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Connect is designated

Portland's Main Street organization joins state network

By RAY COONEY

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Portland has a Main Street, officially.

Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs announced Wednesday that Portland Main Street Connect has been designated as 2021 OCRA's Downtown Affiliate Network programs.

"Obviously I'm very excited," said Reda Theurer-Miller of Portland Main Street Connect. "Portland Main Street Connect has been dedicated since June of 2019 to accomplish this task. And even though it's the beginning level ... the plan is obviously to work toward the next level of accreditation. ...

"It's just been a truly dedicated, passionate group of people."

The Beautification Committee of Albany; Knox Main Street United, Inc.; and Main Street Plainfield.

"We are excited to welcome these four communities to the Indiana Main Street network," said Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch in a press release. "They've proven themselves as changemakers within their communities and are committed to community economic development in their down-

Portland Main Street Connect's designation gives Jay County two organizations in the network, joining Discover Dunkirk.

Other organizations in the east-central Indiana area in the

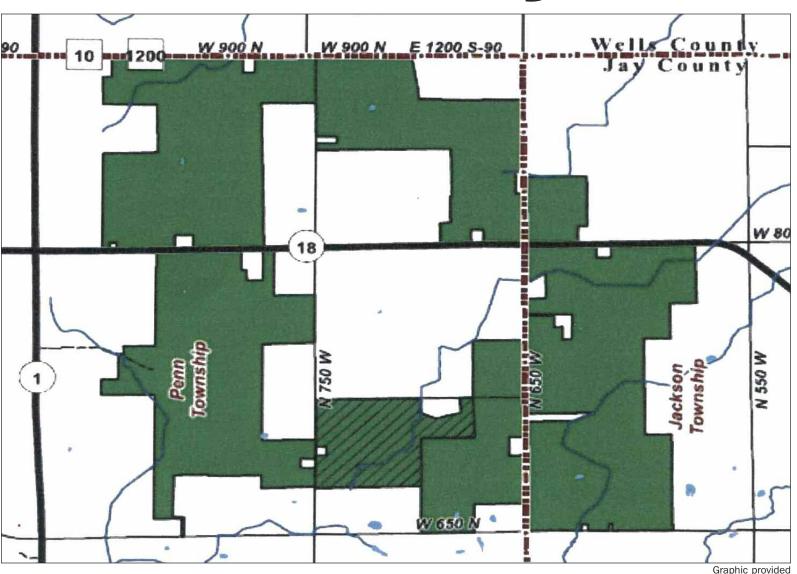
Also joining the network are network include Decatur Main Street, Winchester Main Street, Historic Warren Inc., Main Street Gas City Indiana Inc., Main Street Fairmount and The Heart of Hagerstown.

OCRA's Downtown Affiliate Network is the base tier of recognition for the Indiana Main Street Program. It signifies a "demonstrated commitment to comprehensive commercial district revitalization in addition to learning and adopting the Main Street Approach." In order to be recognized, local programs are evaluated by Indiana Main Street, which works with Main Street America to identify programs that meet performance standards.

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Preliminary OK



The map above shows the area of the Skycrest Solar facility that has been proposed by Chicago-based sustainable energy company Invenergy. Jay County Council on Wednesday gave preliminary approval for a tax abatement for the \$150-million project. The company hopes to have the facility operation beginning in 2024.

Jay County Council gives initial approval to Invenergy tax abatement request for solar farm

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The county's first solar project continues to move forward. Jay County Council signed a preliminary tax abatement Wednesday with sustainable energy company Invenergy for its proposed Skycrest Solar facility.

More legislation, including a final tax abatement, is expected in the coming months.

Invenergy, a global firm with headquarters in Chicago, is planning a \$150 million, 155megawatt facility located on about 2,500 acres in Penn and Jackson Townships. Construction is expected to be completed

the abatement has expired, the county will be looking at nearly \$50 million in new assessed value and reduce tax rates around the county, explained Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors representative Jason Semler.

By Indiana law, the two-step process for tax abatement also requires a final agreement to be signed after a public hearing, explained project attorney Mary Solada.

"I view this as an application for abatement," said Solada, who was involved with NextEra Energy Resources and Scout Clean Energy on their wind farm projects in Jay County.

She noted that the project Invenergy will save about \$5.8 will provide two full-time jobs million in property taxes with with an average salary of changes to such an agreement.)

the proposed abatement. Once \$52,000. There will also be construction jobs — for which Sola- cil members about some of the da said Invenergy will seek to hire locally — for the expected year-long construction of the facility.

Solada mentioned some benefits to a solar facility, stating that panels are quiet and don't produce light in the dark, unlike local complaints with wind turbines.

Jay County Commissioners signed road use and decommissioning agreements with Invenergy on March 22. An economic development agreement is targeted to be complete by July 5. (The process has been paused while waiting on pending legislation at the Indiana General Assembly which may require

Semler also reminded councounty tax benefits that would from the project. The increased assessed value will result in reduced tax rates throughout the county.

He estimated the county's cumulative capital improvement fund will increase each year, and once the abatement is finished, the county should expect an additional \$16,400 each year.

Council, absent Ted Champ, approved the preliminary agreement unanimously.

Also Wednesday, council approved a request from Jay County Fair Board for a donation of \$50,000 toward Christmas lights.

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Cases are up, **but Jay** remains at blue

Walk-in vaccinations available at health department

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

The county's rating stayed the same, but its numbers were up.

In Indiana State Department of Health's updated Wednesday, Jay County was rated "blue" (low risk for the spread of coronavirus) for the second week in a row though its numbers increased for both cases per 100,000 residents and positivity rate.

The county was blue last week and has been blue for seven of the last nine weeks. It was "yellow" (moderate risk) in both the March 24 and March 31 updates.

While Jay County's rating remained blue, its cases per 100,000 residents went up to 78 after coming in at 29 last week. That's the highest mark in more than a month.

The county's positivity rate this week was 3.92%, up from 2.31% last week.

Indiana showed the same trend of numbers going up, with 49 counties rated yellow and one (LaPorte) rated "orange" (high risk). That's up from 45 yellow and no orange last week. Blackford and Wells counties were rated yellow for the second consecutive week.

The remaining 42 counties, including Adams, Delaware and Randolph, were rated blue.

Coronavirus vaccination appointments are open to all Hoosiers 16 and older. Jay County currently has vaccination clinics available at Jay County Health Department and IU Health Jay. Appointments can be made online at ourshot.in.gov or by calling the state's 2-1-1 telephone assistance service.

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Deaths

Donald Kahlig, 89, Sharpsburg, Ohio

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 59 degrees Wednesday. The low was 41.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 35. Patchy frost is possible Friday morning. The high Friday will be in the upper 50s under mostly sunny skies.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

One section of U.S. 27 (Meridian Street) that has been closed for bridge repairs is expected to open sometime Friday. The resurfacing of the bridge over the Little Salamonie River near Portland Golf Club will be completed and the section of road reopened. The arch bridge near East Jay Elementary School will remain closed.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of tonight's Jay County Development Corporation meeting.

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS girls tennis team's match against Winchester.



Obituaries

Donald Kahlig

Feb. 18, 1932-April 13, 2021 Donald John Kahlig, 89, of Sharpsburg, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at Briarwood Village in Coldwater, Ohio.

He was born on Feb. 18, 1932, in St. Peter, Ohio, to the late William and Victoria (Wendel) Kahlig.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his brothers, Norbert Kahlig and Stanley Kahlig; his son-inlaw, Chris Fullenkamp; his sister-in-law, Helen Kahlig; and his in-laws, Herb and Geor-



Don was a 1950 graduate of Fort Recovery High School. He worked for Fort

Recovery Industries for many years until he retired in 1995.

Don loved his family and was a devoted, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Don was a devout Catholic and had a deep love for St. Joseph. He was a memgiana Meiring, Richard and Church in Sharpsburg and was



Kahlig

the church. Don served his country honorably in the United States Army

a part of the men's society at

during the Korean War. During his free time, Don enjoyed woodworking, especially building bird houses. He liked being outdoors cutting firewood,

tending to his garden and raising

chickens and cattle.

Don is survived by his wife of 64 years, Dolores Ann (Meiring) Kahlig, whom he married on June 2, 1956; his children, Deacon Dan (Juli) Kahlig of Sharpsburg, Pam Fullenkamp of Sharpsburg, Dave (Marceil) ber of St. Paul Catholic Kahlig of Coldwater, Karen a.m. at Brockman Boeckman funeral homes or mortuary serv-(Mike) Schwieterman of Sharps-

burg, and Doug (Barb) Kahlig of Maria Stein, Ohio; his 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and his sister-in-law, Jean Meir-

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2021, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery. Burial, with full military honors provided by the Fort Recovery American Legion, will follow in St. Paul Cemetery.

Guests may visit with Don's family on Friday, April 16, 2021, from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 9:15 Funeral Home in Fort Recovery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Masses or the Center for Neurological Development, P.O. Box 117, Burkettsville, Ohio 45310.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockmanboeckmanfh.com.

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, date birth/death time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from

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Friday 4/16	Saturday 4/17	Sunday 4/18	Monday 4/19	Tuesday 4/20
60/34	58/37	58/39	63/44	53/33
Mostly cloudy skies to start the weekend. Winds may reach 10 to 15 mph but wil calm by the evening.	Overcast throughout the day. Some winds may blow, but other- wise cool tem- peratures.	Some sun during the morning only to be followed by a slight chance of rain later.	Mostly cloudy during the day, with winds reaching between 10 and 20 mph.	40% chance of rain developing through the day with potential snow in the forecast.

Lotteries

Powerball

13-30-33-45-61 Power Ball: 14 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$79 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$240 million

Hoosier

Daily Three: 8-8-6

Cash 5: 1-5-12-20-30 Hoosier Lotto: 6-8-24-26-36-39

Estimated jackpot: \$9 million

Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 0-7-2 Pick 4: 8-5-4-5 Pick 5: 2-5-6-3-7 Evening Pick 3: 5-7-1 Pick 4: 4-3-0-5 Pick 5: 4-0-0-2-1

Classic Lotto: 5-11-18-

Kicker: 0-9-8-1-4-3 Estimated

Midday

Daily Four: 3-6-0-1 Evening Daily Three: 9-3-6 Daily Four: 9-2-2-1 Quick Draw: 2-6-8-9-10-16-24-27-28-33-34-42-45-50-51-55-57-69-79-80

Rolling Cash: 4-9-23-25-

22-23-25

jackpot: \$7.1 million

Markets

Cooper Farms **Fort Recovery**

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Corn	6.11 n 6.13

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Richland '	Township				
Corn	5.93				
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July wheat	6.15

Sunrise St. Anthony

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Corn	6.00
May corn	6.00
Beans	14.23
May beans	14.26
Wheat	5.98
July wheat	6.00

Today in history

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On April 15, 1947, and other firms, was Jackie Robinson, baseball's first Black major league player, made his official debut with the luxury Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day at Ebbets Field. (The Dodgers defeated the Boston Braves, 5-3.)

In 1452, artist and inventor Leonardo da Vinci was born in or near the Tuscan town of Vinci.

In 1850, the city of San Francisco was incorporated.

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln died nine hours after being shot the night before by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater in Washington; Andrew John-17th president.

Electric Co., formed by team posted a record the merger of the Edi-time of 3:48.1. son Electric Light Co.

incorporated in Schenectady, New York.

In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic foundered in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland more than 2 1/2 hours after hitting an iceberg; 1,514 people died, while less than half as many survived.

In **1945**, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration Bergen-Belsen.

In 1971, the Redkey and Bryant high school boys track teams each set new records in a meet at Union. Ron Grogg set Bryant's twoson became the nation's mile run record in 10 minutes, 20.3 seconds, In 1892, General and Redkey's mile relay

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Citizen's calendar

Today

5 p.m. — Redkey Town Council executive session, park cabin, 200 S.

Mooney St. Redkey 6 p.m. Town Council, park Meridian St.

cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.

Friday

10 a.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N.

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The fair board plans to open a drive-thru event in November and December and hopes to bring in about \$72,000 annually from the event, although that figure may change if the fair board accepts free-will donations at the gate instead of charging admission. The group has already purchased \$40,000 in lights.

Jay County Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee recently recommended approval of the request, and Jay County Commissioners voted Monday to use EDIT funds for the project.

Council member Matt Minnich questioned the usage of EDIT funds. "My only concern is, are we set-

ting a new standard for how EDIT funds are spent by just picking and choosing organizations that we (contribute) money (toward)?" he

He also voiced concern for the cost of the project, saying he'd prefer to fund half of the request instead of the full amount.

Jay County Development Corpo-

noted at the EDIT advisory committee meeting April 8 that the five-year plan for EDIT funds projects includes a section for local amenities — which includes Arts in the Parks and fireworks displays — estimated at about \$75,000 per year. All of that amount is already allotted for expected recurring costs.

Council member Jeanne Houchins said the fair is for the entire county and voiced support of the

"My opinion is this project ... is for the county, and that's what that EDIT money is for, it's for the development of the county," she said. "Everyone in the county should think they own a little of (those) fairground(s) because it's the county fair.'

The request was then approved, with Minnich as the only dissenting vote.

Council also appropriated \$309.566 for two new dump trucks for Jay County Highway Department. One of the trucks being replaced is nearly 22 years old, explained highway superintendent ration director Travis Richards Donnie Corn. He's hoping to imple-

ment a rotation plan into the budget for 2022 to start purchasing two new trucks each year.

In other business, council members Faron Parr, Amy Barrett, Ray Newton, Mike Rockwell, Houchins and Minnich:

•Extended the deadline for comp time accrued during the coronavirus pandemic to May 15. If it is not used by that date, it will be paid out in cash by the end of Mav.

 Made additional appropriations, including \$5,785.99 for two new laptops for Jay County Prosecutor's Office. County prosecutor Wes Schemenaur explained his computer is outdated and without his laptop, he's unable to review the files he needs for court cases. "The most important thing in my office is these laptop computers," Schemenaur said. Other additional appropriations were: \$1,350 for a new laptop and fridge for Jay County Health Department. Peggy Atkinson from the department explained both items will be helpful to the vaccination process; \$58,461.61 for contractual services for Jay County Tourism Bureau.

Connect

Continued from page 1 part of the network are eligible for state marketing and promotion programs, can participate in state conferences and are eligible to apply for OCRA placemaking programs.

After becoming part of Street and then a nationally accredited Street.

Mayor John Boggs referred to Wednesday's announcement as "very good news" for Portland. (City council had passed a resolution in February in support of Portland ed placing benches along

Main Street Connect's Meridian Street and side Organizations that are application.) He noted the importance of having OCRA support for the city and said he's looking forward to being able to learn from other organizations that are further along in the process.

"We can utilize some of their ideas and we don't the network, a program have to recreate the can then become an Indi- wheel," he said. "We can ana accredited Main pick communities similar to ours, find out what they're doing, and replicate some of that."

Thus far, Portland Main Street Connect has been working mostly on projects to improve the look of the city's downtown. Those have includstreets, acquiring new planters for Meridian and Main streets and purchasing new Christmas lights for the downtown area. Boggs said the next

step is to expand from beautification to engagement. "I think the next step is

to organize and engage more of the retailers into it and start doing events

Improving the look of the downtown area is good, she said, but she added that the key is to find ways to support and drive traffic to local businessConnect will be focusing partnering with organizations like Jay County Chamber of Commerce and Jay County Visitor and Tourism Bureau to help expand on existing events. She used the Arch Bridge Kroozers' car shows and Winterfest as examples.

Portland Main Street

"We have to find a way to have people want to eventually," said Boggs. come here, spend time Theurer-Miller agreed and realize there are with that assessment. things they can do downtown," Theurer-Miller said. "The next steps are absolutely vital if Portland is going to ... be alive and thriving and people see it as a place to

Blue

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Jay County Health Department has also opened its vaccination clinic to walk-ins from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It will also accept walk-ins from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

As of Tuesday, more than 9,000 doses of coronavirus vaccine had been administered in Jay County. That includes 3,921 individuals who are fully vaccinated.

Statewide, 3.52 million doses have been administered with 1.47

million individuals fully vaccinat-

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines encourage wearing a mask, avoiding close contact when around others, frequent hand washing and surface cleaning as ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Indiana is under a "mask advisory," meaning masks are recommended but not required.

Coronavirus is mainly spread through respiratory droplets or

acres

small particles from an infected person coughing, sneezing, talking or breathing. The CDC reports that it may be possible those particles and droplets remain suspended in the air for an unknown period of time and travel beyond 6 feet, especially indoors.

The virus causes a range of symptoms, which can appear two to 14 days after exposure. Older adults and those with pre-existing health problems are susceptible to more severe illnesses.

Deeds

Anthony R. Swoape Brower to Brenda S. and Danny W. Evans, quit claim deed — Tracts 1 and 2, Parts of Section 15, Wayne Town-

G and W Properties LLC to Midwest Pet Refuge, warranty deed — Part of Outlot 7, Woodlawn Park Addition

Stetson L. Petro to Jessica C. Jenkinson, warranty deed — Lot 298, South Port-

Robert R. Wright to Fred Ashcraft, quit claim deed — Lots 9, 10 and 11, Cole Addition Debra S. Banta to herself

and Thomas M. Banta, quit claim deed — Part of Section 31, Wayne Township, 1.469 acres Colt and Morgan Grieshop to Robert J. and

Tina L. Diller, warranty deed — Part of Section 2, Madison Township, 4.97 Morgan and Grieshop to Donald L. Will-

mann Revocable Trust and Patricia A. Willmann Revocable Trust, warranty deed Part of Section 2, Madison Township, 13.206 acres

Lisa Parkerson and Michael E. Green to John and Lisa Craiger, warranty

lin Addition Hundreds of hanging baskets, urns, window

> Also lots of: Annuals Succulents

Perennials

boxes, deck planters!

deed — Part of Section 22,

Wayne Township, 0.86

Christopher R. Engle-

hardt to himself and

Norma L. Englehardt, quit

claim deed — Lot 26, Han-

• Assorted Vegetables and much more...

Eicher's

SERVICES

Friday

McClain, Cathy: 1:30 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Jackson, James: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Bryan, Barbara: 7 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday

Kahlig, Donald: 10 a.m., St. Paul Catholic Church, 517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery.

Gonzalez, Jill: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Greenhouse 8238 N. 250 E. Bryant, IN 47326

Youth service set for Sunday

A local church will be hosting a special service this weekend.

Fort Recovery First Church of Christ will hold its "Youth Sunday" event on Sunday.

Taking The **Note** church's youth mem-

bers will conduct its worship service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. They will also have a coffee bar open beginning at 9:45 a.m.

The church is located at 1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery.

Banquet postponed

Bryant High School Alumni Banquet Board has announced that its 2021 banquet will be postponed because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

It has scheduled next year's alumni banquet for May 14, 2022.

Sale starts Monday

Fort Recovery Public Library is preparing for its annual used book sale.

The library is currently accepting donations for the sale. Items must be clean and in good condition, and encyclopedias, text books, magazines and VHS tapes will not be accepted.

The sale will begin Monday, April 19, and run during regular hours — 10 a.m. to $5:30~\mathrm{p.m.}$ Monday, 10a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Following state guidelines, library staff will be wearing masks to help keep the community safe.

FFA auction

Madison Dirksen takes part in the FFA auction conducted by Zane Shawver during the Jay County FFA banquet Friday night in the auxiliary gym at Jay County High School. More than 500 members and guests attended the banquet, with the auction raising about \$38,000. Sweetheart donations for the Endowment Fund totaled more than \$8,000.



Marriage has become abusive over time

DEAR ABBY: My husband's dad, "Adam," is very mellow and can talk to anyone. His mom, "Eve," is friendly, but a little more reserved.

Early in their marriage, Adam was a drinker, and my mother-inlaw has never forgiven him for the way he treated her during that time. She has always treated him disrespectfully, but as they get older, it's becoming worse.

She has hit Adam when we had people over because he didn't do what she told him to do. I told her to stop, and my husband told her she embarrassed him, but Eve forgets or doesn't care and continues to do it. She talks down to him constantly. If that's how she acts when people are around, I hate to think what happens behind closed

When she hits him, Adam sits there expressionless and doesn't react. He's not the man he once was, and he is adored by many people. What can we do to help my

Dear Abby



FIL and make her stop doing this in front of her grandkids and company? Eve claims to be a Christian, but isn't acting like one. FRUSTRATED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Your father-in-law may have had a drinking problem years ago, but he has a different problem now. He is a victim of verbal and physical abuse. He may have tolerated it all these years out of guilt for what he put his wife through when he was drinking. He may also have become so beaten down that he can no longer protect himself.

and his son's encouragement, a woman, which is something I've he can receive it because there missed. — THINKING IT'S HIM are programs available for IN MARYLAND are programs available for male victims of domestic violence. Stop Abuse for Everyone (SAFE) is an organization that helps abused individuals of all ages, genders, races and sexual orientations. The website is stopabuseforeveryone.org.

DEAR ABBY: I met a nice friend. He's a widower whose wife has been gone for three years. My husband died 10 years ago.

He makes me laugh, something I haven't done in a while. I really like this guy, but he is still grieving. Some days he's good, but others he's a mess.

I want us to be in a relationship, and I think he could be "the one." We've only been courting for a month, but he has been pursuing me for a year. Should I give it more time, or should I move on with my life? I haven't been intimate with

DEAR THINKING: As you know, the process of grieving isn't a straight line. When a loved one dies, the survivors have good periods and ones that are less so. You are further along in this grieving process than your friend because his loss is more recent.

If a relationship (or more) is what you want, allow him more time to work through his feelings. However, if the bad spells don't become less frequent, suggest he talk with his doctor about joining a grief support group in which he can safely vent his feelings.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at Dear Abby.com or P.O. He does need help. With your him, but he still makes me feel like Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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Today

QUILT CLUB — Will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 15, in the Community Room at Jay County Public Library.

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-

Community Calendar as all kinds of addictions, and family to offer mutual space is available. To sub- will meet from 6:30 to 8 support and learn about mit an item, email p.m. each Thursday at The the latest products and Rock Church, 1605 N. information. Meridian St., Portland. JAY COUN Come early for a meal. For STITCH 'N' CHATTER more information, call (260) 766-2006.

SENIOR **CITIZENS** CARD CLUB — Will meet at 1 p.m. on the first, second, third and fifth Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL **SUPPORT** OSTOMY GROUP — Will meet at 6 St. in Portland. For more p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy ANNA'S HOPE — A faith- and intestinal diversion

Notices will appear in based recovery group for patients and their friends

CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

Friday

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its program meeting at noon on Friday, April 16, at Harmony Cafe in Portland. Members are encouraged to wear a face mask and practice social distancing.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. upstairs at True Value Hardware, Meridian Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-

MUSEUM OF THE SOL-DIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COM-MUNITY CENTER Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — For those 55 and older from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk.

PREGNANCY 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.



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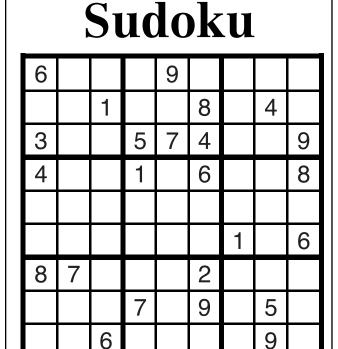


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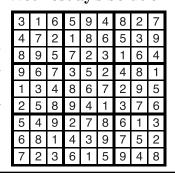
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Wednesday's Solution

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



Make reimbursement permanent

To the editor:

On March 10, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act, which provides the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) with the authority to issue an emergency waiver of the requirements for ground ambulance providers and suppliers to allow reimbursement for the healthcare services provided when a community-wide EMS protocol prohibiting transport is

Ās with the other COVID-19 Congress has not waivers, restricted the timing of the waiver, so it can be implemented retroactive to March 1, 2020, as Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has done when implementing similar waiver authority passed by Congress during this pandemic. The EMS profes-

Letters to the Editor

sion appreciates Congress for taking this action to implement the waiver during the public health emergency but advocates for reimbursement for EMS treatment in place be made permanent.

Ground ambulance service providers and suppliers, paramedics and EMTs have been on the front lines of the pandemic responding to emergency medical calls. They often are the first healthcare professionals that patients fighting COVID-19

encounter. In areas overwhelmed able. Communities risk losing by COVID-19, community-wide EMS protocols have been issued restricting the transport of patients who can safely be treated at home to protect these patients from risking exposure to infection or infecting others, as well as to keep hospital beds

open for higher acuity patients.
While these practices are standard nationwide, the Medicare program does not reimburse ground ambulance service providers or suppliers for these healthcare services when the patient is not transported to a hospital. Some ambulance service providers and suppliers have seen 30% to 40% of their emergency call volume shift to these treatment in place responses. Without reimbursement, the provision of this care is not sustain-

the very emergency medical providers and suppliers they have relied upon to help reduce hospital surge and decrease the infection rate.

Section 9832 of the American Rescue Plan Act addresses this problem during the public health emergency by giving the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services the authority they need to waive the transportation requirement for reimbursing ground ambulance service providers and suppliers when responding to a 911 emergency call when there is a communitywide EMS protocol in place restricting the transport of patients.

However, ground ambulance service providers and suppliers have provided treatment-inplace care to their patients for decades without reimbursement. Examples include ambulance crews stabilizing a diabetic emergency by administering glucose; or stabilizing an asthma attack by administering a breathing treatment. In these types of scenarios, it is often clinically appropriate for the patient to seek follow-up care through their regular physician without the need to be transported by ambulance to an emergency department.

Care provided to Medicare beneficiaries by ground ambulance providers and suppliers should be reimbursed, regardless of whether the patient is transported to a hospital.

Sincerely, John McFarland Portland

Judge stimulus based on data

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Round two of COVID-19 relief funds have been allocated and billions have been sent out already.

Did you get \$1,400 for each person in your household? Unless you had less than \$80,000 in income (\$160,000 for a couple), you didn't see those checks.

"I don't need that money," says a friend in Elkhart over statewide Zoom connec-

He's right.

But what harm is that money doing?

give it away, the money won't just sit in his bank. The bank will lend to people, businesses or state and local governments to spend according to their opportunities and needs.

"Won't the U.S. have to raise taxes to pay off this new debt?" demands a college student in New Albany. "We're going to have to pay it back, with interest, someday. It's putting a future burden on my back.'

Pay it back to whom, when? From whom was this money borrowed? No rise. It's evidence the iniforeign country or domes- tial relief funds did as tic investor lent this intended; it helped many money to the U.S. Treas-

This money is only an ledgers of the Federal Reserve System. There is no increase in conventional debt and no interest to be paid to holders of such debt.

dollar abroad?" asks a woman in Sullivan.

No. The world is in a massive recession. Our laziness, dollars will be welcomed virtuous by nations exporting to us and greeting us as COVID-safe tourists. Our stimulus will perk up their economies.

"We are in danger of a massive jolt of inflation," from Monticello.

Where's the evidence? Stimulus round one didn't give us economywide inflation, except in limited corners of the economy.

"Housing! Timber! Gasoline!" counters a gentleman from Toad Hop.

Yes, housing demand jumped when some people started working at home. They wanted more or different space and gages with low interest cus@yahoo.com.

Eye on the **Pie**



I suggest to the group we now leave this session and our If he doesn't spend it or **preconceptions**, turning instead to what we observe personally, not just gossip disguised as news.

> rates. This demand for new structures or remodexisting homes caused timber prices to workers to get or keep

Oil prices are a differelectronic entry in the ent story. They're dependent on the needs and whims of a few nations with price increases following severe declines.

"This new stimulus "Won't it cheapen the money will be wasted on frivolities," comes a cry from Hobart.

> "It will just reenforce undermining labor," claims a shadowy figure from Greenfield.

"It's a Communist plot to undermine Capitalism," insists one conspiratorial voice.

The next visionary declares a participant Zoomer affirms, "It's a Capitalist plot to increase consumption and undermine Socialism.'

I suggest to the group we now leave this session and our preconceptions, turning instead to what we observe personally, not just gossip disguised as news.

As a last resort we might see what the available data tell us.

Marcus is an economist. were able to afford mort- *Email him at mortonjmar*-



Unionization fight is not over

By SCOTT MARTELLE

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

Well, it was a valiant effort, that drive to organize workers at an Amazon facility in Bessemer, Alabama, which resulted in a defeat even more embarrassing than the

Nearly 6,000 workers would have been covered by the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, but only a little more than half of the eligible workers bothered to vote. Of those who cast ballots, only 738 workers supported the union, 1,000 votes fewer than those who opposed.

Another 500 ballots weren't counted after being challenged (mostly by management), but even if you add all of those to the "yes" side (highly unlikely), that would mean a maximum of 20% of the workers voted to unionize, and the percentage in reality is probably much lower.

Ouch. The deck has been stacked against unions for decades through federal laws, state rightto-work standards and questionable legal decisions, among other factors.

But the biggest problem unions face is they have lost the public relations battle. Remarkably, twothirds of Americans tell pollsters they support unions. Yet, only a sliver of American workers belong to one, and as we just saw in Alabama, the chief hurdle is unions' failure to persuade individual workers that being in a union is better for them than not being in a union.

Oddly, nearly half of non-union-

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people actually do are often two different things.

The reasons are myriad, some of them class-based. I worked at the Detroit News in the mid-1990s when it and the Detroit Free Press went out on strike (a long and violent affair; I left Detroit and the strike after 18 months on the picket line), and I recall some of my fellow union journalists expressing unease at walking a picket line with Teamsters, even though we were fighting the same fight against the same owners.

As the nation has moved from a manufacturing economy to a service economy, more and more jobs are white collar. And while office workers are just as susceptible to worksite abuse, pay inequities, job insecurity and the other issues that unions help counter, they tend not to see themselves as the sorts of people who belong to a union.

Anecdotally, over the years I've heard people dismiss unionism because they think they would have to cede control of their work life to union bureaucrats, or that unions are corrupt (I wonder if anyone has done a scorecard of corporate illegality compared with union corruption), or that they don't need a union because they can negotiate fine on their own.

But that misses the improveized workers say they would join a ment in healthcare and other benunion if they had a chance, but efit packages unions have more what people tell pollsters and what power to effect (for the community of the spoils of their own labor.

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at large, too), established grievance procedures in case a worker gets targeted by a boss, job security and a set formula for determining both the order of layoffs when they are necessary and the severance package when they occur.

The organizing drive in Alaama may in the end prove to hav been a one-off. It gathered a lot of attention — including strange political bedfellow Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont) and Marco Rubio (R-Florida) — in part because the target was Amazon, not the most popular of businesses in the country. But the campaign was a longshot from the get-go another reason it attracted so much attention (we love a good David and Goliath story, until Goliath wins).

The Deep South has historically been difficult to organize, and despite persistent stories about sometimes deplorable working conditions in some Amazon facilities, the wages in Bessemer exceed the mandated minimum, and working conditions clearly weren't perceived by Bessemer workers to be sufficiently bad to band together and demand changes.

While the drive failed in Bessemer, that does not mean similar drives will fall short elsewhere. I'm sure union officials will be digesting the organizing plan and the results and figuring out how to do it better next time.

But that sidesteps the biggest issue. American unions not only have to persuade American workers that they are relevant, but they have to bring home the truth that they are vital, and that a key step to restoring the American middle class is to restore unions' role in gaining for workers a bigger share

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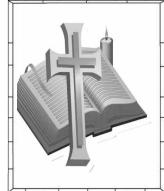
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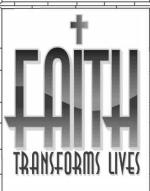
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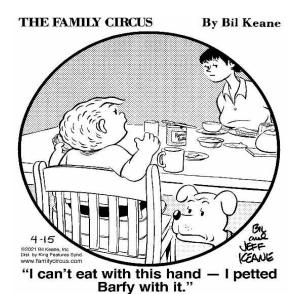
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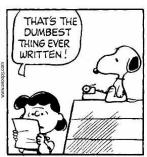




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Sports/Classifieds

Cueto exits, but Giants finish off Reds

By SUSAN SLUSSER

The San Francisco Chronicle

Tribune News Service SAN FRANCISCO — Even though Johnny Cueto's outing was shortened by an injury, the starter set the tone for the Giants on Wednesday as the team completed a series win over NL Central-leading Cincinnati.

Cueto exited with lat tightness after working 5 2/3 innings, and four Giants relievers finished off a 3-0 victory, holding the highscoring Reds to four hits in the process. Closer Jake McGee allowed his first hit of the season, but also earned his sixth save. He has not given up a run in eight appearances.

Manger Gabe Kapler said that Cueto felt something one pitch before striking Nicholas Castellanos out with a 93 mph fastball and felt it again "a little more siggesture.

"You never want to see that, especially when he's cruising like that," catcher Curt Casali said of Cueto, who was sent for further examination after the game.

"We all kind of had visions in the dugout about being another deep-into-the-game Johnny Cueto start," said Kapler, who let Cueto go 8 2/3 innings in his previous start. "He just looked outstanding and totally in control. ... He just never stops competing and fielding his position the whole nine so it was tough to lose him from this game.

"Ultimately, if he has to miss some time, those are shoes that are going to be difficult to fill."

Cincinnati got some good work, too, from starter Tyler Mahle, who didn't allow a hit nificantly." That's when Cueto until the fifth inning — but that

made a finger-across-his-throat inning was it for Mahle. He might scoring a huge run. That experi- ERA. San Francisco, which have been worn down from a 27pitch fourth inning in which he struck out the side but endured some long at-bats.

Donovan Solano started things in the fifth with a bloop to right, and was erased in a fielder's choice, but Austin Slater doubled to right-center on an 0-2 pitch to send in Brandon Crawford with the first run of the game. Slater advanced on a passed ball and scored on a infield chopper by Casali.

Kapler credited third-base coach Ron Wotus — the lone holdover from Bruce Bochy's staff — for that second run, along with good execution by Slater, who was going on contact.

"Wo, heads up, comes over and says, 'I think contact is the right play here," Kapler said. "Slater gets a great read and makes a

ence in that moment really stood out.'

Casali went to second on a twostrike bunt by Cueto and tried to score on Tommy La Stella's twoout single to right, but the initial safe call was overturned because Casali's foot came up as he slid over the plate.

The Giants weren't done. In the eighth, Evan Longoria walked with two outs and went to second on a balk by Sal Romano, so Mike Yastrzemski was intentionally walked to bring up Mauricio Dubón. A little pop behind first ticked off Jonathan India's glove into foul territory as Longoria sprinted home.

Caleb Baragar, Logan Webb, Tyler Rogers and McGee worked the rest of the way after Cueto left. Since allowing seven runs, five earned, on Opening Night, great slide at the plate. We end up the Giants' bullpen has a 1.87

improved to 8-4, has a 2.78 ERA overall, second best in the league.

San Francisco went 5-1 on the homestand and has won 15 of its past 21 at Oracle Park dating to

last season.

"We hear the expectations before the season. We read the article sometimes. It hasn't really affected the way that we go about playing baseball," Casali said. "We've got a really good group of guys in that clubhouse, a lot of older guys who have been around and know how to win.

Getting off to a good start in the big leagues is hard to do, and I think it's really important that we ride out this momentum to create some separation, stay above .500 and have a winning ballclub. But as the kids say, we're vibing.

"That doesn't make me sound too old, does it?'



Go, go, go!

Gavin Farmer, left, a Jay County High School senior, passes the baton to Owen Ransom during the 4x100 meter relay in a meet with the South Adams Starfires and Adams Central Jets on Tuesday at JCHS. Along with Skyler Bee and Adrek Pogue, the Patriots were first in 47.49 seconds.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Jay County — Boys golf at Wapahani – 4:30 p.m.; Track at Delta – 5 p.m.; Softball at Fort Recovery - 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Bluffton - 5 p.m.; Junior high golf at Winchester Driver – 4:30 p.m.; Junior high track hosts Monroe Central and Wes-Del -5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track hosts quad – 4:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Jay County – 5 p.m.; Baseball at New Knoxville - 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. St. Marys – 5 p.m.

Jay County - Softball vs. Norwell – 5 p.m.; JV softball at Norwell – 5 p.m. Fort Recovery — Softball vs. Anna - 5

Saturday

Jay County - Girls tennis at Eastern Hancock – 9 a.m.; Softball at Richmond Invitational – 10 a.m.; Baseball double-header at Centerville – 10 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball doubleheadvs. South Adams - 11 a.m.; Softball quad at Celina – 2 p.m.

Monday

Jay County — Boys golf at Delta – 5 p.m.; Softball vs. St. Henry – 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Winchester - 5 p.m.: JV base ball vs. Bellmont – 5 p.m.; Junior high track hosts South Adams and Woodlan - 5:30

Local notes

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The schedule runs from May 10 to July

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Deadline to apply is April 23. To have an event listed in "Sports on

tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

Leads

Continued from page 8 **Kendal Garringer** Jay County - 2019

Jumped for the Man-University chester women's track and field team in the Manchester Invitational it hosted on Saturday.

The sophomore was fourth in high jump with a height of 1.45 meters (4 feet, 9 inches). Mariah Murray of Anderson won with a jump of 5 feet, 1

In long jump, Garringer posted a distance of 4.52 tallied five total tackles.

meters (14 feet, 10 inches), which was sixth out of 14 competitors. Trine's Haley Livingston won with her jump of 5.13 meters (16 feet, 10 inches).

Ethan Theurer Jay County - 2018

Also played for the University of Saint Francis football team in its loss to Marian.

The junior finished with one solo tackle as defensive lineman.

In four games, Theurer

Carry

Continued from page 8 The veteran guard did not make a shot from the field against the Clippers and had reached doublefigure scoring just once this month.

Against the Rockets, Lamb came off the bench and scored 15 of his 18 points the first half, shooting a perfect 6 for 6 from the field and 3 for 3 from 3-point range.

Lamb's scoring spurt Pacers allowed the starters to get an extended break in the second quarter, as the second Aaron Holiday and Oshae After playing just six reg Brissett extended the starters lead.

Brissett (10 points), McConnell (12 points) and Lamb all scored double figures.

After struggling from 3 against the Clippers (9 of 40), the Pacers shot a scorching 10 of 21 from 3 in the first half Wednesday. LeVert, Justin HoliEdmond Sumner (seven points) hit 3s on three of Indiana's first five posses-

The Pacers finished 15 of 36 from 3. Seven different Pacers made 3-point-

Oshea Brissett was signed a 10-day contract with the Pacers on April 1. The former Syracuse star appeared in just two games in the 10 days, but he did enough to earn another 10-day contract.

At the end of these 10 days, the Pacers must decide if they want to unit of Lamb, Goga keep Brissett for the Bitadze, T.J. McConnell, remainder of the season. ular season minutes, Brissett turned 10 minutes into 10 points Wednesday, including several impactful defensive plays and a thunderous alley-oop

slam. If McDermott's ankle injury forces him to miss extended time, Brissett's size (6-7) and athletic ability could help the Pacers at the forward position. (five points) and

Contract By Steve Becker

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Pass North 2 🛧

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Some deals that look very easy when play begins turn out to be a real arruggle for declarer, usually because I key suit is divided unfavorably. But f he doesn't panic, many of these ands can be salvaged with careful Take this case where, at the outset.

naking four spades seems a lead-pipe cinch. Indeed, if the spades livide 2-2 and the heart finesse orks, South will finish with 12 ricks.

But after ruffing West's second

lub lead, declarer receives a nasty olt when he cashes the ace of trump

and East shows out. Since he may now lose two spades and a heart in addition to the club already lost, the contract is suddenly in jeopardy. South must therefore try to find

some way to avoid staking the out-come on a heart finesse, if possible. He starts by taking three rounds of diamonds ending in dummy. There's no real risk in this because if West no real risk in this because if West ruffs a diamond, it costs him one of his trump tricks. Next, the jack of clubs is trumped, leaving declarer with the K-5 of spades and four hearts while dummy has the 10-7-6 of spades and three hearts.

The king of hearts is cashed, and a second heart is led toward the A-J. When West follows, the contract becomes assured provided the heart finesse is not attempted. Instead, the

finesse is not attempted. Instead, the acc is played and the jack of hearts is returned. It does not matter which defender wins this trick. Either way, declarer is home free.

If West has the queen, he wins but must then lead from the Q-J-9 of spades. Regardless of which card he chooses, he can't make more than one trump trick.

In the actual case, East wins the heart as West discards a club. Whatever East leads next, South plays his last heart. Again. West has a choice finesse is not attempted. Instead, the

last heart. Again, West has a choi of losing plays from his Q-J-9 trump. No matter what he doe declarer scores two of the last three tricks to make his game.

Tomorrow: Test your play. ©2021 King Features Syndicate In

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IHSAA moves track, softball state finals

INDIANAPOLIS — The state championships for two sports will be at a more centralized location this season.

The IHSAA on Wednesday announced boys and girls track and softball state championships have been moved to the also hosts a girls track regional, well as the unified state champigreater Indianapolis area.

Ben Davis to host track state meets. softball will be at Center Grove

is set to host the boys and girls Ben Davis High School, which track state championships as

onships.

Softball's state champi-Grove in Greenwood on June 11 and June 12.

meets scheduled for the follow-

had been originally scheduled to unable to host with spectators in The boys meet will be June 4, take place at Indiana Universiattendance.

with the girls and unified state ty's Robert C. Haugh Track and Field Complex in Bloomington, and the softball state finals were to take place at Purdue Univeronships will be played at Center sity's Bittinger Stadium in West Lafayette.

Both Indiana and Purdue con-Track state championships firmed in March they would be

LaVert, Lamb carry

By AKEEM GLASPIE

The Indianapolis Star Tribune News Service

The Indiana Pacers received a much-needed boost from their secondunit, jumping out to a 20point first-half lead and holding on for a 132-124 win over the Houston Rockets on Wednesday night.

With Myles Turner (ankle) missing his fifth game in a row, and Doug McDermott unable to play due to an ankle injury suffered Tuesday against the Los Angeles Clippers, the Pacers needed contributions from as many players as possible during the second half of a back-toback in Houston.

The Pacers never trailed against the Rockets.

Jeremy Lamb's five quick points sparked a 9-0 run early in the second, helping the Pacers take an 18-point lead.

Caris LeVert led the Pacers with 27 points and five rebounds. Domantas Sabonis nearly notched a triple-double scoring 22 points with 11 rebounds and seven assists. Malcolm Brogdon added 21 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists.

Rockets guard John Wall exploited Turner's absence, attacking the basket at will, and scoring 31 points. Christian Wood (25 points, 13 rebounds) provided a solid inside-outside effort, but the Rockets got little production from

their second unit. The Pacers improved to 8-4 in the second game of a

back-to-back. April hasn't been kind

to Jeremy Lamb. See Carry page 7

Homan leads USF ground attack

Homan's season was in doubt because of a potential serious knee injury.

He returned to the field to lead the Cougars' rushing attack. Homan, a 2018 Fort Recovery

High School graduate, shook off an injury scare to Local lead the Universiroundup ty of Saint Fran-

cis football team in rushing yards Saturday in a 41-34 loss to Marian University.

Homan, a junior, hurt his knee in a March 13 loss to Concordia University and missed the next week's game with worries of ligament damage.

Cleared to play soon after, Homan returned to action Saturday and rushed for a team-best 35 yards on seven carries. He racked up almost half that vardage on a 17-yard scamper. Homan also caught one pass from quarterback Matt Crable for 1 yard.

Saint Francis (2-2), which is ranked 11th in NAIA, fell behind No. 10 Marian 20-3 at halftime of the season finale, and the Cougars scored 23 points in the fourth quarter but came up short in the end.

Homan finished his season with 137 yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries. He also caught two passes for 25 yards and another touchdown.

Robby LeFevre Fort Recovery – 2019

Ran for the Fordham University men's track team as it competed in the Metropolitan Championships at Icahn Stadium in New

The sophomore was 13th overall in the 100-meter dash with his time of 11.4 seconds. Jacob Leigh of New Jersey Institute won with his time of 10.76 seconds.

LeFevre also joined Manu Guzman, Michael Capone and Safo Kirton to place third in the 4x100 relay. They stopped the clock in 43.86 seconds.

Host Manhattan won in 42.24 seconds.

Simon Brumfield Jay County - 2017



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Will Homan, a University of Saint Francis junior, celebrates the first receiving touchdown of his career during a game against the Taylor Trojans on March 8 at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium on Fort Wayne. Homan led the Cougars with 35 rushing yards on Saturday in a 41-35 loss to Marian.

lege men's track team as it opened Little Giant Stadium on Saturday by hosting the Hunts-

man Family Invitational. The senior was 15th overall in discus with a distance of 29.29 meters (96 feet, 1 inch). He achieved the distance on his

third and final throw. Brumfield also threw the ham-Competed for the Wabash Colmer 32.67 meters (107 feet, 2 inchable Flames Invitational on Fri-

es) to place 10th.

The Little Giants tallied 209 points to take first out of four teams. Wittenberg was a distant second with 67 points.

Chloe Will Fort Recovery - 2019

Participated for the Tiffin University women's track team in

day and Saturday at Lee Univer-

The freshman had a time of 5 minutes, 10.65 seconds, in the 1,500-meter run, to place 37th overall out of 48 runners.

Lee's Celine Ritter posted a

time of 4:20.95 for first place. The Dragons scored 132 points

to win the 23-team invitational. See Leads page 7

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