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## \$\$ for sewer project OK'd

*Redevelopment commission commits to \$350,000 for flood mitigation work*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

A chunk of funding has been committed for a proposed downtown flood mitigation project.

Portland Redevelopment Commission this morning approved \$350,000 toward the project that would run a new storm sewer line down Meridian Street in an effort to take pressure off of Millers Branch.

The board also approved moving forward with creating both a residential tax increment financing (TIF) district and a "riverfront" district, and agreed to purchase additional planters to be placed on Meridian Street.

Portland Mayor John Boggs made the request for the sewer project, saying it is essential to address the flooding issue in order to keep and add new businesses in the downtown area.

"There's probably no other community project that will have as much long-term impact on economic growth and downtown revitalization as this one," said Boggs. "Flooding on Meridian Street has stifled investment in our downtown ... It has increased the risk for entrepreneurs opening a business in Portland."

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## Court composite

Jay County High School will crown its prom queen and king Saturday evening during promenade. Pictured, top row from left, are queen candidates Anna Heath, Maebry Ninde, Aubrie Schwieterman, Melissa Nava and Kearsten Myers. Not pictured is Grace Saxman. Bottom row from left are king candidates Gavin Farmer, Blake Caldwell, Nate Chrisman, Griffin Lennartz and Griffin Mann. Not pictured is Bailey Cox.

## Budget gets bipartisan support

By KAITLIN LANGE and ARIKA HERRON

The Indianapolis Star Tribune News Service

In their final hours at the Indiana Statehouse Thursday, lawmakers overwhelmingly passed the two-year state budget filled with one-time spending and an unexpected amount of new education dollars.

In a rare move, nearly every Democrat voted for the \$37.4 billion two-year budget drafted largely by Republican leaders, who have supermajorities in the Statehouse. In fact, the budget received the most "yes" votes of any budget bill this century.

The two "no" votes in the House came from two of the most socially conservative members of the House, Rep. Curt Nisly, R-Milford, and Rep. John Jacob, R-

Indianapolis. In the Senate three Democrats voted no.

Rep. Matt Lehman, R-Berne, called it a "wow budget." Meanwhile, Democrats, such as Rep. Shelia Klinker, D-Lafayette, called it "one of the better budgets I've seen in recent years."

Historically, the party in the minority usually votes against the budget bill, which tends to be filled with spending priorities for the majority party.

It was an unusual budget cycle: The economy is recovering at a quicker pace than predicted due in part to the vaccine roll out and the stimulus checks from President Joe Biden's American Rescue Act already hit many people's bank accounts.

With just a week left in the legislative session, lawmakers discovered they would get an additional \$2 billion to spend due to

a more rosy April revenue forecast. House Speaker Todd Huston said the increase "blew my socks off."

Plus, the state received roughly \$3 billion directly from the American Rescue Plan, a fact Democrats were quick to point out, that lawmakers could use for one-time expenses, such as infrastructure.

"Thank God for Joe Biden," Sen. Eddie Melton, D-Gary, said. "Thank God for the American Rescue Plan."

The result of both was more money for education, a substantial pay down of debt and considerable investment into infrastructure. Both Republicans and Democrats alike claimed responsibility for many ideas in the budget.

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### Spending bill receives more 'yes' votes than any this century

## India, Brazil hit hard

By CHRIS KAY and ANDRE ROMANI

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

Facing a sudden surge in coronavirus infections, India is once again home to the world's second-largest outbreak, overtaking Brazil after the latter moved ahead in March. But behind the bleak statistical jockeying is an epidemiological enigma over why the Latin American country has been far more devastated by the pathogen.

When it comes to the scale of infections, the two nations are similarly matched, with cases hovering near 14 million and hospitals from Mumbai to Sao Paulo under increasing pressure as admissions continue to rise. But it's the divergence in fatalities that has scientists puzzled. Brazil, home to almost 214 million, has seen more than 361,800 people die from COVID-19, more than double the number of deaths in India, which has a far greater population of 1.4 billion.

While deaths in India have started climbing and threaten to get worse, the macro-level disparity

remains and is emblematic of different ways in which the pandemic is playing out across regions. Experts say this needs to be better understood and decoded, to contain this global outbreak as well as avoid future public health crises.

COVID-19 death ratios in South Asia, including India, are consistently lower than global averages, just as those in Latin America are consistently higher, forcing virologists to offer a number of theories as to why COVID has cut a more deadly swathe from Brazil to Argentina.

"We're not comparing apples to apples here, we're comparing apples to oranges," said Bhramar Mukherjee, the biostatistics chair at University of Michigan's School of Public Health. For now, both

countries present an "intriguing puzzle — an epidemiological mystery that needs a Sherlock Holmes or Miss Marple in action."

Brazil has been hit by multiple waves killing an alarming number of its young and it reported a record one-day jump of 4,000 COVID-19-related deaths last week. Meanwhile, India's daily surge in casualties have been around 1,000 and well below that last week. Deaths in the Asian country as a percentage of confirmed cases is 1.2 versus 2.6 in Brazil, data compiled by Bloomberg show.

Multiple factors could be at play in the fatality gap, including the differences in mean age — 26 years in India to Brazil's 33.5.

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## Spinning Shealyn

Shealyn Dennis spins her flag Sunday afternoon during the winter guard's performance as part of the Jay County High School band concert. The event also included performances by the JCHS concert and jazz bands.

### Deaths

Lois Wilson, Avon Park, Florida  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 41 degrees Thursday. The low was 32.  
Tonight's low will be 43. Rain is expected Saturday with a high near 58. The low will be 42.  
See page 2 for an extended forecast.

### In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

### Coming up

**Saturday** — Interior design business has opened new showroom in Portland.

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.





# Felony court news

## Drug possession

Several men and women were sentenced to jail after pleading guilty recently to drug possession, a Level 6 felony.

Devonna J. Tilley, 40, 422 Indiana Ave., Parker City, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Circuit Court. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given 328 days credit for 164 days served. She was assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution,

interdiction and correction fee.

Jasmine R. Weatherhead, 23, 228 E. Walnut St., Portland, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of a syringe, both Level 6 felonies, in Jay Superior Court. She was sentenced to two years total in Jay County Jail with all but 100 days suspended and given 100 days credit for 50 days served. She was placed on probation, assessed court costs of \$370 and ordered to pay two \$200 drug abuse, prosecution,

interdiction and correction fees and a \$350 substance abuse program fee. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge for possession of methamphetamine and a Class C misdemeanor charge for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Cassandra R. Myers, 43, 202 North Meridian Street Apt 301, Portland, was sentenced to Jay County Jail for 150 days and given 108 days credit for 54 days served. She was fined court costs

of \$185 and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor charge for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor charge for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Troy D. Easton, 52, 316 N. Hickory St., Dunkirk, was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 38 days credit for 19 days served. He was fined court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay a \$200

drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor charge of driving while suspended was dismissed.

Jadeh C. Hildebrandt, 23, 8182 S. 600 West, Portland, was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given four days credit for two days served. He was fined court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agree-

## CR almanac

Saturday 4/24	Sunday 4/25	Monday 4/26	Tuesday 4/27	Wednesday 4/28
<b>58/42</b>	<b>59/38</b>	<b>71/55</b>	<b>81/61</b>	<b>77/58</b>
Skies will be mostly cloudy with a 80% chance of rain. Cloudy evening skies as well.	Mostly sunny during the day with some clouds at night. Otherwise moderate temperatures.	Mostly sunny with highs in the low 70s. Temperatures will begin to climb again through the week.	Mostly sunny all day. Temperatures will be in the low 80s, with a 30% chance of rain at night.	There is a 60% chance of rain Wednesday under mostly cloudy skies. Otherwise warm.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$104 million	56-58-64-67-74-78-80 Cash 5: 4-13-25-34-44 Estimated jackpot: \$445,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$277 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 7-3-2 Pick 4: 0-6-1-7 Pick 5: 2-0-9-9-3 Evening Pick 3: 9-9-3 Pick 4: 0-3-5-1 Pick 5: 6-4-8-6-2 Rolling Cash: 4-10-20-21-25 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 9-5-8 Daily Four: 7-6-2-7 Evening Daily Three: 7-0-1 Daily Four: 1-6-6-4 Quick Draw: 2-3-11-14-17-26-27-28-29-32-39-44-51-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.57 Wheat .....6.85	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.49 May corn.....6.50 Beans .....15.63 Sept. beans .....12.88 May wheat ..... 6.98
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.68 May corn.....6.68	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.57 May corn.....6.57 Beans .....15.40 May beans .....15.40 Wheat .....6.67 July wheat.....6.67
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.49 May corn.....6.53 Beans .....15.70 May beans .....15.70 Wheat ..... 7.00 May wheat ..... 7.00	

## Today in history

**On April 23, 1969**, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. (The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.)

**In 1616** (Old Style calendar), English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare died in Stratford-upon-Avon on what has traditionally been regarded as the 52nd anniversary of his birth in 1564.

**In 1789**, President-elect George Washington and his wife, Martha, moved into the first executive mansion, the Franklin House, in New York.

**In 1898**, Spain declared war on the United States, which responded in kind two days later.

**In 1940**, about 200 people died in the Rhythm Night Club Fire in Natchez, Mississippi.

**In 1943**, U.S. Navy Lt. (jg) John F. Kennedy assumed command of PT-109, a motor torpedo boat, in the Solomon

Islands during World War II.

**In 1954**, Hank Aaron of the Milwaukee Braves hit the first of his 755 major-league home runs in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals. (The Braves won, 7-5.)

**In 1971**, the Pennville High School finished as the runner-up at the Crown City Relays hosted by Dunkirk. The Bulldogs won the half-mile relay in 1 minute, 39 seconds.

**In 1987**, 28 construction workers were killed when an apartment complex being built in Bridgeport, Connecticut, suddenly collapsed.

**In 1988**, a federal ban on smoking during domestic airline flights of two hours or less went into effect.

**In 1996**, a civil court jury in The Bronx, New York, ordered Bernhard Goetz to pay \$43 million to Darrell Cabey, one of four young men he'd shot on a subway car in 1984.

—AP and The CR

## Obituaries

### Lois Wilson

Mrs. Lois (Raymond) Wilson of Avon Park, Florida, passed away peacefully at the home of her son in St. Cloud, Florida, after a second battle with cancer.

Lois was born on May 7, 1935, in Fort Recovery, Ohio, to Mary E. (McAlexander) and Ermal N. Smith.

She married Raymond Wilson on June 7, 1953, and they lived in Fort Recovery until 1984 when they moved to Florida. They are the parents of Mike of Florida, Linda of Decatur, Indiana, and Randy (Patti) of St. Cloud, Florida. Along with her children she is survived by Ray, her hus-

band of 67 years; one brother, Richard (Linda) Smith of Commerce, Michigan; three grandsons, Chad and Curtis of St. Cloud, Florida, and Spencer of Decatur, Indiana; a granddaughter, Michelle of California; three great-granddaughters, Oakley, K'Lian and Carolicia; two great-grandsons, William and Toby; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Lois was a lifelong member of the DAV Auxiliary and a member of the Fort Recovery Ohio Auxiliary since 1954. Lois worked at a doctor's office in Fort Recovery after their move at a local college (SFCC) and Loyds Shoes in Sebring, Florida, until she retired in 1995.

A Celebration of Life and burial will be held in Ohio at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, Florida.

Condolences may be expressed at stephensonnelsonfh.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.*

## Felony arrests

### Burglary

A Dunkirk man was arrested for burglary Thursday.

Robert O. Patterson, 51, 122 W. Washington St., was preliminarily charged a Level 5 felony for the alleged crime. He was booked into

Jay County Jail and is being held on \$10,000 bond.

### Drug possession

A Ridgeville man was arrested for drug possession Friday morning.

Aaron C. Shawver, 42, 403 S. Walnut St., was preliminarily charged two Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and possession of a narcotic drug. He was booked into Jay County Jail and is being held on \$4,500 bond.

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The project proposed by Indianapolis-based

Wessler Engineering would involve running a new Meridian Street storm sewer line that would begin between Arch and Race streets and go directly to the Salamonie River. Currently, catch basin systems in that area are connected to Millers Branch, a line that runs north-south about a half-block east of Meridian Street, and frequently back up during heavy rain events.

Construction for the project is estimated at just over \$1.3 million, though Boggs cautioned that the number could be higher because of a recent increase in the cost of materials. He added that the city has committed to the \$125,000 in engineering fees related to the work. The city is applying for a Community Development Block Grant of up to \$600,000 for the project through Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and is also looking at several other funding options.

Redevelopment commission members Joe Johnston, Mike Simons and

Reda Theurer-Miller, absent Dave Teeter, voted to commit the \$350,000 the mayor requested.

Consultant Ed Curtin of CWC Latitudes walked the group through the steps necessary to create a residential TIF district, which would capture the increased taxes on new housing. Those funds can be used by the redevelopment commission to incentivize developers by defraying the cost of infrastructure or other elements of a housing project.

The process starts with approval from the school board. The redevelopment commission would then identify areas that could potentially be used for a residential TIF district and approach property owners about their interest. When such a target area is selected, redevelopment commission would then declare its intent to form a residential TIF district. It would then need approval from Portland's plan commission and city council, followed by a final confirmation by the redevelopment commission.

Local real estate agent Jack Houck spoke at the meeting, saying he has talked to two developers about property he has for sale in Portland. He said both indicated that a residential TIF district would be key to a housing project.

The redevelopment commission voted to move forward with the process.

Curtin also laid out the potential benefits of creating a "riverfront" district, an economic development tool created by the state. In a riverfront district — area within 1,500 feet (about a quarter mile) of a river is eligible — communities can provide additional liquor licenses, at a lower cost, beyond the standard cap in order to spur restaurant development. The entity overseeing the riverfront district

(in this case, Portland Redevelopment Commission) can set standards for the licenses, including percentage of food that must be sold in comparison to alcohol or how many days the business must be open each year. The licenses cannot be sold or transferred.

"It's really not to promote the sale of alcohol," said Curtin. "But for restaurants to have that ability is the difference between them being profitable and not being profitable."

The process of creating such a district would involve developing guidelines and an application. Portland City Council would then need to vote to create a district, which would then require state approval.

Redevelopment commission members voted to move forward with creating a riverfront district.

Theurer-Miller presented an update from Portland Main Street Connect, noting that flowers should be in planters in the downtown area by about Mother's Day. LED lights have been installed downtown and light posts will be painted. Also, additional Christmas lights have been purchased.

She relayed a request from business owners that more planters be added along Meridian Street between Arch and North

streets. (They currently run from the Salamonie River to the Arch Street area.) Redevelopment commission voted to spend \$10,400 on the additional planters with commission president Rusty Inman, Johnston and Simons in favor and Theurer-Miller abstaining.

In other business, the commission:

- Passed a resolution indicating its intention to continue to collect the entirety of the tax increment generated in the district.

- Discussed the status of the brick alley, which runs east-west between Community Resource Center and the commercial buildings to its north. Boggs noted that the alley is not designed for traffic. He and Inman said they would get together with business owners in the area to discuss keeping traffic off the brick area while still making it accessible for deliveries as needed.

- Heard in the financial update that the district currently has about \$764,171.96 available. (Its next tax draw is expected in June.) Inman asked that in the future the commission be provided with a breakdown of each "bucket" (target investment priority) and how much money is currently available in each.

### SERVICES

**Saturday**  
Wendel, Ruth: noon, Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant.  
James, Herbert: 4 p.m., 248 E. South St., Winchester.

**Wednesday**  
Gibson, Steve: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Norma DeVoss.

*Thanks to everyone for cards, flowers, memorial gifts, food and kind words and prayers. A special thank you to Williamson-Spencer-Penrod Funeral Home, New Mt. Pleasant Church, Fellowship Baptist Church, Pastor Hugh Kelly, Everheart Hospice and the wonderful care givers. We were blessed with your kindness and it will always be remembered.*

*The Family of Norma DeVoss*

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 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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# Woman should look for different friends

DEAR ABBY: I am a mom of two boys, 8 and 12. They both have best friends whose moms I like and I would like to be friends with. My problem is, when we set up a playdate for the boys or make plans, when the time comes around and I text them about it, I don't hear back from them at all. I have even left phone messages a couple of times.

I'm bipolar, and I have social anxiety, so when I say yes to something, it is huge for me. When they don't respond, I feel as though I am annoying them or they're mad at me for some reason. The rejection is starting to upset me, and it's upsetting my

Dear Abby



children, especially my 8-year-old. My question: How do I deal with flaky moms without ruining my relationship with them? — REJECTED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR REJECTED: Have these women EVER agreed to a playdate with your children? Flaky is not the way I would

describe them. Rude bordering on cruel would be more accurate.

It's time to start cultivating relationships with other mothers. Do not personalize what has been happening because the way you have been treated has less to do with you than what it shows about them. In the future, rather than chase these moms, take your children to a park to play (if one is open) or enroll them in other activities.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for eight years. After being divorced for a year, I

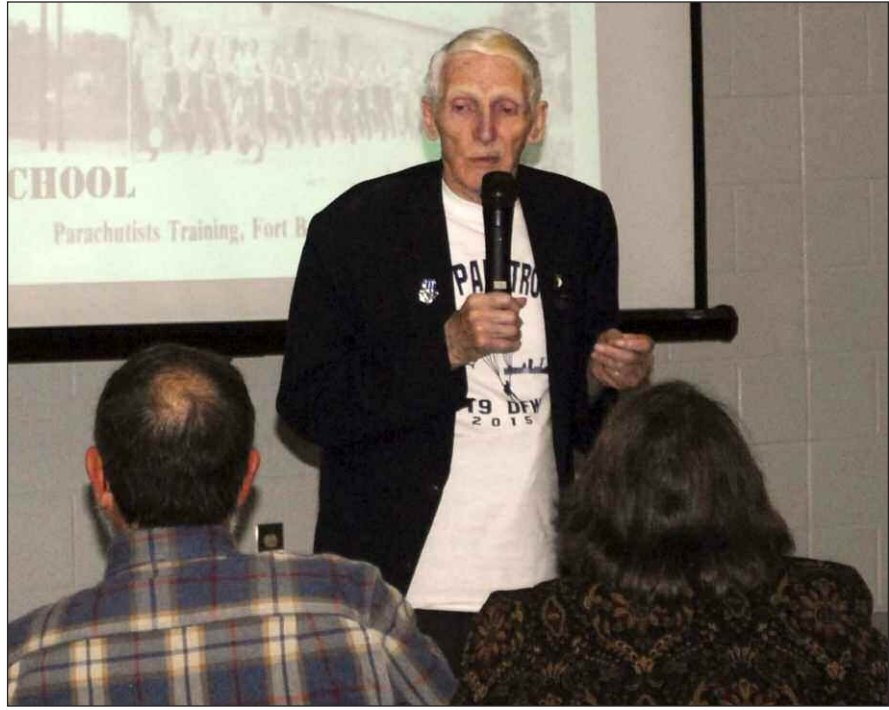
became curious about dating and have been on and off the online dating sites. I have a rule about not meeting anyone with a status of "separated." Knowing myself, I knew I needed time to get over my divorce before welcoming someone in my life.

A man who listed himself divorced for 3 1/2 years and looking for a relationship was actively contacting me and invited me to look at his photos on Facebook. When I did, I noticed he still had his wedding photo posted. I thought it was odd, so I asked him about it. He said it was 20 years of his life, and he just cannot pretend it didn't happen.

He said I was reading way too much into it.

My gut is telling me, "Thank you, but no thank you." What are your thoughts, Abby? — PHOTO FINISHED IN NEW YORK

DEAR PHOTO FINISHED: Listen to your gut as you get to know him better. For someone who is divorced and looking for a relationship to leave up a wedding picture with his former spouse makes me wonder if he's lazy about removing pictures from his Facebook, or sabotaging himself because he's not quite as ready to move on to something new as he thinks he is.



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Jimmy "Pee Wee" Martin, who was a paratrooper during the D-Day invasion in World War II, speaks during an April 2015 visit to East Jay Middle School for Museum of the Soldier's annual meeting. The museum will be involved in an event this weekend in celebration of Martin's 100th birthday.

## Registration is open for camps

Get ready for summer.

Minnetrissa has opened registration for a series of summer camps for children ages 8 through 14.

The Muncie facility will host glass artist camps June 7 through 11 for 11 through 14 year olds and June 14 through 19 for 8 through 10 year olds.

Young cooks camps are scheduled for July 5 through 9 for 8 through 10 year olds and July 12 through 16 for 11 through 14 year olds.

Registration deadlines vary. For more information, visit minnetrista.net.

## Taking Note

Topics will include weeds, water quality, fish, stocking and maintenance.

To RSVP, email jcurley@purdue.edu or call (260) 726-4707.

## Drive is Tuesday

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive next week.

There will be a drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday at Jay Community Center.

Delaware County Fairgrounds will host a blood drive May 4.

To schedule an appointment visit redcross-blood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

# Martin will be honored

By BONNIE MEIBERS

Dayton Daily News  
Tribune News Service

Parachute jumpers from all over the country will pay tribute to a Greene County veteran for his 100th birthday.

A celebratory Jump Fest for Jim "Pee Wee" Martin began Thursday and continues through Sunday. He turns 100 on April 29.

Martin was a paratrooper who jumped on D-Day as part of the 101st Airborne Division.

Museum of the Soldier of Portland will have a display at the event. Martin has previously been a guest speaker for the local museum.

Martin joined the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment at Camp Toccoa, Georgia, in July 1942. He parachuted into Normandy near Saint-Come-du-Mont behind Utah Beach at 12:30 a.m. on D-Day.

Martin later fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and he received a Bronze Star, Purple Heart and European African Middle Eastern Service Medal for his service.

Martin earned the nickname "Pee Wee" by being the lightest paratroop-

## Museum of the Soldier is taking part in event

er in his regiment. He lives in the same house that he built in Sugar-creek Twp. after he came home from the war.

People will be jumping most of the day on Friday and Saturday to honor Martin. Martin's granddaughter, Jodi Martin, is scheduled to do her first tandem jump in honor of her grandfather. Pee Wee Martin will meet his granddaughter on the landing pad. Jodi Martin said her grandfather gave her some advice about jumping out of a plane.

"They call him a local hero," Jodi Martin said. "He'll tell you he is not a

hero, he was paid to do a job and that's what he did. He's just very humble."

Jim Martin said he will not be jumping in this event.

There will be comments from Army officials and local government officials Saturday at Skydive Greene County, 177 S. Monroe Siding Road, Xenia.

Three historic aircraft will fly over with a mass parachute drop to honor Martin. The aircraft participating include, C-47 Placid Lassie of the Tunison Foundation, C-47 That's All Brother and C-53 D-Day Doll are owned and operated by the Commemorative Air Force. All aircraft are also active members of the D-Day Squadron, which flew missions on D-Day and have been restored and preserved to represent their role in the Allied invasion of Normandy.

The 101st, 82nd Airborne Divisions and Golden Knights are expected to participate.

The events honoring Martin are free and open to the public. For more information about the event, visit wandrvets.org.

# Community Calendar

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

Hardware, Meridian Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-2532.

## Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST 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 CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist

Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

## Tuesday

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

# Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

## Thursday's Solution

2	1	6	4	7	8	9	3	5
8	7	9	3	5	6	4	1	2
4	3	5	2	9	1	6	8	7
3	6	7	1	8	4	2	5	9
9	2	1	6	3	5	7	4	8
5	4	8	9	2	7	1	6	3
1	9	2	8	4	3	5	7	6
6	5	3	7	1	2	8	9	4
7	8	4	5	6	9	3	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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# Funding helped speed vaccinations

New York Daily News  
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America's deeply flawed health care delivery system ranks near or at the bottom when objectively compared to peers in Britain, France, Canada and Australia. Extraordinarily high per capita cost, the inaccessibility of affordable preventive care and other chronic maladies make the case for big changes here, even after Obamacare has ushered in some modest improvements.

But champions of universal health care elsewhere must

## Guest Editorial

admit one area in which America's health system still shines: scientific innovation. It's impossible to ignore the fact that the United States' vast investment in developing and manufacturing lifesaving COVID-19 vaccines is a big part

of the reason why a country that floundered in its early COVID-19 response has leapfrogged most other developed countries. After a shaky start, we've vaccinated 23.7% of our adult population, while France, Sweden and Canada, to name just a few, have managed to vaccinate just 6.8%, 6.4% and 2.5%, respectively.

When COVID-19 struck, many problems in America's health care delivery system were laid bare, as long-standing disparities in access to care and the nationwide prevalence of pre-

existing conditions like heart disease and diabetes helped contribute to the needless deaths of thousands.

What the U.S. did right, though, was send billions of dollars to pharmaceutical companies to speed along development and manufacture of vaccines — much of which could happen right here, thanks to a robust domestic medical production capacity that the nation pointedly lacks in other realms. That's a stark contrast to Canada and European countries, which had to rely largely on foreign vac-

cine manufacturers for their supply and which got bogged down thanks to top-down bureaucratic bungling. Adding a stroke of bad luck to strategic shortfalls, they relied on the AstraZeneca vaccine, the rollout of which was slowed after reports of blood clots surfaced.

And fairminded U.S. politicians should acknowledge another reason vaccines have sped along so quickly here: The feds mandated free shots for all. Almost nothing else in U.S. health care system works that way, but much more should.

## Action is the least we can do

By BILL KETTER

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Mass murder by guns is a tragedy we shouldn't have to bear.

Pursuing ways to prevent it is always the first promise made.

Doing something about it is the promise never kept.

The grim fatality count this past month — 8 shot dead in the Atlanta area, 10 in Boulder and now 8 in Indianapolis — accentuates the inertia.

Gun advocates are preoccupied with trying to read every protective nuance into the 2nd Amendment. Gun control supporters are distraught over hostility to their cause from Republicans.

There is no middle ground despite the carnage.

Yet compromise — long seen as sell out by both sides — is the solution if we ever hope to curtail this senseless cycle of mass murder by guns.

A good place to start is the 219-year-old Second Amendment: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

The Supreme Court infrequently wrestles with the meaning of a "well regulated Militia," which is the introductory clause. The second and last clause refers to the right of the people to own guns and cannot be nullified by the first clause, the court ruled in 2008. The late conservative Justice Antonin Scalia authored the majority opinion.

The present issue is not the right to own guns for self-defense, hunting and recreational shooting.

That's been settled by the Supreme Court. The NRA and conservative pols who warn that progressives seek to take away your guns is a self-serving false narrative. The court has made it clear they cannot do it.

But the court has not restricted Congress, under the 2nd Amendment, from enacting gun regulations aimed at public safety, including background checks for all sales to prevent guns from falling into the possession of the mentally ill, people with criminal records, undocumented immigrants, and individuals with restraining orders keeping them from a partner or a partner's children.

Public opinion polls show strong support among Americans for universal background checks. It is a common sense safety measure.

Bill Ketter



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So too are proposals to ban the sale of military-style assault rifles and high-capacity magazines, which are often the weapons of choice for mass shooters.

It is helpful to the discourse to put the 2nd Amendment in its historic context.

The typical guns of the late 18th century were single-round muskets and flintlock pistols. They had a maximum range of 50 yards, approximately the width of a football field. A skilled gunman could maybe get off three shots in a minute or two.

Today's high-powered rifles and handguns can discharge twelve times more bullets in less than a minute, with a range of 600 yards, or the length of six football fields.

A dramatic difference the Founding Fathers could never imagine. Nor could they realize then the current U.S. population (330 million people) and the ratio of 120.5 guns per 100 people. Put another way, more guns (394 million) in the possession of civilians than any other country.

Every liberty-loving American should be worried about the volume of civilian armaments should our bitter political divisions ever break out into another civil war. The Jan. 6 breach of the Capitol unmuted that fear.

In the aftermath of Indianapolis and other recent mass killings, the least we can do is to enact needed gun safety laws. Maybe, just maybe, they will prevent some, if not all, such tragedies.

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## We don't need a new cold war

By ANDREW BACEVICH

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

Has a new Cold War, this one pitting the United States against the People's Republic of China, commenced? Rhetoric coming out of Washington, amplified by hawkish media commentary, appears to take a Second Cold War as a given, something perhaps even to be welcomed.

If Cold War II looms, how will it compare with its predecessor? Does the term "Cold War" aptly describe the contest now being joined? Or might the revival of the term itself represent a potentially fatal misstep?

The first Cold War, dating from 1947, centered on geopolitical competition with an overlay of ideology. The so-called free world, led by the United States, stood in opposition to the Soviet-led Communist bloc. Whatever the passing allure of Marxism-Leninism, that competition was never a contest between equals. Although the outcome may not have been foreordained, the West enjoyed huge political, economic and technological advantages that only increased as Communist regimes failed to make good on the promises of socialism.

Notably, however, even as the Cold War subsided in the late 1980s, the machinery that the United States had created to wage it kept on humming. As expressed by an imperial presidency, the size of the Pentagon budget, unaccountable intelligence agencies, a corruption-inducing military-industrial complex, a sprawling network of bases, unsavory allies and a penchant for armed intervention abroad, Cold War routines persisted. The Red Threat may have vanished along with the demise of the Soviet Union in 1991, but the apparatus devised to counter that threat endured.

As much or more than a professed commitment to democracy and human rights, the United States today is defined by that apparatus. In short, as Washington gears up to confront China, the national security state is

Andrew Bacevich



eagerly headed back to the future.

Americans should find such a prospect deeply worrying. After all, what we've done so far by way of repurposing Cold War routines has cost the United States dearly, squandering American power and contributing to domestic dysfunction. The wreckage resulting from post-9/11 U.S. military exertions, for example, is yet to be tallied up. But this much we can say for certain: The trillions of dollars wasted and the many thousands of lives destroyed are gone for good, with precious little to show in return. This alone should give Americans pause before accepting a Cold War with China as inevitable.

Recall that at the onset of the original Cold War, the United States occupied an immensely advantageous global position. Apart from Washington's well-honed capacity for waging war, those advantages have since diminished or disappeared altogether. The Biden administration's stated ambitions, centered on repairing a badly frayed social fabric, amount to a tacit admission of that fact. President Joe Biden can "build back better" or he can court a showdown with China. The days when the United States could do both are long gone.

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Note too that China is not the Soviet Union. "Xi Jinping Thought" does not represent an exportable ideology. Unlike the Soviet leaders who railed against capitalism, China's leaders embrace it, demonstrating a remarkable aptitude for harnessing the mar-

ket to create wealth. The Soviet economy produced next to nothing that American consumers were interested in buying. Today, China produces almost everything that American consumers hanker to buy, which we do using money agreeably loaned by Chinese banks.

In Washington, denouncing Beijing's authoritarianism may make for a good applause line. And Americans have good cause to be annoyed when Beijing jabs back by pointing out our own imperfections. Yet the reality is that our two nations are mutually dependent, and not only economically. As long as we share the same planet, that will remain inarguably the case, a point that climate change will surely drive home. There is no acceptable alternative to mutual coexistence.

Embarking upon a new Cold War will create barriers to coexistence, inevitably centering Sino-American relations on military competition and confrontation, probably for decades to come. Taiwan and the South China Sea hint at the potential dangers. Only those ignorant of the dangers and actual havoc stemming from the first Cold War could welcome such a prospect.

Reviving references to the Cold War stifles imaginations when fresh thinking is most needed. In the days and years to come, managing the U.S.-China relationship will undoubtedly be a delicate proposition, requiring greater wisdom and insight than the Washington establishment has shown in recent years. Styling that relationship as the centerpiece of a new Cold War may work to the benefit of the national security state and its retainers. But it will not benefit the American people.

We have entered a new era in global history and in the history of the United States. Retreating to some dimly remembered past does not present a viable option.

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# Hit ...

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Experts have long criticized India's broader death statistics, particularly in its rural hinterlands. Before the pandemic about one in five fatalities were not reported at all, according to Mukherjee. But that doesn't explain why Brazil's death rate is higher than aging Western nations that have also been hard hit by the pandemic.

"Brazil's mortality rate is even more shocking because the population is much younger than other countries, such as European ones," said Alberto Chebabo, the vice-president of the Brazilian Society of Infectious Diseases.

The rising infection and death rates come as the pace of the

inoculation drives in each country has sped up in the past month after an initially sluggish start. India has managed to administer more than 114 million vaccine doses, compared to Brazil's 32 million — though the latter has injected a higher proportion of its population.

Other theories behind the divergence between Brazil and India center around the two countries' differing environments and experience of disease.

Some scientists say widespread exposure to an array of diseases in India may have helped its citizens build natural resilience against coronaviruses such as COVID-19.

Shekhar Mande, the head of India's Council of Scientific and

Industrial Research, is among those who have examined this trend and co-authored a published study on this. His research found correlations where citizens from low-hygiene nations tended to better cope with COVID-19.

"Our hypothesis, and this is strictly a hypothesis, is that because our populations are continuously exposed to many kinds of pathogens, including viruses, our immune system does not hyper-react to any new variation that comes in," Mande said in an interview.

Many experts acknowledge genetics or cross-immunity could be at play as other South Asian countries including Bangladesh and Pakistan have also seen far fewer deaths than Brazil.

That 87% of Brazilians live in urban areas, but two-thirds of Indians live in rural places with more space and ventilation could be another reason, according to University of Michigan's Mukherjee.

Then there's the fact that Brazil is where one of the most potentially deadly coronavirus mutations, the P.1 variant, was identified in December. Along with variants first seen in South Africa and the U.K., studies suggest these strains are more contagious.

"The P.1 variant has spread through a lot of Brazil's cities and states simultaneously, leading to a collapse of the health system, which has led to a very high mortality rate," said

Chebabo from the Brazilian Society of Infectious Diseases. Brazil is in a "perfect storm," he added, with its lack of political leadership in implementing effective measures like lockdowns, compounding the COVID-19 crisis.

The rapid and sustained spread of the variant in Brazil also gave its health-care system no breathing room, unlike a lull between waves over the last months of 2020 in India, which helped hospitals and frontline workers recover and plan ahead.

"We're far better prepared for handling this wave than we were earlier in many, many ways," Suneeta Reddy, managing director of Apollo Hospitals Enterprises Ltd., said in an interview.

## In review

### Grant shared

ANDERSON — Purdue Polytechnic Anderson and Purdue University-Fort Wayne will share in a five-year \$10 million grant from Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment to expand the West Lafayette campus' Data Mine Initiative with the Indiana Digital Crossroads initiative.

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"This project will bring together world-leading faculty, Indiana's business leaders and students to find innovative ways to address real-world issues facing workforce development and the economic prosperity of Indiana communities," said Jay Akridge, Purdue provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and diversity.

—Herald Bulletin

### Launched

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—Los Angeles Times

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The military units will return to their bases by May 1, Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said Thursday in Crimea, where he's on a visit to review maneuvers.

—Bloomberg News



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# Budget ...

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Democrats naturally did have their concerns, including the expansion of school voucher funding, the lack of funding for higher education capital projects, the absence of a cigarette tax increase and the lack of additional pre-K dollars.

In total, the budget bill will direct an astronomical \$1.9 billion new dollars toward K-12 schools over the biennium, more than twice as much as originally proposed in earlier budget drafts. The money will fund major increases in tuition support for the state's public schools, as well as massive expansions in private school choice programs.

State tuition support will grow by 4.6% in the first year of the budget and another 4.3% in the second year for a total of

more than \$1 billion new dollars.

The budget also requires districts to direct at least 45% of their tuition support dollars to teacher pay and to not reduce their spending on salaries from one year to the next. According to the teacher compensation report, more than a hundred districts weren't meeting the 45% spending threshold in the 2019-20 school year.

Outside of education, the budget calls for a \$900 million infrastructure fund, \$250 million for broadband expansion and \$500 million for a regional development initiative. It also appropriates \$20 million for state police to purchase body cameras and \$10 million for grants for local police to do so.

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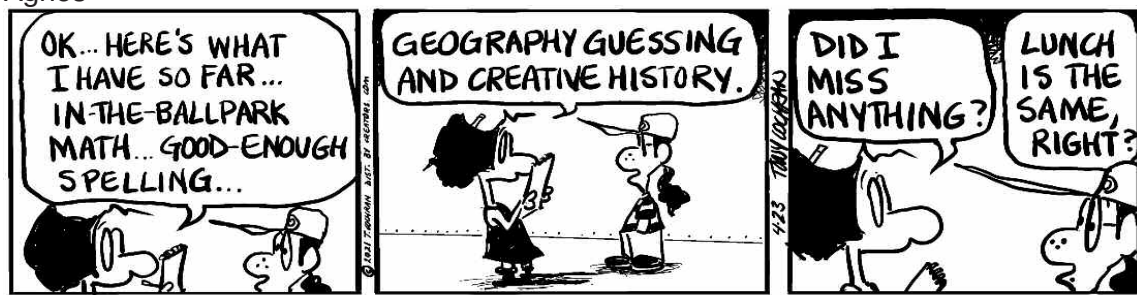
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## Cracks ...

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Cesar Hernandez reached on a line drive to left that Brett Gardner put a glove on with a sliding effort, but dropped. Hernandez was credited with a hit.

Jose Ramirez, hitting .111 (4-for-36) in his last 10 games, doubled to right to send Hernandez to third. Eddie Rosario singled off Mike Ford's glove at first to make it 1-0 as Ramirez went to third. Franmil Reyes sent a routine bouncer back to the mound for a potential double play, but German bobbled the ball for an error as Ramirez scored for a 2-0 lead.

Josh Naylor made it 3-0 with a single to right for his second RBI of the season. The Indians had a chance to do more damage, but German retired Jake Bauers and Roberto Perez.

The Yankees tied it with three runs in the third, and the Indians' defense played a big role. Higashioka doubled to start the inning. Civale struck out Gardner, but DJ LeMahieu singled to left to score Higashioka and make it 3-1.

Civale walked Aaron Judge, but walked Ford to put runners on first and second.

## Second ...

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**Jay tops Warriors**  
Jay County's junior varsity softball team raced out to a 9-0 lead and cruised to a 12-3 victory in six innings against the Woodlan Warriors on Thursday.

The Patriots struck for four runs in the first inning, two in the second and three in the third before the Warriors ended the shutout with two runs in the top of the fifth.

Tricia Ison, Destiny McManus and Taylor Brown all had two hits, with Ison and Brown both hitting doubles. Makayla Brainerd went 2-

for-3 with a triple.  
Veronique Coppock, Brown and Ison had two RBIs apiece.

Brown earned the win pitching, striking out six and walking just one.

### Girls win

**MUNCIE** — The Jay County Junior High girls track team picked up a 55-44 win against the host Delta Eagles on Thursday.

The boys lost, 86-13.  
Jenna Dues was a dual winner, ending the 100-meter dash in 14.09 seconds and the 200 dash in 31.33 sec-

Torres singled to right center field to score LeMahieu. The ball deflected off Naylor, who was trying to make a play on it from right field, and rolled into center field as Ford scored to make it 3-3 on the error. Civale ended the inning by retiring Hicks on a pop to shortstop.

"I don't think he ever got it in his glove cleanly," said Francona. "He was trying to be a little too quick because they're going to score one there for sure. I just think he tried to be a little too quick. He moved his body to spin and didn't have the ball yet."

She also joined Morgan DeHoff, Brenna Bailey and Axia Lopez to win the 4x100 relay in 59.27 seconds.

Alexis Sibray was first in both the 1,600 run (6 minutes, 25 seconds) and 800 run (2:58). Morgan DeHoff (100 hurdles - 19.92), Kenzie Huey (shot put - 23 feet, 0.5 inch) and Mya Kunkler (high jump - 4 feet, 8 inches) also had individual victories.

For the boys, Garrett Hiday was runner-up in the 200 dash, Joseph Boggs took second in the 1,600 run and Kaiden Castillo finished second in discus.

## Sinks ...

Continued from page 8  
Homan suffered the loss in his relief appearance after Daniel Patch went eight innings, scattering just two hits and allowing an unearned run. He struck out 11 and didn't issue a walk on 98 pitches.

### Rally falls short

**FORT RECOVERY** — The Fort Recovery softball team had a sixth-inning rally fall short in a 9-8 loss to St. Henry on Thursday.

Fort Recovery (11-7, 1-1 Midwest Athletic Conference) scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to tie the score at

six-all, only to have St. Henry (6-11, 2-3 MAC) respond with three runs of their own in the top of the sixth.

The Indians scored twice in the home half of the frame, but left the potential tying run on the base paths. Fort Recovery wasn't able to get a baserunner in the seventh.

Chloey Grisez led the Indians by going 2-for-3 with a home run and four RBIs. Brenna Homan and Sophie Pearson both had two hits, while Maddie Guggenbiller, Kensey Gaerke and Pearson each had RBIs.

## IMS ...

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The county has had nearly two full months of vaccine eligibility for people 16 and older, she noted when asked about allowing fans at the Indy 500 as the pandemic still looms.

She said IMS helped itself by collaborating with the health department, holding those huge clinics where people could get the vaccines.

"They've been a really strong partner in promoting and supplying vaccines in Marion County," she said. "Those vaccinations, in part, have made it possible to get where we are now and can get us a little bit closer to herd immunity as they will offer them over the next month or more."

Caine also said the Indy 500 being held outside

played a major factor in the ability to allow so many fans to attend.

"This is an outdoor event which has a significantly lower risk of spread," Caine said. "Events held outdoors have proven to be 10 times less likely to see COVID-19 transmission than those held indoors with people within the same proximity to one another."

For those who attend the race on May 30, mask-wearing will be required and enforced throughout the track unless attendees are eating or drinking. Temperature checks will be required at the gate to receive entry. Social distancing guidelines will be instituted with fans spaced throughout the track's grandstands and enforced elsewhere.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — 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.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Boys golf at Winchester - 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Monroe Central -

5 p.m.; Softball at Wapahani - 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. South Adams - 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Delta - 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Southern Wells - 5 p.m.; Junior high track vs. Heritage and Bluffton - 5:30 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Freshman baseball vs. Coldwater - 5 p.m.; Softball at South Adams - 5 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Boys golf vs. South Adams and Adams Central at Celina Lynx - 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Union City - 5 p.m.; Track vs. Heritage - 5:30 p.m.; Junior high golf at Winchester Driver - 4:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Coldwater - 5 p.m.; Softball at Coldwater - 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Coldwater - 5 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
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.

Pay will be based on experience. Interested candidates are asked to contact the Jay County Summer Swim Team via email at jcsommerswim@gmail.com. Deadline to apply is today.

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1. One spade.
2. One notrump.
3. Two clubs.
4. Two diamonds.
5. Two hearts.

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**1. Two clubs.** This comes closer to describing your hand than a rebid of either one notrump or two hearts. It is true that one notrump would identify a hand of minimum opening strength, but it would at the same time imply balanced distribution, which you do not have. The two-club bid offers the advantage of allowing you to discover a club fit, while the chief disadvantage of two clubs is that it does not limit you to a hand of the minimum class. The advantages accorded by painting a more accurate picture of your distribution more than offset this defect.

**2. Two clubs.** You can't sensibly accept a notrump contract by passing, considering the danger implicit in your singleton spade. It is therefore best to bid two clubs, hoping to find a better landing place.

**3. Three clubs.** This is a straight value bid indicating a hand of minimum opening strength that contains support for clubs. With a couple more high-card points, you would have enough for a jump-raise to four clubs.

**4. Three diamonds.** The only alternative — three clubs — would promise more in the way of high-card points. The simple raise, informing partner that you have a minimum opening with diamond support, provides the most accurate description of your hand.

**5. Three clubs.** The possible rebids are three hearts, three clubs and pass. If partner has a dead-minimum for his raise, the limit of the hand might be nine or even only eight tricks. At the same time, though, allowance must be made for the possibility of making 10 tricks if partner has the right hand, so passing two hearts is much too conservative.

Three clubs (a "help-suit game-try") is more informative than three hearts and is therefore the better choice. It tells partner that you have a second suit and allows him to bid three or four hearts, depending on how he re-evaluates his hand. If he has, say, ♠ 984 ♥ J1063 ♦ Q9 ♣ KQ82, he will bid four hearts, which is virtually laydown.

Tomorrow: Will wonders never cease?  
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Parcel ID: 38-07-19-100-018-000-034

Location of Property: 1976 W Tyson Road, Portland, Wayne Township, Section 19 Property is Currently Zoned: R4 Low Density Residential

Area Zoning: R4 Low Density Residential, Industrial (IND), Agricultural Residential (AR) Description of Action Requested: Request rezoning of the property from R4 Low Density Residential to High-way Service (HS) for the use as a business/sales office along with warehouse area. The current use of the property is considered non-conforming (i.e. grandfathered); with the change of use to this type of business requiring the property to be zoned Highway Service (HS).

The purchase of the property is contingent on the rezoning approval.

A public hearing will be held by said Plan Commission on May 6, 2021 at 5:30 pm at in the Jay County Courthouse auditorium, 120 N Court Street, Portland, Indiana. At that time, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters set out in the petition. The petition and file on this matter are available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 South Meridian Street / Ste E, Portland, Indiana, 47371. If unable to attend the hearing, any statement setting forth any facts or opinions relating to the matter must be presented in writing to the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department prior to the meeting date.

City of Portland Plan Commission

By: John Hemmelgarn, Zoning/ Administration Director

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Jay County Summer Swim is seeking a new coach, see Sports on tap

# Sports

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The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Jay County High School's Chelsea Frantz lets the discus fly during a meet with Allen County Athletic Conference foe Bluffton on Thursday at JCHS. The Patriots lost to the Tigers, 65-58.

## Patriots second to Tigers

The Patriots were both second. Again.

Jay County High School's boys and girls track teams both fell to Allen County Athletic Conference rival Bluffton on a brisk, windy Thursday.

The girls, who dip to 5-2 on the season, fell 65-58, while the boys (3-3) lost 81-42.

It was the second consecutive meet in which Jay County suffered a pair of losses after coming up short against Delta on April 15.

Aaron Funkhouser won three individual races for the Patriots boys, taking the top spot in all three sprints. He started with a time of

### Jay County roundup

11.39 seconds for a victory in the 100-meter dash, before going one-two with Isaac Kunkler in the 400 dash. Funkhouser had a time of 54.88 seconds for the victory, then crossed the finish line first in the 200 dash in 23.29 seconds.

Abby Benter and Elisa Parazzi each had two individual victories for the girls. Benter was the top hur-

dlar, taking the 100 hurdles (16.73 seconds) and 300 hurdles (50.73). Parazzi handled the jumping events, winning high jump (5 feet, 4 inches) and long jump.

Shea Bailey (100 dash - 13.11), Kinsey Shannon (200 dash - 27.11) and Lindy Wood (3,200 run - 13 minutes, 20.58 seconds) had individual victories as well.

Jay County's 4x100 relay team of Natalie Wehrly, Bralee VanSkyock, Shannon and Bailey were first with a time of 53.18 seconds, while Molly Muhlenkamp, Bailey, Benter and Shannon teamed to take first in the 4x400 relay in 4:27.22.

See **Second** page 7

## Bullpen cracks in Cleveland's loss to Yankees

By PAUL HOYNES  
Cleveland.com  
Tribune News Service

CLEVELAND, Ohio — The Yankees' offense, dragging their bats behind them, arrived in Cleveland looking for anything that could help them begin to work their way out of last place in the AL East.

The Indians cooperated Thursday night with too many walks and a touch of bad defense. It was enough to give the Yankees a 6-3 win at Progressive Field in a game between two of the worst offenses in the big leagues.

Rougned Odor, with just three hits in his last 27 at-bats, singled in the seventh inning with the bases loaded and two out to drive in two runs and break a 3-3 tie. Nick Wittgren (0-1) started the seventh and had two out with one on, but couldn't protect protect the tie.

Gleyber Torres singled and Wittgren walked Aaron Hicks to load bases. Torres entered the game hitting .186 and Hicks was hitting .154. Wittgren fell behind Odor, who came into the game hitting .120, before he sent a 2-0 pitch over second base for a 5-3 lead.

Kyle Higashoika's lead-off homer in the eighth off Cal Quantrill made it 6-3.

"Uncharacteristically, with the whole pitching staff, we had a bunch of walks," said Indians manager Terry Francona. "We had a lot of deep counts. We had to climb back into some counts. That wasn't our

goal tonight, but it was staff wide. We didn't throw a lot of strikes tonight."

The Indians walked nine batters, four by starter Aaron Civale.

The first game in this four-game series was not a meeting of offensive machines. The Indians came into the game averaging 3.9 runs per game and hitting .209 as a team. The Yankees were hitting .205 and averaging 3.5 runs per game.

The win was just the second for the Yankees in the last eight games. The Indians have lost six of their last nine games.

Domingo German (1-2, 6.23 ERA) went six innings for the win. He's 1-2 lifetime against the Indians. Civale went 5 1/3 innings in a no-decision. He struck out six and allowed four hits and two earned runs.

"I just have to be more aggressive in the zone," said Civale. "I have to attack a little better. I think I was a little too careful tonight. I've got to be more aggressive with my pitches."

Besides Civale's four walks, Bryan Shaw and Wittgren walked two each and Quantrill walked one.

"The conditions were the same for both teams," said Francona, when asked about the frigid temperatures. "We've just got to find a way to throw more strikes."

The Indians took a 3-0 lead in the first with an assist from the Yankee defense.

See **Cracks** page 7

## Walk sinks FR baseball

ST. HENRY, Ohio — It took the Indians six innings to match the Redskins' first run. They didn't get a chance to equal the second.

A walk-off walk scored the game-winning run as the Fort Recovery High School baseball team lost 2-1 in nine innings to the St. Henry Redskins.

The Indians have now lost four in a row and drop to 4-8 (2-1 Midwest Athletic Conference) while St. Henry improved to 5-8 (1-4 MAC).

A pair of walks and a dropped third strike loaded the bases for St. Henry in the bottom of the ninth inning. Troy Homan got a strikeout and induced an infield fly for the first two outs of the inning. Bryce Brookhart drew a seven-pitch walk to

### Fort Recovery roundup

bring home the winning run.

After St. Henry scored a run in the bottom of the first inning, Fort Recovery tied the game in the sixth inning on a Kendrick Wendel double that scored Cobe Wendel. The Wendels accounted for the Indians' only hits, and each team struck out 13 times.

See **Sinks** page 7

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## IMS helped save 500 for fans

By DANA HUNSINGER  
BENBOW

The Indianapolis Star Tribune News Service  
INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Motor Speedway helped save the Indy 500 for fans, in essence doing itself a huge favor, by having more than 100,000 people vaccinated at the mass COVID-19 clinics it has hosted.

After a year without fans in 2020, Penske Entertainment Corp. said Wednesday its iconic race would be filled to about 40% capacity with 135,000 spectators allowed to attend.

One day after the announcement, Mayor Joe Hogsett urged Marion County residents to not let down their guard in taking steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 so we can "return to the things we love like the Indy 500."

At that same COVID-19 update, Dr. Virginia Caine, director of the Marion County Public Health Department, said the Indy 500 was saved this year because of COVID-19 vaccines — and help from IMS.

See **IMS** page 7

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