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City to apply for an OCRA grant

Public hearing held as part of application process

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The City of Portland will seek a state grant for its proposed downtown flooding mitigation project.

The city took the next step in that process Tuesday, holding a public hearing about the project that would feature a new sewer line under Meridian Street in an effort to take some of the pressure off of Millers Branch. The public hearing is a required step in order to be eligible to apply for a Community Development Block Grant through Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

Jay County Development Corporation executive assistant Jodi Hayes explained the city's plan to apply for a \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant, which would require a local match of more than \$800,000. Grant proposals are due at the end of April, with the application process to be complete by the end of June.

Bill Leber of Indianapolis-based Wessler Engineering again laid out the details of the proposed project — he first presented it at a meeting March 24 — as he took part in the meeting by phone. The work would involve running a new storm sewer line beginning between Arch and Race streets that would run directly to the Salamonie River.

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April snow

Jay County got about 2 inches of snow overnight Tuesday, leaving the landscape and vehicles blanketed but the roads mostly clear. Pictured above, Olivia Rowles dusts off her car Wednesday morning on Main Street in Portland. At left, snow covers the branches of a redbud tree in Portland.

CELL endorsed

JCHS Early College earns stamp of approval

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Jay County High School's Early College program has been endorsed for its effectiveness and quality.

The Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning at the University of Indianapolis informed JCHS officials Friday that the school's program had been endorsed. Principal Chad

Dodd announced the news at Monday's Jay School Board meeting.

"This is a big prize," said Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gullely at the meeting. "And

there's not a lot of schools that get to this point. ...

"It just feels like we got through that tape you break through at the end of the race and we won."

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GOP reaches a budget deal

Governor, party leaders come to an agreement on spending

By DAN GARDEN
The Times (Munster)
Tribune News Service

The State of Indiana is about to go on an unprecedented spending spree — boosting funding for education to record-setting levels, cash funding long-sought infrastructure projects, and paying off more than \$1 billion in state debt and other obligations.

Indeed, Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb announced the various massive fund-

ing increases included in the final version of the new, two-year state budget agreed to by leaders of the Republican-controlled House and Senate.

"This budget truly is transformational when it comes to investments we're going to make in people, first and foremost, obviously our state's greatest asset," Holcomb said. "We're (also) going to be able to fund some mega-transformational infrastructure projects — some of which have been blueprints for years now."

Altogether, the budget spends some \$38 billion during the two-year period that begins July 1. That's an increase of nearly \$2 billion compared to prior versions of House Bill 1001 considered by the House and Senate earlier in this year's four-month legislative session.

See **Budget** page 5



Photo provided

FR candidates

Fort Recovery High School will hold its prom Friday, with promenade at 6 p.m. at Fort Site Fieldhouse and the dinner and dance to follow at Romer's in St. Henry. Pictured, front row from left, are prom queen candidates Ashlyn Bechtol, Kendra Dues, Paige Fortkamp, Kierra Wendel and Alli Vaughn. Back row are prom king candidates Dillan Evers, Russell Gehle, Derek Jutte, Owen Moorman and Gavin Thobe.

Deaths

Herbert James, 78, Ridgeville
Details on page 2.

Weather

About 2 inches of snow fell Tuesday night and this morning in Jay County. The high temperature was 43 degrees, and the low was 32.

Rain and sleet are possible tonight with the low dropping into the mid 20s. Expect widespread frost Thursday morning. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Fort Recovery Public Library's used book sale will continue from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the library at 113 Wayne St.

Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of today's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.

Saturday — Coverage of Friday's JCHS baseball game against Shenandoah.



Obituaries

Herbert James

Jan. 10, 1943-April 16, 2021
Herbert (Herbie) James, 78, of Ridgeville, Indiana, passed away on Friday, April 16, 2021, following heart complications. He was born on Jan. 10, 1943, in Winchester, to Edward and Kathaleen (Collins) James. Herbie was a mouldmaker. He retired as an electrician from Coca-Cola in Portland. Herbie was a member of the Buena Vista Christian Church

and the Ridgeville American Legion. He was a retired Ward Township Firefighter. Herbie was also the past president of Randolph Amateur Radio Association and past president of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club Chapter IN-1. Herbie is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marlena (Spade) James; son Darin “Spanky”



James

James (Melissa Correll Arnold); daughter Marti (Greg) Stump; grandson Draven James; granddaughter Shelby (Jake) Conatser and kids, Camdyn and Jazlyn. Herbie was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Eddie (Rachel) James. A service to celebrate Herbie's life will be at 4 p.m., on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at the Walker Funeral Home in Winchester, with Pastor Steve Conner officiating. Burial will be at

Fountain Park Cemetery in Winchester. Friends and family may call from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Buena Vista Christian Church, 5434 W. 300 South, Farmland, IN 47340, or Ward Township Fireman's Auxiliary Scholarship Fund, 85 E. 650 North, Ridgeville, IN 47380. Walker Funeral Home in Winchester is entrusted with the arrangements.

Condolences may be shared with the family at walkerswinchester.com.
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Thursday 4/22	Friday 4/23	Saturday 4/24	Sunday 4/25	Monday 4/26
50/34	60/45	56/40	60/39	71/52
Frost before 9 a.m. Otherwise mostly sunny with wind gusts as high as 20 mph.	Mostly clear day with sunny skies and wind gusts as high as 20 mph. Evening skies will be clear as well.	Skies will be mostly cloudy with a 60% chance of rain late. Cloudy evening skies as well.	Mostly sunny during the day with some clouds at night. Otherwise moderate temperatures.	Sunny, with highs in the low 70s. Temperatures will begin to climb again through the week.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$90 million	18-19-23-31-42-47-48-50-53-54-57-58-67-68-72-75-77 Cash 5: 1-2-16-19-37 Estimated jackpot: \$401,000
Mega Millions 6-23-43-49-52 Mega Ball: 5 Megaplier: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$277 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 8-7-1 Pick 4: 1-0-2-0 Pick 5: 5-9-2-6-3 Evening Pick 3: 5-3-9 Pick 4: 6-7-5-6 Pick 5: 4-4-8-8-0 Rolling Cash: 5-9-16-18-19 Estimated jackpot: \$182,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 7-6-9 Daily Four: 3-3-9-5 Evening Daily Three: 7-6-3 Daily Four: 5-8-9-8 Quick Draw: 6-11-14	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.23 Wheat6.46	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.15 May corn.....6.16 Beans.....15.17 Sept. beans12.61 May wheat 6.56
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Today in history

On April 21, 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence. In 1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, providing for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly. In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States. In 1816, Charlotte Bronte, author of “Jane Eyre,” was born in Thornton, England. In 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Connecticut, at age 74. In 1918, Manfred von Richthofen, 25, the German ace known as the “Red Baron” who was believed to have downed 80 enemy aircraft during World War I, was himself shot down and killed while in action over France. In 1926, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II was born in Mayfair, London; she was the first child of The Duke and Duchess of York, who later became King George VI and the Queen Mother. In 1930, fire broke out inside the overcrowded Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus, killing 332 inmates. In 1971, the Portland High School boys golf team defeated Eastbrook 341-355 at Portland Country Club. Greg Milligan led the Panthers with an 82. In 1975, with Communist forces closing in, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu resigned after nearly 10 years in office and fled the country. In 1976, clinical trials of the swine flu vaccine began in Washington, D.C. —AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Friday
8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Room 205, John Jay Center For Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.
Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, court-

house, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.



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Hyping hemp

Local residents promote medicinal marijuana legalization outside Jay County Courthouse Tuesday. Pictured from left are Mike Highmiller, Katherine Kritsch and Debra Highmiller.

Felony court news

Domestic battery

A Muncie man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court. Cory R. Walburn, 28, 1700 S. Perkins, was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 270 days suspended and given 270 days credit for 135 days served. He was placed on probation for 270 days, assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee.

Drug possession

Several men and women were sentenced to jail after pleading guilty recently to drug possession. Timothy H. Branning, 40, Columbia City, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given 278 days credit for 139 days served. He was assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: two counts of a

Class A misdemeanor charge for possession of a controlled substance, a Class A misdemeanor charge for driving with a suspended license, a Class B misdemeanor charge for possession of paraphernalia. Trevor L. Eckelbarger, 29, 417 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given 365 days credit for 183 days served. He was assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. Ryan S. Jones, 37, Albany, pleaded guilty to unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but six days suspended and given six days credit for three days served. He was placed on probation for 539 days, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee and a \$350 substance abuse program fee. As part of his

plea agreement, Class A misdemeanor charges of driving with a suspended license and possession of a controlled substance were dismissed. Shawn A. Reagan, 46, 14610 N. 150 East, Eaton, pleaded guilty to possession of a narcotic drug and unlawful possession of a syringe, both Level 6 felonies, in Jay Superior Court. She was sentenced to two years in Jay County Jail with all but one year suspended and given 32 days credit for 16 days served. She will serve the remaining 328 days on house arrest. She was placed on probation for 185 days, assessed court costs of \$370 and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee and a \$350 substance abuse program fee. As part of her plea bargain, the following charges were dismissed: a Class A infraction charge for driving with a suspended license, a Level 6 felony charge for possession of methamphetamine, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia and a Class C misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Capsule Reports

Backing accident

A Portland man backed into another Portland man's vehicle in the Village Pantry parking lot about noon Saturday. Johnny W. Pace, 62, was driving a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado and waiting for a vehicle in front of him to turn onto Meridian Street from the lot at 704 N. Meridian St. in Portland. Pace later told Jay County Sheriff's Office he was tired of waiting on the vehicle to leave and backed up to move. He didn't see the 2013 Dodge Journey driven by 67-year-old Randy D.

Geesaman waiting behind his vehicle and backed into it. Pace's vehicle is registered to Brenda J. Armstrong of Portland. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Pole hit

A Portland police officer backed into a utility pole on Jaqua Avenue in Portland about 5:13 p.m. Sunday. Kyle A. Denney, 34, was backing a 2016 Ford Taurus police car out of a driveway at 308 S. Jaqua Ave. in Portland and reaching for his radio

microphone when the vehicle hit a pole, according to a Portland Police Department report. Damage to the car, which is registered to the City of Portland, is estimated less than \$1,000.

Deer hit

A Dunkirk woman drove into a deer on county road 300 North about 6:28 a.m. Tuesday. Melissa S. Walker, 31, was driving her 2017 Chrysler Pacifica west when it struck the animal. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

SERVICES

Thursday
Licht, Roscoe: 1 p.m., Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany.

Wednesday
Wendel, Ruth: noon, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant.

Saturday
James, Herbert: 4 p.m., 248 E. South St., Winchester.

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Time we have is far too short

By KWAME DAWES

It must be one of the great mercies of life that time provides us with the magical capacity to turn memories of the complete alarm of caring for an infant child into a delightful bit of nostalgia.

Adrian Matejka manages to capture both the splendor and bewilderment of early fatherhood in this tender poem.

Matejka was born in Nuremberg, Germany, and grew up in Indianapolis. He is a graduate of Indiana University

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and earned a master's degree at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

He is the author of "The Devil's Garden," which won the New York/New England Award and "Mixology," a winner of the 2008 National Poetry Series.

Farm Sonnet

The barn roof sags like an ancient mare's back. The field, overgrown, parts of it a marsh where the pond spills over. No hay or sacks of grain are stacked for the cold. In the harsh winters of my youth, Mama, with an axe, trudged tirelessly each day through deep snow, balanced on the steep bank, swung down to crack the ice so horses could drink. With each blow I feared she would fall, but she never slipped. Now Mama's bent and withered, vacant gray eyes fixed on something I can't see. I dip my head when she calls me Mom. What's to say? The time we have's still too short to master love, and then, the hollow that comes after.

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Thirty-five donated at drive

Thirty-five donors gave blood last month during a drive at Jay Community Center.

Donors included Jamie Daugherty, Amy Link, Dan Ninde, Elizabeth Hudson, Ronald Harris, Phyllis Muhlenkamp, Willoughby, Christie Asworth-Chowning, James Gebert, Michael Foreman and Ian McClung.

Also Barry Weaver, John May Jr., Martin Wells, James Wendel, Beth Bruns, Lisa Lyons, Jan Ritten-

house, Merry Warvel, Duane Monroe, Ashley Miller, Linda Steinbrunner and Alyssa Lott.

Also Patricia Muhlenkamp, Michael Muhlenkamp, Braulio Ruiz, Marie Bruggeman, Stuart Ford, Katelyn Lyons, Jamie Smeltzer, Bonnie Foreman, Roger Hamilton, Nichole Myers, Carol Gebert and Leanne Denlinger.

Volunteers for the drive were Dee Humbles, Cletus Rines, Shirley Bennett and Edith Dickey.

Husband wants to stop trying

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have had a total of six miscarriages — one before our miracle son and five since we began trying for a second child more than two years ago.

I always wanted a boatload of children, but my husband and I agreed on two before we got married. Now he wants to call it quits. He doesn't want to keep trying because he sees the emotional toll each loss has on me. I want to get a second opinion from a fertility specialist who helped a friend with similar issues.

The only way I know how to describe the way I feel is that it feels as though "someone" is missing from our family. I ache and long for and miss that person, even though I've never met them. I know deep in my soul, that they are supposed to be here. Missing them doesn't mean I love my husband and son any less. But as much as I love those two, I also miss that person. What should my husband and I do? — CHALLENGED IN TEXAS

DEAR CHALLENGED: Please accept my heartfelt sympathy. Clearly you have been through a wrenching time, and your loving husband is reluctant to see you continue to suffer as you have

Dear Abby



been. You and your husband should talk to the fertility specialist who helped your friend. However, if more treatment is unsuccessful, it will be time for you to seek a referral to a licensed psychotherapist who can help you cope with your disappointment and loss.

Because you can't escape the feeling that someone is missing, perhaps you might consider using a surrogate, fostering or adopting a child who needs a loving home and family.

DEAR ABBY: I have been single for almost three years. I recently started dating a man who, I have realized over the past few weeks, has a problem with me spending time with friends without him. I have explained that it is a healthy and

normal thing to have friends and to go do things with them. I have explained that he has nothing to worry about because I am respectful of our relationship and a faithful girlfriend. I have also begun to notice that he has no friends.

I have told him he is coming across as controlling. I don't want this to be a problem with him, and I don't know how to get him to see that it's normal for people to go and have fun as friends. My friends are classmates of mine, both male and female, and younger than I am. One of them is gay. I have explained that as well to my boyfriend. Am I overthinking this as a potential problem or is this truly a red flag? — CATCHING IT NOW IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CATCHING IT: You are not overthinking anything, and yes, this is a red flag — not a potential one. The person you have described appears to be so insecure that any activity you have that doesn't include him is perceived as a threat. The longer you remain involved with this person, the harder he will try to socially isolate you. Please do not allow that to happen. End it now.

Home cooking led to more fires

By BROOKS JOHNSON

Star Tribune
Tribune News Service

DULUTH, Minn. — The city saw the most structure fires in more than a decade last year, and the pandemic may be partly to blame.

"We saw a big uptick in kitchen fires, which we relate to a lot of people being home due to COVID-19," Duluth Fire Chief Shawn Krizaj said in a news release. "It is really easy to walk away from cooking for a distraction, but this is the number one reason why fires get started in the kitchen."

The Duluth Fire Department responded to 141 structure fires last year, the most since 183 were reported in 2009 and the first time

since 2015 there were more than 100, according to data the department released this week. One person died as a result of fire in Duluth last year.

Property loss due to fire more than doubled from 2019 to \$3.8 million.

Medical calls, which are the single largest category of responses the fire department responds to on a yearly basis, decreased by 8% compared to 2019, though that did not mean there were fewer injuries or sicknesses in 2020.

"In talking with our medical partners, this data is consistent with medical providers' analysis of people avoiding coming in for medical care until it is an emergency,"

Krizaj said. "We heard firsthand from patients that they did not want to go to the hospital because of the risk of getting COVID-19."

Local hospitals have been urging patients to keep up with their health care and say their facilities are some of the safest places to be.

The Duluth Fire Department responded to more than 7,400 "other" incidents — those not related to fires or medical emergencies — pushing the number of responses to 13,853, their highest level in years.

The department hopes to reopen its stations to the public later this year for tours, car seat demonstrations and other events as the pandemic allows.

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Community Calendar

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

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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. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (206) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, MISSISSINAWA CHAPTER — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at Jay County Historical Museum. Portland Fire Chief Mike Weitzel will present the program about monitoring for the cognitively disabled. For more information, call Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. upstairs at True Value Hardware, Meridian Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-2532.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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

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Express appreciation while you can

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

Don't wait. Don't wait until someone is gone before expressing how much they mean to you. That's the lesson driven home over the past month.

Melodi Haley was my classmate. She was my friend. And in the words of many of my contemporaries, she was the glue that held us all together.

Every high school graduating class is different. Some go their separate ways minutes after that tassel is moved from one side of the mortarboard to the other.

Others stay connected. I'm lucky enough to say mine stayed connected.

And Melodi was the primary reason for that.

She's the one who cajoled committees together for reunion after reunion. She's the one who

Back in the Saddle



corrallled us for monthly luncheons before COVID-19 set in. She's the one who carried a magic wand that could turn the biggest slacker into the busiest volunteer. That last one I know for sure. I was the slacker, and Melodi put me to work on projects I never would have dreamed of taking on.

There was something about the word "no" that didn't work when she asked you to help.

We lost Melodi this month. And by the word "we," I mean the Portland High School Class of

1966, the farming community she served for years at Harvestland Coop in Geneva, the folks at Jay County Retirement Center, her co-workers at Adams Physical Therapy and her fellow members of the congregation at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. And more.

I've lost track of how long Melodi had been dealing with cancer. She'd fight it. She'd beat it. Then it would turn 180 degrees and she'd be fighting it again. But a funny thing happened.

When most of us might have felt sorry for ourselves, Melodi decided her mission was to offer advice and support and hope to others facing the same affliction. Ask around and you'll find folks she reached out to, setting aside her own battle to provide encouragement to others in theirs.

The best thing I've done in 2021 and the best thing I've done in a

long while was to let her know — while she was still alive — how much I admired her.

In other words, I didn't wait.

A couple of months ago, when it was clear that her situation was dire, I sent her an email.

Words may not be sufficient. But sometimes they are all we have:

Melodi, I'm not at all happy about the news I hear coming from 910 S. Vine St.

(Anonymous) has been in touch.

First, it was to let me know about his situation. Then it was to fill me in on yours.

Neither one qualified as good news.

Connie and I have been optimistic about both of you.

So this is discouraging.

But here's something worth remembering:

A lot of folks stumble through life without much of a clue.

And then there are others, others whose lives make a difference, others who matter.

You matter. You have mattered.

It may have been with your smile. It may have been with your laughter. It may have been with your leadership.

But there is no doubt, you matter. You have mattered.

Not everyone can say that. Actually, few can say that.

But you matter. And you continue to matter to your friends, your family and your classmates.

So keep that in mind.

When the night seems long and dawn seems far away, remember this: You have mattered.

Love, Jack and Connie

Insufficient? Probably. But my advice is still this: Don't wait.

Unite to protect the U.S. Capitol

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

It long has been clear that the Capitol Police were woefully unprepared for the Jan. 6 assault on Congress by rampaging supporters of then-President Donald Trump bent on overturning the results of the 2020 election. But a new report by the agency's inspector general documents in depressing detail lapses in training, readiness and intelligence assessment.

Inspector General Michael Bolton also reported that the police were ordered not to employ "heavier, less-lethal weapons" that might have dispersed the rioters. And he noted that an operational plan for the protest released on Jan. 5 stated that "there are no specific known threats" — despite a Jan. 3 intelligence assessment that "Congress itself is the target on the 6th."

In testimony Thursday before the House Administration Committee, Bolton urged several sensible reforms, including a beefed-up Civil Disturbance Unit, additional training for intelligence analysts and classified briefings for members of the Capitol Police on emerging threats. He also called for the Capitol Police to move to the posture of a "protective" agency like the Secret Service, which could position it better to respond to threats such as the Jan. 6 riot.

It's obvious that the Capitol Police need to be better prepared for violent protests and to be more alert to intelligence about such threats, given the increase in domestic terrorism in this country. But Congress also needs to support improvements in the operation of the Capitol Police and keep up bipartisan pressure on the agency.

There has been too much partisan skirmishing in the aftermath of the attack. Some Republicans have questioned House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's proposal for a commission to investigate the Jan. 6 riot, fearing that it might become a vehicle for attacks on Trump. Others have suggested, incredibly, that the assault on the Capitol wasn't that big a deal. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., infamously said it "didn't seem like an armed insurrection to me." Last month Trump told Fox News that his supporters — the ones bashing police

Guest Editorial

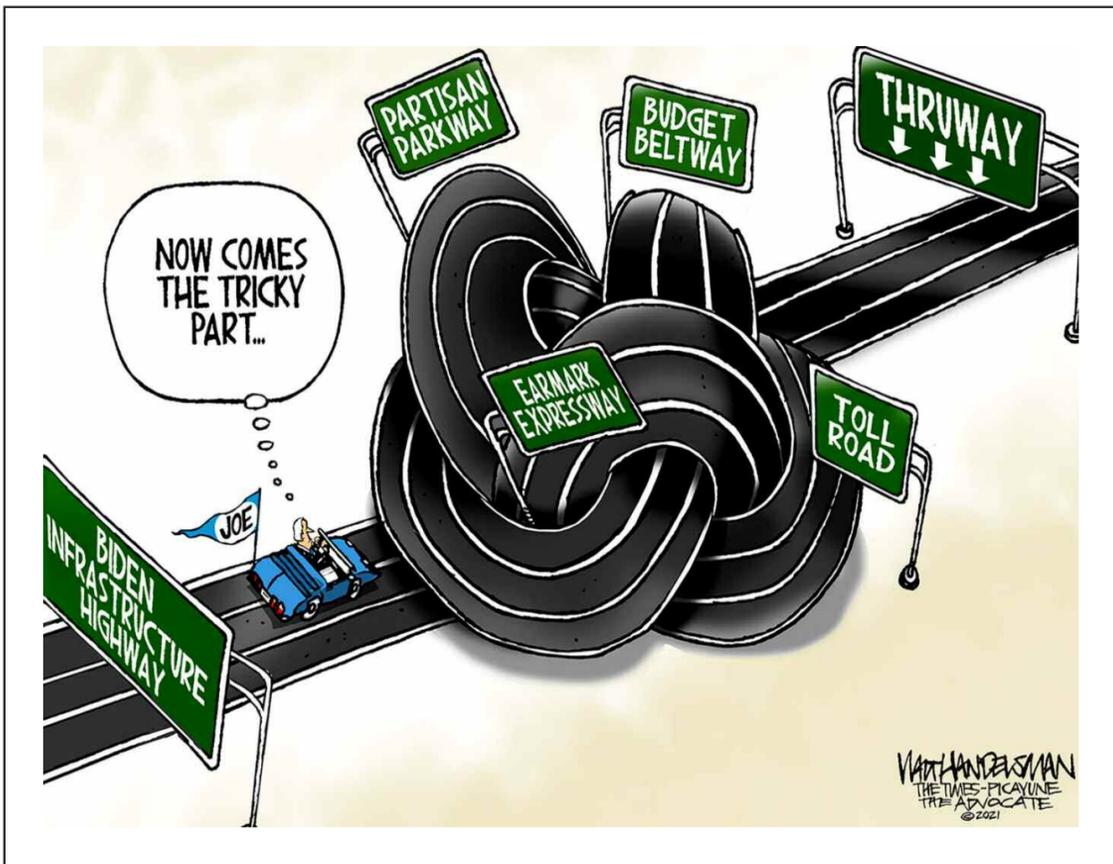
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officers with flagpoles and chanting, "Hang Mike Pence" — posed "zero threat" on Jan. 6.

Predictably, there were partisan overtones to Thursday's hearing. Rep. Barry Loudermilk, R-Georgia, asked Bolton about the role of the Speaker of the House in the operation of the Capitol Police and the Capitol Police Board, its oversight authority. Committee Chair Zoe Lofgren, D-California, reminded Republicans that one member of the board, which Republicans criticized, had been appointed architect of the Capitol by Trump.

A bipartisan commitment to improvements in the Capitol Police is necessary also because hard decisions must be made about how to balance public access to the Capitol, including for nonviolent protesters, with security for members of Congress at a time of legitimate concerns about violent domestic extremism.

When some of the Jan. 6 invaders suggested that they were doing nothing wrong because the Capitol is "the people's house," they were perverting an important principle: that Americans should be able to see their representatives at the seat of the national government. But that wasn't the goal of the Jan. 6 rioters, whose mission was antithetical to democracy. The Capitol Police must be better trained to anticipate and respond to such violence.



Pass 'For the People Act'

By BEN JEALOUS
The Baltimore Sun
Tribune News Service

In his first news conference since being elected, President Joe Biden had strong words for the voter-suppression bills sweeping through state legislatures, calling them "sick" and "pernicious." He was right, but he also knows strong words won't be enough. So the White House is supporting federal legislation to stem this tide: the For the People Act, which has passed the House — led by Maryland Rep. John Sarbanes — but is unfortunately becoming a political football in the Senate.

Critics are seemingly so afraid of this bill that their allegations against it have run off the rails into outlandish territory: An invitation to rampant voter fraud! People voting from prison! Sixteen-year-olds casting ballots! Taxpayers forced to fund political candidates they despise!

None of this true, so the real question is: What are the critics so afraid of and why? It must be the specter of more women, more shift workers, more Black and brown Americans, more young people and more people with disabilities voting and running for office. Because that is exactly what the act will do. And it will accomplish this by doing two things — reducing the overwhelming influence of big money and wealthy corporations on our politics, and combating voter suppression while expanding access to the ballot.

These things are intimately connected. Deep-pocketed corporate interests have always been invested in denying the ballot to working people, people of color and people who are likely to favor reasonable business regulations but unlikely to favor anti-worker, anti-environment, anti-

consumer corporate agendas. Big corporations and the wealthy have a similar interest in keeping such people from running for office, and in our post-Citizens United world, their control of the arena of campaign finance has been strengthened. According to an analysis done by the Brennan Center, in 2016 just 400 political donors gave a combined \$1.5 billion — more than five million small donors combined.

The For the People Act would shake up that status quo. It would create a small-donor matching system for campaigns, using money paid in fines by corporations that have broken the law — not taxpayer money, as critics claim. This makes small donors more influential, and it makes non-rich candidates more viable. Right now, if you're not a billionaire or someone who wants to do the bidding of billionaires and big corporations, your options for financing a competitive campaign are limited; this bill would change that.

It would also take direct aim at the voter suppression the president rightly calls "sick," tactics including discriminatory voter ID laws, drastic voter roll purges, and harsh reductions in early and absentee voting. These restrictions, the worst since the Jim Crow era, all hit working people and people of color especially hard. Instead of voter suppression, under this new act we would have

voter support: automatic voter registration, online registration, restoration of voting rights to returning citizens, and protection for early and absentee voting. There would be a pilot program allowing people with disabilities to register and vote from home. The timing couldn't be more critical: the Brennan Center has tracked more than 250 voter-suppression bills in more than 40 state legislatures this season alone.

And that's why it was also encouraging to hear the president say in his news conference that he not only supports the For the People Act, he supports reforming the legislative filibuster — and is willing to "go beyond" mere reform if the filibuster becomes a complete barrier to important bills like this one. In recent weeks it has become painfully obvious that the For the People Act, and much of the rest of the Biden legislative agenda, could be DOA in the Senate unless the now-antiquated filibuster goes the way of spittoons in the chamber. Holdouts against this position are becoming fewer and fewer.

This is truly a historic moment in our country's history, with a historic set of challenges. Passing the For the People Act is a step that will give more Americans more opportunity to participate in our democracy. It will lead to a domino effect with rapid progress on the issues we care about most, like climate change, expanding affordable health care, protecting workers' rights and more. It's time to end the fearmongering and misinformation about this bill. It's time for the Senate to pass the For the People Act

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Jealous is president of People For the American Way.

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Students involved in the Jay County High School Early College program work recently in the library at the school. The program last week received an endorsement from the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) at the University of Indianapolis for its effectiveness and quality. The program focuses on a goal of students completing their freshman year of college before leaving high school. "This is a big prize," said superintendent Jeremy Gulley at Monday's Jay School Board meeting. "It just feels like we got through that tape you break through at the end of the race and we won."

Endorsed ...

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Jay County is now one of 41 schools statewide that have received the endorsement from the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning. The list also includes Winchester, Delta, Muncie Central, Richmond and New Castle.

Dodd noted that the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning has pushed an effort to encourage schools to organize its college credit offerings. Previously, he said, they were more hit and miss rather than having a clear path toward credits that would be widely transferrable.

Now the goal is to try to complete a full freshman year (30 credit hours) while in high school.

"That way when a kid leaves, all those credits go," said Dodd. "Before this, the colleges kind of got to pick and choose what credits they would take. And now we're offering the ones on the transfer library. Kids get to take them wherever they go in Indiana."

Jay County High School, which has long had dual-credit classes but officially launched its Early

College program in 2018, now offers dozens of courses, including English, math, science, world languages, fine arts, social studies, agriculture, business, health science, manufacturing and other disciplines.

Dodd noted that the program focuses on more than just academics. There's an effort to expose students to what college is like so they are socially prepared as well. That includes gathering the Early College students to study together, talk about challenges, plan college visits, meet with former JCHS students who are in college and have Zoom tours of dorm rooms and campuses.

"It's more than just academics," said Dodd. "For us, it's about the transition into college. We're exposing them to the curriculum. That's easy to do. ... But how do we expose them to the other aspects? That was an important part of the program for us."

Eleven JCHS teachers are certified to teach core curriculum and 12 are certified to teach career and technical education courses.

"And there was no incentive,

no extra money, nothing," Dodd added. "They did this because they wanted to offer opportunities for kids."

The incentive comes in a different form.

"While there's not financial benefit for me, the benefit is that kids are heading out of here much more prepared than they were before," said Chrissy Krieg, who teaches two college composition courses through Ball State University.

(Students also have the option of taking college classes online through Ivy Tech Community College, Ball State University, Indiana University and others that are partners with JCHS.)

Vickie Reitz, former director of guidance at JCHS and now a Jay School Board member, started the push for the Early College program endorsement about six years ago.

"It would be a big money saver for our students and put them ahead of the game," she said of the reason for starting the effort. "And also they would have support to start that college program with the

teachers being available to help them."

That's been a major advantage for Jay County High School senior Ashlyn Dow. She finished her junior year with 33 college credits already under her belt, including a criminal justice course. (She hopes to become a lawyer.)

About half of her classes this year are for college credit either with JCHS teachers or online.

"It's awesome," said Dow. "It's kind of a relief, because I can either finish college in three years, or four years with not as busy of a schedule. I just think it's nice to not have to pack my schedule ..."

"It just allows us to take so many classes for a lot cheaper ..."

It takes years for an Early College program to become endorsed, with the first step being to collaborate with the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning and designing and implementation plan. The next several years are spent building a curriculum with higher education partners, preparing staff and providing guidance to early college students. The

school then collects and analyzes data to demonstrate that the program is effective.

The final step of the process came Thursday when representatives from the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning met virtually with students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators who have been involved with the program. They interviewed each group about their experiences and received the call Friday that the endorsement had been approved.

"These newly endorsed Early College High Schools have documented evidence of quality programs that help high school students graduate high school and accelerate into post-secondary education, whether at a four-year institution or a career/technical program," said Sandy Hillman, CELL director of Early College, in a press release. "These students' accomplishments are true game-changers for them and their families."

After being endorsed, a program is expected to continue to develop its early college opportunities. Endorsements are reviewed every three years.

Apply ...

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It would be used to drain Meridian Street catch basin systems between Main and North streets. Those systems currently connect to Millers Branch (a line that runs about a half-block east of Meridian Street), which frequently is overloaded during heavy rain events resulting in water backing up and flooding the city's downtown area.

The project is designed to eliminate problems during what is referred to as "10-year-flood."

Portland Mayor John Boggs has given Wessler the go-ahead to complete design of the project with a goal of completing it by

the end of summer 2022. Indiana Department of Transportation plans to pave Meridian Street (U.S. 27) the downtown area in 2023, after which Boggs said the agency will not allow any drainage project under the street for at least 10 years.

The construction cost is estimated at \$1.3 million, though Boggs cautioned Tuesday that the number may be higher as the price of materials has gone up during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Boggs also plans to request funding for the project from Portland Redevelopment Commission during its meeting Friday morning. He said

he had hoped that funds from the American Rescue Plan Act could be used for flood mitigation, but that is not allowed under the current guidelines. Other funding sources discussed include state loans, the Indiana Bond Bank and assistance from The Portland Foundation.

"We've got a lot of different ways to get this done," the mayor said, "but the fact of the matter is we've got to get it done before they pave that street, otherwise we're going to be in the same situation for another 10 years."

Letters of support for the grant application can be sent to Hayes at jhayes@jaycodev.org.

Budget ...

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The additional money comes from federal aid provided directly to Indiana through Democratic President Joe Biden's American Rescue Plan, along with increased state tax revenue, particularly sales taxes, tied to Hoosiers spending their American Rescue Plan stimulus checks.

Ironically, every Republican representing Indiana in Congress, including U.S. Sen. Todd Young and U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, voted against the American Rescue Plan. But that isn't stopping Statehouse Republicans from spending the windfall.

Under the plan, Indiana elementary and high schools will receive \$1.03 billion, or 9.1%, in additional student tuition support compared to the current state budget, pushing school funding over \$8 billion a year for the first time in state history.

Senate President Rod Bray, R-Martinsville, said the historic funding increase comes with a directive that all Indiana schools set a \$40,000 a year minimum pay rate for teachers, at least 45% of tuition support dollars be spent on teacher salaries, and any salary savings from experienced teachers retiring must continue to go toward teacher pay.

That announcement pleased Keith Gambill, president of the Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA), a labor union representing Hoosier teachers.

"ISTA looks forward to our role through the collective bargaining process to ensure teachers receive long-needed salary increases. With this budget's investment, teachers now have a

light at the end of the tunnel," Gambill said.

The budget plan also provides \$150 million in student recovery grants to address learning loss caused by COVID-19 school closures; increases state support for low-income and special education students, along with English language learners; boosts by 30% funding for school-based social/emotional health programs; and continues the appropriation of \$37.5 million a year for Teacher Appreciation Grants.

"Hoosier students and schools remain a top priority in our state's next two-year budget proposal," said state Sen. Ryan Mishler, R-Bremen, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

That includes students attending Indiana's private schools. The budget expands eligibility for the nation's largest school voucher program to Indiana households earning up to 300% of free and reduced lunch eligibility, or \$147,075 for a family of four.

It also creates a new education savings account program for special education students that allows their parents to claim nearly all the money that usually would go toward their education at an Indiana school and use it for any educational program they choose.

"In Indiana's budget, all Hoosier kids win," said Katie Jenner, the Holcomb-appointed secretary of education. "This student-centered, future-focused budget prioritizes Indiana's schools, creating immense opportunities for every Hoosier student, in every Hoosier school, and in every Hoosier community."

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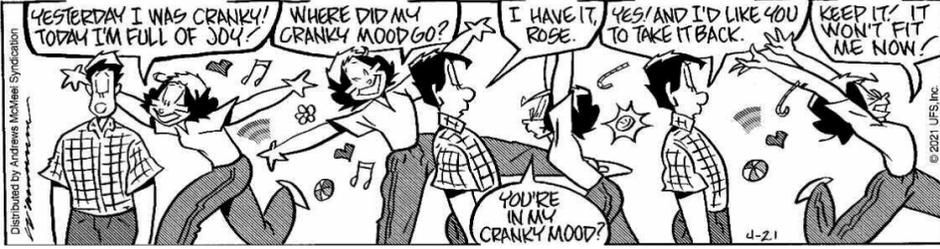
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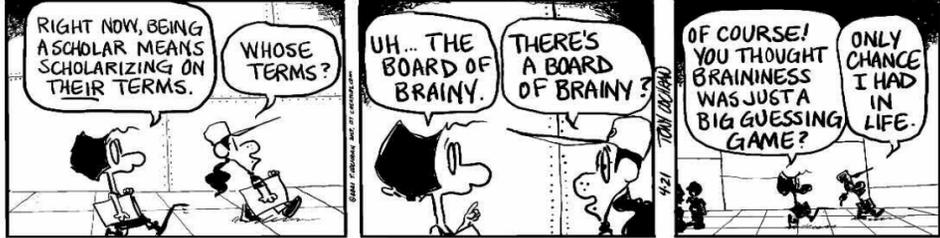
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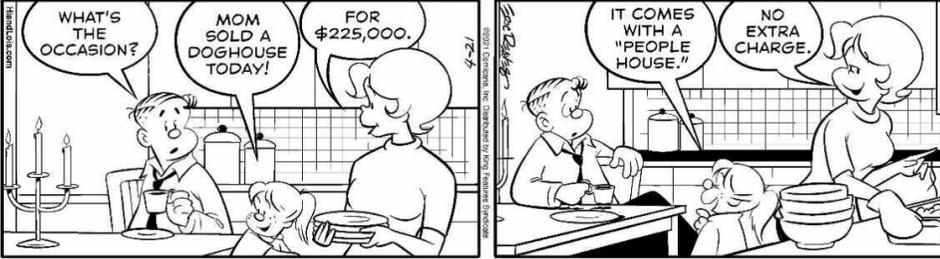
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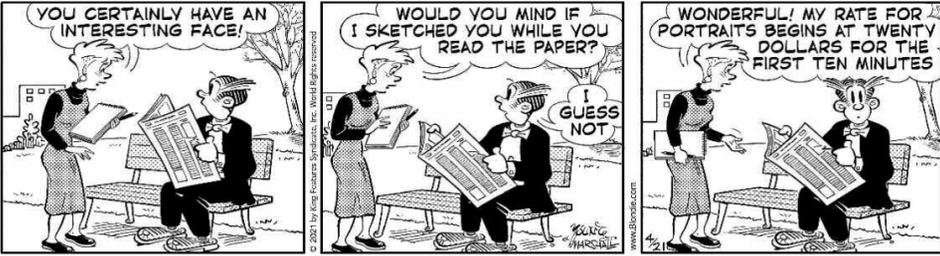
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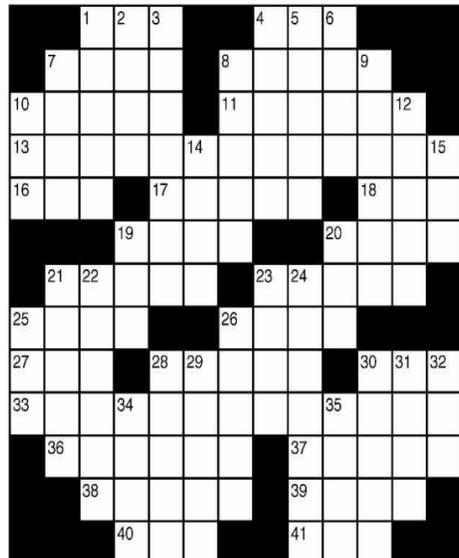
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Honor ...

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At the moment, Daly is schedule to run 14 of the 17 races on the 2021 IndyCar calendar, all with ECR. He will serve as the road-and-street course driver for the No. 20 car, shared with Carpenter. Additionally, Daly will run this year's Indy 500 in the team's third entry, the No. 47 Chevy. The U.S. Air Force will serve as the primary sponsor in 10 of Daly's 13 road and street course races, along with the 500.
The Air Force came on as a primary sponsor with ECR in 2020 but has been

with Daly since 2018, when he drove a red, white and blue car with Thom Burns Racing in the 2018 Indy 500.
In 2019, Daly drove for Andretti Autosport in a mostly-black car with blue accents and tiger shark teeth near the front that paid tribute to the 5th Air Force stationed at the Yokota Air Base in Japan with similar shark teeth detailing.
That design idea carried over to Daly's livery on the No. 20 ECR Chevy in 2020, before the Air Force put together a bright-orange design for his No. 47 car in

the Indy 500 that paid tribute in design to the famous Bell X-1 aircraft that Chuck Yeager used to break the sound barrier for the first time. The number celebrated the year 1947, the year the Air Force was officially created and when Yeager made his famous flight.
For 2021, the Air Force detailed Daly's silver and blue livery with small B-2 stealth bomber silhouettes on the top of the car's sidepods, which he ran in this past weekend's IndyCar season-opener at Barber Motorsports Park.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Jay County — Softball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Baseball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.; JV softball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Junior high golf at Delta — 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Delta — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Track at St. Henry quad — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at St. Henry — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. St. Henry — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. St. Henry — 5 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Baseball vs. Shenandoah — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Shenandoah — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Junior high track at New Bremen Invitational — 4:30 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Boys golf at South Adams Invitational — 9 a.m.; Boys track at Muncie Relays — 10 a.m.

TV schedule
Today
6:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball:

Atlanta Braves at New York Yankees (ESPN)
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. Oklahoma City Thunder (FSN)

Thursday
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Milwaukee Bucks (TNT)
9:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks (TNT)

Friday
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Brooklyn Nets (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Denver Nuggets at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

Local notes

Swim team seeking coach
The Jay County Summer Swim Team is seeking a coach to help lead its team this season.
The schedule runs from May 10 to July 10, and the position is responsible for helping to plan and lead practices and meets.

Requirements include ability to work well with students, good decision-making skills and strong communication skills.
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TIME 10:00 A.M.
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Bobby Boyd Hatfield Jr \$848.00
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Witness my hand and seal of The Board of Commissioners, Jay County, IN, Monday, April 26, 2021.
Anna Culy
Jay County Auditor
CR/NS 04-21-2021 HSPAXLP

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
2021 TERM
No. 38CO1-2104-EU-000016
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of:
Carolyn Kelpien, Deceased
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Teryl L. Kelpien and Pete Shawver, were on the 16th day of April, 2021, appointed Co-Personal Representative of the estate of Carolyn Kelpien deceased, who died on May 1st, 2019.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 16th day of April, 2021.
Jon Eads
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Former Patriot blasts two homers last weekend. More details in Thursday's Collegiate Check-up

FRHS softball to host St. Henry on Thursday. see Sports on tap

Sports

Luplow's surge leading Cleveland

By JOE NOGA
Cleveland.com
Tribune News Service
CLEVELAND, Ohio — Jordan Luplow is the latest Cleveland Indians hitter to carry the club's hot-and-mostly-cold offense through a stretch in the early part of 2021.

But does the club's designated lefty killer deserve more at-bats against right-handed pitching as he becomes more locked in at the plate?

In his last nine games, Luplow is hitting .318 with a .909 slugging percentage and a 1.332 OPS. He has four home runs and nine RBI in that span and has walked four times while striking out eight in 26 plate appearances.

On Tuesday, he broke through against Chicago lefty Carlos Rodon in the third inning with a home run to left field, Cleveland's first hit off Rodon in 11 innings and the first run Rodon surrendered in 2021.

Luplow entered Tuesday's game tied for sixth in the American League in home runs. His 15 home runs against left-handed pitching since 2019 are tied for the fourth-most in the AL.

Eight of Luplow's 28 career home runs have come against the White Sox and he's hit four against the Tigers.

A career .269 hitter with an .981 OPS against left-handers, Luplow's numbers against right-handers drop off considerably. He's hitting .200 with a .627 OPS against righties, and his career at-bats are nearly dead even (253 vs. LHP, 250 vs. RHP).

But this season, in a small sample size, Luplow has turned things around against righties. He's batting .500 (3-for-6) with two home runs, and a double that should have been ruled a home run against Detroit.

Luplow admitted he hopes his recent success leads to more playing time against both right-handed and left-handed pitching, but most importantly he's healthy and here to help the team win no matter how he's deployed.

"Just taking competitive at-bats each day, no matter righty, lefty, day, night, away, home, just going out there every day and putting up good at-bats," Luplow said. "That's kind of been the goal."

The trend has given Indians manager Terry Francona confidence to keep Luplow in the lineup when he starts against a lefty and the opposition moves to a right-handed reliever later in the game.

"He's rewarded us for that," Francona said. "He's taken some good swings and he's dangerous. As long as he can take good swings, he's going to hit some balls out of the ballpark."

Luplow, who matched a career-high with three walks on Tuesday, said the Indians battled against Rodon after he had success against them in Chicago, and that the offense is starting to show signs that it can come through.

"I think we're on the brink, I think we're close," Luplow said. "Hopefully the flood gates open here soon."



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Rachel rips

Jay County High School's Rachel Muhlenkamp rips a forehanded shot during her No. 1 doubles match with Madison Dirksen against the Winchester Golden Falcons on Monday at JCHS. Muhlenkamp and Dirksen defeated Morgan Williams and Mabrey McIntire 6-2, 6-2, and the Patriots went on to win 5-0.

Daly, ECR to honor Airmen

By NATHAN BROWN
The Indianapolis Star
Tribune News Service

The U.S. Air Force unveiled its latest unique livery design to be driven by Ed Carpenter Racing's Conor Daly in this year's Indianapolis 500 — it's a tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen, the first black military aviators in America who flew more than 15,000 missions during World War II in Europe and North Africa.

Daly's No. 47 Chevy, mostly silver

with a red nose and red detailing on the wings, the engine cover and the wheel covers and yellow accents that include the top of the aeroscreen, harkens back to the Tuskegee Airmen's P-51 Mustangs that featured a red tail and red and yellow stripes on the nose, nicknamed the Red Tails.

The car design comes in tandem with the Air Force's dual partnership with Richard Petty Motorsports in the NASCAR Cup Series, where Erik

Jones will run a similar-looking car during this weekend's race at Talladega Superspeedway and in September at Bristol.

"I am continually honored and humbled that Ed Carpenter Racing is able to represent the U.S. Air Force and assist in the mission of recruiting our next generation of Airmen," ECR team owner Ed Carpenter said in a release.

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