

Exception OK'd for project in Pennville

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review
County officials took another step in the process Thursday to establish the new Pennville mobile home park.

Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals OK'd a special exception use request from Darrick Plummer of Pennville Partners to allow three parcels zoned as single family residential to join the project. The final decision moves next to Jay County Commissioners.

Plummer plans to convert the lot west of South Street, just south of Max Drive, and the lot south of Daisy Lane — it's located next to the existing Freedom Village Mobile Home Park — into more mobile home park space. Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals OK'd Plummer's request in October to combine two parcels — about 12 acres — and create the mobile home park. One of the new parcels added to the project is located on the west side of county road 300 North, north of Daily Lane, and the other two new parcels are located on the north side of Max Drive.

Plummer plans to put in 50 lots for homes over the course of the next four to five years.

The board originally approved the request at its April meeting. Pati McLaughlin of Jay/Portland Building and Planning McLaughlin explained Thursday the original legal notice didn't run in The Commercial Review prior to the April meeting, requiring the zoning board to re-approve the request after the notice was published.

Board members Marla Lutes, Steve Ford and Angela Paxson, absent Kaleb Hemmelgarn and Scott Hilfiker, agreed to grant the special exception.

Russia, Ukraine talked swap, truce

By NATALIA DROZDIK, DARYNA KRASNOLUTSKA and SELCAN HACAOLU
Bloomberg News
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The first direct talks between Russia and Ukraine in more than three years ended in Turkey with an agreement on an exchange of prisoners and discussions on a potential cease-fire, though no truce was announced.

The negotiations in Istanbul's Dolmabahce Palace lasted about two hours Friday. Ukraine and Russia said they'd agreed to swap 1,000 prisoners each in coming days, in separate statements.

The sides also discussed "all modalities" of a truce, said Ukrainian Defense Minister Rustem Umerov, who led Kyiv's delegation. "Now we need to exchange people, and soon we will inform you what is the next stage," he said.

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Herd of Deere
Michigan man has big collection

By LINDY MERCER
The Commercial Review

Mike Watson, 54, of Hemlock, Michigan, poses next to a portion of his display during the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association's Spring Swap and Sell Meet on Wednesday. The event at the Tri-State grounds across Morton Street from Jay County Fairgrounds, is one of three Tri-State events during the year along with the Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Show in August and another swap meet in October. Watson has been attending for 25 years. In addition to these two John Deere snowmobiles, he has 40 John Deere vehicles more at home.

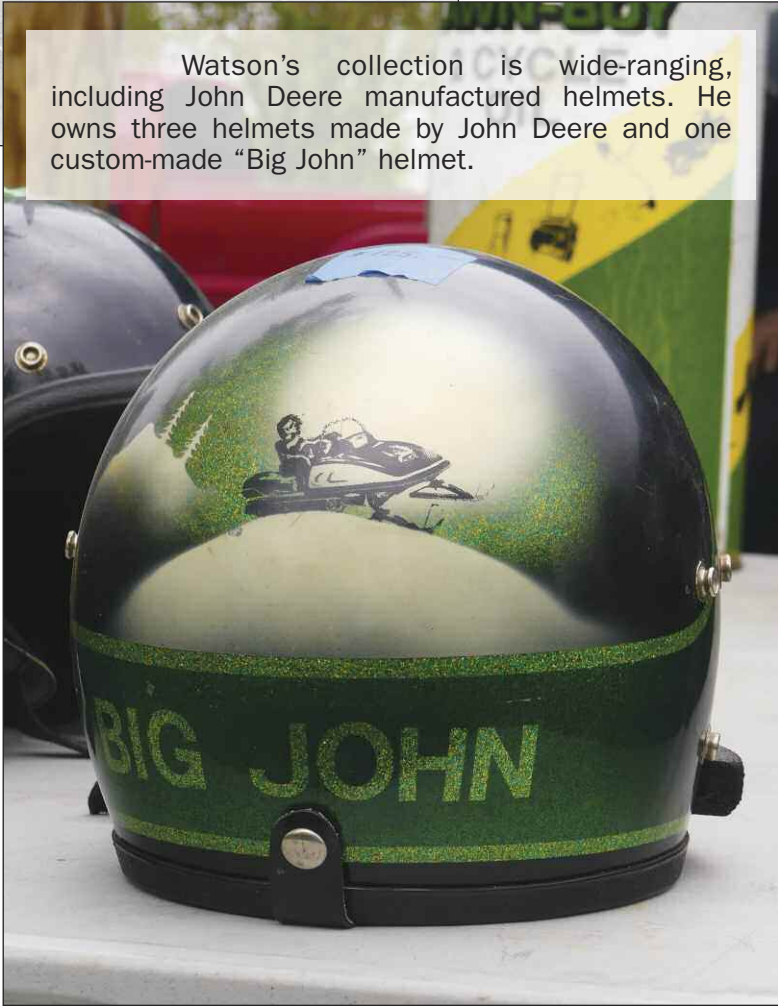


In addition to his AMT 600, Watson also owns a vintage toy replica of the vehicle. Another part of Watson's collection that didn't make it to the show is one of each John Deere model made from 1963 to 1967. From 1968 to 1974 John Deere changed to a different body style. He has several of those models as well.

Part of Watson's collection includes a John Deere 1988 AMT 600 (below). In 1987, John Deere began manufacturing the All Material Transport (AMT) as its first venture into all terrain vehicles.



Watson's collection is wide-ranging, including John Deere manufactured helmets. He owns three helmets made by John Deere and one custom-made "Big John" helmet.



Deaths

Kenneth Chandler, 75, Portland
Victoria Runyon, 77, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Randy Smuts, 64, rural Geneva
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature hit 83 degrees Friday in Jay County. The low was 66.

Expect mostly sunny skies today with the high topping out in the upper 60s and winds gusting to 30 mph.

Sunday's high will be in the low 70s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

A variety of events are scheduled for today in Portland, including the Arch Bridge Festival on Main Street from 1 to 6 p.m. — it includes an Arch Bridge Kroozers car show — a veterans recognition at 3 p.m. at Freedom Park and the Portland Rockets' season opener at 5 p.m. at Runkle-Miller Field.

Coming up

Tuesday — Photos from Fort Recovery High School's graduation ceremony.

Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Jay School Board meeting.

Thursday — Results from the JCHS girls track team in the sectional meet.



Obituaries

Kenneth Chandler
Feb. 17, 1950-May 13, 2025
Kenneth James Chandler, 75, passed away peacefully at home on May 13, 2025, in Portland, Indiana.
Born on Feb. 17, 1950, in Noblesville, Indiana, Kenneth served his country honorably in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War era when he was stationed in Germany. Following his military service, he dedicated 38 years to Saint Gobain (formerly Ball Glass), first in Asheville, North Carolina, and later in Dunkirk, Indiana, where he retired in 2005.
Kenneth shared 49 years of marriage with his beloved wife Patricia (McKinney) who he married on Aug. 29, 1975. He was



Chandler

a devoted father to his daughter Kensey Albertson and her husband Bobby of Lynn, Indiana, and his son Michael Chandler of Portland, Indiana. He was a proud grandfather to Jonathan Roessner, CJ Albertson and Hannah Chandler.
He was preceded in death by his parents, JB and Inez Schneider Chandler of Alexander, North Carolina; and his sister and brother-in-law, Cynthia and Dan Mendoza of Alexander, North Carolina.
Ken had a zest for life that was unmistakable. Known on the CB radio as the “Beersqueezer,” he never met a stranger. He found joy in the simple pleasures like sitting on the patio, watching NASCAR, sharing breakfast with his friends at Richards, enjoying Mexican dinners on Friday nights and spending time in his garage. Above all, he cherished the moments he spent with his family.

Ken received care from Southern Care Hospice Services during his final days. A celebration of life will be planned at a later date to honor the memory of a man who brought warmth and laughter wherever he went.
In lieu of flowers, the family would like you to consider making a donation to Southern Care Hospice or the Jay County Cancer Society. May his memory bring comfort to all that knew him.
Arrangements have been entrusted to Keller Mortuary Services.
Condolences may be offered at KellerMortuary.com.

Victoria Runyon
It is with deep sorrow and love that we announce the passing of Victoria Diane Runyon, who departed this life on April 30, 2025, at the age of 77.
Her love for her children and






grandchildren was boundless, and she found her greatest joy in their happiness and presence. She was a constant source of warmth, wisdom and kindness for everyone in the family.
Diane was born in Decatur, Indiana, and attended Poling School and Portland High School. She spent much of her life in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and was a devoted Christian and member to The Griffen Road Church of Christ. She found endless joy in spending time with her grandchildren.
She is survived by her husband Robert Paul Runyon; her brothers Terry Hunt, Dean Hunt and Michael Hunt; her son and daughter Eric and Renee’ Runyon; her grandchildren Cody Sky Land, Mila and Sia Yeh-Runyon; and her great-grandchildren Sailor Ray and Parker Jo Land.
She was preceded in death by her parents Donna and Ward

Hunt; and her sister Jana Hunt.
Her love will continue to live on in the lives she touched and in the memories we hold dear.
A celebration of Diane’s life will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 1 p.m. at The Griffen Road Church of Christ, 14550 Griffen Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida.

Randy Allen Smuts, rural Geneva, May 23, 1960-May 14, 2025. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva.

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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.

CR almanac

Sunday 5/18	Monday 5/19	Tuesday 5/20	Wednesday 5/21	Thursday 5/22
 71/47 Mostly sunny on Sunday when the high will be in the lower 70s.	 66/47 Monday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with highs in the upper 60s. Chance of showers.	 58/50 Mostly cloudy skies on Tuesday when there's a 70 % chance of showers.	 55/45 Wednesday's forecast shows a 70% chance of showers with thunderstorms also possible.	 57/43 Thursday's weather looks like mostly cloudy skies with a 70% chance of showers.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 4-0-4 Daily Four: 5-5-8-4 Quick Draw: 5-8-14-16-18-27-28-31-35-37-41-43-49-50-51-59-62-64-72-77	Pick 3: 9-1-9 Pick 4: 5-3-7-6 Pick 5: 3-1-5-1-7
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$123 million	
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$122 million	
Ohio Midday	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.68 June corn4.70 July corn4.72	June beans10.73 Wheat4.93
ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.60 June corn4.60 Beans10.68 June beans10.71 Wheat4.82	
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.68 June corn4.72 July corn.....4.75	
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.65 June corn4.65 Beans10.68	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.71 June corn4.73 Beans10.43 June beans10.43 Wheat4.78

Today in history

In 1973, The Portland Foundation selected 13 students — David Wellman, Rocky Walker, Steve Stockton, Doug McIntire, Michael Boggs, Mary Kay Chidister, Janet Clark, Donald Donahue, Sheila Eley, Sidney Hall, Karen May, Steve Myron and Sandra Stith — to receive \$700 scholarships.
In 2013, Jay School Corporation held a retirement reception for departing assistant superintendent Wood Barwick. He had joined the corporation as principal of Jay County High School before moving to the assistant superintendent role.
In 2018, the Fort Recovery High School baseball team got a squeeze bunt from Reese Rogers in the sixth inning to drive home Riley Post with the only run of the game in a 1-0 victory over Ottawa-Glandorf in the Division III district semifinal at Elida.
In 2021, Jennifer Young of Portland was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to a Level 1 felony charge of neglect of a dependent resulting in death in connection with the death of her son Hayden Markle.
In 2022, Jay County High School’s Gabi Bilbrey set a new career best as she won the discus championship during the sectional meet at Delta with a toss of 123 feet, 6 inches.
—The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 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. Thursday 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
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Capsule Reports

Broker change
Jay County Commissioners approved switching insurance brokers Friday.
Commissioners agreed to change back to using OneDigital’s services, effective May 31. The decision stems from commissioners’ choice on Monday to terminate a contract with Understand, Service and Innovate (USI) Insurance Services, after undergoing more than five months of various issues with the company.
The county had been using

OneDigital — previously known as Platinum Benefits Consulting Group — before switching to USI Insurance Services in November. At the time, the county had been looking into partially self-funded insurance plans and heard about options from OneDigital, USI Insurance Services and Unified Group Services.
Jay County auditor Emily Franks noted Friday the switch back to OneDigital won’t result in fee differences or other cost changes. Employees will continue

using plans through Physicians Health Plan.
Parking accident
A Bryant man’s truck hit a Portland woman’s car in the parking lot at Portland Pizza Hut.
Matthew Gierhart, 40, was driving his 2007 Chevrolet Silverado and turning into a parking space at 1502 N. Meridian St. when he struck a parked 2022 Kia Soul owned by 40-year-old Brandy Hudson.
Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

IU adjusts to presidential orders

By **CLAIRE RAFFORD**
MirrorIndy
mirrorindy.org
The Indiana University School of Medicine has removed or edited dozens of webpages about the college’s DEI and health equity programs.
The changes appear to be in response to an April 21 policy change from the National Institutes of

Health, which requires institutions accepting NIH grants to agree that they will not operate programs that promote DEI or “discriminatory equity ideology” as a condition of the funding.
Two days after the NIH’s order, the college’s executive associate dean of institutional engagement, Chemen Neal, sent a message to faculty and staff

stating that there would be “immediate website changes” as a result of the order, according to an email provided to MirrorIndy. Neal did not respond to MirrorIndy’s emailed questions and request for an interview.
The removed websites include DEI committees across the medical

school’s departments, a health equity research center and a page describing racial justice research projects, including a study on the impact of discriminatory law enforcement exposure on Black adults.
It was not immediately clear whether these programs would continue going forward.

Felony arrests

Obstruction
A Portland woman was arrested Friday for obstruction of justice and other charges.

Heather R. Best, 40, 1015 W. North St. was preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for obstruction of justice and possession of metham-

phetamine, as well as a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She was being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Talked ...

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Russia is “satisfied with the results, and we are ready to continue contacts,” Vladimir Medinsky, who led Moscow’s negotiators, told reporters in televised comments. “We agreed that each side will present its vision of a potential future ceasefire, in detail,” and then talks will resume, he said.
Russia also took note of a request by the Ukrainian side for direct talks between the presidents of the two countries, Medinsky said.
Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy held a phone call with U.S. President Donald Trump together with French President Emmanuel

Macron, United Kingdom Prime Minister Keir Starmer, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk, Zelenskyy’s spokesman said. Details of the discussion would be disclosed later, the spokesman said.
Ukraine and European powers had demanded that Putin commit to a 30-day unconditional ceasefire to create space for negotiations on a peace deal. Putin didn’t agree to the truce and instead offered over the weekend to resume direct talks with Ukraine in Turkey.
“We are very disappointed,” Merz said of the talks in Istanbul. “The ball lay exclusively with Rus-

sia,” but Putin failed to use the opportunity to discuss a peace agreement, he added.
“As a result of the meeting with President Zelenskyy and the discussion with President Trump we are now closely aligning and coordinating our responses,” Starmer said.
Russia’s representatives set out demands for full control of five regions of Ukraine during talks in which both delegations used an interpreter, according to a person familiar with the meeting.
“We’re spending great effort in order to end the war,” Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said at the start of the meeting.

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Monday

Randall, Robert: noon, Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
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.

Tuesday

Smuts, Randy: 2 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

May 24

Runyon, Victoria: 1 p.m., Griffen Road Church of Christ, 14550 Griffen Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida.

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Day of Prayer

Between 80 and 100 Christians from at least nine different denominations gathered May 1 across Jay County to observe National Day of Prayer. Participants met at Jay County Courthouse, Portland City Hall and Haynes Park throughout the day to pray for the community, state, nation and world.

Colorado whiskey takes crown

By **TINEY RICCIARDI**
The Denver Post
Tribune News Service

A Colorado whiskey was crowned America’s best at an international spirits competition, beating out hundreds of other liquors for the title.

Talnua Distillery in Arvada was awarded the top whiskey accolade from the American Distilling Institute’s 2025 International Spirits Competition, which announced its winners on Wednesday. Its Bourbon Cask & Stave Series Whiskey was awarded the highest marks in the category, earning the title of America’s Greatest Whiskey 2025.

Competition director Eric Zandona said 290 whiskeys were entered into this year’s

contest, though that number includes recipes from across the world. In all, 700 spirits were entered into the competition, which started in 2007.

Judges evaluate flights of spirits based on their overall quality and taste, assigning each one a score from 0 to 100. Spirits that score 90 points or more earn a gold medal, and judges can award a double gold if they believe the liquor is exemplary in its style (i.e. bourbon, single malt, rye, etc.). Those that earn both gold and double gold medals get considered for the “best in class” honor. Only one gets crowned the greatest among its category (i.e. vodka, gin, whiskey, agave, etc.).

Talnua’s spirit rose above all

other whiskeys, across all the different styles, that were made stateside. The distillery is unique in that it uses a pot still method, similar to many Irish whiskeys. That method requires the use of a copper pot still and a distinct mash bill, which is half malted barley and half unmalted barley. The unmalted barley plays prominently in the flavor profile of Talnua’s various whiskeys, as well as its house-made gins.

The Bourbon Cask & Stave Series Whiskey, specifically, is aged in former bourbon barrels for three years along with charred oak staves, giving it bright floral, new mown hay, and vanilla bean notes, according to the distillery’s website.

Birthday plans turn complicated

DEAR ABBY: My husband’s 50th birthday (we’re both men) is approaching, and I wanted to have a surprise party for him. His family, my family and the two of us all live in different states on the East Coast. I thought a compromise would be to have the party in New Jersey (halfway) on a Saturday. I even offered to rent an Airbnb for the weekend, understanding that traveling might be too much for some folks.

Even after all these efforts, my mother-in-law responded that she feels having two separate parties (one in her state and one local to us) is a better solution. I am beyond mad that his family is unwilling to make any sacrifice to see him happy. His family has never once come to visit us. (We have made multiple trips there.)

I still want to have a celebration, but I’m worried that with his family absent it will upset him. He’s a smart man. He will know they were invited but didn’t bother to show up. I don’t want to cancel the party, but I also feel that asking us to have two separate ones is unreasonable and selfish on their part. Must I just cut bait and stop expecting them to care? — **PLANNER IN MARYLAND**

DEAR PLANNER: Your husband’s family is your husband’s family. By the age of 50, he is likely accustomed to their indifference, if that is their problem. Throw him a “surprise” party a couple of days before his actual birthday and invite friends to celebrate with you. Then, on his actual birthday, leave the hosting to his mother. (Hopefully, she will.) If she agrees, go there with a smile and try not to let your anger ruin the milestone occasion.

DEAR ABBY: How do I go on in life without my husband? We

Dear Abby



were married 44 years and very much in love. It has been eight months since his passing. He had MS and had to live his last six years in a nursing home. He was diagnosed at 47 and passed away at 66 — too young. The disease hit him hard and fast, and his death was long and painful. Every day is the same for me now, filled with emptiness, sadness and tears. — **OUT OF SORTS IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR OUT: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your beloved husband. Did you join a grief support group after his death? If the answer is yes, you may be able to get through this journey with additional help from an individual therapist.

From what you have written, it appears you are very isolated. Please consider filling some of the emptiness you feel by getting out of your house and meeting people. Reach out to friends, join a gym — because physical activity is an important mood booster — and find a cause for which to volunteer. Although you may never stop missing your husband, you have your own life to live now. Please don’t waste a precious moment of it.

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

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing

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

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

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

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SUICIDE GRIEF — Meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the third Monday 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.

Tuesday

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop

long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

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

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

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

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

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	2	8						7
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		5		9				4

Level: Advanced

Friday’s Solution

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

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Elementary Schools May 19-23

Monday Main Entrees: Toasted Cheese Sandwich **Alternate Entrees:** Popcorn Chicken, Mini Whole Grain Biscuit, Cereal, Goldfish & Yogurt Fun Lunch **Sides for all meals:** Creamy Tomato Soup

Tuesday: **Main Entrees:** Doritos Nacho Cheese Tortilla Chips, Seasoned Beef Taco Meat, Shredded Lettuce, Shredded Cheddar Cheese **Alternate Entrees:** Popcorn Chicken, Mini Whole Grain Biscuit, Cereal, Goldfish & Yogurt Fun Lunch **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned Refried Beans

Wednesday: **Main Entrees:** Chicken Nuggets, Macaroni and Cheese **Alternate Entrees:** Popcorn Chicken, Mini Whole Grain Biscuit, Cereal, Goldfish & Yogurt Fun Lunch **Sides for all meals:** Tater Tots

Thursday: **Main Entrees:** Beef Sloppy Joe TOTchos, Mini Whole Grain Biscuit **Alternate Entrees:** Popcorn Chicken, Mini Whole Grain Biscuit, Cereal, Goldfish & Yogurt Fun Lunch **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned Peas

Friday: **Main Entrees:** Classic Cheese Pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Popcorn Chicken, Mini Whole Grain Biscuit, Cereal, Goldfish & Yogurt Fun Lunch **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

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Suspending writ is a bright red line

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

The Trump White House is 1,000% wrong in “actively looking at” suspending habeas corpus in the context of immigration. It is the only protection written into the Constitution, not the Bill of Rights, a fundamental shield — stretching back to the Magna Carta — to contest one’s detention by the government: “The Privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it.”

There is no rebellion, as there was during the Civil War, and there is no invasion, despite what President Donald Trump claims and what White House Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen

Guest Editorial

Miller, the aide who floated the habeas corpus suspension idea, says.

Only four times has the Great Writ been suspended under our Constitution and each time that suspension was invoked under an act of Congress and it was very specific. And it is the Congress, not the president, who has this power. Of that there is no debate as the wartime suspension appears in Article I of the Constitution, which delineates responsibilities of the Congress.

Habeas corpus suspension appears under Section 9, which are the powers denied to Congress.

Notably, it is not Article II, which lays out the powers of the president.

Lincoln did suspend habeas corpus during the Civil War, but it was with the consent of the Congress. President Ulysses S. Grant did the same for a limited time in nine counties in South Carolina during Reconstruction, again, with the agreement of Congress.

The other two instances were in U.S. territories, in the Philippines during a 1905 rebellion and in Hawaii after Pearl Harbor, when the Territory of Hawaii was under martial law, but each time acting under congressional grant.

None of these circumstances are comparable to what MAGA types have taken to calling an “invasion,” which is really just an overheated term for the presence of immigrants, including asylum seekers, around the country. This is not a real danger and has been ongoing in some form or another since the country’s founding.

As with many such moves, the administration would certainly try to justify this under the banner of immigration enforcement and vague national security. Aside from the fact that these justifications have never actually stopped the government from applying expanded powers more broadly there is an obvious paradox between the notion that these policies would be applied exclusively to those that deserve

it and that there would be no due process.

Determining whether or not someone has committed an offense and how they should be punished for it is the entire underlying premise for due process in the first place. If the right to contest a detention disappears, how exactly is one meant to prove that you’re not actually a national security threat, or actually a citizen?

We don’t have to speculate much about how this looks because it is the modus operandi of despots around the world.

Republicans and Democrats alike on the federal, state and local levels must refuse this Trump power grab and effort to illegally suspend what is our most fundamental right. Some harms cannot be undone.

Trump and Xi tone down senseless war

By SHULI REN
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The U.S. and China are calling a 90-day truce in their trade war, temporarily lowering tariffs on each other from eye-wateringly high levels.

The sharp climb-down well exceeded market expectations, with investors rushing back into Hong Kong and New York-listed stocks. U.S. levies on most Chinese imports will be reduced to 30% from 145%, while the 125% Chinese duties on US goods will drop to 10%. “Neither side wants to decouple,” Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Monday after a weekend of negotiations in Geneva.

It’s a huge relief for small businesses and millions of workers on both sides of the Pacific. But it’s also a sign that despite their strongmen image, President Donald Trump and his counterpart Xi Jinping are not without common sense. With prohibitive levies that would essentially lead to a complete embargo, the world’s two biggest economies are hurting.

In China, while people support Xi’s hardline stance to “fight to the end” on trade, many are genuinely worried about how to make a decent living in an already weak economy. Apparel, for instance, is the third-largest category of US imports from China, after communication devices and electronic equipment. This sector happens to be labor intensive. About 16 million jobs could be at risk thanks to Trump’s tariffs, according to Goldman Sachs Group Inc. estimates.

How to help those that might fall out of work is becoming a big fiscal and social issue. The government’s unemployment insurance covers about 244 million. In the first quarter — even before Trump ignited his second trade war — payouts to the jobless rose by a whopping 22.4% to 46.5 billion yuan (\$6.4 billion). In a sign of more trouble to come, the April PMI reading on new export orders plummeted to a three-year low.

Relocating these low-skilled manufacturing workers into services won’t be easy. Some of the popular gigs are already getting crowded. Last year, the number of ride-

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hailing drivers jumped by 27% to 38 million, while their compensation fell. In other words, China’s entire 425-million-strong blue-collar class will feel the heat regardless of whether their line of work is directly exposed to trade wars.

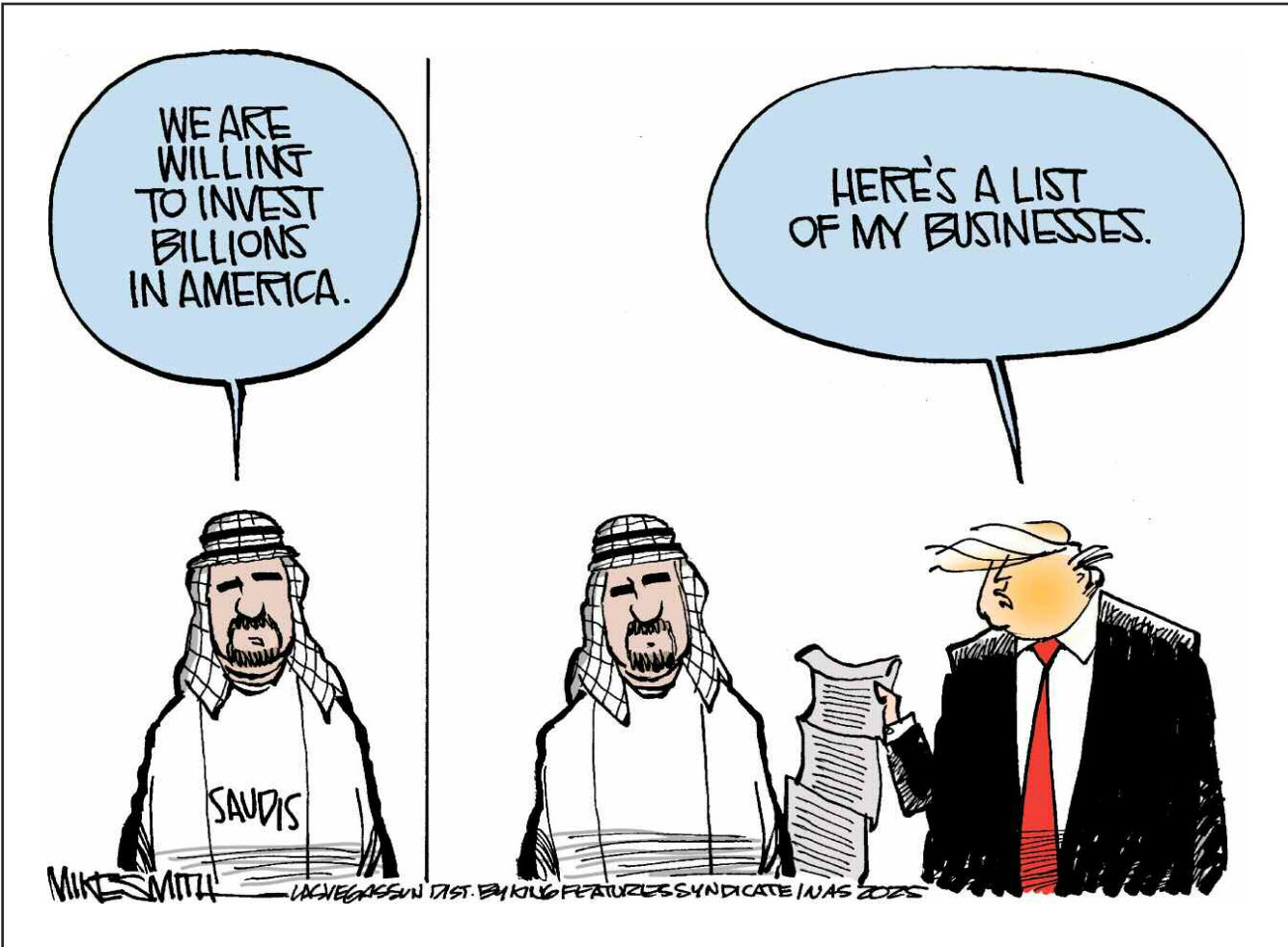
The future for many American workers also looks grim. For a president who boasts about creating millions of jobs, Trump is steadily destroying a healthy labor market with his maximalist approach on tariffs. In the US, small businesses account for almost 80% of job openings. Unlike big corporations such as Apple Inc., they have fewer operational levers to pull, often relying on a handful of overseas suppliers. For them, switching production to other countries such as India is an impossible ordeal. As such, if Trump’s 145% tariff lingers, they will have to lay off workers.

Of course, there’s no guarantee that this 90-day truce can hold. A mercurial Trump could change his tone at anytime, to stage manage the exceptionally tough-on-China image he fostered on the campaign trail. Meanwhile, a stubborn Xi might dig his heels in, having vowed to “never kneel down.”

But the fact that there’s an agreement of this scale after just a weekend of face-to-face talks shows that both sides want an off-ramp. Trump does seem to heed negative public opinion polls, despite calling them fake news. And Xi may not want to remind citizens of the last time he refused to budge: As the iron-fisted politician who locked down Chinese cities despite public outcries against the government’s unscientific COVID-Zero policy.

This 90-day truce is a good start.

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Pope will lead with his ears

By JOHN KRULL
TheStatehouseFile.com

The world has a new pope. And, in the end, it wasn’t the mystery and the majesty — the puffs of smoke and the secretive ceremony — that was the most moving about the selection.

No, it was the humanity of the choice.

Leo XIV, as we all know, is the first U.S. citizen to serve as the leader of the world’s 1.4 billion Catholics. A Midwesterner — a Chicago boy, no less — Robert Francis Prevost developed his faith not in the clouds but much, much closer to earth.

His experience as a missionary in South America, attuned and heightened his sensitivities to the burdens of immigrants and others who are dispossessed, disenfranchised and, all too often, disparaged, disregarded and discarded as little more than human refuse.

Not long after his elevation to the papacy, sharp-eyed observers unearthed a social media post of his that took issue with a pronouncement of Vice President JD Vance.

Vance said that Christian faith proclaimed a hierarchy of God’s love, one that called for us to place a higher value on lives closer to home than those of strangers.

Such as immigrants.

The then-Cardinal Prevost corrected the vice president gently but firmly, saying Vance was wrong. God’s love, the now pope said, was for everyone, regardless of class or proximity.

The exchange with Vance, a Catholic, illustrates one of the challenges Pope Leo will have.

The Catholic Church, like any other vast human institution, struggles to maintain cohesion.

For decades, it has been divided over the roles of women, the rights of LGBTQ human beings and the part the church should play in the political world, among other things.

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And the church’s obliviousness about and — all too often — defense of child molesters in the priesthood have eroded the moral authority of Catholic leadership.

I remember talking once with Walter “Robby” Robinson, the Boston Globe journalist played by Michael Keaton in the movie “Spotlight,” about his faith. Robinson led the team that uncovered the Catholic Church’s efforts to cover up decades of priestly sexual abuse in New England. He also had spent much of his life as the quintessential good Catholic boy, going to Catholic schools and attending Mass regularly.

His reporting, though, on the church’s campaigns to cover up its clergy’s preying on children changed him.

He told me he still had faith in God, but not in the church of his birth. He only stepped into a Catholic church to attend the wedding or funeral of a family member or friend.

The new pope says he wants to lead by following St. Augustine’s admonition that we always should listen first. That is wisdom born from the experience of working with and ministering to people who feel — no, know — that they often are not heard.

In his first public pronouncement as pope, Leo urged Catholic leaders — and, by extension, all believers — to practice their faith by hearing the voices and concerns of the people they were supposed to live with and serve.

And not just those who agree with them.

It was a profoundly Christian message, one that urges conciliation rather than confrontation.

In the aftermath of Leo’s elevation, observers were quick to suggest that his history with immigrants and other marginalized members of humanity will put him and the church on a collision course with Vance and the administration of President Donald Trump.

I doubt it will be that simple. The early signs suggest that Leo plans to remind not just Catholics but all of us that faith is not just a comfort, but a challenge, too. True faith makes demands of the believer to perform moral duties he or she is reluctant to acknowledge, much less honor.

In JD Vance’s case, that may mean treating immigrants with the same care and consideration he shows for friends and family.

For others, regardless of their political affiliation, it will mean listening to and treating with respect views that make their blood boil.

In a world in which the means by which we can communicate with each other have multiplied exponentially, human beings seem to have a harder and harder time hearing each other.

Pope Leo XIV appears to want to change that.

Listen first, he says. It’s a message of faith delivered by a Midwesterner, a Chicago boy who has made his way in a troubled world and learned from the experience.

Listen first. Good counsel. Good faith.

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John Deere has manufactured several chainsaw models (above) since the 1930s, and Mike Watson is the owner of 20 different models. These vintage chainsaws are just a fraction of Watson's impressive John Deere collection.



In addition to his personal collection, Wason is also a committee member for Classic Green. Classic Green is an annual John Deere exhibition. Watson had a banner at his site advertising the event.



Watson worked for The Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Michigan, for 23 years. He served as a millwright in the maintenance department. Since his retirement four years ago, he restores John Deere equipment, collects vintage items and travels to events like the Tri-State swap meets and shows.



"To me, this is like going to Disney World," said Watson of the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association events. "Portland is like a second home to me." Watson is attending a Classic Green meet in Wisconsin in June, then he will be back in Portland in August for Tri-State's big show. After that, he'll head to a meet in Michigan in September, and finally return to Jay County in October for the Tri-State Fall Swap and Sell meet.

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ANMRAZGH VFQ Z VZGFCT
YHQTFA UWF'T KWH UFQJE'T
LHTK YJZDHQ FV WZAE-LHZKHA

EQCGT: “RNAO MFAOZ.”
Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: IF TWO FURRY STINGING INSECTS GOT INTO A SKIRMISH, WHAT COULD THE RESULT BE? BLACK-EYED BEES.
Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: U equals W

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

In the Middle East

1) In what country is the Temple of Bacchus, which was completed in the 2nd century, located?

2) The words Islam and Muslim come from the Arabic word salam. What does it mean?

1) Lebanon
2) Peace

5-19 CRYPTOQUIP

KGKWVDVU CGH OUQQC PRVP'L
HGP V MVPWUVD FMVSF NGU
KQUNGUATMH AVHTS PUTSFL:

PRQ DVOUVSVCVOUVCGU.
Saturday’s Cryptoquip: NICKNAME FOR A FAMOUS PERSON WHO’S THE WORLD’S BEST PLAYER OF HAND-BEATEN DRUMS: “KING CONGA.”
Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: K equals P

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to photography. Each number corresponds to a letter. (hint: 2 = G)

A. 14 3 18 24 23 17 20
Clue: Star of a photo

B. 18 22 17 16 2 8 9 3 15 7
Clue: Behind the subject of a photo

C. 21 6 2 25 20 6 15 2
Clue: Illumination

D. 10 9 17 3 14
Clue: Attention directed

Answers: A. subject B. background C. lighting D. focus

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to taking photos.

N E L S

Answer: Lens

GUESS WHO?

I am a singer born on May 16, 1966 in Indiana. As a young girl, I dreamt of being a jockey, but the family business of singing ultimately had a bigger pull. I became one of the most successful pop artists in history with sales from my fifth album, which bears my first name.

Answer: Janet Jackson



SPORTS FACT!

This racquet sport can be played in singles or doubles and features sets and matches.

Answer: Tennis

How they say that in...

English: Court
Spanish: Cancha
Italian: Campo
French: Terrain
German: Feld

Creative Coloring

Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

TCUOR 1
PYAL 2 3
EMTE 4 5 6
VSEER 7

Answer: Love of the game

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

MAY 15

1602: Cape Cod is sighted by navigator Bartholomew Gosnold.
1906: The city of Las Vegas, Nevada is founded.
1940: Richard and Maurice McDonald open the first McDonald's restaurant.

NEW WORD

LOVE

a score of "zero" in tennis

PHOTO TIME WORD SEARCH

C W C D I A X O P P R W D L X D N C M F
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ANGLE
APERTURE
CAMERA
DEPTH OF FIELD
DIGITAL
EXPOSURE
FOCUS
F-STOP
ISO
LENSES
LIGHT
LIGHT METER
PHOTOGRAPHER
POSING
PRINTS
PROOFS
SETTING
SHOOT
SHUTTER
SMILE
SPEED
TELEPHOTO
VIEWFINDER
ZOOM

Did You Know?

Maud Watson was the first woman to win Wimbledon in 1884. Ellen Hansell was the first women's singles tennis champion at the U.S. Open (1887).

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Tennis net

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 39 "Fin-landia" nati team
5 Venus de — Sibelius
9 Micro-wave
12 Caesar's "Behold!"
13 Friendly leader?
14 — -de-France
15 Landed
16 Taxpayer IDs
17 Make lace
18 Bygone days
19 Long, crosser
20 Galileo's birthplace
21 Luau garland
23 — Jima
25 Rill
28 Wee
32 Flinch, say
33 Exams for future attys.
34 Not outside
36 Changes
37 Genetic letters
38 Memo shorthand

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 5-17

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51 52 53
54 55 56

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The battle for trump control

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 9
♥ K J 8 3
♦ K J 9 2
♣ K 10 5

WEST
♠ 7 6 3 2
♥ 10 5
♦ 6 4
♣ Q J 9 6 3

EAST
♠ 5
♥ A 9 7 4
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ A 8 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 8 4
♥ Q 6 2
♦ Q 8 7
♣ 7

The bidding:
South 1 ♠
West Pass
North 2 NT
East Pass

Opening lead — queen of clubs.
The battle for trump control is frequently the key factor in the play of a hand. Typically, the defenders try to run declarer out of trumps by plugging away at their longest and strongest suit, while declarer at the same time attempts to resist their efforts to weaken his trump holding. Here is a typical case.
Assume West leads the queen of clubs, covered by the king and ace, and East returns a club. Declarer

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K J
♥ Q 9 3
♦ 9 8 7 4 3
♣ K 9

WEST
♠ Q 7 6 5
♥ 2
♦ —
♣ Q J 8 7 6 5 3 2

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

SOUTH
♠ 10
♥ A J 10 4
♦ K Q J 6 5 2
♣ A 4

The bidding:
South 1 ♠
West Pass
North 3 ♦
South 4 NT!
West 6 ♠
South ?
North Pass
West Pass
North Pass
West Pass

Opening lead — five of spades.
This deal occurred at a national tournament more than 50 years ago. At one table, the bidding went as shown. West's four-notrump bid asked his partner to bid clubs or spades. East duly obliged with five spades, raised by West to six after South bid six diamonds. When this came around to South, he decided to venture seven diamonds.
At this point, while West was

cogitating whether to bid seven spades as a sacrifice, East doubled out of turn and promptly led the ace of trump to confirm the soundness of his double!
Naturally, the tournament director was summoned. He ruled that North-South could continue bidding in turn, and, furthermore, that the ace of diamonds was a penalty card. (If a defender improperly exposes a card, it becomes a penalty card, which must be played at the first legal opportunity.)
With seven diamonds clearly hopeless, South now ran to seven notrump! He was hoping to find some way to make that contract with the aid of the exposed card.
West led a spade. Declarer finessed dummy's jack and then collected four heart tricks by taking repeated finesses against East's king. South had been hoping that East would show out of hearts and be forced to discard the ace of diamonds, but he had no such luck.
Declarer next led a club to dummy's king and cashed the A-K of spades as East continued to follow suit. Finally, South played a club to the ace, prepared to concede down four, but at this point East's luck ran out. Having no more clubs, he had no choice but to discard the ace of diamonds, and the grand slam came rolling home!

Tomorrow: Taking out insurance.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 36 Starbucks offering
5 "Hulk" director Lee Kaplan
12 Restricted zone
14 Love god
15 Part of Iberia
16 Statutes
17 MGM rival
18 Apt
20 Mentors
23 Suffix with song or gab
24 Singer India.—
25 Fumbling in the dark
28 Photo, for short
29 Partner of aches
30 Epoch
32 Protects
34 Director Mira
35 "The Lion King" lioness

3 Store boss (Abbr.)
4 "Amen to that!"
5 Golden Fleece ship
6 PBS supporter
7 Armada ships
8 Trattoria desserts
9 United — Emirates
10 Ramen serving
11 Being, to Brutus
13 Diving birds
19 Ways to the WWW

Solution time: 21 mins.

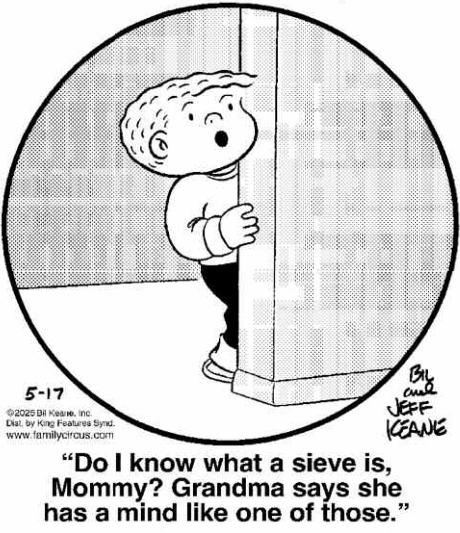
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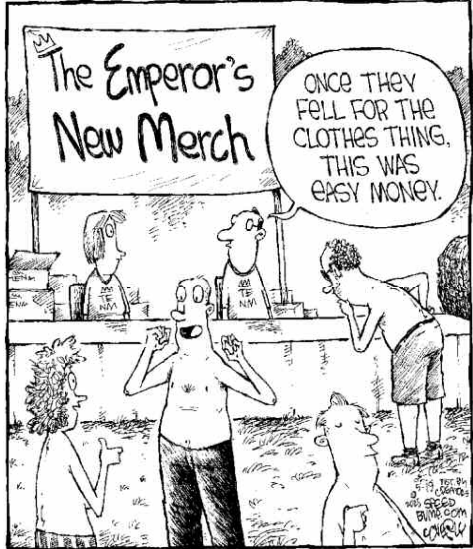
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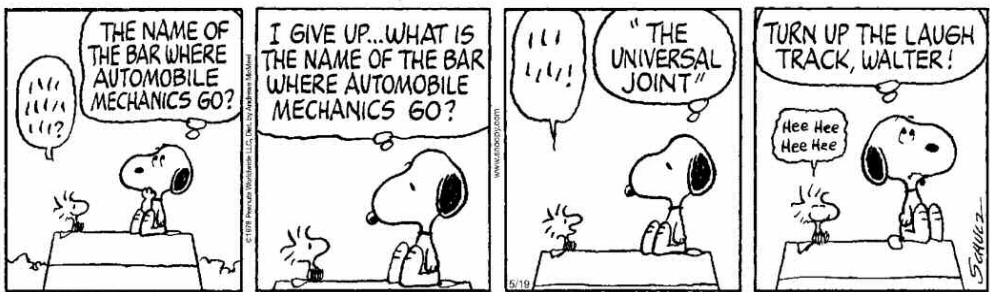
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Peanuts



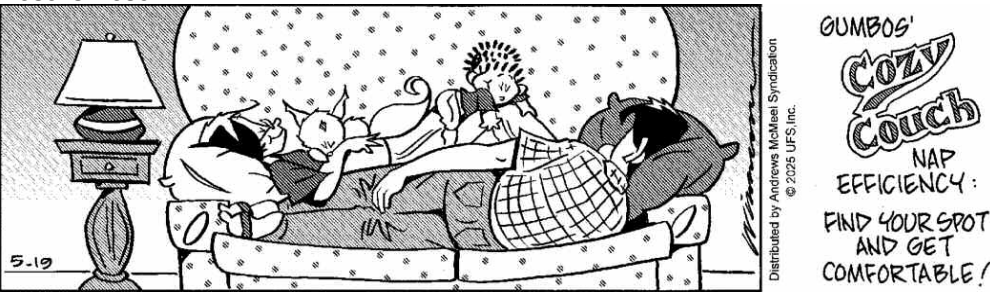
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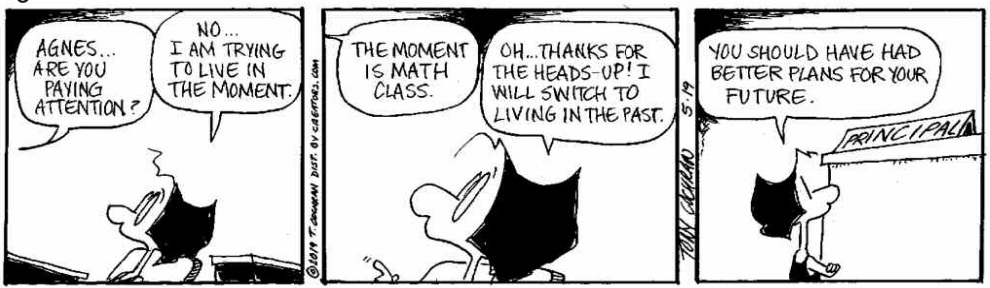
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Agnes



Agnes



Hi and Lois



Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Between Friends



Blondie



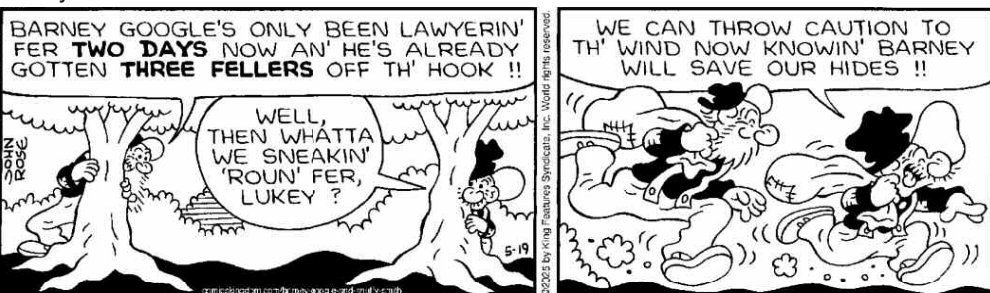
Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



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LOCATED: 606 S Western Ave, Portland Indiana
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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.
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MAY 17th, 2025
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LOCATED: 1207 N SR 167 DUNKIRK, IN
REAL ESTATE
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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.

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LOCATED: 620 N Pierce Street, Portland Indiana on Saturday Morning
MAY 24, 2025
9:30 A.M.
REAL ESTATE
3 Bedroom manufactured home with approximately 1400 square feet of living area sitting on concrete crawl space. This 1994 home features 2 full bathrooms, gas forced air furnace, central air, metal roof, and attached carport with approximately 736 square feet. This home is situated on a 136’ x 173’ corner lot which is equivalent to 3 city lots. Property also has 2 outdoor storage sheds. This home is located at the east end of Portland near the Jay County Fairgrounds which allows you to live in the city limits while enjoying the rural sitting. Terms of sale are 10% nonrefundable deposit day of auction and balance within 45 days. Seller to furnish Owners Title Insurance and Warranty Deed. Buyers will assume taxes due and payable in November 2025 and thereafter. Any inspections must be made prior to auction date and will be at the buyers expense. Any statements made day of auction will take precedence over printed matter. For more information or private showing contact **GARY LOY, AUCTIONEER** at (260) 726-5160 or **KIM LOY, REAL ESTATE BROKER** at (260) 729-2213.
SUV – MOWER – GOLF CART
2013 Buick Encore Premium Wagon 4 door SUV, VIN # KL4CJHSB6DB197428. This Subcompact SUV is clean and only has 126,803 miles. Dixon 13 hp zero turn mower with 38” deck; 2017 Yamaha electric golf cart with roof, windshield and batteries were new in 2024.
HOUSEHOLD GOODS – OLD ITEMS - TOOLS
Amana side by side refrigerator; Whirlpool stack washer & dryer; French Provincial 2 pc. full size bedroom suit; Blonde Oak 3 pc. full size bedroom suit; Oak modern flat door cupboard; Oak modern lighted china hutch; (2) Lazy Boy recliners; curio cabinet; swivel rocker; glider rocker; Panasonic microwave; Emerson flatscreen TV; kitchen table with 3 chairs; Philipps DVD player; dining room table with 2 extra boards and 2 chairs; bakers rack; end tables; lamps; pictures; doll head planters; Milk White; bedding; weather vane globes; canes; glass baskets; Christmas decorations; Carnival plates; towels; Roseville pitcher; Copper Lustre pitchers; Sterling spoons; Arlen “Maple Leaf” set of china; Tiara decanter with glasses and tray; brass bells; Tiara plates; Jukebox radio; beer steins; Santa figurines; Corning Ware; pie plates; toaster; can opener; Mr Coffee; flatware; utensils; baking pans; linens; glass top patio table; bird bath; cement urns and figures; wood and aluminum step ladders; yard tools; lawn cart; fan; wheelchair; battery charger; Speedway Series air compressor; tool box; sockets; screwdrivers; pliers; wrenches; and other items not listed.

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The showcase will take place on June 12 at Ben Davis High School and is expected to include 132 high school girls basketball players from around the state that aren't graduating in 2025.

The showcase will all happen in one session, beginning at 12:30 p.m. with an expected finishing time around 6 p.m. The event is open to the public with a \$5 admission fee.

The event is also occurring during the NCAA's "scholastic viewing period," allowing Division I coaches to attend.

Glessner leads

MARION — The Jay County Junior High School seventh grade baseball team picked up a 9-5 victory over McCullough on Thursday.

Jaylen Brown and Kendel Glessner led the way for the Patriots with two RBIs apiece. Jenson Edwards and Eli Homan also drove in runs.

McCullough took a 4-3 lead in the third inning before JCJH reclaimed it with a three-run fourth inning. The Patriots scored three more times in the sixth to seal the game away.

Glessner earned the win for Jay County after tossing three innings and only allowing one run to score on two hits and three walks.

Poet, Cooks win

Poet and Cooks Nursery both picked up wins in Portland Junior League Rookie baseball action on Thursday. Poet took down Barnett's 16-1, while Cooks Nursery topped Matt's Garage 11-9.

Leading the way for Poet were James Bruggeman, Kalloway Gary, Marshall Hemmelgarn, Nolan Homan and Landon Minnich, all with three hits apiece.

Powering Barnett's offense were Adam Brunnemer and Dax Davis with two hits each.

Griffin Halfner drove in five runs for Cooks on just two hits. Steven Robins and Kayden Alber-son plated a pair each as well with five hits between them.

Parker Eley led Matt's Garage as he drove in three runs. Jack Huelskamp also put together a solid day, going 3-for-3 at the plate.

Barnett powers

Madden Barnett had his hands all over Lions Club's 12-4 victory against Southern Thunder in Portland Junior League Willie Mayes baseball on Thursday.

Barnett led the team with three hits, a double and two singles, while driving in two runs. He was also the winning pitcher.

Chett Childress followed him up with a double and an RBI, while Drew Lingo smacked two singles and Landyon Wright had one.

Corbin Hutzler led Southern Thunder with a single.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Brenna Ruble of Jay County lays down a sacrifice bunt during the Patriots' win Thursday over Heritage. She also scored once as JCHS improved to 16-2.

Momentum ...

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Jay County (16-2, 4-2 ACAC) slipped up early, allowing Heritage (13-7, 3-1 ACAC) to get on the board first. Danica Fuller led the game off with a single to center field and advanced to second base on a groundout by Libby Cain. Abriyah James pushed her own single up the middle to drive Fuller in for the first run of the game.

Avi Washington produced one more single to left field that Dakota Chowning cut off to hold the runners up before Mallory Winner ended the inning with back-to-back strikeouts.

After the early inning mishap, Winner took over the game, not allowing Heritage to score again.

"Tonight's senior night and this is one of my last games," Winner said. "I'm not going to step back on this field after this season, so I told myself, 'Just have fun with it and do your best. No matter the outcome, you're a good player.'"

She sat down the HHS hitters

in order in the second inning. She gave up three hits and two walks over the next two innings, but got some key defensive stops from seniors who haven't been regular staples of the JCHS lineup throughout the year.

Winner recorded the first out of the third inning by firing a ground ball to shortstop Brenna Ruble at second base to get the lead runner. Two batters later, she got Washington to hit a sharp ground ball to senior third baseman Zoe Romine, who stepped on the bag at third base before sending the ball to Jozey Shimp at first for an inning-ending double play.

In the fourth, Winner gave up consecutive hits to Lucy Buuck and Sydney Martin before striking a pair out. The senior pitcher walked Hadlee Shipp on four pitches to load the bases. Fuller sent the next pitch out to Chowning, a senior left fielder, who had to range over about 15 feet to make the inning-ending catch.

"Really proud of the seniors

and their effort tonight," Arbuckle said. "Dakota made two really nice plays in left field ... Zoe Romine played phenomenal at third base tonight with a double play and two hits."

Winner gave up a walk in the final inning, but otherwise breezed through the inning to finish off Heritage. She ended the game with six strikeouts, while allowing one run on six hits and three walks.

The Jay County offense was firing on all cylinders as well, as it only needed four batters to take the lead. Brenna Ruble opened the game with a fly out to right field before Morgan Missicano hit Fuller with a come-backer for a single. Jaelynn Lykins followed with a single and Chloe Brown came in as a courtesy runner. Shimp then delivered a single to left field to plate the pair.

Two pitches later, Winner hit a shallow fly ball to right field that dropped in for a single. Carley Trinidad came to the plate and

watched one pitch before sending a ball over the fence in center field.

"We just waited for our pitch to hit and executed it really well," said Trinidad, who hit her first varsity home run. "I was looking for an inside pitch because that's my best pitch to hit. It felt great because I've been waiting for that for a long time and have gotten so close, but it finally happened."

While that was it for Jay County's offense in the first inning, they came back for four more runs in the second. Romine opened the frame with a hard-hit ball to third base for a single. A sacrifice bunt by Ruble and a Missicano walk put two runners on with one out. Lykins followed in Trinidad's steps with a three-run home run to left center field. Two pitches later, Shimp blasted her own home run off the scoreboard.

JCHS scored one more run in the third and fourth innings on an error and a single by Ava Bice.

Box score					
Heritage Patriots vs. Jay County Patriots					
Heritage (13-7, 3-1 ACAC)					
	ab	r	h	bi	
Fuller p	2	1	1	0	
Cain ss	3	0	0	0	
James cf	3	0	2	1	
Washington 1b	2	0	1	0	
Bickel pr	0	0	0	0	
Buuck rf	3	0	1	0	
Martin c	2	0	1	0	
Renninger cr	0	0	0	0	
Hirschy lf	2	0	0	0	
O'shghnssy dp	2	0	0	0	
Shipp 2b	1	0	0	0	
Totals	20	1	6	1	
Jay County (16-2, 4-2 ACAC)					
	ab	r	h	bi	
Ruble ss	2	1	1	0	
Missicano cf	2	1	2	0	
Lykins c	2	1	1	3	
Brown cr	0	1	0	0	
Shimp 1b	3	2	2	3	
Winner p	2	1	2	0	
Garrett cr	0	1	0	0	
Trinidad 2b	3	1	2	3	
Bice rf	3	0	1	1	
May dp	3	0	0	0	
Romine 3b	3	1	2	0	
Totals	23	11	13	10	
Heritage	100	00X	X	— 1	
Jay Co.	541	1XX	X	— 11	
LOB — Heritage 7, Jay County 4. 2B — Jay County 1 (Winner). HR — Jay County 3 (Lykins, Shimp, Trinidad). SB — Jay County 4 (Missicano 2, Ruble, Winner).					
IP H R ER BB SO					
Heritage Fuller	4	13	11	10	3 6
Jay County Winner	5	6	1	1	3 6

Sports on tap

Local schedule	
Today	10 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Sacramento Republic at Las Vegas Lights (FOX)
Sunday	7 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Everton at Southampton (USA) 9 a.m. — Formula 1: Emilia Romagna Grand Prix (ESPN2) 9:15 a.m. — Premier League soccer: West Ham United at Nottingham Forest (USA) 10 a.m. — PGA Championship (ESPN) 11 a.m. — PGA Championship (ESPN2) 11:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Arsenal FC at Newcastle United (USA) 12 p.m. — UFL: Arlington Renegades at D.C. Defenders (ABC) 1 p.m. — PGA Championship (CBS) 1:40 p.m. — MLB: Cleveland Guardians at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana) 2 p.m. — NHRA: Route 66 NHRA Nationals (FS1) 3:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Denver Nuggets at Oklahoma City Thunder (ABC) 3:30 p.m. — College track and field: B1G Outdoor Track & Field Championships (BTN) 4 p.m. — IndyCar: Indy 500 (FOX) 5 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: NASCAR All-Star Open (FS1) 7:10 p.m. — MLB: New York Mets at New York Yankees (ESPN)
Monday	1 p.m. — IndyCar: Indy 500 (FOX) 3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Brighton & Hove Albion at Liverpool FC (USA) 6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds vs. Pittsburgh Pirates (FDSN Indiana) 8 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: New York Knicks at Boston Celtics (TNT)
Tuesday	3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Manchester City at AFC Bournemouth (USA) 6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds vs. Pittsburgh Pirates (FDSN Indiana) 6:45 p.m. — MLB: New York Mets at Boston Red Sox (TBS) 8:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Golden State Warriors at Minnesota Timberwolves (ESPN)
TV sports	
Today	6:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Emilia Romagna Grand Prix (ESPN2) 10 a.m. — PGA Championship (ESPN) 11 a.m. — IndyCar: Indy 500 (FS1) 11 a.m. — PGA Championship (ESPN2) 1 p.m. — PGA Championship (CBS) 1 p.m. — WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at New York Liberty (ABC) 1 p.m. — UFL: Michigan Panthers at Houston Roughnecks (FOX) 1:30 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: NCTS Race at North Wilkesboro (FS1) 3 p.m. — WNBA: Chicago Sky at Indian Fever (ABC) 3 p.m. — World Athletics Continental Tour: Atlanta City Games (NBC) 4 p.m. — IndyCar: Indy 500 (FOX) 4 p.m. — PGA Championship (ESPN) 4 p.m. — Horse racing: 150th Preakness Stakes (NBC) 4:05 p.m. — MLB: Washington Nationals at Baltimore Orioles (FS1) 6:40 p.m. — MLB: Cleveland Guardians at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana) 7 p.m. — MLS: Columbus Crew at FC Cincinnati (FS1) 7:15 p.m. — MLB: Minnesota Twins at Milwaukee Brewers (FOX) 9:30 p.m. — MLS: Portland Timbers at Seattle Sounders (FS1) 10 p.m. — WNBA: Seattle Storm at Phoenix Mercury (ABC)

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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.

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More Indian softball records fell Thursday, see story below

Sports

Jay baseball hosts Winchester today, see Sports on tap



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Momentum win

Jay County wins battle of conference's Patriots to improve to 16-2 as sectional tourney approaches

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review
The Patriots from Portland have had some missteps in Allen County Athletic Conference play this year, falling to a pair of ranked teams.
The Patriots representing Mon-

roeville had better luck, starting the season 3-0 in the ACAC with a win over Class 2A No. 5 South Adams.
After giving up a run in the first inning, Portland's team looked like it might suffer a similar fate to the northern Patriots,

but an offensive explosion turned that around really quickly.
The Jay County High School softball team didn't let the early run bother them as they beat the Heritage Patriots 11-1 in five innings on Thursday.
"At this point in the season, it's

a great win and a great momentum builder," said JCHS coach Doug Arbuckle. "They're a quality team with a quality pitcher and to come out and beat her up like we did is just a great feeling for us moving ahead."
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Brown delivers winner against Heritage

Three runs in the sixth tied the game and three more in the seventh gave the opponents a lead.
But the home team had the answer with four runs in the bottom half for the walk-off win.

Leighton Brown delivered the winning blow for the Jay County High School baseball team as it took down the Heritage Patriots 11-10 on Thursday.

Jay County (9-10, 4-2 Allen County Athletic Conference) trailed HHS (13-5, 2-3 ACAC) by three runs heading into the final inning.

Carter Fugiett opened the frame with a single before Joe Geesaman went down on strikes. Gavin Byrum and Aiden Phillips both reached base on errors to load the bases. Grant Wendel drove the first run in on a single before Brady Jetmore's single tied the game at 10-10. Drew Schemenaur walked to load the bases before Brown sent a ball to center field, allowing for Wendel to score on the sacrifice fly to end the game.

Geesaman finished as Jay County's offensive leader with four RBIs on two home runs.

A.J. Myers picked up the win after throwing the final two innings.

Walked off

WAPAKONETA, Ohio — The Fort Recovery baseball team couldn't finish off Wapakoneta as it gave up five runs in the seventh inning before getting walked off in the 10th inning 10-9 on Thursday.

The Indians (14-7) had a strong fourth inning, in which they scored five runs, to build a 9-4 advantage on Wapakoneta (14-3) for its final half inning. The Tribe couldn't hold on as three hits, a sacrifice fly, an error and a hit batter lead to five runs.

The winning run came unearned for WHS as Daron Houser reached on an error to open the 10th inning. Preston Hinkle followed with a single before Caden Homan recorded a pair of outs. But Jarrett Mullen ended the game right there with a double to drive in Houser.

Brodie Hart led FRHS with a trio of RBIs on two hits. Caden Grisez added three hits and three runs.

DeHoff leads

Cody DeHoff led a trio of scores in the low 40s for the Jay County boys golf team Thursday in a 174-184 victory over the visiting South Adams Starfires.

DeHoff led the Patriots with a 41 at Portland Golf Club, including pars on each of the final four holes of the front nine. He also had pars on the third and four holes, both par 4s.

Griffin Byrum followed one stroke behind DeHoff with a 42, and Tucker Griffin shot a 44. Dawson Goldsworthy completed the JCHS team score with a 47.

Isaac Homan's 49 did not factor into the team total.

The Patriots won the junior varsity match 204-234.

Expected to play

Jay County's Hallie Schwieterman was listed as a player expected to participate in the 23rd Indiana Basketball Coaches Association/IHSAA Top 100 Underclassment Showcase on Wednesday.
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FR's Homan breaks marks

ANSONIA, Ohio — Jenna Homan has already put together an impressive career as she took over as the career strikeouts leader on May 10.

Five days later, she wrote her name in the record books two more times.

Homan broke a pair of records in the circle on Thursday as she helped lead the Fort Recovery High School softball team to a 4-2 victory over the Ansonia Tigers in the regular season finale.

The first record she broke in the game came in

the bottom of the fourth inning. As she sat down Avalyn Loche for her fifth strikeout of the game, Homan surpassed Andi Sutter for the single-season strikeout record. Sutter set the previous record in 2010 with a mark of 142 strikeouts. Homan sat three more Tigers down to elevate her season total to 146 with at least one more game to play. Along with the eight strikeouts, Homan went the distance, giving up two runs on five hits and two walks to earn the win.

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