

# The Commercial Review

## Bloomfield goodbye



The last day of school at Bloomfield wouldn't be complete without all of the faculty lining the front lawn to wave goodbye to their students for the summer. This summer, the Bloomfield staff is looking forward to vacationing, spending time with their loved ones, and taking some well deserved time for themselves.

## Students enjoy final day of the school year

**By LINDY MERCER**  
The Commercial Review

The last day of school. At Bloomfield Elementary School on Friday, it served as a celebration and a send-off. Students enjoyed a lunch outside and were treated with ice cream afterward. Tom Brinkerhoff, of TJ's Jammin' Tunes was on hand to provide music.

In the morning, students got to duct tape librarian Amy Hawbaker to the wall for achieving their reading goals, and the top PTO pie fundraising students got to smash Principal Ben Dues in the face with whipped cream. Kindergarteners went down "the big slide" for the first time, signifying the completion of their first year of school. See **Goodbye** page 2



Bloomfield Elementary School has many traditions, including sixth graders running a lap to high-five all of the younger students on the last day of school. The students wore "Class of 2031" shirts and used them as an opportunity to commemorate the year by having their peers and teachers sign their autographs. In the fall, the students will start at the Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

## Redevelopment commission gets TIF info

**By BAILEY CLINE**  
The Commercial Review

They have the numbers. Now it's a matter of putting the plan into action. Jay County Redevelopment Commission reviewed an analysis Thursday detailing dollar amount estimates that would result if the county establishes more tax increment financing (TIF) districts. If pursued, the county could create three new TIF districts, which would encompass the four locations planned for commercial solar energy farms. The county could generate up to \$3 million in TIF dollars annually with the new districts. TIF districts capture additional property tax revenue created by improvements, such as solar facilities, and set it aside to be used to help fund initiatives related to the district, with redevelopment commission overseeing those dollars. Prospective solar farms include: •Skycrest Solar, a \$150 million, 155-megawatt facility in development by Invenergy, will be located

### Proposed new districts could generate up to \$3 million annually

on 2,500 acres in Penn and Jackson townships in northwest Jay County

- Sun Chief Solar, a 100-megawatt facility from Scout Clean Energy planned on 1,200 acres near the company's Bitter Ridge Farm in Jefferson and Richland townships northeast of Redkey
- Rose Gold Solar, a \$173 million, 150-megawatt facility developed by Leeward Renewable Energy, set for 1,430 acres in Knox and Richland townships just north of Dunkirk
- New Jay Solar, a \$67.5 million, 39-megawatt facility from Hodson Energy slated for 311 acres in Richland Township just east of Dunkirk

Skycrest Solar and Sun Chief Solar would each be encompassed in their own TIF districts, while Rose Gold Solar and New Jay Solar would be bundled into the same TIF district. Jason Semler of consulting firm Baker Tilly shared dollar estimates on how much the county could expect to see if it were to enact TIF districts in the farms' locations. Semler said the county could capture anywhere from \$630,000 to just over \$3 million from the three proposed TIF districts in one year. Following 10-year tax abatements, the facilities would generate the following estimated net tax increments in their 11th year:

Skycrest Solar, \$966,600; Sun Chief Solar, \$618,030; Rose Gold Solar, \$1,084,120; and New Jay Solar, \$362,290. Semler noted the county chooses annually whether to pass through a percentage of the TIF district's dollars to overlapping taxing units, such as Jay School Corporation or Jay County Public Library. Regarding the proposed TIF districts around solar facilities, if the incremental assessed value were to be fully passed through to overlapping taxing units after the abatements are finished, taxpayers in affected townships could see a decrease between 4 cents and 13 cents in their total tax rates per \$100 assessed value. "If we create a TIF area, we're not increasing anyone's taxes, but we're delaying when the taxes could be reduced," explained Semler. Addressing questions from commission members about whether recently signed Senate Enrolled Act 1 would impact tax dollars from solar facilities, Semler noted the county shielded itself because of language used

in economic development agreements signed with each company. Semler suggested the county look into additional TIF districts if it has several capital projects it would like to pursue. "It really goes back to, do you have county projects that would benefit this area that you could use this money for?" Semler said. "Because if you do, this is a good revenue stream..." Currently, the county has one TIF district, which includes about 191 acres southwest of Portland in Greene Township. Dollars generated in past years have been used to pay off bonds associated with road work and sewer improvements near the ethanol plant in that area. After Jay County made its final bond payment in 2023 for the project, Jay County Redevelopment Commission began looking into options for how to spend the TIF district funding for the next 12 years. Semler shared an annual tax increment report on the county's current TIF district at the meeting. See **TIF** page 2

Deaths	Weather	In review	In review
<p><b>Richard Straley</b>, 62, Portland</p> <p><b>Alethea Martin</b>, 94, Berne</p> <p>Details on page 2.</p>	<p>Jay County had a high temperature of 62 degrees Friday. Skies will be mostly sunny today with a high in the mid 60s. Expect highs in the 60s through Tuesday. Lows will be in the 40s today and Sunday, and in the 50s Monday and Tuesday.</p> <p>See page 2 for an extended outlook.</p>	<p>There will be no newspaper on Tuesday following the Memorial Day holiday. We will resume our regular publishing schedule on Wednesday.</p>	<p>Memorial Day Services at Portland's Green Park Cemetery will begin at 10:45 a.m. Monday.</p> <p>Other ceremonies in Jay County include 9 a.m. at Claycomb Cemetery, 10 a.m. at the Redkey War Mothers Memorial Monument and 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery.</p>



Obituaries

**Richard Straley**  
*Nov. 2, 1962-May 21, 2025*  
Richard Straley, age 62, a resident of Portland, passed away on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.  
Richard was born Nov. 2, 1962, in Portland, Indiana, the son of Robert “Bob” and Deloris (Lanning) Straley. He graduated from Jay County High School in 1980 and served in the U.S. Army National Guard.  
Survivors include:  
One brother — Dave Straley (wife: Pam), Geneva, Indiana  
One stepister — Vicki Miller, Portland, Indiana  
Cousins — Greg Lanning, Lisa Hardman and Alice Imel  
Private burial will be held at



Straley

Center Cemetery, west of Portland.  
Arrangements are entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.  
**Alethea Martin**  
*Nov. 27, 1930-May 22, 2025*  
Alethea Mae Martin, age 94, of Berne, Indiana, passed away at 1:48 a.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at Swiss Village in Berne, Indiana.  
She was born on Thursday, Nov. 27, 1930, in Adams County, Indiana.  
Alethea married Willis L. Martin on Saturday, July 1, 1950, in New Corydon, Indiana; he preceded her in death in 2010.  
Alethea was a 1948 graduate of Jefferson Township High School.



Martin

She was a homemaker and farm wife and loved raising her six sons.  
She was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Portland, Indiana, and was a member of the women’s group at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant, Indiana. Alethea worked at Gifford’s IGA in Berne. She enjoyed crocheting, embroidering, and gardening.  
She will be sadly missed by her sons Doyle Martin, Bryant, Indiana, Robert (Beth) Martin, Decatur, Indiana, Dwight (Jane) Martin, Bryant, Indiana, and Bradley (Jill) Martin, Bryant, Indiana; daughters-in-law Abbey Martin, Decatur, Indiana, and Kim Monroe, Bryant, Indiana; sister-in-law Mary Anne Bollenbacher, Decatur, Indiana; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Victor Bollenbacher; mother Ina Chloe (Douglas) Bollenbacher; husband Willis L. Martin; sons Randall Martin and Alan Martin; and brothers Olen Bollenbacher and Roger Bollenbacher at birth.  
Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home located at 100 N. Washington St., Geneva, Indiana, on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to service on Thursday, May 29, 2025.  
A service to celebrate her life will be at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2025, with Father Dan Layden officiating. Interment will follow in the Riverside Cemetery in Geneva.  
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Still-

water Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814, Adams County Council on Aging, 1109 Dayton St., Room 1, Decatur, IN 46733, or Rock Steady Boxing (Parkinson’s Disease), 128 E. Market St., Bluffton, IN 46714.  
Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva.  
Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneralhomes.com.  
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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 5/25	Monday 5/26	Tuesday 5/27	Wednesday 5/28	Thursday 5/29
<b>67/47</b>	<b>71/55</b>	<b>65/56</b>	<b>69/56</b>	<b>71/55</b>
Mostly sunny skies are expected Sunday when highs will be in the upper 60s.	Memorial Day's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a high around 71.	Mostly cloudy, with a slight chance of showers Tuesday.	There's a chance of rain Wednesday. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Mostly sunny Thursday when there's a 30% chance of showers.

Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 3-5-9 Daily Four: 6-5-9-3 Quick Draw: 3-4-12-14-22-27-30-34-36-44-48-50-58-60-61-63-68-71-73-77	Pick 3: 6-3-7 Pick 4: 6-7-9-6 Pick 5: 4-3-1-2-9
<b>Ohio</b> Midday	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$163 million  <b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$154 million

Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.88 July corn .....4.90 Oct. corn .....4.26	June beans .....10.80 Wheat .....5.03
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.81 June corn .....4.81 July corn.....4.84	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.75 June corn .....4.75 Beans .....10.76 June beans .....10.79 Wheat .....4.92
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.80 June corn .....4.80 Beans.....10.75	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.87 June corn .....4.87 Beans .....10.55 June beans .....10.55 Wheat .....4.93

Today in history

In 1787, the Constitutional Convention opened in Philadelphia. Initially charged with amending the Articles of Confederation, the convention instead drafted the U.S. Constitution.  
In 1803, Ralph Waldo Emerson, an essayist, philosopher and poet was born in Boston.  
In 1998, Lewis Laux and Josh Ford each had two hits as the Jay County High School baseball team defeated Bluffton 5-3.  
In 2011, the final episode of The Oprah Winfrey Show aired.  
In 2012, Fort Recovery High School’s Elle Sutter placed fifth in the 3,200-meter run in the regional at Troy.  
In 2013, Elle Sutter of Fort Recovery High School finished third in the 3,200-meter run at the Division III district meet at Spencerville to earn herself a regional berth.  
In 2018, Wyatt Geesaman hit his first home run of the season to break a tie in the bottom of the third inning and then allowed just one base runner the rest of the way as the Jay County High School baseball team defeated Norwell 10-3.  
In 2020, George Floyd, an unarmed Black man, was killed during an arrest in Minneapolis. His death set off nationwide protests.  
In 2021, Elisa Parazzi gave Jay County High School its first girls track regional champion in a decade as she won the high jump at 5 feet, 4 inches in the meet at Ben Davis. She and Kinsey Shannon, who placed third in the 400-meter dash, both earned berths in the state finals.  
—The CR

Citizen’s calendar

<b>Tuesday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 Mooney St.	Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.
<b>Wednesday</b> 6 p.m. — Dunkirk	<b>June 2</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Goodbye ...

Principal Ben Dues signs a student's shirt to commemorate the 2024-25 school year. Dues said this year was a “bookend year of Bloomfield pulling together as a staff.” Bloomfield staff members were there for each other after Mark DeHoff, the husband of third grade teacher Jenny DeHoff, died while on a family trip to Spain. In April, fifth grade teacher Giles Laux suffered a cardiac arrest at work, with staff rushing to his aid to revive him before emergency responders arrived. Dues said Bloomfield “is more than teaching students how to read and write — it’s teaching them how to be part of a loving family.” He also said that this year flew by the fastest of all his years as principal.



Sixth grader Veronica Dirksen was picked up from school in style on the last day Friday. She had silly string prepared to prank her teachers as she left for the final time as a student. A sign on the Dirksen's truck read “Veronica is free, thank you Bloomfield.” Dirksen is the third of her siblings to complete school at Bloomfield. Her younger twin siblings are still students there.

Capsule Reports

**More moratoriums**  
Portland Plan Commission agreed Thursday to host a public hearing June 5 discussing potential moratoriums on carbon sequestration and data centers in the city.  
Minnich Eggs of rural Portland is planning to build a biochar manufacturing and distribution facility and new feed mill in Noble Township. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, biochar — it’s defined as “black carbon produced from biomass sources” — is mainly created for carbon sequestration.  
Jay County Plan Commission is hosting a public hearing next month also to consider moratoriums on carbon sequestration facilities as well as wind farms.

Data centers have also come up at county plan commission meetings, specifically addressing the new center cropping up in New Haven.  
Jay/Portland Building and Planning director John Hemmelgarn suggested the commission enact moratoriums to allow time to develop ordinances, outlining rules for such facilities in the city.

TIF ...

Continued from page 1  
The annual combined tax increment for taxes payable year 2024 came out to \$573,449, with the following year estimated by Semler at \$545,340.  
Jay County updated its economic development plan for the TIF district in August, laying out a list of potential projects to pay for with TIF dollars, including: transportation enhancements, public safety enhancements, utility infrastructure, highway garage improvements, a new building for Jay County Solid Waste Management District, a

decision made by the commission.  
Also Thursday, redevelopment commission members Harold Towell, Ted Champ, Doug Horn, Chuck Huffman and Walker:  
•Heard from Jay County Commissioners president Chad Aker about pending awards from Regional Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0. Aker said he learned after a conversation with state representative J.D. Prescott awards for READI 2.0 should be announced next month.  
•Agreed to pay a \$6,479.50 claim from CWC Latitudes.

SERVICES

**Saturday**  
**Runyon**, Victoria: 1 p.m., Griffen Road Church of Christ, 14550 Griffen Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida.  
  
**Thursday**  
**Martin**, Alethea: 11 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

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## New member

Portland Evening Optimist Club inducted a new member recently. Pictured above, new member Isabella Martell stands with sponsor Jane Kobe.

# In-laws cause constant tension

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws have repeatedly attempted to destroy my marriage. My husband knows they trash-talk us to family, thinking we don't know it, but he won't put up any meaningful boundaries or check them whatsoever. I have lost all respect for him because he lies to me, telling me he has confronted them, when I know for a fact he hasn't.

We separated over this issue, and he spent four years dragging his feet until I got sick of his stalling and began dating to get him to act. He wanted to reconcile, so I made the terms of getting back together clear: Confront his family about their toxic behavior, get therapy for his self-esteem issues and finish working on our house so we could sell it and move away from our neighbor, the heroin dealer who had been harassing us for years.

He finished the house, and after two years on and off the market, I ended up selling it. But the confrontation with his family never happened. I still catch them talking trash about us, and he has refused to go to therapy. I've been through therapy and anger man-

Dear Abby



agement and have come a long way. But he's firmly entrenched in his dysfunction and doesn't see or care how it affects me.

I spent the first 10 years of our marriage being an unprioritized afterthought of a wife. I refuse to continue to be that person after everything we've been through. When is enough enough? — AT A CROSSROADS IN THE SOUTH

DEAR CROSSROADS: Enough was enough when you finally realized your husband wasn't going to change and accepted that he will never be strong enough to draw the line with his abusive family. I'm surprised your marriage has lasted this long.

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DEAR ABBY: How do you handle a friend who never stops talking?

My longtime friend has always been a good storyteller, but as we become older, she hijacks every conversation when we get together. She's oblivious to verbal or body cues that the rest of us are done with the "conversation" she has chosen and would like to move on. If someone is able to get a word in edgewise, she immediately returns to the previous subject.

I come away from gatherings feeling angry and frustrated. Is there a way to address this without blowing up a lifelong relationship? — MUZZLED IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR MUZZLED: I don't think there is. You stated that your longtime friend has always been a good storyteller. It is possible that, as you all are growing older, she has begun having cognitive problems. It may also be a reason why she's not picking up on social cues. Would her spouse (if she has one) or her children (if she has any) have noticed any changes? Start asking. And if the response you receive is that this is "just the way she is," for the sake of your sanity, see her less often.

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

## Saturday

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

## Sunday

**A BETTER LIFE – BRI-**

**ANNA'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.

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

**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.

## Tuesday

**JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS** — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

**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.

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

# Summer meals will be available

Jay School Corporation is providing free meals again for children younger than 18 this summer.

Drive-thru pickup meals will be offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays starting June 4 at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. They'll be available at Door 16 behind the auxiliary gym. Pickup meals include five breakfasts and five lunches.

A traditional meal service will also be offered starting June 2 at West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk and Jay Community Center in Portland. West Jay Community Center's breakfast will be served from 8 to 9 a.m., and lunch from 11 a.m. to noon. Jay Community Center's breakfast will be served from 9 to 9:30 a.m. and lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m. Meals must be eaten on site.

All meals will be provided on a first come, first served basis. For questions,

## Taking Note

contact the Jay Schools food service director at (260) 726-9306.

## Madison alumni

Madison Township High School Alumni Association will host its annual banquet starting at 4 p.m. May 31 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St., Portland.

Tickets are \$20 per person, and reservations with checks payable to Madison Alumni should be mailed to Dennis Theurer, 14429 E 196th St., Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The deadline to register is today. For questions, call (317) 999-0429 or email [dennistheurer@frontier.com](mailto:dennistheurer@frontier.com).

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Level: Advanced

## Friday's Solution

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



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# Council president rebuts comments

To the editor:  
I would like to address the statements made by former Redkey Town Council member Dave Dudelston in your May 20, 2025, article regarding his resignation.

Mr. Dudelston's public comments do not reflect the reality of his recent behavior on the council, and the community must hear the full story, rooted in facts, not personal attacks or misleading claims.

Mr. Dudelston wrote in his resignation, "can't fix stupidity," and attributed his departure to frustrations with my leadership. However, his resignation comes after months of missed meetings, disruptive conduct and an ongoing pattern of failing to carry out the duties of an elected official.

These are the facts:  
•Since January 2024, Mr. Dudelston has missed five regular monthly meetings.

## Letters to the Editor

•He skipped two executive sessions.

•He walked out of two public meetings, including one in 2025 where he exited after using crude and disrespectful language and gestures toward fellow council members. During his final appearance at a council meeting, Mr. Dudelston asked the town attorney to read a personal statement — one that was not on the public agenda, and therefore not appropriate to present. When this was explained to him, he became argumentative and left the meeting in frustration. This type of behavior has become a hallmark

of his time on the council — choosing disruption over discussion and personal grievance over public service.

Additionally, his record of disruptive conduct predates this term:

•In 2014, he verbally assaulted another council member (theocr.com/news/2014/jul/23/dudelston-faces-complaints/)

•That same year, the entire Park Board resigned due to conflicts with him (theocr.com/news/2014/jul/23/council-decision-to-come-in-april)

•In 2019, he was documented missing critical council meetings (theocr.com/news/2019/jul/19/council-gets-reminder)

•In 2024, he again caused public disruption during a council meeting (theocr.com/news/2024/apr/18/council-chaos)

•Former water plant superintendent resigned because of

issues with council member Dave Dudelston (2014) (theocr.com/news/2014/jul/23/redkey-hires-water-supervisor)

•He also involved his wife in official town business inappropriately, escalating tension in 2014 (theocr.com/news/2014/jul/23/redkey-cited-by-idem)

Most recently, Mr. Dudelston submitted a complaint to the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) claiming he wasn't properly notified of an audit exit meeting, despite receiving adequate notice. The state agreed to hold a second session to accommodate him, which he then failed to attend, resulting in an \$837.50 charge to Redkey taxpayers. This kind of disregard for public resources is not acceptable.

His claims about "two sets of rules" and harassment accusations are simply attempts to deflect from a well-documented

pattern of absenteeism, poor conduct and unwillingness to work collaboratively. Leadership requires accountability, and unfortunately, Mr. Dudelston has repeatedly refused to accept any.

Redkey residents deserve leaders who show up, work hard and put the community first. While his resignation is unfortunate in tone, it opens the door for the Jay County Republican Party to appoint someone who will do the job professionally and with commitment.

I remain dedicated to serving the people of Redkey with transparency, fairness, and integrity. I welcome honest collaboration and constructive dialogue with all council members, as we continue moving our town forward.

Sincerely,  
Brenda Beaty  
President  
Redkey Town Council

# Remember to honor our fallen soldiers

By NATE LAMAR

In March, I made a business trip to Vietnam.

This was my second visit, with the first having been in 2000. Vietnam was preparing for the 50th anniversary of the end of its war with the USA.

Indeed, on April 30, 1975, Saigon fell to the Communist Viet Cong. Contrary to popular opinion, the famous photo of people climbing stairs on a rooftop to board a helicopter was not the U.S. embassy. Rather, this was atop an apartment building rented by the CIA, which a tour guide showed us. In fact, he went on to tell us that those "in the know" had been instructed to listen to the radio, then report there for evacuation when they heard Bing Crosby's "White Christmas," although it was April.

But I digress. For it was 60 years ago that the USA began combat operations in Vietnam. This was a Marine Corps deployment to Da Nang in March 1965. But the first major battle took place in November 1965 in the Ia Drang Valley. This battle was detailed in the 1992 book, "We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young," co-authored by Hal Moore. It was later made into the film, "We Were Soldiers," in which Mel Gibson played then-Lt. Col. Hal Moore.

The Battle of Ia Drang was the first battle in which large-scale helicopter air assault was used. This was by the 1st Air Cavalry Division. This battle also represented the first usage of B-52 Stratofortress strategic bombers. By contrast, the Viet Cong inflicted casualties at very close range over a five-day period, having been in tunnels on the hills above the valley.

From 2023 to 2025, Fort Benning, Georgia, home of the Infantry branch, was renamed Fort Moore, not only after Lt. Gen. Hal Moore, but also after his wife, Julia. This was because, after the Battle of Ia Drang, she pioneered casualty notification teams as a uniformed officer and chaplain to visit next of kin, rather than only a telegram, to notify them of the death of their loved ones. She also set up survivor support networks, which are still in use today among Gold Star families.

On May 10, I was privi-



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leged to meet many of these Gold Star families. As part of Indiana Run For The Fallen, I ran the segment from Muncie to Anderson, stopping along the way at every mile to read the names of three or four Indiana service members who have died since Sept. 11, 2001. We gave special recognition to any of their family members present to honor their fallen loved ones.

In closing, I would like to remind us of the lyrics to the hymn, "Mansions of the Lord," written by Randall Wallace and set to music by Nick Glennie-Smith. This was sung by West Point's Cadet Glee Club at the end of "We Were Soldiers" and for former President Ronald Reagan's funeral in 2004:

To fallen soldiers let us sing; Where no rockets fly nor bullets wing. Our broken brothers let us bring to the Mansions of the Lord.

No more bleeding, no more fight; no prayers pleading through the night. Just divine embrace, eternal light in the mansions of the Lord.

Where no mothers cry and no children weep; we shall stand and guard though the angels sleep. All through the ages safely keep the Mansions of the Lord.

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# VOA made U.S. a superpower

By BOYAH J. FARAH  
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Before I became an American citizen, I knew America.

I remember sitting beneath Mogadishu's blue sky, under the skeleton of an acacia tree, watching pigeons soar low and high as boys chased a ball, their laughter carried by the wind while dust rose and danced above their heads. Somalia's civil war had not yet begun, and the world still made sense. Voice of America was my favorite radio station, the voice of a beloved, diverse nation.

In the late 1980s, before war marched into our lives and destroyed everything, my older sister was obsessed with Michael Jackson's song "Thriller." Voice of America played it repeatedly, and though I secretly enjoyed the song, I wouldn't dare let her catch me nodding along because I was a boy: She loved music, singing and dancing, while I admired military men in green uniforms. But Voice of America broke through all that, and we learned another story was possible.

Years later, when I became a student at the University of Massachusetts in Lowell, that voice of publicly supported media followed me: National Public Radio became my favorite radio station. Helping me refine my accent and deepen my understanding of the language, it helped me learn not only the language, but also the rhythm of American thought, its debates, its heartache, its humor.

Public media has long been America's greatest superpower, and its influence long the envy of other nations. But the Trump administration has now surren-

## Boyah J. Farah



dered to America's enemies, killing off public media and letting Russia and China take over.

In 2024, I met a wealthy man in Somalia — a man blessed with two houses, two wives and children.

As I stepped into his house with him, I remarked: "This is great. You're living your best life."

"I have another identical house with my younger wife," he added, pride swelling in his voice. As he spoke, I noted the Toyota Land Cruiser, my favorite vehicle, parked in the courtyard of his home. "Word," I responded, absorbing the sight. No man like him lives in Boston, where I spent most of my life. We struggle with 9-to-5 jobs, and for many in the U.S., even getting married and buying a home is a stretch, much less imagining two marriages and two homes supported by one breadwinner.

As we sat outside in the warm Somali sun, he turned to me.

"Do you think I can go to America?" he asked me. "I'd like to go to California. I've heard so much about it on Voice of America when I was growing up learning English."

That's the power that the U.S. used to project: persuading people around the world that the U.S. had everything figured out, even selling the American dream to people who were living successful lives else-

where. The radio network reached 300 million people globally.

As the man talked of trying to upgrade his impressive life to an even more lavish one in the U.S., I judged him. Here he was living in wealth and comfort, but believing in America as a beacon of hope, a land of opportunity, where beauty and prosperity dance together under the American flag, fluttering in pristine air over manicured green lawns.

Voice of America is part of this grand storytelling machine. Influence is more powerful than war. War destroys, breeds enmity and stirs resentment, but storytelling exerts lasting control by changing how people think. That is what made America so attractive and influential.

But America's standing has been in decline, through decades of feckless foreign policy. Eliminating institutions like Voice of America and the Public Broadcasting Service will only accelerate this downfall. The most beautiful country in the world does not thrive on its war machine; it thrives on the power of its story.

Now, in 2025, as America under President Donald Trump threatens to dismantle the very media that tells its story to the world, I feel something strange moving in my belly. Once public radio is murdered, much of America's storytelling dies with it. And when that happens, the dream — the one that compels boys and girls from all over the world to risk everything just to come to America — dies too. America will feel that loss, and a generation of talent will flock to rival nations instead.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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5-24CRYPTOQUIP

SJ RBYI JCKSU JZCYICR TAZP  
TBDIC, NWZU HB PBK UWSMD  
NBKAH VI ZM ZOOITUZVAI  
WZMH? UNB TIZCR.

Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: OLD-TIME COMEDIC  
ACTOR WHO WAS KNOWN TO BE JUBILANT  
THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER: JACKIE GLEESOME.  
Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: T equals P

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Writing and water

1) What literary character “appeared on a sidewalk  
with a bucket of whitewash and a long-handled brush?

2) Whose fleet left Portugal in 1497 and sailed around  
the Cape of Good Hope to India in less than a year?

1) Tom Sawyer  
2) Vasco de Gama

5-26CRYPTOQUIP

JWKSZVP QWIACBG HQVBKOZZP  
XOMCEOBGCWVA EIW DOKWP,  
H GKMSKMS YVVH GI BDVJ IM:  
Y C X Y Z V - S C X .

Saturday’s Cryptoquip: IF SOME FRUIT  
FARMERS PLAY POKER, WHAT DO YOU THINK  
WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE HAND? TWO PEARS.  
Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: S equals G

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to skin cancer prevention.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 14 = E)

A. 21 20 23 21 16 15 14 14 23  
Clue: Protective product

B. 21 22 6 4 14  
Clue: Out of the sun

C. 22 6 13  
Clue: Head covering

D. 16 6 20 13 26 3 23  
Clue: Proceed carefully

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell  
something pertaining to sun protection.

VCPEUOR

Answers: A. sunscreen B. shade C. hat D. caution

GUESS WHO?

I am a comedian born in Ohio on May 23,  
1958. I was expelled from my university  
twice for poor academics and then  
served in the U.S. Marine Corps. After  
doing stand-up, I landed my own TV show  
and a spin-off improv show. I then went  
on to be a game show host.

Answer: Drew Carey



Food FACT!

The USDA advises  
cooking this beloved  
grilled food to an  
internal tempera-  
ture of 160 F.

Answer: Hamburger

How they say that in...

English: Smoke  
Spanish: Humo  
Italian: Fumo  
French: Fumée  
German: Rauch

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS  
1. Rear of a home  
4. Sandy area  
5. Rising and falling  
of the sea  
6. Place to pitch a  
tent  
8. Has a good time

DOWN  
1. Style of slow-cooked  
food  
2. Luxury ship  
3. Evening meal  
7. The Empire State  
(abbr.)

Answers:  
Across  
1. Backyard 4. Beach 5. Tide 6. Camp 8. Enjoys  
Down  
1. Barbecue 2. Yacht 3. Dinner 7. NY

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

MAY 20

1609: William Shakespeare's sonnets are first published in London.  
1862: Abraham Lincoln signs the Homestead Act into law.  
2012: An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.0 strikes northern Italy.

NEW WORD

SEAR

to burn or scorch the surface of something with high heat

SKIN CARE WORD SEARCH

S E B U M D L Z T E C Z E M A H I F O D  
O R H O N B O D R X M E G T B G Z I E D  
S I L H E A T Z F E P C N B L E L E T E  
U H Y S G E F M C S Z A Z Y D Y A X A A  
N I M P A U R H S C T I C P E S R U I L  
S I I F L S L P O C H O R C A S E D L E  
P P O Z L A X H E T L A I U T X A N O H  
O P C Y O R C M G I R L R N T E M H F X  
T P U P C A U N C S Y E A C R S S L X F  
S P E O L H A B E C S D S S O B I T E T  
M O A P C A Z D I L I E E N R A A O O L D  
G R Y N T L O L E X P R N O A D L G M G  
E O M L F I A O O O O M R Y L E B S X A  
M S U P N S D I X P U T L S R N L Y Z B  
I A H F E I T E N P I F P C S D S C U D  
G C O H L N I M S N L G N I G A I T N A  
N E N L A B T D R R D P A E O M T Z B N  
R A F R D S I P E M O L L I E N T X D Y  
B T O T X C Z M E S E D I M A R E C A Z  
G I S S A H Y A L U R O N I C L X D H A

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS  
ACIDS  
ACNE  
ANTI-AGING  
ANTIOXIDANTS  
CERAMIDES  
CHARCOAL  
CLEANSER  
COLLAGEN  
DRYNESS  
ECZEMA  
EMOLIENT  
EXFOLIATE  
GLYCOLIC  
HUMECTANT  
HYALURONIC  
MOISTURIZER  
OILY  
PEPTIDES  
PORES  
ROSACEA  
SAUCYLIC  
SEBUM  
SPF  
SUN SPOTS

SKIN CARE WORD SEARCH

S E B U M D L Z T E C Z E M A H I F O D  
O R H O N B O D R X M E G T B G Z I E D  
S I L H E A T Z F E P C N B L E L E T E  
U H Y S G E F M C S Z A Z Y D Y A X A A  
N I M P A U R H S C T I C P E S R U I L  
S I I F L S L P O C H O R C A S E D L E  
P P O Z L A X H E T L A I U T X A N O H  
O P C Y O R C M G I R L R N T E M H F X  
T P U P C A U N C S Y E A C R S S L X F  
S P E O L H A B E C S D S S O B I T E T  
M O A P C A Z D I L I E E N R A A O O L D  
G R Y N T L O L E X P R N O A D L G M G  
E O M L F I A O O O O M R Y L E B S X A  
M S U P N S D I X P U T L S R N L Y Z B  
I A H F E I T E N P I F P C S D S C U D  
G C O H L N I M S N L G N I G A I T N A  
N E N L A B T D R R D P A E O M T Z B N  
R A F R D S I P E M O L L I E N T X D Y  
B T O T X C Z M E S E D I M A R E C A Z  
G I S S A H Y A L U R O N I C L X D H A

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ROSACEA  
SAUCYLIC  
SEBUM  
SPF  
SUN SPOTS

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS  
1 Tipsy  
4 Wild party  
8 Gush  
12 Sports drink suffix  
13 Intro studio class  
14 Green smoothie veggie  
15 “Give — break!”  
16 Unfore- seen problem  
17 — Minor  
18 Thrift shop regular  
21 Land in la mer  
22 Chiding sound  
23 Gym- nast's maneuver  
26 Service charge  
27 Winter bug  
30 Ale measure  
31 — Maria (coffee liqueur)  
32 Leeway  
33 “No seats”

34 Suffix with hotel  
35 Connec- tion  
36 Atty.'s title  
37 Long lunch?  
38 Places for marked- down clothing  
45 Former QB Tony  
46 Hosp. areas  
47 Jump  
48 Military no-show  
49 Mai Tai garnish  
50 “Blonde” actress — de Armas  
51 Creche trio  
52 Nile vipers

53 Author Fleming  
DOWN  
1 Gentle soul  
2 Notion  
3 Rip  
4 Volcanic rock  
5 Golfer Palmer, to fans  
6 Ollie's pal  
7 London- er's early evening meal  
8 Striped critter  
9 Fraction  
10 Different  
11 Sport  
19 Coated with gold  
20 Work with  
23 They may report to a CEO  
24 Melody  
25 Family card game  
26 Fragrant tree  
27 Sly one  
28 Singer Reed  
29 Sounds of hesita- tion  
31 Margarita ingredient  
32 Country's McEntire  
34 Equal (Pref.)  
35 Sips slowly  
36 Danger- ous bacteria  
37 Baffle  
38 Small amount  
39 Caucus state  
40 Urban haze  
41 Mark Harmon TV series  
42 Spiced tea  
43 Coffee variety from Hawaii  
44 Bridge

Solution time: 26 mins.

BAH TOM TAMED  
ATE ORA OLIVE  
LOL DAYTRADER  
ELL ONION  
SLOB GMA BALL  
RUE DAYJOB  
MADAM PLATO  
DAYS PA GPA  
SHES LEN WAND  
GENOA ZEE  
DAYDREAMS URN  
OHARA CEE RDS  
NAKED TSA ESE

Yesterday's answer 5-24

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11  
12 13 14  
15 16 17  
18 19 20  
21 22  
23 24 25 26 27 28 29  
30 31 32  
33 34 35  
36 37  
38 39 40 41 42 43 44  
45 46 47  
48 49 50  
51 52 53

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Hot potato

West dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.  
NORTH  
♠ A K 10 6 3  
♥ 9 8 6 5  
♦ 8 6  
♣ 7 4  
WEST  
♠ Q 4 2  
♥ K Q 10 4 2  
♦ J 7 4  
♣ Q 3  
EAST  
♠ J 9 8 7 5  
♥ A 3  
♦ 10 9 5 2  
♣ K 5  
SOUTH  
♠ —  
♥ J 7  
♦ A K Q 3  
♣ A J 10 9 8 6 2  
The bidding:  
West Pass North Pass East Pass South 1 ♠  
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♣  
Pass 3 ♥ Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — king of hearts.  
Declarer won the heart with dum- my's nine, cashed the ace of spades, discarding a diamond, and then led a club toward his hand. After East followed low, South put up the ace and played another club, losing to East's king. West's good heart thus withered on the vine, and declarer took the rest of the tricks.  
In the post-mortem, East chided himself for failing to put up his king when the first club was led from dummy. He pointed out that after South took the king with the ace, West would next gain the lead with the queen and cash his heart to defeat the contract.  
South replied that if East had made this play, he would have allowed the king to hold and then played the ace on the next round. Whether South would actually have done so will never be known.  
East and South both missed another possibility, however. East had the right idea about sacrificing his king of clubs — but the right time to get rid of it was on the third or fourth round of hearts! Once East jettisoned the club king on a heart, declarer would have been helpless.  
The winning play is really not that hard to find. East should reason that if South has the A-Q, his king is dead anyway. It should therefore be disposed of as quickly as possi- ble in the hope that partner has the queen.  
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.  
NORTH  
♠ A Q J 5  
♦ A K 8 7  
♥ 9 4 2  
♣ 10 4  
WEST  
♠ 9 8 2  
♥ 9 6 3  
♦ A J 8 7  
♣ Q J 8  
SOUTH  
♠ 10 7 6 4 3  
♥ Q J 4 2  
♦ Q  
♣ 9 3 2  
The bidding:  
East 1 ♠ South 1 NT West Dble North Dble  
Pass 2 ♣ Pass 3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠  
Pass 3 ♥ Pass 3 ♣ Pass 4 ♣  
Dble Pass Pass Pass  
Opening lead — queen of clubs.  
The 2002 Cavendish Pairs — per- haps the most prestigious pairs tournament in the world — was won in Las Vegas by Robert Levin and Steve Weinstein, who also won in 1999.  
The Cavendish so-called because it originated at New York's now defunct club of the same name — was unusual in that it offered substantial cash prizes. The contest was preceded by a Calcutta, an auction in which interested parties can purchase a pair for a minimum bid of at least \$10,000. The 2002 pool totaled \$1,070,500, with the winner's share coming to about \$240,000, and Levin-Weinstein earning about \$33,000 each.  
This deal contributed substan- tially to their victory. After a highly competitive auction, Levin, South, wound up in four spades doubled. West led the queen of clubs and continued a club to East's king. East shifted to a low diamond. West taking Levin's queen with the ace and returning a diamond, ruffed by declarer. Levin then led a trump toward dummy.  
So far, West had turned up with the ace of diamonds and queen of clubs, and judging from the lead, probably also the jack of clubs. Given the relatively few high cards missing, Levin did not think East could have bid as he did — includ- ing the final double of four spades — without the king of spades. He also did not think West could have that card and bid as he did.  
Demonstrating the courage of his convictions, Levin put up dummy's ace of spades, dropped East's king and so made his doubled game for a huge 316-IMP across-the-field gain. Since the pair's winning mar- gin was 231 IMP's, Levin's critical guess on this deal in effect deter- mined the outcome of the tourna- ment.  
Tomorrow: For your own peace of mind.  
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS  
1 Comfy family room  
4 Moral principle  
9 Pop band  
12 “Xanadu”  
13 — Loa  
14 St. crosser  
15 Hand- shake alter- natives  
17 Can metal  
18 Sweetie  
19 “Anchors Aweigh” org.  
21 Com- mand  
24 Even  
25 French pal  
26 “Game, —, match!”  
28 Violin piece  
31 Elmer's bane  
33 Singer Lipa  
35 Blue material?  
36 Campfire leftovers

38 Econ. statistic  
40 Handheld organizer  
41 Joan of rock  
43 Pretenses  
45 “Speak up!”  
47 Choice words?  
48 Stately tree  
49 Gas station fixtures  
54 Light touch  
55 Untamed  
56 “Don't — stranger!”  
57 Sounds of woe  
58 Cara or Castle  
59 Likely

DOWN  
1 Dict. info  
2 Yale grad  
3 Refusals  
4 Carve in relief  
5 Heckled  
6 Drone  
7 Sugges- tions, e.g.  
8 “A Chorus Line” character  
9 Mega- transfers of infor- mation  
10 Tel —  
11 Contra- dict  
16 Common title start  
20 Tennis barriers  
21 Rum cake

22 Flight- less birds  
23 Decath- lon events  
27 Towboat  
29 Ranch visitor  
30 Some JFK guesses  
32 Start a garden  
34 Luanda resident  
37 Tennis star  
38 Graf  
39 Red + blue  
42 More loyal  
44 Terre Haute sch.  
45 Jared of “Panic Room”  
46 Skin care brand  
50 Before  
51 CEO's degree, maybe  
52 Vigor  
53 Posed for a portrait

Solution time: 21 mins.

LIT BASH SPEW  
ADE ARTI KALE  
MEA SNAG URSA  
BARGAINHUNTER  
ILE TSK  
VAULT FEE FLU  
PINT TIA ROOM  
SRO IER NEXOUS  
ESQ SUB  
DISCOUNTTRACKS  
ROMO ICUS HOP  
AWOL LIME ANA  
MAGI ASPPS IAN

Saturday's answer 5-26

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11  
12 13 14  
15 16 17  
18 19 20  
21 22 23 24  
25 26 27 28 29 30  
31 32 33 34 35  
36 37 38 39 40  
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45 46 47  
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54 55 56  
57 58 59



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



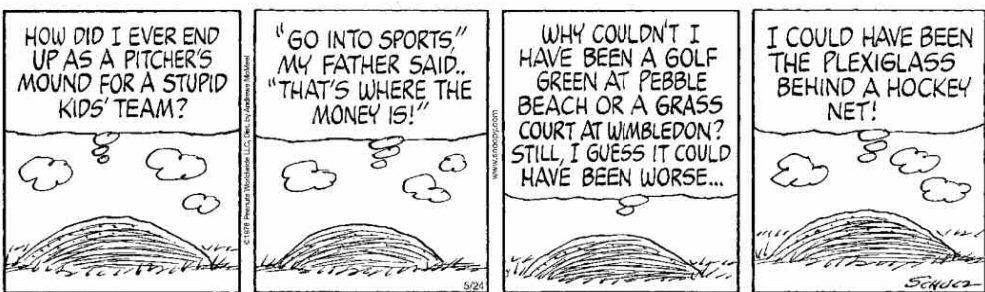
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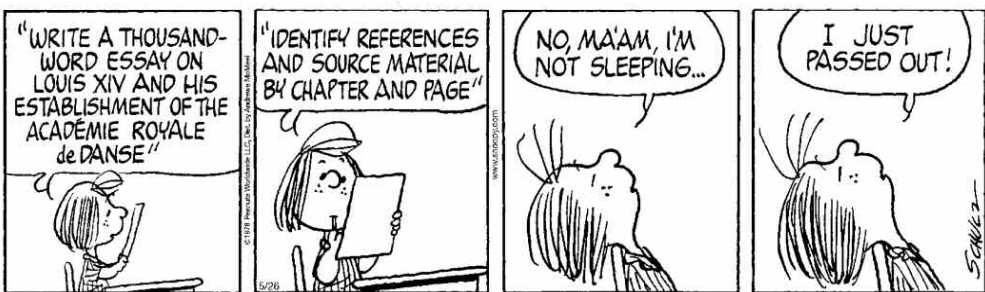
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Peanuts



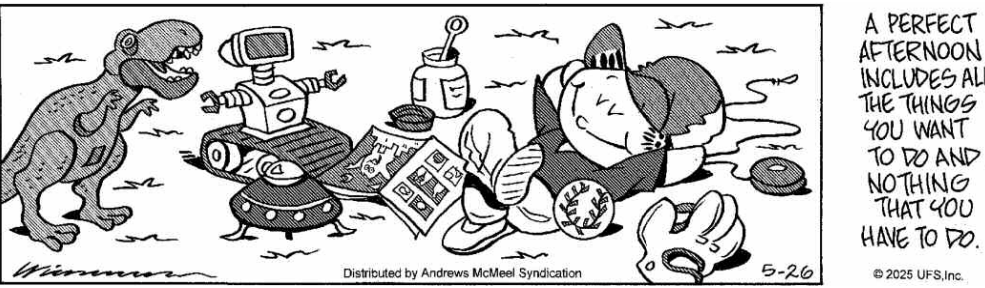
Peanuts



Rose is Rose



Rose is Rose



Agnes



Agnes



Hi and Lois



Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Between Friends



Blondie



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Beetle Bailey



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**Laughter**

Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

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word  
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Real Estate sells at  
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2 bedroom home with  
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2 bedroom home with  
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planes; washboard; vintage kitchen utensils; glass carboy; kerosene lamps and  
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birds; Hobnail; Tiara bowls; towels; small kitchen appliances; utensils; Pink  
Depression; owl bank; Christmas tree; Christmas decorations; pictures; wall  
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# Slight progress

*Alig, Garringer earns spots at regional at Jay finishes sixth*

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

MUNCIE — A year ago, the Patriots found themselves sitting in sixth place at the sectional with only one athlete who punched his ticket to the regional.

While the Patriots still found their name sixth spot in the sectional standings, two athletes got back on the bus knowing their season was extended an extra week and three more got a callback later that night.

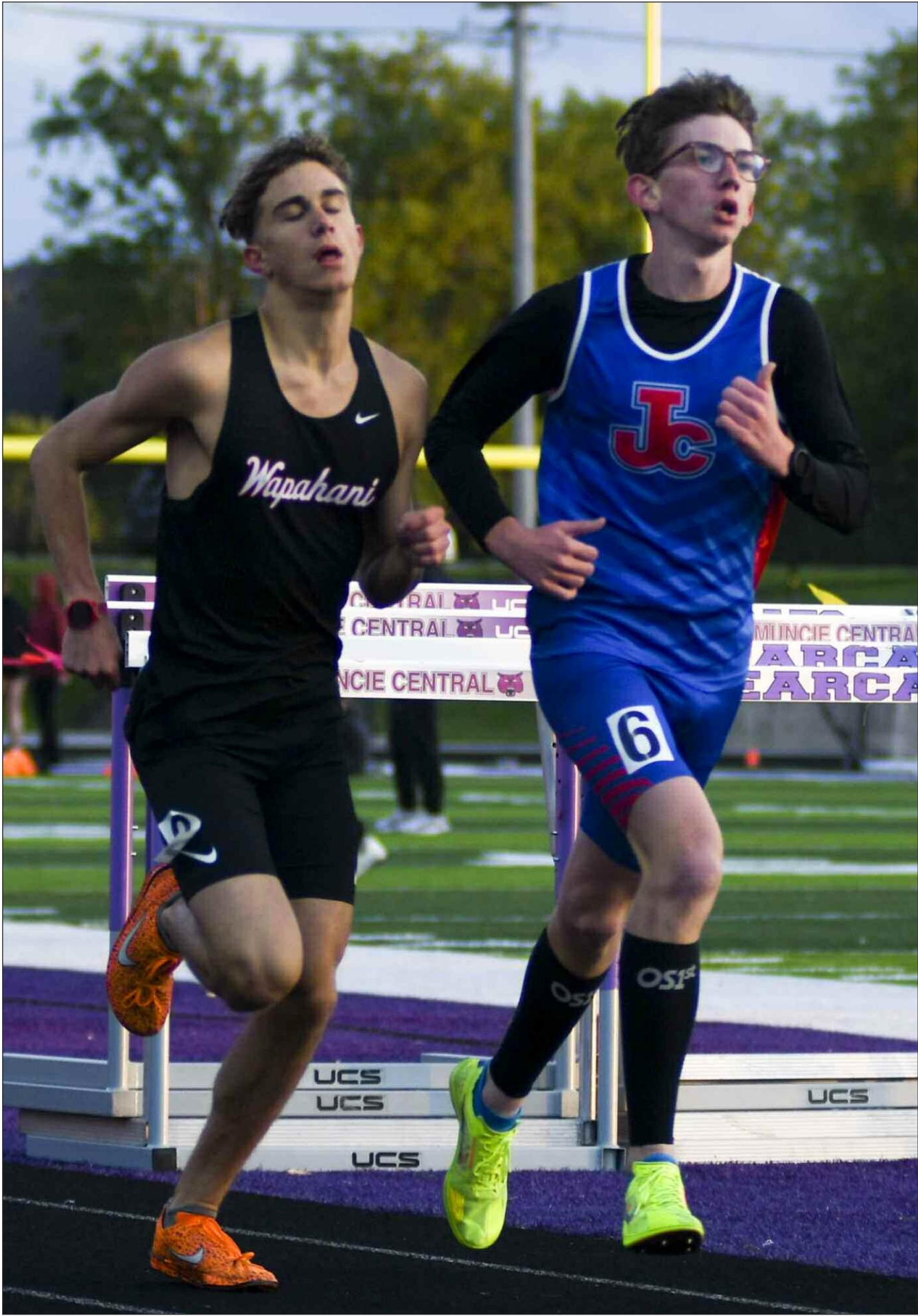
Adam Alig and Caleb Garringer both earned a pair of third-place finishes for the Jay County High School boys track team at the IHSAA Sectional 12 hosted by Muncie Central on Thursday, clinching qualifications for the regional meet and helping the Patriots to sixth place.

Jay County finished with 51 points, just six behind fifth-place Wapahani, which claimed sectional titles in four events. There was a drop off following the Patriots in the 13-team field as seventh-place Monroe Central claimed 36 points. Yorktown ran away with its sixth sectional title by gathering 143.5 points.

“I think the kids did well,” said JCHS coach Joe Imel. “It’s where I expected us to be when it’s all said and done. Last year we left here with one in a high jump. We’re for sure leaving this year with a high jump and 3,200-meter run and then most likely the 110s and 300s for a callback. It’s looking pretty good for that. We’ll see if the 4x8 can get called back after looking at all the different results tonight. But all in all, we’re heading in the right direction and I feel pretty good and confident in that.”

In 2024, Alig was the only Patriot to make the regional — the top three finishers from four sectionals automatically qualify, with the four best remaining times getting callbacks — and did so in the high jump. He followed suit on Thursday as he tied with Cooper Mote of Winchester Community and Muncie Central’s Michael Williams for third place at 6 feet. The trio all passed the mark on the first attempt to secure their spots.

“I’ve been really inconsistent with high jump this year,” Alig said. “My knee drive (helped today). When you drive up, I jump off my right leg and you’ve got to get your left knee up as



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jay County High School sophomore Caleb Garringer leads Wapahani’s Mason Tomboni during the 3,200-meter run at the IHSAA Sectional 12 meet hosted by Muncie Central on Thursday. Garringer finished in third with a time of 10 minutes, 7.76 seconds, to qualify for the regional meet.

high as you can. That was something I really focused on today and I think that’s what helped me clear those bars.”

Alig finished behind Monroe Central’s Easton Foster, who reached 6 feet, 8

inches, and Cade Utsler of Delta, who made the 6 foot, 2 inch, mark.

While had automatically qualified in the high jump, Alig had to wait for results to roll in on the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles to know if

he’d made it in either event.

His time of 42.33 seconds in the 300 hurdles put him in fourth place and 0.24 seconds behind Marcus Bright of Delta for the final qualifying spot. He ended up

making it in as the third-best non-qualifying time after a pair of athletes from the North Side sectional.

Alig placed fifth in the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.82, but only Kye Hiatt of Muncie Central had a bet-

ter time at 15.54 seconds, earning him another callback.

This is the third time Alig will compete at the regional in the high jump and the first trip he will make for either hurdles events.

Garringer’s performance in the 3,200 run also earned the sophomore a spot at the regional.

Through the first four laps he trailed teammate Dash Thacker and a pair of runners from Yorktown before claiming first place for himself by lap No. 5. Through the next three times around the track, Garringer fought with Wapahani’s Mason Tomboni for the top spot, as neither wanted to concede.

Tomboni (10 minutes, 1.32 seconds) took over for the final 400 meters and Yorktown’s Isaiah Loney (10:05.70) came from behind to overtake Garringer, but the JCHS sophomore held on to finish third in 10:07.76.

“I’ve ran with these kids all year, so I knew what they were going to do, but I was trying to make sure they didn’t know what I was going to do,” Garringer said. “I was trying to stick with them but not let them know I was with them. ... That Wapahani kid made me kick in my third gear. He got a little aggressive so I thought, ‘If I’m going to win I need to be aggressive.’ So I just tried to stick with him as long as I can.”

Garringer will also run in the 4x800-meter relay at the regional. He was joined by Thacker, Joseph Boggs and Max Klopfenstein to put out a time of 8:44.76, falling 12.59 seconds short of Delta in the final qualifying spot. The Patriot team had the third-best time of the non-qualifying teams.

Other athletes to score points for Jay County, but not qualify were:

- The 4x100 relay team (fourth)

- Thacker in the 3,200 run (fifth) and the 1,600 run (sixth)

- Peyton Yowell in the pole vault (fifth)

- Kaiden Reynolds in the 110 hurdles (seventh) and the 300 hurdles (seventh)

- Lukes Powers in the pole vault (seventh)

- Austyn LeMaster in the discus (seventh)

- Caden Gambill in the 200 dash (eighth)

- Boggs in the 800 run (eighth)

# Four Patriots receive callbacks to regional

The Patriots already had eight qualifiers for the regional meet by finishing in the top three. Now they have word that they will get to compete in four more events as well.

The Jay County High School girls track team got callbacks in four events based off the results from Tuesday’s IHSAA Sectional 12 hosted by Delta.

After finishing fourth with a time of 10 minutes, 31.62 seconds, the 4x800-meter relay team of Paityn Wendel, Jessie Homan, Ava May and Brooklynn Byrum received a callback to compete at the Regional 3 hosted by Carroll on May 27. The relay team is seeded 12th in the event.

Another fourth-place finisher, Maria Hemmelgarn, will compete in the regional as well after

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having one of the top four marks among non-qualifying athletes in the pole vault. Her height of 8 feet that she achieved on the first attempt has her tied for the 15th seed.

Jordyn Hutzler finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 95 feet even, but received a callback as well. She was the final athlete to make the field, leaving her as the 16th seed.

Despite finishing seventh in the long jump at the sectional,

Peyton Carpenter received a callback as all four of the extra spots went to competitors from the Delta sectional. Her distance of 15 feet, 9 inches, is seeded 12th in the field.

### Tribe wins

FORT RECOVERY — Fort Recovery’s baseball team scored four runs in the sixth inning to lift it to a 5-1 victory over Fort Loramie on Thursday.

Brodie Hart tied the game at 1-1 in the bottom of the fifth as his single brought Caden Grisez home.

The first two Indians of the sixth inning were outs before Colson Post drew a walk. Reece Wendel followed with a home run to left field, giving Fort Recovery (15-8) a 3-1 lead. A pair of errors

by Fort Loramie (12-10) gave Alex Gaerke the opportunity to drive two more runs in on a double to center field.

Grisez got the win for the Tribe after throwing three innings. He gave up one hit and one walk, while not allowing any runs to score. Gaerke started the game off for FRHS, striking out seven batters over four innings.

### DeHoff leads

NEW HAVEN — Cody DeHoff led the effort of the Jay County boys golf team as it took down the Woodlan Warriors 167-175 on Thursday at Whispering Creek Golf Club.

DeHoff posted the low score for the Patriots (8-4, 3-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) 41 strokes.

A trio of JCHS golfers carded 42s to round out the team score.

Griffin Byrum, Dawson Goldsworthy and Isaac Homan all shot just one stroke worse than DeHoff.

Tucker Griffin finished with a 45 on the day, which didn’t play into the team’s final score.

### Winters leads

Cook’s Nursery and Patriot Auto both won their Portland Junior League Rookie baseball games on Thursday.

Daylan Winters led Patriot Auto with an inside-the-park home run and a double in the 8-2 victory over POET.

Rickey Heitkamp followed with two doubles, while Kylo Cooke smacked a double and a single.

Kayden Alberson, Waylon Huelskamp and Steven Robbins led Cook’s past Barnett’s Auto Parts with three hits apiece.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

### Today

Jay County — Boys golf at ACAC tournament — 9 a.m.; Baseball doubleheader at Western — 10 a.m.;

Fort Recovery — Track district finals at Piqua — 10 a.m.

### Tuesday

Jay County — Girls tennis regional opener at Noblesville — 4:30 p.m.; Boys golf tri-meet at Randolph Southern — 4:30 p.m.; Girls track regional at Carroll — 6 p.m.; Softball sectional opener at Delta — 7:30 p.m.

## TV schedule

### Today

2:15 a.m. — AFL: Brisbane Lions at Hawthorn Hawks (FS1)

6:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix (ESPN2)

10 a.m. — Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix (ESPN)

11 a.m. — MotoGP: Grand Prix of Great Britain (FS1)

11 a.m. — NCAA softball tournament: Florida vs. Georgia (ESPN)

12 p.m. — College lacrosse: Cronell at Penn State (ESPN2)

1 p.m. — NCAA softball tournament: South Carolina vs. UCLA (ESPN)

1 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Indiana Fever (ESPN)

3 p.m. — NCAA softball tournament: Oklahoma vs. Alabama (ESPN)

3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Charles Schwab Challenge (CBS)

3 p.m. — LPGA Tour: Mayakoba Open (NBC)

4:30 p.m. — NLL lacrosse: Saskatchewan Rush at Buffalo Bandits (ESPN2)

4:45 p.m. — MLS: San Diego at Los Angeles Galaxy (FOX)

5 p.m. — NCAA softball tournament: Tennessee vs. Nebraska (ESPN)

7:15 p.m. — MLB: Cleveland Guardians at Detroit Tigers (FOX)

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

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

9 p.m. — USL Championship: Orange County SC at Colorado Springs (CBS)

10 p.m. — USL Championship: Monterey Bay at Louisville City (FOX)

### Sunday

6 a.m. — French Open tennis (TNT)

8 a.m. — MotoGP: Grand Prix of Great Britain (FS1)

9 a.m. — Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix (ABC)

11 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Liverpool FC at Crystal Palace (NBC); Nottingham Forest at Chelsea (USA)

12 p.m. — IndyCar: Indy 500 (FOX)

1 p.m. — LPGA Tour: Mayakoba Open (CBS)

1:40 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)

2 p.m. — French Open tennis (TNT)

3 p.m. — NHL Playoffs: Dallas Stars at Edmonton Oilers (ABC)

3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Charles Schwab Challenge (CBS)

3 p.m. — PGA Tour Champions: Senior PGA Championship (NBC)

6 p.m. — WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at Seattle Storm (ABC)

7:10 p.m. — MLB: Los Angeles Dodgers at New York Mets (ESPN)

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

### Monday

6 a.m. — French Open tennis (TNT)

2 p.m. — French Open tennis (TNT)

4:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Kansas City Royals (FDSN Indiana)

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

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

### Tuesday

6 a.m. — French Open tennis (TNT)

2 p.m. — French Open tennis (TNT)

7:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at

Kansas City Royals (FDSN Indiana)

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

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## 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.



# Fifth ...

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“It’s really exciting,” said Jay County coach Andrea Garringer. “The girls played really well.”

Dirksen and Bailey set the tone for the match in a hurry, both rolling to 6-0 victories in their opening sets. The latter ended hers after going to deuce, earning the final point when a shot from Winchester’s Emily Cockerill flew wide left.

It was the net game that got the job done for Dirksen, who used her height and length to make it difficult for Addyson Bogue of the Golden Falcons to get a shot past her. She earned her victory in just 31 minutes.

“What’s helped her is she was a doubles player,” said JCHS assistant coach Donald Gillespie. “When you come into singles and you can play at the net, you don’t see very many girls do that. ... She gets a lot of points. She’s very good up there. That’s really helped her.”

A few minutes later, Bailey served out her shutout victory at love. Her first serve of the game was too much for Cockerill to handle, and she finished off the win by chasing the WCHS senior to the left side of the court where she was unable to get her racket on the ball cleanly.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Gretchen Link of Jay County High School connects on a shot during her No. 2 doubles match along with partner Sophia Sprunger during Friday night’s sectional championship match between the host Patriots and the Winchester Golden Falcons. JCHS won 4-1 to earn its fifth consecutive sectional title.

“Really I just hit the ball back,” said Bailey, who is now 15-0. “I don’t really have a method to my madness. I just try to guess

where she’s going to hit it and I try to cheat toward that.”

Faith Faulkner and Raylah Newton seemed head-

ed for earning the sectional-clinching point at No. 1 doubles after winning 6-3 in the first set. But Johnson ripped through her

second set so quickly at No. 3 singles that she beat them to the finish line as she topped Addison Thornburg 6-4, 6-0.

“She just found her groove,” said Garringer. “She’s one that after she plays them and figures out her system, as long as she stays mentally stable, she plays really well.”

Moments later, Newton and Faulker capped their 6-3, 6-2 victory over Winchester’s Brooklyn Friend and Addison Haney.

The lone loss for the Patriots came at No. 2 doubles, where Gretchen Link and Sophia Sprunger fell in three sets after winning the first. Winchester freshmen Jorja Anderson and Julia Hargarten came fighting back to knock them off 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

### Semifinal

Three of the Patriots’ four wins against Union City came in straight sets, with Faulkner and Newton setting the tone with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Cintia Banda and Mya LaFuze at No. 1 doubles. Link and Sprunger took the other doubles match as they beat Sofia Emrick and Emmi Kreiner 6-4, 6-2.

Dirksen earned a 6-3, 6-0 victory at No. 2 singles over Shelby Arnold. Lilly Johnson overcame a first-set loss to beat Addison Thornburg 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

Brenna Bailey won by forfeit at No. 1 singles.

FRHS freshman Paisley Hart celebrates with Kylie Post after coming in to score the winning run against third-seeded Riverside on Friday at Anna. Emma Will drove in Hart, who went 3-for-4 at the plate, to walk-off the Pirates 4-3 and secure the Tribe its first OHSAA Division VI Southwest 2 District championship.



# Will ...

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Will’s walk-off was only set up by Dillon’s dramatics in the seventh inning.

Riverside (12-10) trailed 3-2 entering the seventh inning, but Dillon blasted her second home run of the game to right field to tie things up on the first at bat. Homan got out of the inning without any further damage, but Fort Recovery was forced to play out the bottom of the inning due to the score.

Will grounded out to third base to start the frame, but an error and a Homan single put the winning run at second base. The first pitch to Ella Schoen skipped off Taylor Dillon’s mitt to allow the runners to move over. RHS coach Andy Phelps then called a mound visit, where he decided to intentionally walk Ella Schoen to load the bases and regain the force out. The gamble worked as Dillon struck out the next two batters to force extra innings.

“I was hoping they’d hit a ground ball, because they’d been hitting a lot of ground balls,” Phelps said. “Riley really stepped up with those two big changeups to strike both of them out. I just told her to keep the ball low and get a ground ball to get out of the inning and it worked.”

Outside of Dillon’s home runs in the fight and seventh innings, the Pirates scored on a pair of doubles by Dillon and Aubree Huston to tie the game 1-1 in the third inning.

The other two Tribe runs came in the fifth as Ella Schoen hit a ball that first baseman Avery Perk failed to catch, allowing Will and Homan to score.

Box score

No. 3 Riverside Pirates  
vs. No. 5 Fort Recovery Indians

OHSAA Division VI  
Southwest 2 District final

Riverside (15-12)

	ab	r	h	bi
RDillon p	4	2	3	2
Johnson cr	0	1	0	0
Robinson 2b	3	0	1	0
Huston 3b	3	0	1	1
Hoffer cf	4	0	0	0
TDillon c	3	0	0	0
Purtee cr	0	0	0	0
Jackson rf	4	0	1	0
Hunkler lf	3	0	0	0
Ransbottom dp	3	1	0	0
Carman ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	31	4	6	3

Fort Recovery (17-9)

	ab	r	h	bi
Will cf	5	2	2	1
AvGrisez 2b	4	0	0	0
Homan p	3	1	2	1
Schoen 3b	3	0	0	0
AlGrisez 1b	4	0	0	0
Heitkamp rf	4	0	0	0
Post c	4	0	0	0
Klenke cr	0	0	0	0
Hart lf	4	1	3	0
Armstrong 2b	4	0	1	0
Totals	35	4	8	2

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# Where there's a Will ...



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Fort Recovery High School second baseman Layla Armstrong catches a line drive while Riverside's Emilee Robinson retreats back to first base during the OHSAA Division VI Southwest 2 District title game on Friday at Anna. Emma Will hit a walk-off double to lift the Indians to their first district championship 4-3.

## Indians find their way to first district title

**By ANDREW BALKO**  
The Commercial Review

ANNA, Ohio — Emma Will wrote the first few words of the Indians' district finale story. Others took their turns with the pen, the leading trading back and forth and high drama unfolding in the seventh inning.

In the end, though, it was Will again who authored the story-book ending.

Will smashed a double to the left-center field wall to secure the fifth-seeded Fort Recovery High School softball team its first district championship 4-3 over the No. 3 seed Riverside Pirates in OHSAA Division VI Southwest 2 at Anna on Friday.

"It feels so good," said FRHS coach Carrie Schoen. "First time ever to have a district championship under our belts. It's pretty special."

The victory earns the Indians

(17-9) a trip to their first regional game against No. 1 seed Tri-Village (25-0) at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bellefontaine.

Will led off the Tribe's journey to its first district title in multiple ways. Back as a freshman in 2022, she played for the team that made Fort Recovery history by advancing to the district final for the first time before falling to Lincolnview 10-5.

"It's amazing because freshman year, we lost the district finals," Will said. "Now being able to redeem ourselves feels amazing."

Just as she was on the FRHS team to make the district finals, she was the first to score as a senior on Friday. She led off the game with a double that one-hopped the wall in left-center field before stealing third base. Jenna Homan — she earned the win in the circle after throwing all eight innings and giving up

one three runs — drove Will in with a sacrifice fly.

Will's next three at bats weren't anything special as three ground balls led to two outs and an error. But she made up for it in the final frame.

Riley Dillon secured the first out of the eighth inning as she fought back from a 3-0 count to get Kylie Post to ground out to shortstop.

A red-hot Paisley Hart — she poked two singles up the middle and got out on a screaming line drive at Dillon earlier — came to the plate next and found the grass in shallow center for a hit. After Layla Armstrong went down on strikes, Carrie Schoen gave Hart the go sign to take second base and get into scoring position.

"She had a phenomenal game tonight and her bat was so hot," Carrie Schoen said. "I did give her the steal sign and if she

steals the base and gets out we'd still have the top of the order to start off the next inning. So, I felt confident with giving her the steal and she had a good read on it. That was huge."

The steal came after Will fouled off a pitch and looked at a second strike to go down 0-2. Dillon let a pitch run high as Hart stole the base, setting Will up for a potential walk-off. The senior, who leads Fort Recovery in career hits and runs, delivered with a shot to the same spot as the first inning in deep left-center field to win the Indians the title.

"My last two were grounders straight to people, so that was definitely a goal not to do," Will said. "It was so surreal. It was such a relieving feeling because it felt so good coming off the bat and I saw (Hart) rounding three and going home."

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# Fifth title

*Patriots take down Winchester 4-1 to claim fifth consecutive girls tennis sectional championship*

**By RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

Meredith Dirksen breezed through her match and Brenna Bailey was done just a few minutes later.

Meanwhile Lilly Johnson played the longest first set.

Then she shifted into high gear.

Johnson zipped through her second set and locked up the Jay County High School girls tennis team's fifth consecutive sectional championship just moments before the Patriot No. 1 doubles team also earned a victory in a 4-1 triumph over the Winchester Golden Falcons.

"It feels really good," said Dirksen, a senior. "We worked hard all season for this."

The Patriots advanced to the sectional title match with a shutout of Union City on Thursday while Winchester beat Randolph Southern 4-1. (The start of the tournament was postponed from Tuesday because of inclement weather.)

JCHS will move on to the regional tournament to play No. 16 Delta in the semifinal at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday at Noblesville. The other regional participants have yet to be determined, with sectional championship matches in the Noblesville and Alexandria tournaments scheduled for today.

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# JCHS blows out Devils in finale

RICHMOND — The Patriots had one final stop before they took on the sectional. They took one inning to earn enough runs to end the game and blow the Red Devils away.

Jay County High School's softball team closed the regular season with a 25-3 victory over the Richmond Red Devils on Friday.

The Patriots (19-2) exploded for 11 runs in the first inning on seven singles, one double, two walks, one hit batter and one error.

JCHS only scored two runs in the second inning before putting up seven in the third. It finished the game with two more

scores in the fourth and three in the final frame.

Brenna Ruble led the offense with four RBIs on three hits, including a double. Jaelynn Lykins followed with three RBIs on two hits.

Morgan Missicano, Jozey Shimp, Jadalyn Plessinger and Chloe Brown each drove in runs as well. Brown led Jay County with five runs scored.

Carley Trinidad threw all five innings for the Patriots, earning the victory. She gave up three earned runs on six hits and one walk. She struck out six batters as well.

Richmond (0-14) scored two runs in the fourth inning and one in the fifth.



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# Local 1620 beats Loy

Local 1620 took down Loy Real Estate and Auction 14-10 in Portland Junior League Sandy Koufax baseball on Friday evening.

Sam Wiggins powered the Loy offense with a home run and a single. He drove in three runs.

Oaklan Ingram matched Wiggins with three RBIs on one single.

Eli Miller drove in two runs, while Corbin Brown and Cooper Reynolds each pushed one run across the plate. Reynolds also suffered the loss on the mound.