and females are different colors.

Gene editing could offer a more efficient solution. Chickens have been modified so that male embryos produce a color marker that can be seen through the eggshell (awaiting approval).

“We can pass eggs under a high-speed scanning optical microscope to see if an egg has that color spot, and if it does, we know, OK, it’s male, and we can cull it,” Muir said.

Animals could also be modified to be resistant to diseases, Muir said, which would benefit

animals and humans alike. Pigs edited to resist porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS) are already approved in Brazil and Colombia, and researchers hope they will secure FDA approval for their use in the U.S. this year. PRRS currently costs producers more than half a billion dollars per year, killing nursing piglets and causing reproductive failure in adult females.

The anti-PRRS gene editing is “a tremendous benefit for the swine industry and has no risk to humans,” Muir said.

Likewise, chickens could potentially be made resistant to avian influenza, which has cost producers billions of dollars and created fears of a possible human pandemic.

“We really want to get birds that have innate resistance so we can get ahead of the disease,” Muir said. “Disease resistance is one of the great opportunities of this technology.”

A more streamlined FDA approval process is needed to secure these advances, Muir said. In the current environment, the expense and time needed for approval scares off

investors, meaning many potentially beneficial products don’t make it out of the lab.

“There needs to be a quicker way of getting these into the market,” Muir said.

To this end, one of the report’s recommendations was for HGM products to be evaluated based on how the product’s phenotype — its observable characteristics — compare to existing food products that are known to be safe.

Other recommendations included creating a process to evaluate outcomes of FDA applications, supporting discussions with animal welfare stakeholders and investing in more research to evaluate nutritional composition of HGM foods.

Muir also hopes the report will help consumers understand how carefully and rigorously HGM products are tested for safety.

“We want people to know this is a safe technology,” he said. “We have many, many layers of often-redundant safety measures, so the public should feel very confident that when these edited animals are commercialized, they’ve been very well-vetted.”

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Rain but no delay

Sectional final gets called complete after 5 ½ innings giving FR 4-0 win

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The Tribe had an awfully slow start with the sticks in the first game of the postseason.

A strong showing by Jenna Homan in the circle before they broke through in the fourth.

Right as the ball got rolling for the Indians, thunder threatened to ruin their night with a 30-minute delay that got extended twice. Even worse than the delays was the potential postponement after an outburst of rain completely flooded the field.

While the Indians didn't get to celebrate the victory after recording the third out of the seventh inning, there were still plenty of cheers to go around when coach Carrie Schoen brought back the good news to the dugout that the game was complete and the Indians will be moving on.

Despite only getting through the top of the sixth inning, the coaches of the fifth-seeded Fort Recovery High School softball team and No. 8 seed Preble Shawnee elected to conclude the OHSAA Division VI Southwest 2 sectional final, rather than force the Arrows to make the 1 hour, 15 minute, trip north for five outs, giving the Tribe a 4-0 victory.

The win advances the Indians to the district opener, which will be held on May 20 at 5 p.m., against the winner of second-seeded Tri-County North and No. 12 seed Troy Christian. (A location for the game will be determined after a majority of the Southwest District field is set.)

"It feels good to get that first tournament win," said Schoen. "We got that first one done and moved onto the next, which is always great because every game counts when it comes to the tournament."

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Alexis Grisez, the Fort Recovery High School softball team's first baseman, tags out eighth-seeded Preble Shawnee's Lily Jones halfway up the baseline during the OHSAA Division VI Southwest 2 sectional final on Tuesday. Grisez delivered a two-RBI single in the fourth inning open the scoring and helped lift the No. 5 seed Indians to a 4-0 victory.

Schemenaur continues hot streak with bat

PONETO — The Patriots had an ugly first inning, but picked things up behind the bat of Drew Schemenaur to defeat the Raiders before the rain came in.

Jay County High School's baseball team overcame a 3-0 first-inning deficit on Tuesday to beat the Southern Wells Raiders 10-4.

Aiden Phillips had a rough start for Jay County (8-10, 3-2 Allen County

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Athletic Conference) as he gave up three walks, a double and two singles to put the Patriots behind 3-0. His offense helped him out in the top of the second as the first three bat-

ters reached base before Drew Schemenaur's double tied the game. JCHS took the lead later in the frame when Hunter Collins scored on a passed ball.

Phillips gave up one more unearned run in the second frame, but a sacrifice fly by Schemenaur gave the Patriots the lead and Phillips the win in four innings of work.

Schemenaur drove in

two more runs in the fifth inning with a double. His final line included two hits, one run scored and six RBIs. Between Monday's win over Muncie Central and the defeat of Southern Wells (8-8, 0-5 ACAC), Schemenaur collected four hits and 11 RBIs.

Two big bats

PONETO — Jaelynn Lykins and Hallie Schweiterman both

drove in five runs to lift the Jay County softball team past the Southern Wells Raiders 18-1 on Tuesday.

Lykins smacked three hits to drive in her runs, including a single in the first inning, a two-run home run in the fourth and a two-RBI double in the fifth. Schwieterman drove in two runs on a first-inning single, a two-RBI blast in the second and a double in the third.

Mallory Winner also drove in three runs.

Freshman Brenna Ruble led the Patriots (15-2, 3-2 ACAC) in hits and runs scored with four apiece. She had two doubles in the game.

Carley Trinidad earned the win after only allowing Southern Wells (2-17, 0-5 ACAC) to score a single run on five hits and two walks. Trinidad struck out eight batters as well.

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TIME 5:00 P.M.
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Homan, Evers lift Indians past Memorial

ST. MARYS, Ohio — The Tribe couldn't put the Roughriders away in regulation.

Neither team could break through in the first free inning, but three runs in the top of the ninth lifted the Indians to victory.

Caden Homan and Gavin Evers came through for the Fort Recovery High School baseball team on Tuesday to beat the Memorial Roughriders 8-6 in nine innings.

The Indians (14-6) put up two runs in the first and second innings and tacked on a fifth in the sixth inning. Memorial (12-7) matched FRHS with a pair of runs in the third and fourth and a final in the sixth frame to force extra innings.

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The Tribe loaded the bases with only one out as Caden Grisez hit a single, Alex Gaerke reached on an error and Brodie Hart drew a walk in the ninth inning.

Homan followed with a ground ball to third base that resulted in a fielder's choice with all four Indians safe to take a 6-5 lead. Three pitches later, Evers roped a line drive to right field to score Gaerke and Hart.

In the bottom of the ninth,

MHS loaded the bases on Grisez with an error, a single and a walk while only suffering one out. Homan took over for Grisez on the mound and struck out the next batter to bring the Roughriders to their final out. While they managed to score on a passed ball, Homan induced a fly out to end the game and earn the save.

Grisez earned the win after throwing 2 ¾ innings, giving up one earned run on one hit and three walks.

Rain delayed

COLDWATER, Ohio — The Fort Recovery track competed at the Midwest Athletic Conference Championship prelims on Tuesday before it got postponed partway through due to weather.

Six events and two prelims were completed before the meet was cancelled. The meet will resume on Friday where it left off before starting the finals.

After the abbreviated preliminary meet, the Fort Recovery girls are tied with St. John's for eighth place with four points scored, while Versailles leads the pack with 23. The Tribe boys didn't score any points while Minster leads the pack with 22.5.

Karlie Niekamp netted the Indians' only points thus far. She finished fifth in the shot put with a distance of 31 feet, 11 inches. Brynn Egbert of New Knoxville won the event with a throw of 35 feet flat.

After the prelims, Madison

Heitkamp is primed to score some more points for FRHS in the 100-meter hurdles. The junior finished seventh with a qualifying time of 17.55 seconds.

Another pair of Indians fell short of making the finals in their respective field events.

Carson Fullenkamp placed 11th in the discus — the top nine qualified for the finals — with a mark of 118 feet, 4 inches. The last spot in the finals went to New Bremen's Parker Ashman with a 123 feet, 1 inch toss.

Freshman Alivia Brunswick placed 13th in the MAC in the girls long jump with a distance of 14 feet, 6 ½ inches. She fell 10 ½ inches short of the ninth place, which went to St. Henry's Emma Snyder.

Rain ...

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The Indians (14-9) didn't have their best start as PSHS pitcher Mattie Colburn retired the first six batters without a ton of trouble. They finally got a runner in the third inning as shortstop Adalynn Campbell let a ball through the infield, but the Indians couldn't find a way to score.

"We've been such a slow start lately, from an offensive standpoint," Schoen said. "Overall, if you look at our stats, our kids are very sound offensively through our order for the most part. ... We were struggling with that inside pitch, so she was jamming us inside. She would mix in some change ups here and there so it was kind of getting us."

The Tribe finally figured things out in the fourth inning.

Ava Grisez led off the inning with the team's first hit, pushing a ball back up the middle. Two pitches later, Homan sent a ball to deep left field out of Layla Roberts' range for a double. In the third at bat, Ella Schoen nearly drove in the first run of the game, but Homan was called for interference as Campbell attempted to field the ball, resulting in Ava Grisez getting pulled back to third base.

Ella Schoen stole second base on the first pitch of Alexis Grisez's at bat to get two runners back in scoring position. The sophomore first baseman watched a second ball come



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FRHS junior pitcher Jenna Homan fields a short ground ball during the Indians' 4-0 victory over Preble Shawnee on Tuesday. Homan gave up only one hit and one walk while striking out 11 batters to advance to the district opener.

in before breaking the scoreless tie with a two-RBI single on a ground ball up the middle.

"I was able to just hit a solid grounder and just drive them in," Alexis Grisez said. "I was hoping to just not get out honestly and get some ground. ... It was really nice to get that breather there and know we had some room to work with."

Fort Recovery plated two

more runs in the fifth inning. Emma Will and Ava Grisez hit back-to-back doubles to score the first run. Homan immediately followed up with a single to left field that pushed the second across.

Along with driving in a run, Homan played a major role on the rubber for the Tribe. The FRHS junior pitched all six innings without giving up a run to Preble Shawnee (6-14). She

issued one walk in the fifth inning that didn't end up biting her and surrendered one hit on a singing bunt by Roberts that found no-man's land between the circle and third base. Fort Recovery's all-time leader in strikeouts — she overtook her sister, Jackie Homan's record on Saturday in the Covington Classic — sent 11 Arrows back to the bench without getting a bat on the ball.

"I just have to remember that this could possibly be the senior's last game," Homan said. "I'm using that to build the momentum to pitch as hard as I possibly can and work hard for it."

The Indians' defense backed Homan up as the seven times the ball was put in play and an out was possible they delivered. Homan had one ball hit back to herself that she threw out with ease and Ella Schoen fielded a pair at third base including a bunt. A pair of balls got sent the way of Layla Armstrong at second base four two outs and Alexis Grisez had to field two balls and tag the batters out as they made their way up the line.

The game got delayed with one out and a runner on first base in the bottom half of the sixth inning due to the sound of thunder in the area. Thunder sounded twice more, restarting the 30-minute delay before it started to downpour, flooding the field.

In a meeting with the umpires, Schoen and PSHS coach Abbie Lynch needed to decide continue the game later or call it complete. They settled on the latter.

"Knowing we've had slow starts recently, making sure that this game was a complete game was pretty important to me in honestly when we had that coaches meeting with the umpires," Schoen said. "The ball was in our court

Box score

No. 8 Preble Shawnee Arrows
vs. No. 5 Fort Recovery Indians

OHSAA Division VI
Southwest 2 Sectional final

Preble Shawnee (6-14)

	ab	r	h	bi
LRoberts lf	3	0	1	0
Sheard dh	3	0	0	0
Niehoff 2b	2	0	0	0
Colburn p	2	0	0	0
KRoberts c	1	0	0	0
Asher 3b	2	0	0	0
SJones rf	2	0	0	0
LJones 1b	2	0	0	0
Campbell ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	19	0	1	0

Fort Recovery (14-9)

	ab	r	h	bi
Will cf	3	1	1	0
AvGrisez ss	3	2	2	1
Homan p	3	0	2	1
Schoen 3b	3	1	0	0
AlGrisez 1b	3	0	1	2
Hietkamp rf	3	0	1	0
Post c	3	0	0	0
Klenke cr	0	0	0	0
Hart lf	1	0	0	0
Armstrong 2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	24	4	7	4

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LOB — Preble Shawnee 2, Fort Recovery 4, 2B — Fort Recovery 3 (Will, AvGrisez, Homan), SB — Fort Recovery 2 (Will, Schoen).

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Fort Recovery

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in that point in time. We were on offense, with one out and a runner on ... and we just needed three outs. My hope was that she wasn't going to want to continue to play this, because if they come back tomorrow and we had that possible slow start again, it may have looked different."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

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.

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.

Friday

Jay County — Girls tennis at Richmond – 5 p.m.; Junior high track ACAC meet at Bluffton – 5

p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track MAC meet finals at Coldwater – 4:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today

12 p.m. — PGA Championship (ESPN)

12:40 p.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)

8:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Oklahoma City Thunder at Denver Nuggets (ESPN)

9:30 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Dallas Stars at Winnipeg Jets (TNT)

Friday

7:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Emilia Romagna Grand Prix (ESPN2)

12 p.m. — PGA Championship (ESPN)

2 p.m. — College softball NCAA Tournament: Michigan vs. UCF (ESPN2)

2:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Aston Villa at Tottenham Hotspur (USA)

4 p.m. — College softball NCAA Tournament: Indiana at Oklahoma City (ESPN2)

4 p.m. — IndyCar: Indy 500 (FS1)

6 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: NASCAR All-

Star Open (FS1)

6 p.m. — USL League One soccer: Lexington at Fort Lauderdale United (FOX)

6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cleveland Guardians at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)

7 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: North Carolina FC at Oakland Roots (FOX)

8 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Boston Celtics at New York Knicks (ESPN)

8 p.m. — College softball NCAA Tournament: Washington at Mississippi State (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — UFL: Memphis Showboats at San Antonio Brahmas (FOX)

10 p.m. — College softball NCAA Tournament: San Diego State at Arizona State (ESPN2)

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