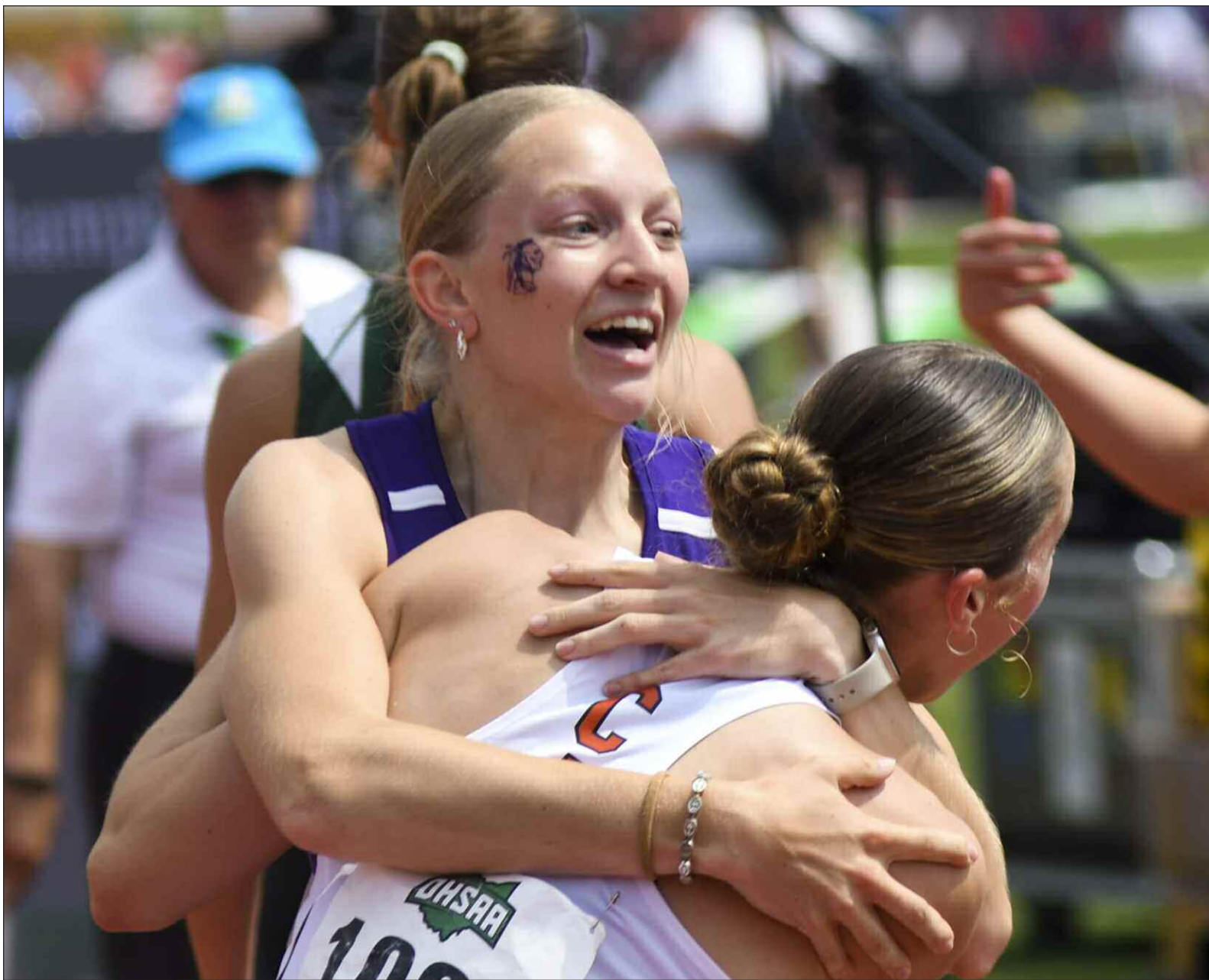


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State hug

Anna Roessner of Fort Recovery High School spins Coldwater's Izzy Zahn while hugging her after they finished atop the standings Saturday in the 400-meter dash in the OHSAA Division III Track State Finals at Ohio State University's Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium in Columbus. Roessner won the 100 dash earlier in the day to become the first state champion in FRHS girls track history. For more on her day at the state finals, see page 8.

County OKs a contract with JCDC

Agreement, with minor changes, runs through end of '25

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review
A contract has been signed.

Jay County Commissioners formally approved a service agreement Monday with Jay County Development Corporation.

Last month, Commissioners approved a \$50,000 request for the remainder of JCDC's budget for the year and two months of reserve dollars.

JCDC and commissioners' current service agreement, which started earlier this year, expires June 30. The new contract — it will run from July 1 through Dec. 31 — mirrors services outlined in the current agreement.

Those services include:
•Working with the county in the development of local businesses

•Engaging in activities to evaluate and assist in obtaining buildings, building sites and industrial parks for possible economic development opportunities in Jay County

•Assisting businesses in securing tax abatements

•Providing resources to the county's grant writer/community developer for grants and project development

•Working with Jay County Redevelopment Commission and other local or regional groups

•Providing services to economic development income tax (EDIT) advisory committee

•Assisting the county with other economic development projects as requested

See **Contract** page 2

Challengers lining up for Morales

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

As Secretary of State Diego Morales takes heat for back-to-back international trips that blurred personal and professional lines, Republican hopefuls see an opportunity to challenge the embattled politician and establish themselves in contrast to the divisive officeholder.

Mere weeks after taking flak for an unan-

Secretary of State has faced criticism for his international trips

nounced visit to India initially paid for by an undisclosed business, the IndyStar revealed that he was out of the country — again without sharing his travel plans and paid for

by an outside organization.

Since the story broke, he has revealed that organizers with the Conservative Political Action Conference picked up the tab for

his Hungary visit while pointedly posting about his "personal time" online. But he spoke on both international trips as Indiana's Secretary of State, not in his personal capacity.

"This certainly, to me, looks political and partisan. And so if someone else is footing the bill for him to make these international trips, it's certainly worthwhile for your typical voter but also other branches of government ... to know where that money is coming from," said Greg Shufeldt, an associate professor of political science at the University of Indianapolis.

See **Challengers** page 2

Trade talks are underway

By DANIEL FLATLEY
and CATHERINE LUCEY
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Trade talks between the U.S. and China kicked off in London, with the U.S. signaling a willingness to remove restrictions on some tech exports in exchange for assurances that China is easing limits on rare earth shipments.

The meeting, which began Monday just after 1 p.m. local time, is expected to extend into the U.K. evening and may restart Tuesday if necessary.

The Trump administration expects that "after the handshake" in London, "any export controls from the U.S. will be eased and the rare earths will be released in volume" by China, Kevin Hassett, head of the White House's National Economic Council, told CNBC.

Hassett's comments from Washington were the clearest signal yet that the U.S. is willing to offer such a concession, though he added that the U.S. would stop short of including the most sophisticated U.S. chips made by Nvidia

Officials from U.S. and China are meeting in London

Corp. used to power artificial intelligence.

"The very, very high-end Nvidia stuff is not what I'm talking about," Hassett said, adding that restrictions would not be lifted on the Nvidia H20 chips that are used to train AI services. "I'm talking about possible export controls on other semiconductors which are also very important to them."

U.S. stocks flipped between small gains and losses, and Chinese shares trading in Hong Kong entered a bull market, as some investors expressed hope the talks signaled a cooling of trade tensions.

The first round of negotiations since the teams met a month ago is aimed at restoring confidence that both are living up to commitments made in Geneva. During those discussions, Washington and Beijing agreed to lower crippling tariffs for 90 days to allow time to hammer out ways to address a trade imbalance that the Trump administration blames on an unfair playing field.

The confusion after the Geneva meeting about China's rare earth export-permitting process, combined with U.S. limits on tech shipments and Washington's recent crackdown on Chinese student visas, underscore the complexity of deal-making between China and the U.S.

"They left too many things open to interpretation," said Josh Lipsky, chair of international economics at the Atlantic Council. The U.S. and China "just want to get back to where they were in Switzerland with a few more agreements down on paper to actually understand what is gonna be licensed, what gets permitted, what doesn't," he added.

See **Talks** page 2



Tribune News Service/Tennessee Highway Patrol

Passengers survive

Twenty passengers survived after a plane crashed Sunday in Tennessee. The twin-engine plane went down soon after taking off from Tullahoma Regional Airport at 12:30 p.m., officials said in a Sunday evening briefing. It landed in a grassy area near the airport, next to the Beechcraft Museum. "Shortly after takeoff, the plane experienced an unknown issue that resulted in an impact with both trees and terrain," city administrator Jason Quick said, adding that first responders had been at the scene "within minutes."

In review

The Taste of Fort Recovery will kick off at 6 p.m. Thursday on the brick portion of Wayne Street. The event will include from a variety of area vendors. Island Vibe will perform at 8 p.m.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 76 degrees Sunday. The low was 62.

Tonight's low will be in the upper 50s.

Expect a high in the mid 80s Wednesday under sunny skies. Winds will gust up to 20 mph in the afternoon.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Public Library and Jay County Farm Bureau will partner for a Cookies & Canvas event for elementary school children on Thursday. Sessions begin at 4 and 6 p.m.

Registration is required by stopping in at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or calling (260) 726-7890.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of this week's Dunkirk City Council meeting.

Thursday — Results from Jay County in the boys golf sectional tournament.

Friday — Coverage of this week's Jay County Council meeting.



Felony arrests

Domestic battery
A Portland man was arrested Friday for domestic battery.

Andrew R. Busz, 40, 446 W. Arch St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.

He was being held in Jay County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.

Drug possession
Four Portland residents were arrested recently for drug possession.

Joseph E. McDowell, 46, 706 E. Main St., was arrested Thursday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine

and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Matthew R. Schlechty, 42, 131 E. Floral Ave., was arrested Thursday and preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6

felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He was being held on a \$14,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Travis L. Stone, 49, 1019 W. North St., was arrested Thursday and preliminari-

ly charged with a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He was being held in Jay County Jail on a \$14,000 bond.

Angela J. Franks, 44, 5726 S. 200 West, was arrested Saturday and preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug. Franks was released on a \$15,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

Contract ...

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JCDC's board of directors has not yet approved the contract, which had a few slight changes to adhere to the county's ordinance regarding contracts. (The ordinance requires certain language must be used in each contract approved with the county, such as a clause indemnifying Jay County from losses, costs or expenses incurred by the county as a result of negligence, willful

misconduct or wanton disregard of the other party's obligations.) It follows a state law that was passed last year.

Jay County officials approved \$100,000 in dollars for JCDC in January.

The JCDC board of directors in May approved the organization's 2025 budget at \$196,016.65. With \$172,150 pledged for the year at that time, the organization still had a budget deficit of

just under \$24,000. The board originally planned to request enough funding (\$116,330) to cover six months of expenses, having spent down its reserves in 2024 amid contract disputes with the county.

However, JCDC board president Angela Paxson last month requested \$50,000 from commissioners for the rest of the year.

"I do realize that your funding is tight this year, you've got

other projects and other entities, and \$140,000 is more than we need as a cushion at this point," Paxson said to commissioners May 27. "It's taken us over 20 years to build up to that, so I can understand."






Commissioners president Chad Aker voiced support at the May 27 meeting for JCDC's new director, Ceann Bales, who started in early April. He also shared positive thoughts about the

county's relationship with the organization moving forward.

"I've got full faith and confidence in Ceann, I think that, you know, she's going to follow through on this stuff, and I think it's going to be a success, and this also shows that we want to work together," said Aker.

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For more from the commissioners' meeting, see Wednesday's newspaper.

CR almanac				
Wednesday 6/11	Thursday 6/12	Friday 6/13	Saturday 6/14	Sunday 6/15
 86/64 Sunny skies are expected Wednesday when wind gusts may reach up to 20 mph.	 86/65 Thursday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a high in the mid 80s.	 81/67 Friday looks to be mostly sunny with a 30% chance of showers.	 77/64 Saturday looks to be mostly cloudy with a 60% chance of thunderstorms.	 79/65 Sunday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of thunderstorms.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$54 million	20-22-28-30-32-40-41-48-51-52-62-66-70-74-78-79 Cash 5: 11-20-27-29-38 Estimated jackpot: \$166,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$243 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 5-0-9 Pick 4: 2-9-1-7 Pick 5: 8-6-4-1-9 Evening Pick 3: 3-3-4 Pick 4: 8-9-3-1 Pick 5: 2-7-2-7-4 Rolling Cash 5: 6-8-11-13-18 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 5-3-7 Daily Four: 0-8-9-6 Quick Draw: 1-2-3-10-12-16-26-27-28-30-35-48-51-53-55-64-69-72-73-76 Evening Daily Three: 6-7-3 Daily Four: 0-4-5-1 Quick Draw: 2-4-12-13-	

Markets

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Today in history

In 1898, U.S. Marines landed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. They fought a land war for the next month, resulting in the end of Spanish colonial rule in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1922, American singer and actress Judy Garland was born in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Garland starred as Dorothy in the movie "The Wizard of Oz."

In 1999, the war in Kosovo ended with then-president Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia agreeing to withdraw troops from the disputed territory following a bombing campaign by NATO.

In 2007, the final episode of the TV series "The Sopranos" aired on HBO.

In 2021, Caleb DeRome and Griffin Mann of Jay County High School finished their seasons at the boys golf regional tournament at The Players Club in Yorktown. DeRome shot an 84 and Mann, who now plays at Hanover, finished his career with a 91.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 6 p.m. — Ridgeville Town Council, fire station, 302 N. Walnut St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.	Carnegie Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton. 1 p.m. — Jay County Sheriff's Office Merit Board, training room, sheriff's office, 224 W. Water St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, Wabash River Basin Commission, Wells St., Portland.
Wednesday 8 a.m. — Upper	

Talks ...

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A phone call last week between President Donald Trump and his counterpart Xi Jinping appeared to give fresh momentum to reviving talks and reaching a deal.

On Monday at London's Lancaster House — where former European Central Bank President Mario Draghi delivered his "whatever it takes" speech in 2012 — U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer will meet a Chinese delegation led by Vice Premier He Lifeng.

The addition of Lutnick, who's in charge of curbs on the sale of advanced technology, signals Trump may be willing to consider reversing some of the restrictions that threaten to hobble China's long-term

Tensions escalated this year after tariffs were placed on Chinese goods

growth ambitions, ranging from tech supplies to jet engine parts.

U.S.-China trade tensions escalated this year as Trump hiked duties on Chinese goods, prompting retaliation from Beijing. That's led to pain in both economies, including distortions in data and uncertainties for businesses trying to navigate sudden changes in trade policy.

Earlier on Monday, Chinese government figures showed exports rose less than expected last month

as the worst drop in shipments to the U.S. in more than five years counteracted strong demand from other markets.

In the U.S., job growth moderated in May and the prior months were revised lower, indicating employers are cautious about growth prospects. Trump's tariffs are causing uncertainty and delays for U.S. manufacturers, particularly in the Midwest, which is affecting their investment and production plans.

Challengers ...

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The website for the Office of the Secretary of State doesn't include any mention of international relations, but is centered on election oversight, registering businesses and trademarks, and licensing vehicle dealerships.

Returning the office's focus to those duties is part of the campaign platform for both Republican challengers who announced in recent weeks.

Knox County Clerk Dave Shelton ran against Morales in the 2022 convention but fell short in the final tally. He announced his bid with Indy Politics in April, days before Morales posted about his intention to run for reelection.

Shelton described the position itself as the destination, rather than a stepping stone for another office, adding that his early announcement is designed to give him time to meet with delegates.

"I want to do the job without fanfare. I don't need my picture taken; I don't need to make headlines," said Shelton. "I just want the personal satisfaction of doing the job to the best of my abilities. I will not be a taxpayer-funded tourist on a statewide search for photo ops. That is not me."

Party candidates for the secretary of state are chosen by delegates at a convention, rather than through a primary process. The convention is scheduled for next summer, meaning that candidates can't yet officially submit their names for consideration.

Jamie Reitenour outperformed a former attorney general in the Republican primary election for governor last year and now has her sights set on the office.

"To be super honest, I'm just offended. I'm offended for Hoosiers that he is not taking the secretary of state job, in my opinion, very seriously," Reitenour told the Indiana Capital Chronicle. "It's an administrative job; it's not meant to be a job where you're constantly posting about all your travel."

Questions about international trips sent to Morales' campaign didn't get a response before publication, but the politician

has shot back at critics online and in a recent WOWO interview.

"... I will always take every opportunity to promote Indiana. I am always Indiana Secretary of State, even when I'm out of the office on personal time," said Morales in a statement shared with Indy Politics. "I will continue to promote Indiana across the nation and internationally."

Unlike other state employees, the State Personnel Department has little oversight over elected officials. Elected officials don't punch a time clock or have limits on personal or vacation time. And there are few restrictions or transparency about travel.

The latter could change following a new state law mandating that such officeholders report their travel expenses from trips "taken in an official capacity" and whether state funding was used. It's unclear if this would capture Morales' international trips, where he spoke as Indiana Secretary of State but wasn't explicitly on state business.

"Broadly, the travel that Diego Morales is doing is frequently not tied to the day-to-day functions of his secretary of state duties," Shufeldt said. "Moreover, if you assume that one of his chief responsibilities is the lead election official in the state, Hungary is not the place to go."

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Daughter, tree can grow together

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review

It's going to be fun to see how fast each of them grow. No, that's not me teasing another Baby Schanz.

One is enough — for now. One of the items on the unofficial checklist of things Chrissy and I wanted to do before we were “ready” to start a family was buy a home.

Previously, we were renting a two-bedroom apartment that wasn't big enough for the two of us and our zoo of pets (two dogs and three cats).

There's absolutely no way a child and all of its requirements would have been able to join us in that space.

Well, we just passed the two-year mark of being in our home. We really lucked out with this house.

Parental Ponderings



While they say these days the first house you buy generally isn't your “forever” home, this very well could be.

It was well cared for by its previous owners — the younger married couple had two small children, and it was move-in ready when we bought it. It's a modest, three-bedroom, two-bath ranch with a full, unfinished basement and a two-car garage.

The land has a spacious area in both the front and back. It's got plenty of

space for a child to play, with siblings or friends. It gets a ton of natural light and the sun shines inside both during the morning and evening.

It has a shed in the back yard, mulch around the perimeter of the dwelling with solid curb appeal.

It just lacked one thing I always wanted in a yard.

Trees. There are a few arborvitae in the southeast corner of the backyard, and the northeast corner has two giant birch trees. One of them is half dead and needs to be pruned, but that's about it for trees in our yard.

There was at one point another tree near the arborvitae, but only the stump remains.

Some old Google Street View images of our house

showed there was also a tree in the front yard. Unfortunately it's long gone.

So I was desperate to replace it. During the summer months, the sun beats down on the front of our house, and it would be nice to have some shade to keep the house a little cooler.

Deciding on which tree, however, was a tough process.

My wife and I tend to be indecisive with how we want to decorate.

Cases in point: the duplex we rented for 15 months didn't have anything on the walls outside of a corkboard I used for work purposes. And, our current home remains bare aside from some of my photographs I got printed to hang in the office.

If we're unable to decide

on what to put inside our house, how are we going to decide what to put permanently on the outside?

I initially wanted to plant a tree for our daughter the spring after she was born. Like most things recently, we didn't get around to it.

Mother's Day this year, I made it happen. And the decision of what to plant ended up being an easy one.

Our neighbors have a big, luscious snowdrift crabapple tree in their back yard. For those unfamiliar, in the spring it blooms large, white flowers.

My wife has ogled over them each of the last two spring seasons.

I knew that was the tree for us.

After using the Michigan equivalent of Indiana 811 to identify any utility lines in

our front yard, a snowdrift crabapple was transplanted into its new yard. The 5-foot, 8-inch tree, which is just as tall as me, is able to soak up the sun all day long and one day provide much-needed shade for our front yard.

With Baby Schanz proud to stand on her own, we took her out to her tree recently to snap some photographs, and we will make it a yearly tradition to get pictures with our daughter next to her tree.

While she'll never catch up to Mother Nature, it's going to be fun to track their growth.

Chris Schanz is a former CR Sports Editor hoping he can keep a tree alive. Send arboriculture advice to christopher.schanz@gmail.com.

Proud grandmother worries about condition

DEAR ABBY: I'm blessed at 38 to have my first and likely only grandbaby. She's PERFECT. My daughter, “Robin,” is stressed. She's left alone with the baby all day, every day while her partner works. Robin sleeps only when he's home. I understand her frustration. I raised her and her brother, 12 months apart, on my own. I don't get to see my grandbaby often as I don't have a vehicle and Robin doesn't have a driver's license.

I cherish every picture I receive. I want to memorize every aspect of my grandbaby. There's a recurring theme in her photos. I think the baby has a lazy eye. I've compared pictures from birth until now at 10 months of age.

Robin is in a fragile state with stress and postpartum depression. Should I tell her or let a doctor catch it? I know the longer it goes untreated, the worse it gets. Right now, I can't say or do anything right to her. Apparently, “I don't know what it's like to raise a kid!” — WATCHFUL GRANDMA IN MISSOURI

Dear Abby



DEAR GRANDMA: If your daughter is suffering from postpartum depression, it is very important that she be treated by her doctor for it. You should be telling her that. I cannot stress this too strongly. Your granddaughter should be having regular examinations by her pediatrician because if there is something wrong with her eye, her pediatrician should catch it and recommend treatment.

DEAR ABBY: My father divorced my mother when I was 7. He was never around much prior to their divorce. They married young, and I have three siblings. My parents “had” to get

married (those were the times), so it wasn't a happy union. Dad was self-absorbed and immature. He moved out of state, never supported us and sat on the sidelines, watching us flounder.

My mother worked three jobs during my whole childhood. She was the best parent you could imagine, but it was a real struggle for all of us. In a way, we were blessed that he left. Two of my siblings maintained a relationship with this man, who later in life remarried and had two more children. I have never understood how they could forgive him, but they must have.

My father is 86 now. Years ago, he moved back to where we grew up. He is dying and has two to six months to live. It is a strange feeling, and I have sympathy for what my siblings have been going through. How do I support them?

I haven't spoken to my father in 40 years, and we never speak of him to each other. I can never forgive him for what he did to me and my mother. Of course, I will know when he passes. I want to

be sincere and support my siblings. — EMPATHETIC IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR EMPATHETIC: No one can predict how the death of a parent will affect them, and that includes you. Don't be surprised if it comes as a jolt. You do not have to mourn your father's death in order to be sensitive to your siblings' feelings. Often, it's helpful just to be a good listener and help with whatever details need to be attended to if asked.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for 40 years. Her 42-year-old son came to live with us four months ago. He has never worked in his life and does nothing. I'm supporting him now. Tonight, my wife told me, “Don't forget about the trash. The pickup comes early in the morning, and I know you don't want to get up at 5 to put it out.” I said, “Have your son do it. He doesn't do anything except sleep all day and eat all night.” “Well, he's in bed already,” she responded. So I took

the trash out and finished the dishes. He walked past me to go outside and have a cigarette (that I bought). Am I wrong to be mad? My wife says I'm wrong. — IMPOSED UPON IN NORTH DAKOTA

DEAR IMPOSED UPON: You say the son is 42, and you have been married to his mother since he was 2. Who raised him? Was he with his father? Is there something wrong with him that you omitted from your letter? Why is he living with you? Why hasn't he found a job so he could contribute to his room and board?

When you pointed out that because you are supporting her son, HE and not you should take out the garbage, she should have awakened him and informed him his help was needed. For your sake (and his), put your foot down. You not only have the right to be mad, but you also have the right to make your feelings known.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

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

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

Wednesday WEDNESDAY MORN-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal.

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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Tariffs create dangerous situation

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It's hard to believe U.S. trade policy could get any more confused and confusing, but somehow it has. Last week's court ruling deeming many of the tariffs levied by the White House to be illegal has only deepened the uncertainty confronting U.S. companies and trading partners.

What's clear, however, is that the decision hasn't deflected the administration from its goal of remaking the global trading system. That's a job for Congress, which ought to reassert its authority over trade policy.

The hitherto obscure U.S. Court of International Trade, mainly devoted to litigating customs disputes, found the White House was wrong to invoke the International Emer-

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gency Economic Powers Act in support of its "Liberation Day" tariffs.

The judges noted that, according to the government's own lawyers, the tariffs were intended to create leverage against trading partners — a purpose that hardly supports the claim that the country is facing an emergency, as the law requires.

The crucial constitutional question — whether, for trade-policy purposes, the White House can declare a "national emergency" and then adopt

remedies however it chooses — is far from settled.

An appeals court has paused the May 28 ruling while it considers the arguments. In due course, presumably, the Supreme Court will decide. But rest assured there'll be no resumption of trade as usual while this argument is hashed out.

For a start, officials have many other trade-policy tools to use in place of IEEPA. Even if the new ruling stands, the outlook for tariffs might not change very much. So-called Section 301 tariffs on many imports from China, intended to address violations of existing trade agreements, remain in force. Likewise, Section 232 tariffs on steel, aluminum and cars — supposedly to address national-security threats — and Section 201 tariffs on solar panels, designed to "safeguard" domes-

tic industries from "serious injury."

The administration, which has already announced a doubling of steel and aluminum tariffs, could widen the scope of all these sanctions. It might also turn to the 1974 Trade Act's Section 122, which authorizes "temporary" tariffs to deal with "large and serious" balance-of-payments deficits.

Meanwhile, the administration's leverage in negotiations will likely be weakened. Talks with China already seem paralyzed. The tariff pauses previously announced might have to be extended, and trade partners will be under less pressure to cut a deal. (The UK, one of the first to settle, already has one. The court's ruling may void it, because it leaves a so-called baseline IEEPA tariff in place.)

Another distraction: Compa-

nies might sue to recover some of the tariffs they've already paid, if those measures are ultimately confirmed to be unlawful. If the idea was to maximize the uncertainty under which U.S. producers are obliged to operate, crushing investment, destroying consumer confidence and lining the pockets of trade-policy litigators, it would be difficult to do better than this.

The blame rests not just with the White House but also with Congress. For years, lawmakers have abdicated their responsibility under the Constitution to oversee tariffs, which fall under their taxing powers.

On trade and fiscal policy alike, lawmakers should start doing their jobs — and the administration should choose cooperation and prosperity over trade war. The current chaos benefits no one, least of all the U.S.

Cutting USAID is deadly legacy

By DAVID DOUGLASS
OtherWords

Elon Musk has left the White House, leaving a trail of destruction in his wake. But of all the actions Musk and President Trump set in motion before their recent rupture, nothing will hurt more people around the world than their dismantling of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

By making disease-stemming drugs, clean water, and food available to millions, USAID has probably saved more lives worldwide than any entity in history.

Since 2000, USAID's programs have prevented the deaths of 58 million people from tuberculosis, 25 million from HIV/AIDS, and over 11 million from malaria. It's given 70 million people access to safe drinking water and, working in concert with global vaccine initiatives, helped to nearly eradicate polio.

As the main funder of global health interventions, USAID served as a bulwark against diseases that don't halt at national borders. Its programs identified emerging epidemics and minimized the spread of drug-resistant diseases that threaten Americans as well.

Although it's commonly assumed to be much higher, foreign aid is just 1% of federal spending, so cutting it won't begin to balance the budget. So instead Trump and Musk attacked USAID by slander, calling it a "criminal agency" (Musk) that's "run by a bunch of radical lunatics" (Trump).

This, of course, was a lie. USAID was known for having rigorous oversight, with 275 investigators and auditors in its watchdog office.

Most USAID funding in low-income countries targets disease prevention, economic growth and disaster relief. But DOGE and Trump made staggering false claims, like Trump's that USAID was sending "\$50 million to Gaza to buy condoms for Hamas."

As a result, USAID was the first casualty in the Trump administration's struggle to make the federal government subservient not to the Constitution but to one man. And Musk — the world's richest man, whose income last year exceeded USAID's entire budget — and Trump withdrew medicines and food from millions of the world's most vulnerable people. Afterward, Musk

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gleefully announced that they'd fed "USAID into the wood chipper."

I've followed USAID since seeing its economic and agricultural programs in the African Sahel in the 1980s, and I've spent 40 years heading nonprofits working to provide clean drinking water internationally.

Every federal agency can stand being streamlined. But what happened to USAID wasn't reform — it was destruction.

"They didn't know what they were doing or care to find out, but I came to realize that cruelty is their purpose," one senator told me in April. "Cruelty is how they think they demonstrate power."

It's fair to say American voters didn't ask for this. USAID went unmentioned during the 2024 presidential campaign — and bipartisan majorities continue to say they oppose gutting the agency.

American entities which partnered with USAID will continue to raise their own private funds. But by themselves they can't replace USAID's leadership abroad.

Now that Trump and Musk have eviscerated the agency, millions will suffer. The Center for Global Development estimates that U.S. foreign assistance has been saving 3 million lives annually.

For Americans feeling queasy over what's been carried out, it's not too late to convey to Congress your support for life-saving foreign assistance.

Americans should be proud of how their foreign aid has reduced worldwide poverty, sickness, hunger, and thirst — all for 1% of the federal budget. The future cost to the United States, if it abandons its leadership in global health and development, will prove incalculable.

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Immunity gaining new notoriety

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Many Hoosiers recently learned that Indiana has an immunity statute that protects lawmakers from some arrests during the legislative session. The reaction has been surprise and frustration.

One social media user posted, "How have we gotten to the point in this state where our elected leaders are above the law? This is pure insanity & would NEVER be acceptable for the average citizen."

Another reader responded, "Are they immune from common sense too?"

So, I thought I would delve into the provision and explain why it exists and how often it's used.

State Sen. Mike Bohacek was pulled over for suspected drunk driving in January and recorded a blood-alcohol content of 0.238%. But the Michiana Shores Republican wasn't charged until this week due to the legislative immunity provision.

The first important fact is that no modern-day lawmaker created this exemption, and it basically mirrors a similar provision for federal lawmakers. The National Conference of State Legislatures said most state constitutions contain similar provisions.

The state's prohibition is found in Article 4, Section 8 of the Indiana Constitution.

"Senators and Representatives, in all cases except treason, felony, and breach of the peace, shall be privileged from arrest, during the session of the General Assembly, and in going to and returning from the same; and shall not be subject to any civil process, during the session of the General Assembly, nor during the fifteen days next before the commencement thereof."

Indiana's current Constitution was adopted in 1851 with numerous amendments since then. But this por-

Niki Kelly



tion goes back as far as the state's 1816 constitution before Indiana became a state. Then it was under Article 3.

For a long time, there was no definition of breach of the peace in Indiana code but lawmakers in 2021 added one: "breaking or disturbing the public peace, order, or decorum by any riotous, forcible, or unlawful proceedings, including fighting or tumultuous conduct."

The federal immunity provision is almost exact. Some historical texts indicate the language was created so that lawmakers weren't blocked from being able to vote on a matter or otherwise participate in proceedings.

In his Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story said this:

"When a representative is withdrawn from his seat by a summons, the people whom he represents, lose their voice in debate and vote, as they do in his voluntary absence. When a senator is withdrawn by summons, his state loses half its voice in debate and vote, as it does in his voluntary absence. The enormous disparity of the evil admits of no comparison. The privilege, indeed, is deemed not merely the privilege of the member, or his constituents, but the privilege of the house also."

The Supreme Court of the United States has interpreted the provision to apply to all crimes, but Indiana has generally seen it used in cases of misdemeanors.

Bohacek's case is almost identical to one from 1992 when then-Rep. Keith Bulen was pulled over for

drunk driving in January. Police also didn't arrest him due to the immunity clause and he was charged weeks later after session ended. Similar to Bohacek, Bulen refused the breathalyzer test and said a prescribed medicine made him groggy. But Bulen's incident resulted in him hitting an off-duty police officer's car.

Bulen's case, though, was not hidden from public view at the time. He was eventually acquitted.

In 2002, two northwest Indiana lawmakers — Reps. Charlie Brown and Vernon Smith — used the provision to contest their criminal case.

The Gary Post Tribune reported the pair was arrested June 18 on traffic and related offenses. They protested the action and claimed they were shown a lack of respect as elected officials and residents.

The legislature was in special session in Indianapolis, although the men were in Gary.

They were arrested immediately but the chief of police quickly apologized. The men were charged with obstructing traffic later that year by a special prosecutor. Smith was acquitted but Brown was found guilty.

If Hoosiers want to change the constitutional provision they will have to convince lawmakers to start that years-long process because Indiana doesn't allow citizen-initiated constitutional amendments or referendums.

It remains to be seen what will happen to Bohacek, including any punishment by leaders of the Senate. Voters have the ultimate say on consequences at the ballot box, but they will have to wait a long time. Bohacek isn't up for election again until 2028.

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Warner says it plans to split

Movies, HBO and cable TV will separate by mid '26

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LOS ANGELES — Warner Bros. Discovery is dividing its assets into two separate publicly traded companies, the media conglomerate announced Monday.

The move will put the company's iconic movie studio, prestige TV operation, HBO and HBO Max and DC Studios into a single entity known as Streaming & Studios. Cable channels CNN, TNT, Discovery and over-the-air networks internationally will operate under the banner of Global Networks.

The split is aimed at attracting investors in the company's growing streaming business without exposure to the mature traditional TV business, which is in decline. The transaction is expected to be done by mid 2026.

"By operating as two distinct and optimized companies in the future, we are empowering these iconic brands with the sharper focus and strategic flexibility they need to compete most effectively in today's evolving media landscape," Warner Bros. Discovery David Zaslav said in a statement.

Zaslav will head Streaming & Studios. Gunnar Wiedenfels, chief financial officer of Warner Bros. Discovery, will serve as president and CEO of Global Networks. Both will continue in their current roles at WBD until the separation.

Zaslav has hinted at the split since Comcast announced it was putting MSNBC, CNBC, the Golf Channel, USA Network and other outlets into a new company called Versant, separating the mature businesses from the rest of the company as it focuses on streaming.



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Assembly team worker Kevin Garner lowers the engine assembly onto the frame of a large SUV at the General Motors Arlington Assembly plant in 2023 in Texas. Bank of America recently released its annual Car Wars report, which projects difficult years upcoming for the U.S. car industry.

Rough ride projected

Bank of America report predicts historically low years ahead

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FARMINGTON HILLS, Michigan — Bank of America's annual "Car Wars" report forecasts a "rough ride" for the U.S. industry in the next couple of years because of low model replacement rates and struggling electric vehicle growth.

The annual study led by analyst John Murphy predicts automaker performance in the U.S. market by looking at product launches over the next few years with the premise that automakers with higher showroom replacement rates will perform better. The report predicts those rates in the next couple of years will be historically low ahead of major truck launches from the Detroit Three later this decade, and because of cutbacks in electric vehicle products from low demand.

"What's wild this year is that we expect 159 models to be launched over the next four years," Murphy said before the Automotive Press Association. "Last year, it was over 200. Traditionally, it's over 200" over a four-year stretch.

He added: "This year, at 159, is a dramatic decline from above 200 last year. We have never seen this kind of change before."

Murphy noted there are 29 new model launches this year, the lowest in decades. He attrib-

uted the declines to a pullback in EV investment. Adoption of vehicles with all-electric powertrains has failed to meet industry expectations, with them comprising about 8% of annual U.S. sales. Limited access to charging stations, higher prices of EVs compared to gas-powered alternatives, range anxiety and more have limited adoption.

Car Wars is predicting 71 EV nameplates being offered over the next four years. That's about half of what the forecast had expected two years ago.

"There are a lot of tough decisions that are going to be made," Murphy said. "Based on the study, I think we're going to see multi-million dollar write-downs that are flooding the headlines for the next few years."

Ford Motor Co. last year wrote off nearly \$2 billion when it canceled plans for a three-row all-electric SUV, saying it wasn't going to be profitable within the first year.

Murphy underscored that automakers will best serve their shareholders by emphasizing their core business — which is gas- and diesel-powered SUVs and trucks — and leveraging connectivity to get customers returning to smaller, strengthened dealer franchises. From those revenues, then, it can invest in future technologies like EVs, autonomy and other

software applications and brave threats like tariffs and Chinese competition.

"I do think, as we look at this, although we've said lower product intros, that these core products that generate a lot of profit for the companies, including the D3, will likely create a pretty profitable next few years for the industry," Murphy said. "So although it looks a bit scary at the moment, I do think we're looking at a pretty good upside to earnings, and potentially stocks over the coming years."

Traditionally, replacement rates average about 15% in the industry. Car Wars predicts rates at about 11% in 2026 and 2027.

"It's gonna be a little bit of a rough ride for these two years," Murphy said.

The report predicts the Detroit Three's replacement rate from model year 2026 to 2029 will fall around the industry average of 16%, indicating a likely stagnant market share. Ford's was at 16.1%, General Motors Co.'s was 15.7% and Chrysler parent Stellantis NV's was at 15.4%.

Ford Motor Co. spokesperson Mike Levine emphasized the Dearborn automaker has new product in the marketplace today, including the full-size Ford Expedition and Lincoln Navigator SUVs that recently went on sale.

"Ford is committed to offering our customers vehicles that they love and can't live without," he said in a statement. "We are investing in all-new ICE, hybrid and electric vehicles to provide customers with freedom of choice to find the best vehicle to meet their needs."

Representatives for GM and Stellantis declined to remark on the report.

On the upper end of replacement rate, meanwhile, is Tesla Inc. It has a 22.4% replacement rate, indicating the Texas EV maker could grow its market share in the coming years. But the rate is also a bit "dubious," Murphy declared, noting Tesla has postponed launches and favors more frequent updates to its vehicles versus total redesigns.

"That's questionable whether that all will happen," Murphy said, "given their track record of not really introducing new-generation models."

On the lower end is Nissan Motor Co. Ltd. with a 12.3% replacement, indicating it could lose market share. The automaker is under financial stress, has cut jobs and is losing market share in the United States with aging product.

"Nissan remains a mess," Murphy said. "It's just unclear what their commitment is, in their current form, to the U.S. market."

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Schneider leads

PENNVILLE — John Schneider led all of the scoring during the second week of Pennville Soccer League play, as the General Store Griffins split a pair of games in the Sky Division.

Schneider's top performance of six goals led the Griffins to a 9-8 victory over the Vinson Rental Property Dragons. Carson Cooke, Bryson Michael and Chase Kirkwood all added a goal in support of Schneider's effort. Carter Hermann and Angel Perez both scored three goals for the Dragons, while Camden Vinson added two in the loss.

The trio of Dragons managed to take Schneider down in the opener though as Perez tied the Griffins' lone scorer with four goals. Herman added two and Vinson found the net once to lead to the 7-4 Dragons win.

Meteors sweep

PENNVILLE — The Ohio Valley Gas Meteors swept their week No. 2 games behind strong efforts from Williams Gutierrez and Neymar Carreno in the Pennville Soccer League Space Division.

Gutierrez put up the best individual performance of the day in the division, scoring six goals as part of an 8-1 beating of the WPGW Asteroids. Carreno contributed the other two goals, while Jude Cline netted the lone Asteroid score.

Carreno led the duo in the Meteors' 5-3 victory over the AgBest Express Rockets with three goals. Gutierrez added one, along with a score from Bradley Caterson. The Rockets generated offense through Natan Perez, who found the net twice, and Anniston Hammond, who had one goal.

The Penrod Monument Galaxy also beat the Asteroids on Saturday 3-0. Autumn Keyes led the Galaxy with two goals, while Kenna Penrod netted one.

Coleman leads

PENNVILLE — Tessa Coleman led the way in the Pennville Soccer League Stinger Division with a five-goal performance for the Ernst Concrete Bees on Saturday.

Her five goals, combined with one from Silas Ault, resulted in a 6-4 win over the Matt Aker Foundation Yellowjackets. Madison Schmiesing scored all four goals for the Yellowjackets.

The Dave's Heating and Cooling Hornets ran away with a 10-2 victory over the A Place to Grow Wasps as well. Lance Gentis and Raelyn McClain topped the Hornets' offense with three goals apiece. Ian Kaehr and Weston Willmann followed suit with two scores each. Sebastian Benavidez and Chase Keys had the two Wasps' goals.

12 score

PENNVILLE — Twelve players scored a combined 31 goals on Saturday in Pennville Soccer League Wild Cat Division Play.

Liam Thompson of the Edwards Jones Cheetahs and Lyle Beiswanger of the New Beginnings Holiness Church Cougars topped the league with five goals each over two games.

Beiswanger scored four in the Cougars' 8-3 win over the Cheetahs, while Thompson put two in the net. Beiswanger was supported by two goals from Colten Hermann and one from both Colton Coons and Marcus Milthaler. Zyler White had the Cheetahs' other score.

Beiswanger scored one goal as the Cougars took down the Crossroads FCU Lions. Coons put three into the net, while Hermann, Avery Hovis, Roger Teeple Jr. and Milthaler each had a score.

Thompson scored three goals as part of a 10-2 Cheetahs win over the Poet Biorefining Jaguars. Zyler White matched Thompson with three goals, while Zaylee White netted two. Jaxon Williams and Levi VanDe-man each put a ball in the net as well. Jonas Westfall had both goals for the Jaguars.

Faster ...

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FRHS coach Christy Diller had refused to speculate following Roessner's performance at Friday's preliminaries about what it might feel like to have an athlete stand atop the state podium, despite the fact that she was the No. 1 seed by a half second.

"It's pretty darn good," she said Saturday, adding that she cried when her niece crossed the finish line. "That was amazing.

"To PR in your last races, you can't hardly ask for more than that," she added. "I really don't have any words for it yet. It's pretty amazing. She's crazy. We're not going to see anything like that for a long time."

As had been the case throughout her tournament run, Roessner was untouchable in the state finals. She got out to a fast start, as is her style, and never gave anyone else a chance at an upset.

Her time of 11.75 seconds broke the 21-year-old state meet record of 11.81 set by Brittany Hocker of Bridgeport. It also matched the all-time Division III record that Candace Longino-Thomas of Gilmour Academy set in 2011.

She was four tenths of a second faster than runner-up Chloe Griffith of West Liberty Salem and a half-second or more better than everyone else.

"Every time I run, I envision someone right next to me, pushing me along," said Roessner. "I really have no idea where they're at, ever. I just have to go as fast as I can and see what happens."

She had the ultimate push in her other two races in the form of county and Midwest Athletic Conference rival Izzy Zahn of Coldwater.

While Zahn was an insurmountable favorite in the 400 dash, Roessner's preliminary run showed she could at least make a push in the 200 dash.

That proved true Saturday, as Roessner was just about a step behind Zahn as they broke the final curve and hit the home stretch. Zahn pulled away to smash the state record she set during the preliminaries in 23.04 while Roessner followed in 23.89 to take second place. No one else broke the 25-second mark, as Olivia Hudson of Oberlin was third in 25.2.

After she crossed the finish line, Roessner again turned her eyes to the scoreboard before spinning Zahn around in a happy hug.



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second in 52.89 while Hudson was second in 55.46, improving on her preliminary time by nearly two seconds.

It has been a transformation over the last two years for Roessner, who only qualified for the state finals as part of the Indians' 4x100 relay team as a sophomore. She was third in the state in the 200 dash and fifth in the 100 dash last season.

"She gained a huge amount of confidence with doing indoor," said Diller. "I think that was a lot of it. And maturity. ... We say a lot of times, iron sharpens iron. She's around kids who are fast, which makes her want to level her game up. ...

"The competitiveness, that's all her. I don't think you can teach that. It's just something you have.

"You combine that with a little bit of talent," she said, laughing, "good things happen."

Roessner leaves Fort Recovery — she plans to run at Hillsdale College — as the top girls track athlete in school history. She set new school records, all breaking her own standards, in the final meet of her career. And she's now the gold standard for Ohio as well, the fastest girl in the history of Division III.

"It was a great day," she said. "The weather's beautiful, a little warm but low wind, it's so nice out. Honestly a perfect day to finish off a high school career."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

Jay County — Boys golf sectional at Monroe Central — 9 a.m.

TV schedule

Today

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

7:40 p.m. — MLB: New York Yankees at Kansas City Royals (TBS)

8 p.m. — WNBA: Chicago Sky at New York Liberty (ESPN)

8 p.m. — International Friendly soccer: United States at Switzerland (TNT)

Wednesday

5:30 a.m. — MMA: Professional Fighters League (ESPN2)

1:05 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia Phillies (NBC)

1:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Cleveland Guardians (FDSN Indiana)

7 p.m. — NCAA track & field championships (ESPN)

8 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Louisville City at Rhode Island (ESPN2)

8:30 p.m. — NBA Finals: Oklahoma City Thunder at Indiana Pacers (ABC)

Local notes

Challenge continues

The Adams County Challenge continues with a pair of races in June.

The first will be held on June 7, as the Youth for Christ 5K starts at the Ceylon Covered Bridge outside of Geneva at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$20.

The Fitness Delivered Charity 5K and Fun Run will be held on June 21 at 8:30 a.m. The race will begin at Fitness Delivered located at 141 N. First St. in Decatur. Registration will cost \$20 and includes a t-shirt if done by June 1. The Fun Run is free for anyone 12 and younger.

Registration forms for both races can be found at adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

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 Belmont High School and will have stops in Willshire, Geneva and Monroe with refreshments.

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
IN THE JAY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO 38-C01-2503-MI-6
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Darell Walker,
Petitioner
NOTICE OF A PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Darell Walker, whose mailing address is: Portland, IN 47371, in the Jay County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Darell Walker has filed a petition in the Jay County Court requesting that his name be changed to Darell Simmons. Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on July 14, 2025 at 9:30 am
Darell Walker, Petitioner
CR 6-3,10,17-2025-HSPXILP

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Jay Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38C01-2410-MF-000020 wherein MidFirst Bank was Plaintiff, and Stephanie Byrum and Medalion Bank were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on July 3, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as is possible, at the Jay County Courthouse at 120 N Court Street, Portland, IN 47371 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana. Lot Numbered Sixty-three (63) and Sixty-four (64) in Votaw's Addition to the Town, now City, of Portland, Indiana. Commonly known address: 239 East North Street, Portland, IN 47371
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Larry R. Newton, Sheriff of Jay County
Nicholas M. Smith
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