

Board honors Weaver, retiring staffers

Former teacher honored with Patriot Award

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review  
Thank you.  
A chunk of Jay School Board's meeting Monday was spent saying thank you to previous and upcoming retirees for their service.  
The board honored retired Jay County High School health and physical education teacher and boys tennis and swimming coach Barry Weaver with the Patriot Award. In its third year, the honor recognizes "individuals who have significantly contributed to the mission of the Jay School Corporation over an extended period of time."

Weaver was the last "original" Jay County High School teacher, having started in its inaugural year in 1975 and continuing for 40 years. He coached two-time state champion Bob Morrison in boys swimming and a sectional championship team in 2002. He coached five sectional championship boys tennis teams.  
Bloomfield Elementary School principal Ben Dues, who was a student and athlete under Weaver, nominated him for the honor.

"He was and remains a role model to his students and athletes," he said in the nomination. "He treated every student with dignity and respect. ...

"Barry Weaver's contributions and personal devotion to public education brings great credit to himself, our community and our school corporation."  
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Tiny tassel turn

Preschoolers Tinley Muhlenkamp and Kennedy Moore turn their tassels Thursday during Jay County Christian Academy's graduation ceremony. The school celebrated graduates of different grade levels and hosted its spring concert Thursday.

State changes create uncertainty

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review  
With various potential changes on the docket at the state level, it's hard to say what Fort Recovery Local Schools' budget will look like over the next five years.  
Plans for capital improvements will also impact the district's finances.  
Fort Recovery School Board heard outlook estimates Monday, with superintendent Tony Stahl also presenting a 10-year capital plan for updates to the district's facilities.  
Treasurer Deanna Knapke shared projec-

Financial forecasts is difficult to pinpoint as various bills could impact school funding

tions that put the school district finishing fiscal year 2025 on June 30 with a year-end cash balance of \$7.695 million in the general fund. That's down significantly from November's forecast, which projected a \$14.7 million year-end cash balance in the general fund. The difference results from approximately \$8.2 million that will be transferred this year into separate funds for other uses, the majority of which is intended for permanent improvements in coming years. They include \$3.725

million for transportation and elementary and middle school facilities, \$2.625 million for high school building improvements and \$1.15 million for athletic facility improvement and maintenance, along with \$700,000 for termination

of benefits (Knapke noted plans for several employees to retire in the next 10 years).  
Although significant budget surpluses have been a trend at Fort Recovery Local Schools for several years, state legislature could change that. Knapke explained Ohio General Assembly has been discussing various bills that would impact the school system's budget.  
"There's 14 pending pieces of legislation in Ohio that seek to limit growth of local property taxes in several different ways," said Knapke.  
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Celebreation

Democratic Alliance party leader and Portuguese Prime Minister Luis Montenegro celebrates his victory during the election night in Lisbon early Monday. Portugal's incumbent centre-right party won most seats in the general election but again fell short of a ruling parliamentary majority, while support for the far-right Chega party rose, near complete official results showed. With just four seats left to assign in Portugal's 230-seat parliament, the Democratic Alliance (AD) had 32.7% of the vote. The Socialist Party had 23.4%, trailed closely by Chega with 22.6%.

Talks to start 'immediately'

By HENRY MEYER and AKAYLA GARDNER  
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Tribune News Service

President Donald Trump said Moscow and Kyiv would begin talks "immediately" on ending the war in Ukraine after a phone call Monday with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"Russia and Ukraine will immediately start negotiations toward a Ceasefire and, more importantly, an END to the War," Trump said in a social media post. "The conditions for that will be negotiated between the two parties, as it can only be, because they know details of a negotiation that nobody else would be aware of."

The U.S. president said he had also briefed European leaders on his two-hour call with Putin and that the Vatican had offered to host the negotiations.

"The tone and spirit of the conversation were excellent. If it wasn't, I would say so now, rather than later," Trump added.

Putin earlier had described the call with Trump as "frank" and "very useful," and said the two agreed that Russia would work

Trump says Ukraine and Russia will begin negotiations to end war

on a memorandum with Ukraine for a possible future peace treaty that included "the principles of a settlement, the timing of a possible peace agreement, and so on, including a possible ceasefire for a certain time if appropriate agreements are reached."

Putin offered no details of the conditions that would need to be satisfied for a settlement or a timeline of any ceasefire with Ukraine in comments late Monday to reporters in the Russian resort city of Sochi where he took the call with Trump.

"The main thing for us is to eliminate the root causes of this crisis," Putin said. The resumption of direct talks between Russia and Ukraine last week in Istanbul after a break of three years showed that the peace

process was "on the right track," he said.

This was the third publicly announced call between the two leaders since Trump returned to the White House in January. Trump spoke earlier by phone to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

The U.S. president is pushing for a deal to end Europe's biggest conflict since World War II, after Russia rebuffed his efforts to achieve a ceasefire within his first 100 days in office. Putin is insisting on maximalist demands to halt the invasion he started in February 2022, even as his military has incurred massive casualties as Ukraine's U.S. and European allies have sent billions of dollars of weapons to help Kyiv defend itself.

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Deaths

Carol Manor, 85, Bryant  
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 72 degrees Monday. The low was 46.

There is a 50% chance of rain tonight with winds gusting to 25 mph and a low in the upper 40s. Expects highs to top out in the upper 50s Thursday under mostly cloudy skies.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Portland Water Park is scheduled to open this weekend. The facility is open from noon to 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 before 5 p.m. and \$3 after 5 p.m. Season, family and 10-day passes are also available.

Those looking to purchase passes in advance can do so from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the fater park

Coming up

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

Friday — Details from this week's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.

Saturday — Details from the Jay County boys track team at the sectional meet.



# Honors ...

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Weaver will be the grand marshal for the homecoming parade this year. (He will be joined by 2024 winners Dave Humbert, Bob Lyons and Ingrid Saxman, who were unable to be a part of the parade last year as it was canceled because of high winds.)

The board also recognized retiring employees Jane Evans, a first grade teacher; Kathy Hess, an instructional assistant; and Michelle Schuller, a fifth grade teacher.

In other business, the board:

- Heard Gulley praise the efforts of Bloomfield Elementary School nurse Whitney Bruggeman and other staff involved in the life-saving efforts at the school last month when fifth grade teacher Giles Laux suffered a cardiac arrest.
- Accepted resignations of several employees, including East Jay fourth grade teacher Rebecca May.
- Was reminded that the board will hold its first public hearing

on a proposed junior-senior high capital improvement project on June 2.






- Approved the following: extracurricular assignments, including Gabby Williams as cross country coach, Tyler Leonhard as boys wrestling coach and Troy Jacks as girls wrestling coach; a contract with Chartwells to continue to operate food service for Jay Schools; updates to the Jay County Junior-Senior High School handbook, including

adding nicotine/tobacco to the list of banned substance for students participating extracurricular activities; an adjustment to student fees, allowing the school corporation to charge \$5 for recorders for third graders; field trips for foreign language classes to Cedar Point, high school science students to Costa Rica, and FFA officers to Fort Recovery and the state FFA convention; bus use requests from Purdue Extension, Jay County Special

Olympics, Jay County Law Enforcement Youth Camp and Fellowship Baptist Teen Ministry; and a contract with Adaptability LLC for leasing a classroom at General Shanks.

- Accepted a \$10,000 National FFA Classroom Enhancement Grant for Ava Stockton and a \$3,000 National FFA Professional Development Grant for Katie Loy, as well as various donations including \$1,861.48 from Portland Lions Club for medals for commencement.

## CR almanac

Thursday 5/22	Friday 5/23	Saturday 5/24	Sunday 5/25	Monday 5/26
				
<b>58/42</b>	<b>64/43</b>	<b>66/48</b>	<b>66/49</b>	<b>66/50</b>
There's a 40% chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly cloudy with wind gusts up to 25 mph.	Mostly sunny skies are expected, with a high in the mid to low 60s.	Mostly sunny on Saturday when the high will be in the mid 60s.	Sunday's forecast shows a slight chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies.	Memorial Day look sto be mostly sunny with a 40% chance of showers.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Monday 13-14-37-50-60 Power Ball: 11 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$146 million	Daily Four: 8-0-6-1 Quick Draw: 3-4-6-7-12-28-32-33-36-41-46-48-50-51-52-54-56-64-74-78 Cash 5: 14-18-33-42-45 Estimated jackpot: \$153,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$139 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 6-1-1 Pick 4: 6-9-3-4 Pick 5: 6-5-2-5-8 Evening Pick 3: 1-6-7 Pick 4: 7-4-7-9 Pick 5: 7-9-0-6-6 Rolling Cash: 10-20-29-36-38 Estimated jackpot: \$150,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 1-2-5 Daily Four: 8-6-2-0 Quick Draw: 1-9-10-12-14-15-21-24-40-41-42-51-53-58-63-67-71-73-78-80 Evening Daily Three: 4-3-8	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.64 June corn .....4.66 July corn.....4.68	June beans .....10.67 Wheat ..... 4.89
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.64 June corn .....4.68 July corn.....4.71	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.56 June corn .....4.56 Beans .....10.63 June beans .....10.66 Wheat .....4.79
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.61 June corn .....4.61 Beans .....10.62	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.71 June corn .....4.71 Beans .....10.37 June beans .....10.37 Wheat .....4.74

## Today in history

In 1792, Japan's Mount Unzen on the Shimabara Peninsula erupted, causing a tsunami that killed about 15,000 in the country's deadliest volcanic eruption.

In 1796, Reverdy Johnson, who would go on to serve as attorney general under President Zachary Taylor, was born in Annapolis, Maryland.

In 1904, American musician Fats Waller was born.

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt vetoed a bill that would have appropriated nearly \$110 million for rivers and harbors, asserting that the country should be focusing on national defense.

In 2007, the Jay County High School softball team knocked off Tipton 2-1 in the opening round of the sectional tournament.

Shae Keller went the distance pitching for the win and Trisha Champ finished 2-for-3 with both Patriot RBIs.

In 2012, Ben Dues was tabbed as the new principal for Bloomfield Elementary School replacing the retiring Dan Hoffman and Erica Tomano was named principle of Judge Haynes Elementary School to replace Trent Paxson, who was moving to a new role as teacher evaluation coordinator.

In 2017, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus gave its final performance.

In 2021, the Jay County High School baseball team defeated New Haven 7-2. Josh Dowlen led the Patriots with a double, two singles and an RBI.

—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W.100 North.	sion, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
<b>Thursday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works special meeting, council chambers, fire station 1616 N. Franklin St. 5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commis-	<b>Friday</b> 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council executive session, city building, 8922 Indiana 67.

## Obituaries

### Carol Manor

May 4, 1940-May 17, 2025

Carol Manor, age 85, a resident of Bryant, passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur, Indiana.

Carol was born on May 4, 1940, in Jay County, the daughter of Roy and Bessie (Ross) Shull. Carol graduated from Madison High School in 1958.

Carol worked for the United States Postal Service in Portland, Indiana, and retired in 2002. Carol attended New Covenant Fellowship Church.

Carol married Robert Manor on Sept. 26, 1958.

Survivors include:

Her husband — Robert Manor, Bryant, Indiana

Two daughters — Brenda O'Brien (husband: William), Morehead, Kentucky, and Diane Parr, Bryant, Indiana

Three granddaughters, two great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

Carol was preceded in death by seven siblings.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Private



Manor

funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland, and burial will follow at Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant, Indiana.

Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association.

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

## Felony court news

### Marijuana

A Portland woman was sentenced to jail for possession of marijuana.

Susan A. Eley, 56, 110 West 3rd St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Class A misdemeanor. Eley was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but four days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Eley was placed on probation for 361 days, fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

As part of her plea agreement, Eley's charge was lessened from a Level 6 felony. She was ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days for substance abuse counseling.

### Common nuisance

A Portland woman was sentenced to jail for maintaining a common nuisance.

Desiree N. Walker, 31, 1237 N. US 27, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony.

She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all of her sentence suspended and placed on probation for one year.

Walker was fined \$1 and assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

### Methamphetamine

Three people were sentenced to serve time for possession of methamphetamine.

Stanley L. LeMaster, 67, 1937 W. 500 South, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. LeMaster was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 60 days suspended and given two days credit for time served. LeMaster was placed on probation for 305 days, fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction.

Chelsea McKibben (Burns), 32,

260 E. Second St., Pennville, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. She was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with two years and six months suspended and given credit for time served. She was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction. As part of her plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana was dismissed.

Gregory N. Howell, 39, 3092 Morrow Drive, Kokomo, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 30 months in Indiana Department of Corrections and given credit for time served. Howell was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 5 felony for dealing marijuana and a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license were dismissed.

## Capsule Reports

### Intersection crash

A Portland man's truck was towed after crashing into a Bryant man's vehicle at the intersection of county road 800 South and Treaty Line Road about 2:10 p.m. Monday.

Robert C. Lyons, 86, was driving his 2017 Chevrolet Silverado truck northwest on Treaty Line Road and approaching its intersection with county road 800 South. He failed to see the oncoming 1996 Mack dump truck driven by 19-year-old Daniel S. Fennig on county road 800 South. Lyons' vehicle struck the driver's side tire and fuel tank on Fennig's truck, and after the impact his truck stopped in a ditch on the north side of the road.

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000

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## SERVICES

<b>Today</b> <b>Paxson</b> , Richard: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W.Windsor St., Montpelier. <b>Poling</b> , Merl: Titus Funeral Home, 2000 Sheridan St., Warsaw.	<b>May 24</b> <b>Runyon</b> , Victoria: 1 p.m., Griffen Road Church of Christ, 14550 Griffen Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida.
Service listings provided by <b>PROGRESSIVE DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS</b> 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com	

### Thank You

The family of Ruthie Fifer wanted to say thank you and to show appreciation of all family and friends who came to the viewing and service of Ruthie, and everyone for comforting our family during this hard time, we also would like to thank heart to heart hospice for the great job they did, and the amazing service from Williamson, Spencer and Penrod funeral home in Portland.



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# Redesign is a complicated process

*Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from May 20, 2005. Oh, the joys of redesign. It's a necessary process, but a difficult one. We've been working on it again on and off — mostly off — since we bought The News-Gazette and The News Times more than two years ago. It'll get done, eventually. Jack sheds some insight on why the process can take so long.*

**By JACK RONALD**  
The Commercial Review

If you want to talk about type-faces, count me out.

The CR's re-design process, which culminated last week in the launching of the daily newspaper's new look, has been a long, remarkable road.

When we were done, we figured we could do side-by-side seminars on how to do it and how not to do it.

How not to do it came first.

We'd been kicking around the idea of re-designing The CR for a number of years, but about three years ago the idea started to gain traction.

I started things in what turned out to be the worst way possible.

First, small d democrat that I am, I decided to involve everyone in the newsroom.

Mistake number one; only a

## Back in the Saddle



handful of folks cared about the topic. Others had no real interest.

Then, we plunged immediately into the deep end of the pool. People started designing wildly different variations of what they thought pages ought to look like. There was absolutely no consensus and -- because I wanted to see lots of new ideas and had done a re-design myself in the early 1980s -- no direction.

Obviously, that was mistake number two.

When sample pages were posted in the newsroom, they were completely incoherent. There was no logic behind them. And they were easy targets for snipers who wandered by and sniffed that they were dumb-looking or hard to read.

That first misfire cost us almost three years, because once the critical comments came in,

no one had the confidence to stand by his or her ideas.

The real impetus for the second try came from CR sports editor Ray Cooney. He's the one who urged me to return to the question, and he's the guy who kept our feet to the fire when it would have been easy to say we simply didn't have time to take on a project of this size. Thanks, Ray.

When it came to the second try, which began in January, I think we did some things right.

First, we cut the number of people involved. Instead of everyone, it was Ray, managing editor Barbara Wilkinson, news editor Mike Snyder, and myself.

Second, we took a much more step-by-step approach.

At the first of what would be many weekly meetings, we looked at one question: What did we like about the old design?

The answer was that we thought it was pretty easy to navigate and not badly organized, but that it was dated, needed to be more legible, and needed more local color.

The next step was looking for design elements we liked in our paper and in other papers. All of us marked up dozens of pages.

Ray bought out a newsstand

somewhere in Ohio and brought back "idea papers" to look at.

We used the Internet as well. (Were you aware there's a web site you can go to that gives you a look at the daily design of front pages of more than 350 papers in more than 35 countries at [www.newseum.org/](http://www.newseum.org/)?)

We also turned to expert advice, taking turns reading a book called Pure Design by newspaper guru Mario Garcia.

And, finally, we started with the basic building block, the typeface and type size used for articles in the newspaper.

We spent weeks on that alone, trying to get the right point size, trying to manipulate the type font so that it was more vertical and more legible, trying to assure that we didn't reduce the quantity of information delivered.

Then we spent days and weeks debating headline typefaces, trying to find those which could be married together effectively.

Only after the four of us had agreed on a text typeface and typefaces for headlines did we begin to experiment with what pages might look like.

Even more debate followed, but unlike the first time, we had a bottom line of consensus and the

pages we produced were remarkably more coherent visually than they had been before.

Finally, after several weeks more of tweaking and changing, we printed a short run of a prototype edition and circulated it for comment from friends, family members and other readers. They recommended changes, applauded some ideas and critiqued others.

Newspaper redesign isn't something I'd recommend for anyone.

The closest thing it compares to in the non-newspaper world is building a house as your own general contractor and having to decide on every nail, screw and fixture.

In our case, the absurdities were reached when we had discussions that lasted 20 to 25 minutes on the appearance of lines which tell readers that a story is continued.

We got through it; and based upon the reactions we received from a short-run prototype model we printed and the finished product, we did OK.

There's still more tweaking to do, but trust me, the continued lines stay just the way they are. That discussion is closed.

# Celebrate trees in May

**Albert Lea Tribune (Minnesota)**  
Tribune News Service

May is Minnesota's Arbor Month, an entire 31 days of appreciating trees and what they can do for our world, our community and what they can do for our spirits.

## Guest Editorial

*The fact of the matter is we should be paying more attention because of those aforementioned benefits and the direct effect they have on ourselves and the lives we lead.*

Aside from being aesthetically pleasing and a cool place to rest beneath their branches on a warm summer day, trees fulfill a vital function by pulling carbon dioxide out of the air, contributing to a healthier environment and are vital to the sustained health of the planet.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation: "Trees play a critical role in creating healthier, safer and more connected communities. They clean our air, filter our water and even slow storm surge and flooding in our cities. Trees also provide shade and cool our cities by up to 10 degrees, which can help prevent heat-related deaths in urban areas."

And they also contribute to the biodiversity that surrounds us and helps make up this wonderful world we live in.

But we would wager that largely, a great many of you go about your day not thinking about things like this and we're included. Sure, you may appreciate a tree or remember the branches you scaled in your youth, but do you pay specific attention to the role trees play?

The fact of the matter is we should be paying more attention because of those aforementioned benefits and the direct effect they have on ourselves and the lives we lead.

This has become directly relevant in the face of the emerald ash borer infestation in the area.

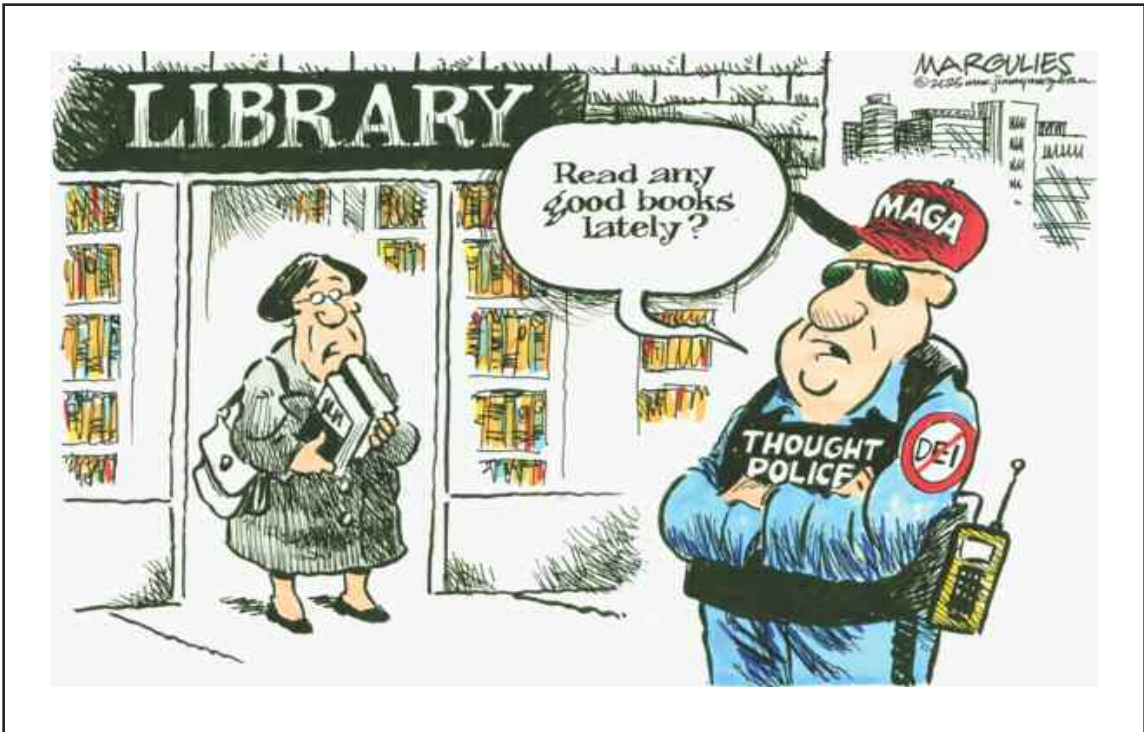
This month, we urge you to consider planting a tree. Not only can it benefit the community, but it plays a role in the

betterment of our lives. Best of all, it doesn't have to be a chore.

Planting a tree can also be a great way for a family to spend time with each other, or start a tradition that can be handed down through the generations. It can be something service groups do throughout their community to add more to that life we walk beneath every day.

It might be easy to walk throughout town and not think too much about the trees you walk beside, but it's worth giving the idea some time. We have always been about fostering its community and environment and trees have been a part of that.

We hope you take some time this month to appreciate this important part of nature and perhaps consider adding to it.



# Blackout was not a fluke

**By KELLY MCKINNEY**  
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At 12:33 p.m. local time on a crystal blue Monday, the system that provides the power essential to the daily lives of 50 million-plus people collapsed. The lights went out from Lisbon to Barcelona; trains stopped, air traffic controllers went offline and hospital workers scrambled to keep patients alive. Two highly modern, eminently civilized nations were plunged into chaos.

While understandable, the immediate obsessive search for the cause -- whether cyberattack, software error or rare atmospheric phenomenon -- missed the point. In tightly coupled, highly complex systems like the European energy grid, the next catastrophe is not caused. It is triggered.

Over the past 2½ decades in the disaster business in New York City, I've watched weather systems, electrical grids, transit systems and terrorist networks overwhelm the best-laid plans. And I've come to understand what physicists and systems theorists have known for years: In complex systems, disaster is not the exception; it's the destination.

Back in the 1990s, Danish physicist Per Bak proposed a theory he called self-organized criticality. His insight was that complex systems -- whether electrical power systems, cities, economies or even ecosystems -- inevitably organize themselves into fragile states. As connections grow and efficiency increases, the margin for error disappears. One small, almost trivial fault can suddenly cascade into a continent-wide collapse. Not because the fault is catastrophic -- but because the system itself evolves into the crosshairs of catastrophe.

This is what happened in Spain

*Kelly McKinney*



and Portugal. And it will happen again.

In his landmark work "Normal Accidents," sociologist Charles Perrow explained why. Systems like telecommunications networks or national power grids aren't just complicated -- they're "tightly coupled," meaning that one failure rapidly affects the next. The result is failure that is not only probable -- but normal. Trying to find and eliminate every possible fault is a fool's errand. You can't debug your way out of systemic risk.

This concept might seem abstract unless you happen to be on the hook to solve the issues and unmet needs of the millions trapped in the blackout. The elderly patient whose ventilator shut down. The train passenger stuck underground. The nurse working by flashlight. The grocery store that lost everything in the dark.

We are used to thinking of disasters as external shocks -- terrorist attacks, hurricanes, pandemics. But more and more, the disasters we face are emergent properties of the systems we've built. Lean, efficient, interconnected infrastructures may work beautifully on a good day. But they break spectacularly on a bad one.

Statistician Nassim Nicholas Taleb, in his influential work "The Black Swan," calls the world where low-probability, high-impact events dominate "Extremistan." In Extrem-

istan, what seems improbable happens regularly. What seems stable collapses without warning. And what seems isolated is deeply, dangerously connected. I hate to break it to you, but we live in Extremistan now. So what should we be doing about it?

First, we must stop debating probabilities. Catastrophic failures are not rare. They are built in. The question is not if another system will collapse -- but when and how many others will collapse with it.

Second, we must shift from an optimization to a resilience mindset. The infrastructure that sustains daily life -- transportation, communications, water and wastewater, energy, food, health care -- must be rendered able to absorb shocks and keep functioning, not just on paper but in practice. That means slack in the system. Redundancy. Cross-training. Manual overrides. And a professional emergency management class empowered to plan, rehearse and lead.

And finally, we must prepare for the moment of truth -- that first hour when the system breaks, and the response begins. That hour is not a drill. It is life or death for the vulnerable, the elderly, those with access and functional needs, the isolated. And if we are not ready, it will be too late.

The Iberian blackout was not a one-off. It was not a fluke. It was a signal from the future, sent in the language of darkness. Our job is to listen -- and act -- before the next black swan comes.

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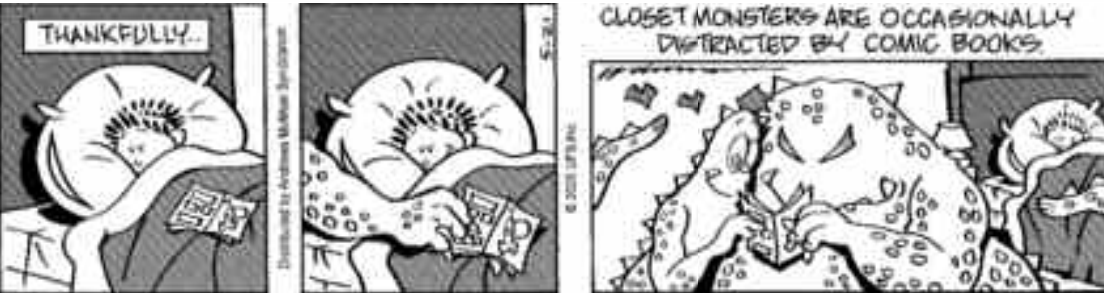
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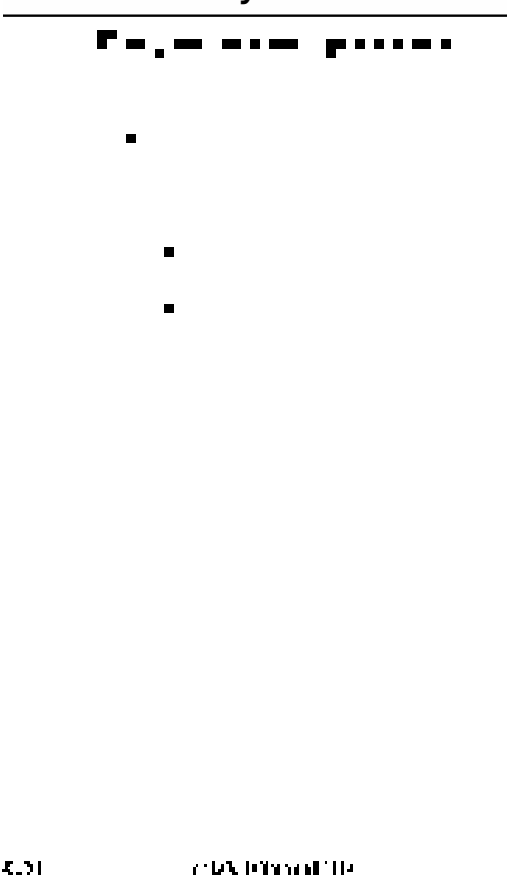
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# Roundup ...

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Gretchen Link and Sophia Sprunger won four games in the No. 2 doubles match, but still fell to Addison Bates and Delilah Young 6-2, 6-2.  
Faith Faulkner and Raylah Newton suffered a 6-0, 6-2 defeat at the hands of Abby Gaines and Lily Harpe in the No. 1 doubles contest.  
JCHS will face Union City tonight in the sectional opener. The Patriots previously swept the Indians 5-0 on May 9. A win would advance them to Thursday's sectional final against the winner of Randolph Southern and Winchester Community. Jay County's match with the former got cancelled due to rain, while it beat the Golden Falcons 4-1 on April 21.

### Brantley blasts

Masonic Lodge beat up on PG-14 in a 14-2 victory during Portland Junior

League Willie Mayes baseball play on Monday.  
Brantley Robinson highlighted Masonic Lodge's night with a home run in the fourth inning.  
Easton Steed led the team with four RBIs, while Khoden Bentz, Emerson Cavanaugh, Mikken Huffel and Jake Lochtefeld each had two. Cavanaugh tallied the most hits as he went 3-for-3 at the dish.  
Ashton Conn and Micah Davis drove in the only runs for PG-14. Parker Huntsman and Liam Ride-naur made up the two scores for the team.  
Masonic Lodge outhit PG-14 9-5 and drew two more walks as well.

### Portland picks up two

The Portland Rockets dropped their season opener 10-9 against the South Bend Royals on Saturday

before sweeping the Royals 12-4 and 10-6 on Sunday.  
Cody Rowles gave up five runs in the seventh inning to take the loss. Jonny Heitkamp led the offense in the season opener with two RBIs on a pair of hits and a walk.  
An eight-run fourth inning gave the Rockets an edge in the first game on Saturday. Evan Pearce led the way with a grand slam in the inning.  
Andrew Onuegbu picked up the win after giving up four runs on seven hits and two walks through four innings pitched.  
Portland jumped out to an 8-4 lead in the second inning of game No. 2 and coasted to victory. Heitkamp and Pearce led the team with three RBIs apiece. Crosby Heniser earned the win after three innings pitched, in which he struck out seven batters.

# Sixth ...

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The Eagles made one final stand in the seventh inning, scoring two runs on an error and a sacrifice fly by Cline, but Myers had enough in him to get the job done with the fly out to Jetmore in center and a pair of lineouts to Phillips in left and Foster at second base.  
Jay County and Delta have the potential to meet again for a rematch in the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 semifinal. Before that game, Jay County would have to go through New Castle, while Delta faces Connerville in the opener of the tournament hosted by Yorktown.  
“They’re a really good team and it’s hard to beat a good team twice,” said Farr. “We’ve got to play New Castle and they have Connerville so we might meet up and we’ll be ready.”

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Real Estate sells at 10:00 AM.  
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SATURDAY JUNE 7TH, 2025  
TIME 10:00 A.M.  
LOCATED: 127 Rayburn Dr, Portland IN.  
**REAL ESTATE**  
Real Estate sells at 10:00 AM.  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch style home containing 1,328 sq ft finished living area. Central Air, Sun room, 2 car attached garage. Detached garage/ shop building. Home has been well maintained.  
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Ashton Castillo, Name of Minor  
Tiana Gaucin, Petitioner  
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Tiana Gaucin, as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on May 2, 2025 to change the name of Ashton Brandon Castillo to Ashton Brandon Gaucin.  
The Petition is schedule for hearing in the Circuit Court on June 26, 2025 at 8:30 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.  
May 5, 2025  
Melissa Elliott, Clerk  
CR 5-21,28,6-4, 2025-HSPAXLP

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Saturday May 24th, 2025  
TIME 10:00 A.M.  
LOCATED: 606 S Western Ave, PORTLAND IN  
**REAL ESTATE**  
Real Estate sells at 10:00 AM.  
3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch style home containing 1,456 sq ft finished living area. Home has central air, newer roof, 1 car attached garage, 12x20 ft utility shed/shop. Home is in move-in condition.  
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OWNER: Richard B Frank  
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PUBLIC HEARING  
Notice is hereby given that the Jay County Plan Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the conference room of the Community Resource Center, 118 S Meridian Street, Portland, IN 47371. On the agenda will be a public hearing regarding establishing a moratorium on the permitting of carbon sequestration storage facilities in the County's jurisdictional area to allow for the development of an ordinance for such facilities and establishing a moratorium on future wind farm development projects to allow for review of the Jay County Zoning Ordinance regarding Wind Energy System Standards.  
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Preliminary Determination Hearings  
Notice is hereby given to taxpayers and all other persons affected thereby that two public hearings for the project described below (the “Preliminary Determination Hearings”) will be held before the Board of Trustees of the Jay School Corporation (the “Board”) and the “School Corporation,” respectively) on the dates, times, and at the locations described below upon a resolution preliminarily determining to obtain financing on the school construction project described below through the issuance of one or more series of general obligation bonds and/or a lease, leases or amendment to lease or leases with a school building corporation incorporated under Indiana Code § 20-47-3 (the “Resolution”). Following the Preliminary Determination Hearings, the Board will consider for adoption a Resolution for the Project (as hereinafter defined). The proposed school construction project is described as follows:  
The Project consists of various proposed improvements to the Jay County Jr-Sr High School building and athletic grounds, including but not limited to: (i) certain architectural and school safety improvements including, but not limited to, roofing, security upgrades, sidewalk and masonry repairs; (ii) certain functional improvements including, but not limited to, updating the former TV studio, band and choir rooms, wrestling rooms and kitchen, (iii) certain mechanical improvements including, but not limited to, replacing the pool dehumidification unit, water mains and building HVAC controls, (iv) certain electrical improvements including, but not limited to, the replacement of the main electrical switchgear and related panels, (v) certain outdoor athletic improvements including, but not limited to, a rebuilt tennis court, a rebuilt track, and upgrades to extend the useful life of the football stadium and baseball dugouts, and (vi) other related acquisitions (including real property if desired), improvements, upgrades, equipping, and renovations in connection therewith (collectively, the “Project”).  
The Preliminary Determination Hearings with respect to the proposed Resolution and the Project will be held on June 2, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. local time (first Preliminary Determination Hearing) and on June 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. local time (second Preliminary Determination Hearing). The Preliminary Determination Hearings will be held at the School Corporation's Central Office located at 414 Floral Avenue, Portland, Indiana 47371. The Preliminary Determination Hearings will be held in accordance with Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1 and will address the Resolution and Project. The Resolution makes a preliminary determination in respect of the general obligation and/or lease financing of the Project.  
At each of the Preliminary Determination Hearings described herein, which may be adjourned or postponed from time to time, all persons interested shall have a right to be heard with respect any matters pertaining to the Board's consideration of adopting the Resolution.

1028 Hearing  
Notice is hereby further given that the Board will hold a separate public hearing in accordance with Indiana Code § 20-26-7-37 (the “1028 Hearing”) at the School Corporation's Central Office located at 414 Floral Avenue, Portland, Indiana 47371, at 5:00 p.m. local time on June 16, 2025.  
The 1028 Hearing will be with respect to the School Corporation's proposal to acquire, construct, install and/or equip the Project, which is at a cost in excess of \$1,000,000. At the 1028 Hearing for the Project, which may be adjourned or postponed from time to time, the Board will give explanations of the potential value of the Project, including a more detailed description thereof, to the School Corporation and to the community, including the educational purposes of the Project and its estimated costs, tax impact, and funding sources, and interested parties may present testimony and questions concerning the proposed Project, and the Board's consideration of adopting the Resolution, including objections to and support for it.  
Dated this 15th day of May 2025.  
THE JAY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
By: Jeremy Gulley, Superintendent  
CR 5-21-2025-HSPAXLP



**Brenna Bailey finished the regular season 14-0, see roundup below**

**Jay County girls tennis faces Union City today, see Sports on tap**

# Super sixth

*Patriots score six runs in sixth inning to take down Delta 6-4*

**By ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

The Patriots didn't have a ton of opportunities to score against the Eagles.

After the Patriots pushed their first run across the plate, Maddox Huffman came in to try and hold the Eagles' lead by stranding the bases loaded. For the first two batters, he was successful as he struck out Joe Geesaman and Brady Jetmore with some high heat.

But Drew Schemenaur came to the plate with a plan, and as a result, delivered the base knock that claimed the lead. Three more runs came in after to add the insurance the Patriots needed.

The Jay County High School baseball team utilized a six-run sixth inning to take down the Delta Eagles 6-4 on Monday.

JCHS coach Todd Farr pointed to the effort of A.J. Myers on the mound as being a key part to the victory.

"Our pitching was there tonight," Farr said. "We threw strikes, they put the ball in play and when they did we made plays. It was a difference maker.

"We kept battling when our bats weren't there early ... and they got a couple there early, but I was really pleased with how we responded. We didn't get down. We made a play, had a quick inning, got after it and played ball."

Myers pitched a complete game for the Patriots (10-12) giving up three earned runs on four hits and two walks. He only struck out one batter, but got 12 batters out on ground balls or pop ups to the infield. His defense also backed him up, only committing one error in the final frame.

"A lot of it's mental for me," Myers said. "My old travel coach once told me, 'You've got to block out the mental side of things and focus on what's in front of you.' So I can't let the walks and bloop singles determine what's going on with me on the mound."

The first two runs came in the fifth inning on a sacrifice fly by Kaeb Stebbins and a Lane Norton single.

After scoring the first two runs, Delta (15-8) silenced Jay County in the bottom of the fifth, but went 3 up, 3 down in the sixth.

The Patriots got off to a quick start in the bottom



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Brady Jetmore, the Jay County High School baseball team's center fielder, camps under a fly ball during the Patriots' 6-4 win over the Delta Eagles on Monday. Jetmore, along with Aiden Phillips in left and Garrett Bennett in right, played all 12 balls that reached the grass without any errors in the win.

half as Carter Fugiett and Gavin Byrum drew back-to-back walks against Evan Conner. On the first pitch to Aiden Philips, the JCHS junior laid down a bunt that Connor fielded, but didn't have anyone to throw it to as first baseman Kaeb

Stebbins crashed the ball and Zane Cline broke for second base.

During Garrett Bennett's at bat, Connor let go of a wild pitch, allowing Fugiett to score to cut the deficit to 2-1. Bennett then reached base on a fielder's choice to

Campbell Light at third base as he looked back at Byrum before throwing it late to first base.

Delta nearly got out of the jam as Maddox Huffman struck out Geesaman and Jetmore on seven pitches with fastballs above

the strike zone as the put-away pitch. With two outs and the bases loaded, a red-hot Schemenaur — he has had 13 RBIs on seven hits over the past eight days — came to the plate. The junior catcher hit a sharp ground ball down the third

Box score

Delta Eagles  
vs. Jay County Patriots

Delta (15-8)

	ab	r	h	bi
Cline 2b	2	0	0	1
Neal cf	3	0	0	0
Light 3b	4	0	1	0
Flannery lf	3	0	0	0
Linn ss	3	0	0	0
Ritchie dh	1	0	0	0
Connor pr	1	1	0	0
Case rf	2	2	1	0
Stebbins 1b	2	1	1	1
Norton c	2	0	1	1
Williams ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	24	4	4	3

Jay County (10-12)

	ab	r	h	bi
Brown dh	4	1	2	2
Foster 2b	3	0	1	0
Fugiett 3b	2	1	0	0
Byrum ss	2	1	1	1
Phillips lf	4	1	1	0
Bennett rf	3	1	0	0
Geesaman 1b	3	0	1	0
Jetmore cf	3	0	0	0
Schemenaur c	3	0	1	2
Sollars cr	0	1	0	0
Totals	27	5	7	5

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LOB — Delta 5, Jay County 8. 2B — Delta 2 (Light, Case).

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Mitchell	4.2	3	0	0	1	2
Connor	0.1	1	4	4	2	0
Huffman	0.2	3	2	1	1	3

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Myers	7	4	2	1	3	1
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base line for a two-RBI single to take a 3-2 lead. (Bennett and Schemenaur advanced to third and second base on a fielding error by Chase Flannery in left field after the initial hit.)

"(Huffman) has good velocity on his fastball," Schemenaur said. "I was the whole at bat, sitting and waiting for that fastball, especially after he gets our first two guys swinging at that high stuff. I told myself, 'the first pitch is going to be a high fastball, he's going to go back to it.' I watched it go by. Then he threw an offspeed pitch and I fouled it off.

"I got myself into a count that was 1-1, knew this was a pitch I could get ahold of. He threw that fastball low and away and I was able to get my hands to it and pull it down the line for a base hit."

Brown followed Schemenaur with a two-RBI single up the middle to extend the lead to 5-2. Wyatt Foster hit a single to right field and Fugiett got hit by a pitch to load the bases for Byrum, who drove in a sixth run with a walk.

The inning finally ended when Huffman struck out Phillips looking.

See **Sixth** page 7

## Bailey stays undefeated, Patriots draw Union City

Brenna Bailey put together the final touches on a perfect regular season as the No. 1 singles position and learned who her first opponent will be as she looks to continue her senior season all in one evening.

The Jay County High School girls tennis team fell to Alexandria-Monroe 3-2 on Monday afternoon and drew the Union City Indians in the opening round of the IHSAA Sectional 53 hosted by the Patriots.

Bailey finished the regular season 14-0 after taking down Avery Cueno 6-2, 6-0.

Meredith Dirksen picked up the other

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point for Jay County (7-7) by beating Kara Quinn 6-0, 6-2 in the No. 2 singles contest.

Lily Johnson dropped the No. 3 singles match to Fayte Bridwell 6-0, 6-1.

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## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**

Jay County — Girls tennis sectional opener vs. Union City — 5 p.m.; Softball at Belmont — 5 p.m.

**Thursday**

Jay County — Boys track sectional at Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Baseball at Belmont — 5:30 p.m.; Boys golf at Wodlan — 5:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Huntington North — 5:30 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**

12:35 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds vs. Pittsburgh Pirates (FDSN Indiana)

8 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars (ESPN)

8:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks (TNT)

**Thursday**

11 a.m. — College baseball: Michi-

gan at UCLA (BTN)

4 p.m. — College baseball: TBD vs. Texas (BTN)

7 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Michigan State at Oregon (BTN)

7 p.m. — NCAA softball tournament: Texas Tech vs. Florida State (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Florida Panthers at Carolina Hurricanes (TNT)

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

9 p.m. — NCAA softball tournament: Clemson at Texas (ESPN2)

### Local notes

**Registration open**

Registration for the 35th annual Flat 50 Plus bicycle ride in Adams County is now open. To register, visit RunSignUp.com.

There are rides ranging from 20 to 100 miles long.

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.

**Jay hosting**

Jay Community Center will be hosting its 23rd annual J Gordon Meeker Golf Outing on May 30 at Portland Golf Club.

Registration is at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon.





Jay Community Center will be honoring The Portland Foundation for being a longtime supporter at this year's event.

Support can be shown by sponsoring a hole, with packages ranging between \$100-\$390.

Those interested in sponsoring a hole or putting in a team should visit <https://bit.ly/3YQzE7W> or call (260) 726-6477.

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