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Crowned at prom

Maebry Ninde and Nate Chrisman were crowned Jay County High School's prom queen and king Saturday night during promenade. The event was held in a modified format this year — the dance was in the auxiliary gym at JCHS to allow for more social distancing — after it was canceled in 2020 because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

County shifting to fiber service

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

The switch to fiber is official.

Jay County Commissioners signed a contract Monday with Community Fiber Solutions of Portland for installing and using fiber optic internet at Jay County Courthouse.

They also approved a request to re-brand Jay County Retirement Center with the new name, "Jay County Country Living."

At present, the courthouse uses a copper-based connection for internet through Comcast. The new fiber optic connections transmit data through light pulses and are "state of the art," according to Community Fiber Solutions commercial account executive Doug Bieberick.

The approved five-year contract for 100-megabyte upload and download speeds will cost about \$269 a month with a one-time \$99 installation fee. Commissioners decided not to opt into a service agreement with the company, which would add about \$160 to the total cost each month. The county can upgrade to higher speeds or add a service agreement in the future, if needed. (A three-year contract with Comcast would have cost the county about \$680 monthly, compared to a three-year contract with Community Fiber Solutions at about \$299 monthly. A five-year contract with Comcast was not presented.)

Commissioners agreed to move forward with drafting a contract with the company at a meeting April 12. County attorney Bill Hinkle reviewed the contract and asked Bieberick last week for a clarification in the event the county was not satisfied with its service. Bieberick added a paragraph to the contract stating the county can terminate the contract with cause — citing poor service and a failure to resolve said issue — without penalty with 90 days prior written notice.

"We want to be a good partner — that's what we do," Bieberick said. "We just don't have cancellations unless the company moves. They like the service once they get it because we take care of them, and it's the best service they can get. In this case, I guess it's the least expensive option for you as well."

After approving the contract, commissioners Chad Aker and Brian McGalliard inquired about a potential partnership between the county and Community Fiber Solutions for expanding internet service across the county. The federal American Rescue Plan Act, which will provide COVID-19 relief funds to the county, lists broadband internet access as a qualified usage of the funding. (Jay County will be receiving approximately \$3.9 million in funds.)

Also Monday, commissioners renamed the retirement center to Jay County Country Living, a request brought by its director, Hope Confer.

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Dunkirk considering parking issue

By ROSE SKELLY
The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — Council is considering adding accessible parking spaces for the American Legion.

At its meeting Monday, Dunkirk City Council heard about parking difficulties at the organization, located at 118 W. Commerce St.

Tim McCaffery, commander of the legion, told council that a member drives a modified van that doesn't fit into a standard parking space.

"If he parks in our parking lot, I guess it sticks back further than a regular car and he's worried about it getting ripped off," McCaffery said.

McCaffery asked for at least one spot in the alley between Main Street and Franklin Street.

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins told McCaffery he would consult with the street department to take measurements of the alley and to see if there is room for accessible parking for the organization.

Also on Monday, council heard about several plans for one of the city's parks.

Greg Wilmore of the Dunkirk Beautification Committee asked council to grant permission for the committee to install LED lighting in the pavilion at Webster Depot Park. The committee will

be applying for grant money for the lighting from The Dunkirk Foundation.

The request was approved, contingent upon Dunkirk Park Board's approval.

Wilmore also updated council on the annual summer concert series, which is still in final preparations. The free performances will take place weekly at 7 p.m. on Saturdays at Webster Depot Park, beginning either June 5 or 12 and running through early August.

There are also plans to install playground equipment at the park, Wilmore told council, but

there is no timeline yet for that project.

In other business, council members Jesse Bivens, Tom Johnson, Bryan Jessup and Kevin Hamilton, absent Lisa Street:

- Approved an additional appropriation of \$40,000 to pay for Dunkirk Police Department's new Dodge Durango and its accessories.

- Heard from Johnson that the train at the Depot was vandalized. Council briefly discussed methods to prevent future vandalism.

- Paid \$303,049.89 in claims.

- At Monday's Dunkirk Board of Works and Pub-

lic Safety, board members Robbins and Dan Watson (absent Street) approved replacing nine outdoor lights at the wastewater treatment plant with LED lights for \$5,000. They also approved a series of claims: \$1,354.01 to Utility Supply Co. for meters and repair clamps, \$996.10 to U.S. Aggregates for 57 tons of stone, \$815 to Water Solutions for 60 gallons of phosphate, \$774.61 to Rich's Auto Repair for an oil change and new tires for the new police Durango and \$1,436.19 to St. Meyer's Auto Service for engine repairs on the police department's Chevrolet Tahoe.



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Biking support

A boy briefly joins the ride as he pops a wheelie on Rahway Avenue in Woodbridge, New Jersey. The flash bike ride from Warinanco Park in Linden, New Jersey, to Perth Amboy, New Jersey, was held to support youth bike riders in Perth Amboy.

Census report shows shifting House seats

By MICHAEL MACAGNONE
CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — California, along with states in the Northeast and Midwest, will lose out on political representation for the next decade after apportionment results announced Monday send House seats to the South and Southwest.

The once-a-decade reshuffling of the 435 House seats will give six states more representation at the expense of seven states on a razor-thin margin. According to the population totals released Monday, Texas gains two seats, while Colorado, Florida, North Carolina, Montana and Oregon each gain one. California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia each lose one.

New York lost its 27th seat to Minnesota — by 89 people. Rhode Island, which was expected to lose one of its two seats, clung on to both for another decade.

The Census Bureau's results come about four months later than planned, after the pandemic, natural disasters and decisions by the Trump administration hampered the count and its processing. The agency plans to release the next wave of census results — detailed data used for redistricting — in August.

"Census takers have a hard job to begin with, and trying to count people during a global pandemic made it even more challenging," acting Census Bureau Director Ron Jarmin said at a news conference announcing the results.

Overall, the country grew to 331 million people, a 7.4% increase from the 2010 census. The average House seat will represent 761,169 people, up from 710,767 following the 2010 count.

Monday's data release will mean California, the nation's largest state, loses a seat for the first time in its history, going from 53 to 52.

Deaths

Virgil Brackman, 93, Portland
Alberta Bowler, 93, Redkey
Ossie Shoopman, 78, Redkey
Shirley Fifer, 84, Ridgeville
Mary Garringer, 43, Bryant
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County's high temperature was 72 degrees Monday. The low was 37.
Tonight's low will be 63. There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms Wednesday with winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. The high will be 77.
See page 2 for an extended roundup.

In review

Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Barry Miller's property at 705 E. 300 North, Portland.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of Tuesday's Dunkirk State of the City Address.

Friday — Results from Thursday's JCHS baseball and softball games against Adams Central.



Felony arrests

Obstructing justice

A Linn Grove man arrested Saturday for obstructing justice.

Shane L. Williams, 44, 6796 Second St., was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for the

alleged crime, along with a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He was booked into Jay County Jail and is being held on \$4,500 bond.

Counterfeit

A Redkey woman was arrested Sunday for a counterfeit charge.

Angela C. Dixon, 48, 11613 W. Indiana 67, was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony. She

was booked into Jay County Jail and is being held on \$9,000 bond.

Substance possession

A Pennville man was arrested Saturday for possession of a

controlled substance. Parker M. Squier, 31, 355 S. Washington St., was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony. He was booked into Jay County Jail and is being held on \$3,000 bond.

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Wednesday 4/28	Thursday 4/29	Friday 4/30	Saturday 5/1	Sunday 5/2
77/61	70/44	57/36	66/49	74/56

Lotteries

Powerball Saturday 22-36-48-59-61 Powerball: 22 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$116 million	Estimated jackpot: \$537,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$297 million	
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 9-3-0 Daily Four: 6-5-2-1 Evening Daily Three: 5-6-4 Daily Four: 4-5-2-5 Quick Draw: 2-3-8-20-21-27-28-29-33-46-47-48-50-54-55-56-60-69-72-80 Cash 5: 4-6-18-24-39	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 2-6-8 Pick 4: 3-9-1-3 Pick 5: 8-8-1-7-8 Evening Pick 3: 4-2-1 Pick 4: 4-2-7-3 Pick 5: 3-3-1-6-2 Rolling Cash 5: 8-13-16-25-37 Estimated jackpot: \$168,000 Classic Lotto: 1-8-11-33-43-47 Kicker: 3-4-5-3-6-2 Jackpot: \$7.6 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.92 Wheat7.22	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.88 May corn.....6.89 Beans16.12 Sept. beans13.17 July wheat 7.34
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The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.79 May corn.....6.79 Beans15.89 May beans15.89 Wheat 7.38 May wheat 7.38	Sunrise St. Anthony Corn.....6.87 May corn.....6.87 Beans15.77 May beans15.77 Wheat7.03 July wheat.....7.02

Today in history

On April 27, 1978, 51 construction workers plunged to their deaths when a scaffold inside a cooling tower at the Pleasants Power Station site in West Virginia fell 168 feet to the ground.

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1791, the inventor of the telegraph, Samuel Morse, was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

In 1810, Ludwig van Beethoven wrote one of his most famous piano compositions, the Bagatelle in A-minor.

In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

In 1865, the steamer Sultana, carrying freed Union prisoners of war, exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee; death toll estimates vary from 1,500 to 2,000.

In 1941, German forces occupied Athens during World War II.

In 1971, a semi truck overturned on county road 140, just east of Dunkirk, when it went off the north side of the road and driver Walker

B. Beaty of Muncie tried to steer it back onto the pavement.

In 1973, acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned after it was revealed that he'd destroyed files removed from the safe of Water-gate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

In 1982, the trial of John W. Hinckley Jr., who shot four people, including President Ronald Reagan, began in Washington. (The trial ended with Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity.)

In 1994, former President Richard M. Nixon was remembered at an outdoor funeral service attended by all five of his successors at the Nixon presidential library in Yorba Linda, California.

In 2009, a 23-month-old Mexico City toddler died at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, becoming the first swine-flu death on U.S. soil.

In 2010, former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega was extradited from the United States to France, where he was later convicted of laundering drug money and received a seven-year sentence.

—AP and The CR

Obituaries

Virgil Brackman

July 12, 1927-April 25, 2021
Virgil M. Brackman, age 93, of Portland passed away Sunday morning April 25, 2021, at Miller's Merry Manor in Dunkirk.

He was born in Fort Recovery, Ohio, on July 12, 1927, the son of Willibald and Marcella (Omlor) Brackman. He married Mary Dean Pogue on Dec. 12, 1974, and she passed away on July 27, 2016.

Virgil was retired from Teledyne Portland Forge after working there for 42 years. He attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Hopewell Life Ministries. He had served with the U.S. Army.

Surviving are three sons, Mark Brackman of Surprise, Arizona, Paul Brackman (wife: Desi) of Portland and Steve Brackman (wife: Irmgard) of Surprise, Arizona; three daughters, Ellen Maudlin (husband: John) of Lake Mary, Florida, Candace Murphy (husband: Rick) of Bluffton and Sue Brandenburg (husband: Larry) of Portland; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son Jeff Blackford; two brothers, Harold and Ralph Brackman; and one sister, Cecelia Alber.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 28, 2021, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Herb Hummel presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 1 to 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Jay County Humane Society or Miller's Merry Manor.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.



Brackman

Alberta was a member of Local Union #96, and enjoyed camping, fishing, gardening, canning, cooking, baking, sewing, playing card games like euchre and hand and foot, watching westerns, the Hallmark Channel and the Indianapolis Colts, and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She is survived by one son, John Thomas "Tom" Bowler (wife: Teresa); 10 grandchildren; and several great and great-great-grandchildren.

Alberta was preceded in death by her parents; husband Charles; daughter Linda L. Copeland; six brothers; and four sisters.

Friends are invited to call Wednesday, April 28, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. with Pastor Randy Davis officiating, following a short break for the family from 1 to 2 p.m. Burial will be held in Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to "A Better Life - Brianna's Hope."

Please be assured that for your health and safety, all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, government and local health department recommendations and guidelines are followed (county metrics maximum with social distancing, masks are still to be worn while in attendance, hand sanitizer will be available, extra cleaning, and disinfecting measures have been taken).

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

Ossie Shoopman

Feb. 28, 1943-April 24, 2021
Ossie Shoopman, age 78, Redkey, died Saturday, April 24, 2021, at home following an extended illness.

Born Feb. 28, 1943, in Smokey Junction, Tennessee, she graduated from high school there and spent most of her life as a resident of Redkey.

Ossie retired from Saint Gobain (now Ardagh), Dunkirk, after working there 40-plus years. She enjoyed family and sports of all kinds and in earlier years bowled in a league.

Survivors include a niece, Relda Kunce (husband: Greg), Portland; nephew Paul Shoopman Jr. (wife: Lynn), Redkey; great-niece Eryn Curtis; great-nephew Owen Shoopman; great-niece Shoshanna Grubbs; and



Shoopman

several great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Assie Shoopman; brother Paul Shoopman Sr.; and great-niece Cheyanne Kunce.

There will be no services. Condolences and other expressions of sympathy may be expressed at MeachamFuneralService.com.

Shirley Fifer

July 31, 1936-April 23, 2021
Shirley A. Fifer, age 84, a resident of Ridgeville passed away Friday, April 23, 2021, surrounded by family at her daughter's home in Winchester.

Shirley retired from CTS in Berne in 2000 after 26 years. She attended the Bible Missionary Church in Winchester.

Shirley Fifer was born July 31, 1936, in Jay County, Indiana, the daughter of Richard and Pearl (Gray) Leavell. She was married on Dec. 28, 1952, to Charles (Chuck) Fifer and he passed away on Nov. 9, 1982.

Survivors include: Three daughters — Barbara Nilsen (husband: Don), New Port Richey, Florida, Betty Teer (husband: Bud), Winchester, Indiana, and Cindy Dudgeon, Bluffton, Indiana

Eight grandchildren
Seventeen great-grandchildren
Three great-great-grandchildren
She was preceded in death by her son, Charles Fifer Jr., in 2016.

Visitation for family and friends will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Pastor Scott Turner will officiate the services and burial will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant.

Mary L. Garringer, Bryant, Sept. 22, 1977-April 22, 2021. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home.

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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.

Alberta Bowler

Jan. 25, 1928-April 23, 2021
Alberta G. Bowler, 93, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away peacefully Friday, April 23, 2021, while in the company of family members at her residence.

Alberta was born in Portland, Indiana, on Jan. 25, 1928, a daughter of the late William and Nellie I. (Corley) Scott. She was the loving wife of Charles L. Bowler and was employed by Kerr Glass as an inspector until her retirement.



Bowler

SERVICES

Wednesday
Gibson, Steve: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Bowler, Alberta: 2 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

Thursday
Fifer, Shirley: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Garringer, Mary: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Friday
Brackman, Virgil: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Confer explained she and McGalliard had discussed potentially changing the name of the facility that has operated in the county since 1885, according to the Jay County Chamber of Commerce website. She said the intent of a name change is to clarify that the facility is open to more than those who are retired — it takes anyone 18 years old and older with a disability — and Confer wondered if the former retirement center name contributed to confusion.

Also, county attorney Bill Hinkle agreed to look into documentation from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources regarding hunting in the county-owned woods just south of the highway barn between county roads 100 North and 200 North and county roads 100 East and 200 East. Aker said he has been approached by local

hunters who have mentioned the document, which relieves landowners' liability if hunters are hurt. Hinkle said he was curious if that liability extends to the general public as well.

Commissioners also agreed to go through Portland-based Bricker Auction Company for a county auction sometime this year. (No date has been set.)

In other news, commissioners Rex Journey, McGalliard and Aker: •Heard from county auditor Anna Culy the sales disclosure fee for property transfers will be increasing from \$10 to \$20 starting in July.

•Signed a proclamation offered by Jay County

Optimists declaring next week, May 2 through May 8, as Respect, Appreciation and Support Week for law enforcement officers throughout Jay County.

•Approved a \$5,785.99 claim from Portland-based Progressive Office Products for two new laptops for Jay County Prosecutor's Office and an annual agreement covering medical expenses for incarcerated offenders.

•Reviewed a monthly financial report from Jay Emergency Medical Service directors Gary Barnett and John McFarland. (Expenses for JEMS in March totaled \$113,819.24, and income totaled \$89,256.77.)

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Citizen's calendar

Wednesday 6 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, Miller property, 705 E. 300 North, Portland.
5 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Wendel, Bulp lead the class of 2021

The top students have been announced. Fort Recovery High School recently named Hope Wendel and Bulp as valedictorian of its Class of 2021 and Ava Bulp as its salutatorian.

Wendel is a class officer and a member of the Spanish club, and played basketball and volleyball for the Indians. She plans to attend the University of Findlay.

Bulp is a member of student council and Spanish Club, and competed on the Fort Recovery swim and track teams. She plans to attend the University of Tennessee.

Offering express

Ivy Tech is offering opportunities for a speedy sign-up.

Throughout May, Ivy Tech Community College is offering Virtual Express Enrollment.

Students will be able to sign up virtually for classes that begin June 7. Those interested must RSVP and visit IvyTech.edu/EEDay for their campus's event dates and information.

Appointments will include assistance with assessment, a meeting with an advisor and registering for classes.

Happy birthday, little brother

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review
My little brother, David, has a birthday coming up. He is the youngest and the most sane of the three of us. I can always count on him to put things into perspective and make me laugh.

He has worked at the same place forever. They have tried to promote him several times and David keeps turning them down. He is perfectly satisfied with his job.

In addition to providing a paycheck, the job gives him lots of material for the stories he tells. The original company has changed hands a couple of times but they still keep the same personnel. From what I can tell, the only thing that changes is that all the trucks and trailers have to have the company's new logos applied.

When he was little, he was a follower. Anywhere his older brother, Michael,

As I See It



was, David wasn't far behind. We didn't have to ask who thought it was wise to erect a "fort" in the backyard. The culprit was always Michael. David provided the manpower. The "fort" was a very unstable construction that looked like a platform on stilts. Thankfully it fell down before anyone got hurt.

These days David is still a follower only now it is his wife, Apryl, who is the leader. She is currently training for a breast cancer walk in late summer. They have found a trail they like. If I remember right, they stash their bicycles at a given point on the trail then park the car a set distance away. They then

walk to their bikes and pedal back to the car.

Today I learned that the GPS in their car has a sense of humor. David didn't want to walk with Apryl so he dropped her off. When he went to pick her up afterwards he followed the GPS instructions. The problem was that he missed a turn and ended up at some sort of military facility. His GPS told him to travel a half mile inside the place before exiting.

The armed guy at the gate disagreed and told him to follow a lady who was also armed. They said a lot of GPS systems directed people to tour the place. David was glad they didn't shoot him.

The two of them are very active and have a few close friends along with friends from childhood. They like attending Renaissance Fairs in costume. They frequent antique shops. They have several places they like to camp.

Apryl's mom lives close by and they have commandeered a portion of the little creek that is on her property and set it up as a restful place to spend a day or a weekend.

David is also an inventor. If he sees something online, our mother's voice says, "You can make that." Never one to ignore a voice from the grave, he tries to follow the directions. The problem is that he doesn't always finish his creations.

He once made a hoverboard and had his wife try it out. The steering mechanism wasn't quite as functional as she preferred and the brakes were nonexistent. She barely missed crashing into the neighbor's house.

He made a recumbent bicycle that was half done. He tied a rope to both his bicycle and the recumbent one and convinced me to ride on the invention as he pulled it down the street. As usual, steering was cre-

ative at best and the brakes hadn't been installed yet. At the end of the street he swung the rope around and his son cried, "Whoa! I want to do that," as I slid around in a circle.

None of the three of us siblings care for sports. We do watch television, but would rather be outside messing around. David is the youngest, the healthiest, and most active of us three.

I wish him a happy birthday even if he does tell people that his sister is a communist. I tell him the words is columnist but he insists that communist is funnier.

Since Mom died we no longer get together for birthdays. I no longer bake a cake or cookies to honor the birthday boy. I miss that.

Things change. At least I can hear more stories just by picking up the phone. Happy birthday little brother.

Woman seeks a better connection

DEAR ABBY: After I ended a 20-year marriage, I took some time off from relationships and am now back in the dating world. My ex-husband and I never had children.

I recently met a man with two teenagers. He says I am "detached" from children. I am not detached! I just never had experience with them. How do I proceed with this relationship since his kids are very dear to him? — NOT DETACHED

DEAR NOT DETACHED: This man's offspring are no longer "children." They are teenagers, and teens can be complicated. Reach out to them the way you would anyone of any age. Be friendly and show them you are interested in them. If they have a mother in the picture, do not try to "mother" them. See if you share any common interests (sports, music, fashion, etc.), resist the urge to lecture them, and be a good listener.

DEAR ABBY: Back around 1987,

Dear Abby



a girl asked me to take her to her high school prom. I was several years older, didn't know her well and wanted to say no but couldn't. In the end I stood her up. I don't even remember her name. She worked at a grocery store with my brother.

That was more than 30 years ago. I am married now and have two fine children. I was recently asked what my biggest regret is, and I said standing her up. Not one week has gone by in the last 30 years that I haven't thought about her and wished I could find her and tell her how truly sorry I am. It's funny. Although I can't

remember her name, there's no one from my past that I have thought about more than her. I would give anything to find her and apologize. It haunts me. Any suggestions? — BIGGEST REGRET IN THE SOUTH

DEAR BIGGEST REGRET: What you did to that girl was brutal. Because it's not possible for you to directly offer the apology she deserves, concentrate harder on the present and always try to treat everyone with kindness and sensitivity.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like advice on how to handle a problem that crops up every time family members invite me out to a dinner they are paying for.

I know the rule of etiquette is to order an item that's the same or less than what the host is ordering, but I am often asked to order first. This means I have no idea what the payer's meal will

cost. If it means ordering something on the menu other than what I'd rather have — a burger instead of a steak — in that case, should I offer to pay for my own meal? What if they won't hear of taking any money from me? Can I still order the steak since my offer to pay was refused? — LIKES TO FOLLOW THE RULES

DEAR LIKES: A way to get around ordering first might be to say, "I haven't decided yet. I'd like to hear what the others are ordering." However, if you would be uncomfortable doing that, and your hosts won't let you have a separate check, be a gracious guest and enjoy every bite of your steak dinner.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship

Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to

noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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.

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

Thursday

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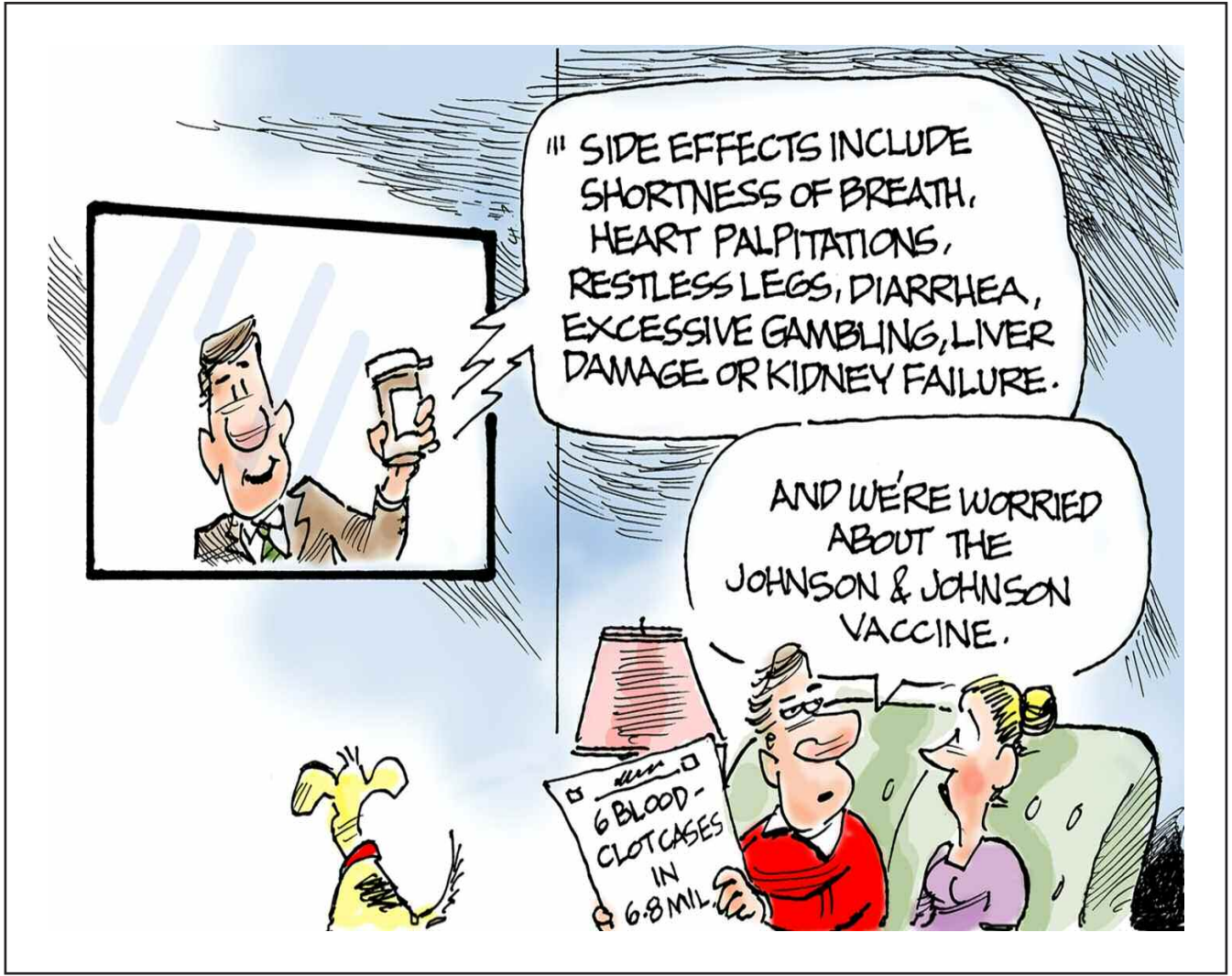
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Navalny, policy are connected

By TRUDY RUBIN
The Philadelphia Inquirer
Tribune News Service

On Wednesday, Russian President Vladimir Putin delivered his state of the union address — extolling his country’s moral values and lashing out at the West. The same day tens of thousands of Russians demonstrated across the nation’s 11 time zones, at huge personal risk, calling for Russia’s most famous political prisoner to be freed.

But Alexei Navalny, Putin’s chief political opponent — whom Russian agents nearly murdered by poison last year — still lay near death in a Russian penal colony on Thursday. On that same Thursday, Putin was prating on about international cooperation at President Biden’s virtual climate summit.

So we have a Russian leader who demands respect from the world but scorns the West and seeks to kill his opponents. A Russian leader who has ensured that he can remain as president for life. He probes and tests the West’s weak points, as with his massing of Russian troops on the border of Ukraine. But then he often sidesteps — ordering a partial pullback of those troops from the Ukraine border on Thursday, the day of the summit. Clearly, Putin wants to present himself as a man for dialogue and reason.

Navalny’s fate — whether Putin allows him to die from lack of medical care in a Soviet-style penal camp — will define how the West must deal with this new Russian tsar.

There is good reason why Navalny appears to freak Putin out, despite the fact that he has been banned from running for office or forming his own party. Navalny was arrested the moment he returned home from life-saving care in Germany after the poison attempt.

The 44-year-old lawyer has done what no other Russian politician has ever done: appeal to the public’s frustration with a stagnating economy that depends mainly on revenues from oil and gas. That economic malaise has been magnified by Russia’s failures in dealing with COVID-19.

Those economic realities were revealed in Putin’s state of the union speech, in which he admitted to worsening social inequality and poverty and a declining population. While touting Russia’s response to the

Trudy Rubin



coronavirus, he failed to mention that Russia’s real death rate from the virus is reportedly the third highest in the world (after the United States and Brazil). Despite producing the Sputnik V vaccine, Russia has been woefully slow in vaccinating its own public.

In addition, Navalny’s team has laid bare, via brilliant use of social media and YouTube videos, astonishing details of corruption in the highest Kremlin circles, including a grand palace built for Putin on Russia’s southern coast.

And, unlike any other Russian opposition figure, Navalny has organized followers in cities all across Russia — and turned them out in local elections to vote for candidates other than from Putin’s party. He has tapped into Russian weariness with a president-for-life who is cracking down more severely on any form of opposition than at any time since the Soviet Union’s fall.

“Navalny is the first 21st-century politician in Russia,” I was told by phone from Moscow by prominent independent Russian journalist Yevgenia Albats.

“Navalny is the kind of politician capable to appeal to different walks of life through personal example,” she added, “not because he has power or money but because he presents this amazing high moral standard that Russians have been looking for since the death of Andrei Sakharov, someone you can look at and say this guy knows about heroism and moral courage.”

“They put him in a penal colony because they hoped to isolate him and he somehow managed to make this penal colony the center of Russian politics.”

Indeed, sent to a penal colony while still recovering, Navalny was refused any medicine but ibuprofen when he was in terrible pain and could barely walk. He is on a hunger strike, demanding treatment by his own physicians.

“He is constantly proving he is ready to die for his beliefs,” says Albats. “He wrote on Insta-

Biden has responded with more sanctions, while agreeing to meet Putin face to face, presumably to lay down U.S. red lines.

gram, “There are so many like me who have nothing but a mug of water and our belief in the future of Russia.” (Navalny has no internet access but is allowed to speak to his lawyers, who post messages for him.)

Perhaps Putin will try to forcibly deport Navalny. But, Albats, who knows him well, says he will never leave Russia willingly.

So the Russian leader — and President Biden — are facing a test.

Putin has been probing Biden, and the NATO allies — with the Solar Winds hack, the Ukraine buildup, and his warning of “asymmetric response” to perceived Western threats. Biden has responded with more sanctions, while agreeing to meet Putin face to face, presumably to lay down U.S. red lines.

This approach makes sense. But if the Russian leader lets Navalny die — in full view of the world — all Western bets should be off.

“We have communicated to the Russian government that ... there will be consequences if Mr. Navalny dies,” Biden’s national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, told CNN.

That threat should be made clear to Putin in private so that Navalny’s life is saved.

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Cigarette tax idea burns out

South Bend Tribune

It should come as no surprise that the proposal to increase the cigarette tax in Indiana has gone up in smoke.

It’s not the first time that the Republican-controlled legislature has resisted calls for such an increase in a state where more than 1,100 Hoosiers die each year from smoking — and about 1,400 die of exposure to second-hand smoke. Those supporting a boost include the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, the Indiana Hospital Association, United Way of Central Indiana, American Cancer Society, Indiana State Medical Association and American Heart Association.

The state’s cigarette tax, which hasn’t been increased since 2007, is 99.5 cents per pack. That’s lower than its neighboring states, including Illinois, with a cigarette tax of \$2.98, Michigan at \$2 and Ohio at \$1.60. The average state cigarette tax is \$1.89.

Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray, R-Martinsville, said the Senate was not interested in a cigarette tax increase, partially because it is a regressive tax, impacting lower-income households at a disproportionate rate. He also said the House’s proposed increase of 50 cents per pack was not large enough to truly impact smoking rates in Indiana.

“We want to be cognizant to that,” Bray said. “If we go with a tax like that, and we very well may do that someday, then we want to make sure that it’s going to really move the needle on some of the health parameters that we really need to move as far as health of Hoosiers go.”

Dr. Richard Feldman, the former state health commissioner whose column appears on these pages, has written that raising the cost of tobacco “is the single most effective strategy in reducing tobacco use. For every 10 percent increase in the cost of a pack of cigarettes, smoking is reduced

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about 7% in children and 4% in adults.” He has argued for using the increased tax revenue toward additional funding for public health-related purposes including opioid treatment and increased funding of the state’s tobacco control prevention and cessation programs.

It’s not just public health advocates who back an increase. Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Kevin Brinegar pointed out that a statewide survey of employers shows that 70 percent of them support raising the cigarette tax by \$2 a pack or more.

“So they’re not putting themselves at any political risk if they were to do this,” he said.

The Chamber also expressed concern that the Senate’s proposed budget doesn’t create a high enough tax on vaping devices. The proposal rolls back what the House approved earlier this session, and is much lower than Kentucky’s.

Brinegar noted that if e-liquid taxes aren’t raised to a level comparable to the current tobacco tax, it would be better to do nothing on the issue this session.

“It would be worse for them to pass it,” he said. “Because if we try to come back next year and get it back up to parity, they’ll say, ‘Oh, wait a minute, we raised that tax last year, we don’t need to do this anymore.’”

Given the legislature’s past failures to act on critical public health issues, doing nothing should come naturally.

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Boys place eighth in Muncie

MUNCIE — Aaron Funkhouser was the runner-up in the 100-meter dash and the 4x800 relay team ran a season-best time Saturday as the Jay County boys track team placed eighth overall in the Muncie Central Relays.

Hamilton Southeastern scored 146 points for the team title, while Delta (96) was second and Yorktown (76.5) placed third. Jay County's 23 points were last out of eight teams.

Funkhouser had a time of 11.24 seconds to finish second, the best individual effort for the Patriots on the day.

Dustin Harris, Griffin Lennartz, Cristian Marentes and Mitchell Winner had a time of 9 minutes, 57.86 seconds, in the 4x800 relay. Their season-best time was seventh.

Skylar Bee, Gavin Farmer, Owen Ransom and Adrek Pogue were fifth in the 4x100 relay.

Jay falls to Stars

The Jay County girls tennis team fell to 1-1 in conference play Monday with a 4-1 home loss to the South Adams Starfires.

The Patriots (4-2, 1-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) got their only win from the No. 2 doubles team of Lilly Hedges and Holly Hemmelgarn, who defeated Maggie Nussbaum and Samantha Weigel by a 6-3, 6-2 score.

Grace Brewster and Kierston Blunk both lost their respective singles matches in three sets. Brewster fell to Alexa Kinsey at No. 1 singles 6-7, 6-4, 6-2, while Blunk dropped a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 No. 3 singles match to Ashlynn Claghorn.

Local roundup

Lyric Garringer lost her No. 2 singles contest to Anna Dee, 6-4, 6-4.

Brenna Haines and Courtney Benter each got junior varsity singles victories, while doubles teams of Heaven Hambrock and Allison Byrum as well as Melana Zimmerman and Kaylee Zimmerman also earned victories.

Patriots third

WINCHESTER — The Jay County boys golf team finished second Monday in a three-team meet with Winchester and Monroe Central at Winchester Golf Club.

Monroe Central shot 161 for first place, with Jay County totaling 184, 10 strokes ahead of Winchester.

Caleb DeRome paced the Patriots with his score of 40, and Kyle Sanders was second on the team with his round of 46. Griffin Mann and Simon Pryor had matching scores of 49 to complete the Patriots' team total.

Brock DeHoff shot 52, but did not factor into the team total.

Golfers take third

GENEVA — Jay County's boys golf team missed finishing as the runner-up by two strokes Saturday at the South Adams Invitational.

Monroe Central totaled 322 for the championship, with Norwell second with 363. Jay County shot 364 for third out of 12 teams.

Caleb DeRome led Jay County by placing sixth overall with his round of 83. Griffin Mann shot 87, including making a 70-foot shot for eagle on the par-4 seventh hole, for 10th overall.

Simon Pryor shot 92 for 17th, and Kyle Sanders finished 36th with his round of 102.

Brock DeHoff also competed but his round of 106 did not factor into the team total.

Girls win, boys second

Jay County Junior High School's girls track team finished first Monday while the boys were second in a meet they hosted with Heritage and Bluffton.

The Patriot girls scored 84 points for their win, with Bluffton (44) second and Heritage (8) third.

Bluffton's boys scored 61 points to take first, with Jay County (53.5) second and Heritage (22.5) third.

Morgan DeHoff was a triple winner for the Patriot girls, getting victories in the 100-meter hurdles, 200 hurdles and long jump. Jenna Dues (100 dash, 200 dash) and Alexis Sibray (1,600 run, 800 run) both had a pair of wins, too. Kenzie Huey (shot put) and Mya Kunkler (high jump) earned individual victories.

Jay County's 4x100 and 4x400 relays also got wins.

Garrett Hiday was first in the 100 dash, 200 dash and long jump, while Joseph Boggs got a 1,600 run win.

Powers ...

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It was the fifth straight loss for the Indians (11-8) and sixth in the last seven games.

Fort Recovery fell behind 4-1 in the first inning in part thanks to a Mallory Hirschy two-run home run.

The Starfires tacked on two more runs in the third inning and were on top 7-1 before Sophie Pearson drove in a run on a fielder's choice.

Jackie Homan hit a two-run double with two outs in the seventh inning but the Indians were unable to complete the rally.

Homan also had two singles to lead the Indians with three hits. Kensey Gaerke collected two singles, while Chloey Grisez and Brenna Homan both had singles.

Jackie Homan was charged with the loss, surrendering five earned runs on five hits. She struck out two in 3 1/3 innings.

The Indians will aim to end their losing skid as they hit the road to take on Midwest Athletic Conference rival Coldwater at 5 p.m. tonight.

Early hole too much

MUNCIE — Jay County's junior varsity baseball team trailed 15-7 after the second inning and wasn't able to catch up in a 23-13, five-inning loss to the host Delta Eagles on Monday.

Ryne Goldsworthy led the Patriots (2-4) offensively by going 3-for-4 with two home runs, a double and three RBIs. Bennett Weitzel also hit a homer and knocked in three runs.

Christian Runkle, Bryce Wenk and Tavin Wasson all collected three hits, while Cody Rowles and Conner Specht each had one hit.

Rowles suffered the loss, allowing 10 runs on six hits with five walks and three strikeouts in 1 1/3 innings.

Second sinks Jay

MIDDLETOWN — An eight-run second inning doomed the Jay County junior varsity baseball team in a 12-2 loss in five innings to the host Shenandoah Raiders on Friday.

The Patriots (2-3) were ahead 2-0 after the first inning before surrendering the eight-spot in the second.

Shenandoah added three runs in the third and one more in the fifth for the run-rule victory.

Bryce Wenk had a single and an RBI to lead the Patriots. Christian Runkle also had a single.

Wenk suffered the loss pitching, allowing 11 runs — just two earned — on three hits.

He walked four and struck out five in 2 2/3 innings of work.

Capsule Reports

Clarification

An April accident report from the Portland Police Department has been updated.

Officials previously reported that 48-year-old Amanda S. Tinsley of Farmland had been driving west on Water Street on April 18 and stopped at the stop sign before continuing into the intersection with Middle Street. She

drove into a vehicle driven by 44-year-old Chala N. Dehoyos of Portland. Tinsley told police she could not see because the sunlight was obstructing her vision.

Recently, officials updated the report to clarify that Tinsley did not stop at the sign because she could not see, and she proceeded into the intersection without stopping.



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3 techniques to keep mosquitoes out of your backyard oasis

The value of a retreat-like backyard was never more apparent than in 2020. Over the last year-plus, much of the world has been forced to stay home as a global pandemic has claimed millions of lives while countless others have had to fight to survive in hospitals. It's no surprise people have looked for a respite from the harsh realities of living during a deadly pandemic, and many turned their attention to their own backyards to provide such an escape.

The online home remodeling platform Houzz reported a 58 percent annual increase in project leads for home professionals in June 2020. Contractors who specialize in outdoor spaces saw the biggest increase in demand. A revamped outdoor space can provide the

perfect retreat for homeowners who want to get away from it all. But one winged, unwelcome guest can quickly transform an oasis into an uninviting space.

Mosquitoes make their presence felt in many areas each summer. These pesky, often hungry insects can carry disease, and their bites can be painful and itchy. Homeowners can try these three techniques to keep mosquitoes out of their backyards.

1. **Remove standing water.**

Standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, who don't even need a lot of water to successfully breed. A daily walk around the property may uncover kids' toys,

empty flower pots or other small receptacles that can collect water. Even clogged gutters can lead to the accumulation of a small amount of water, and that can be enough for mosquitoes to breed. Remove these potential breeding grounds when you find them, and do so each day, as mosquitoes mature from eggs to nymphs in roughly four days.

2. Mow regularly.

Mowing the lawn so the grass never gets too high is another way to make a backyard less hospitable to mosquitoes. The pest experts at Terminix® note that mosquitoes seek tall grass to protect them from the elements, including wind and hot summer sun. Mowing enough so grass

never gets too high in summer can make backyards less inviting to mosquitoes.

3. Plant with mosquitoes in mind.

The home remodeling experts at HGTV note that plants can be part of homeowners' strategy to repel mosquitoes. Various plants have mosquito-repellant qualities. For example, bee balm releases a fragrance as it grows, and mosquitoes don't like that fragrance. Homeowners can speak with a local lawn and garden professional for recommendations about plants that can thrive in their region and repel mosquitoes at the same time.

Mosquitoes can make it hard to enjoy a backyard oasis. But various strategies can help homeowners

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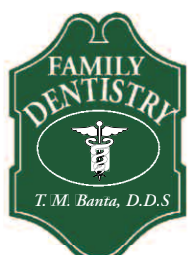
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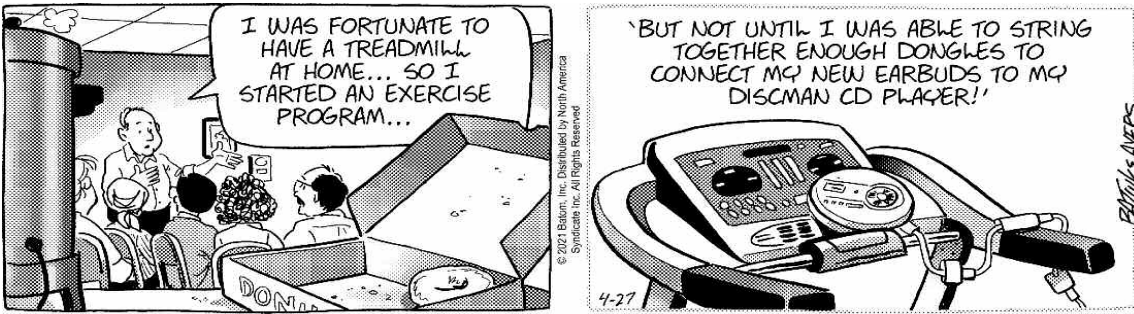
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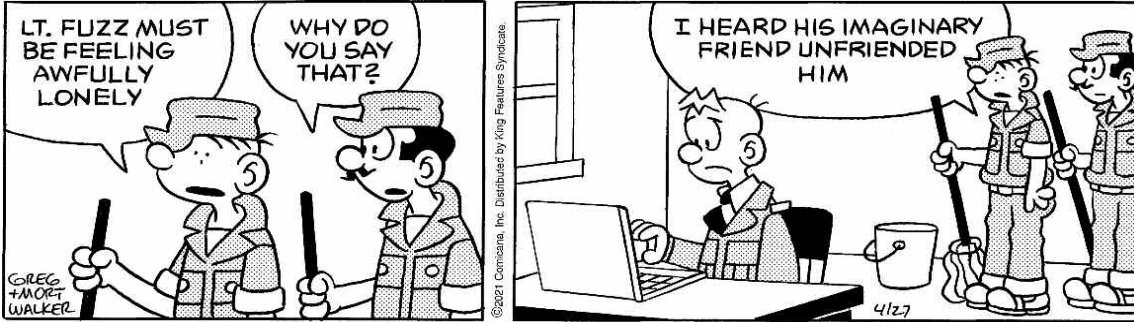
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“Geez, it was a fun game,” said JCHS coach Lea Selvey. “You hate to lose one like that. Hopefully we’re seeing these kids come of age (but) they’re a good ball club.”

“We came out ready to play.”

While the Patriots built their lead, and eventually won, with the long ball, it was the Golden Bears playing small ball that put them on top in the seventh inning.

Joel Kennedy hit an RBI single to right-center field with one out and bases loaded as Monroe Central tied the game at 7-7 after trailing 6-0 through two innings. Again with the bases full, Caleb Snyder put down a squeeze bunt that scored a pair and put the Golden Bears out front, 9-7.

“I trusted him to do the job,” MCHS coach Matt Deckman said. “He got it down and obviously that was a big point of the game, obviously didn’t end up being enough though.”

Jay County responded in the home half of the frame with a pair of runs to send the game into extras. Sam Dunlavy singled to begin the frame and, following consecutive strikeouts, Josh Dowlen walked to put two runners on base.

Quinn Faulkner, who already had two hits including a solo home run, hit a sharp grounder up the middle that shortstop Ashton Bandy knocked down before it could get into the outfield. Dunlavy scored easy, and Dowlen never stopped running and slid head first into home for the game-tying run ahead of a throw to the plate.

Faulkner, representing the potential game-winning run, reached third on the play but he was left there.

Monroe Central got a baserunner on with one out in the top of the eighth but nothing else.

Then Caldwell, facing Synder in relief and down 0-1 in the bottom of the eighth, ripped his walk-off over the fence in left field.

“Fastball,” Caldwell said of what he was looking for on Snyder’s second offering. “He hasn’t thrown a curveball yet. The one before I should have done that. Then he threw one down the middle and I took advantage of it. I tried to hit a line drive and then it ended up sailing.”

Strong winds to straightaway center field helped the Patriots go yard four times. After Faulkner’s leadoff homer in the first, Austin Curts — he was the Patriots’ starting pitcher — helped his cause with a

‘We knew we had to be aggressive against this good of a team. These guys were undefeated coming in and we knew we might not see their best pitcher’

—Blake Caldwell, Jay County senior

three-run blast in the same inning.

Then in the fifth, Gavin Myers went deep for a solo shot, which at that point put Jay County on top 7-4. All four homers were the first of their respective careers.

The Patriots had a 14-6 edge in hits, and only struck out six times compared to 10 for the Golden Bears.

“Our offense was great,” Caldwell said. “We knew we had to be aggressive against this good of a team. These guys were undefeated coming in and we knew we might not see their best pitcher ... We were a good unit today; took care of business.”

“All in all I’m really proud of the guys for not giving up.”

Curts went 4 2/3 innings, giving up four runs — three earned — on three hits with

three walks and six strikeouts. Crosby Heniser and Dusty Pearson had 1 2/3 inning of relief each, with the latter getting the win.

Faulkner and Caldwell led Jay County’s offense by both going 3-for-5. Faulkner drove in three runs and Caldwell knocked in a pair. Brothers Sam and Gavin Myers combined to go 4-for-8 with two RBIs.

Kennedy led Monroe Central by going 2-for-3, including a two-run homer in the fourth inning. Bryce Deckman contributed two doubles.

“Tip your cap to Jay County, they came out ready to play (and) punched us in the mouth,” Matt Deckman said. “We managed to fight back, but in the end a day like today, it can be anybody’s game. That’s the great thing about baseball, man, one swing can win it for anybody.”

Box score									
Jay County Patriots vs. Class 2A No. 1 Monroe Central Golden Bears									
Monroe Central (12-1)					Jay County (4-3)				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Bandy ss	4	1	0	0	Faulkner ss	5	1	3	3
Deckman cf	3	2	2	0	SMyers 3b	4	1	2	1
Coffey 3b	3	2	0	0	Heniser lf	4	1	1	0
Kennedy c	3	1	2	3	Caldwell 1b	5	2	3	2
Snyder 1b	2	1	0	2	Pearson rf	4	0	0	0
Matheny 2b	3	1	0	0	Curts p	3	1	1	3
Shumaker p	3	1	0	0	Dunlavy lf	1	1	1	0
Pike lf	4	0	1	0	GMyers c	4	1	2	1
Burris dh	4	0	1	0	Nichols 2b	3	0	0	0
Luedike rf	0	0	0	0	McBride ph	1	0	0	0
					Dowlen cf	3	2	1	0
Totals	29	9	6	5	Totals	37	10	14	10

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LOB — Monroe Central 4. Jay County 8. 2B — Monroe Central 2 (Deckman 2). Jay County 2 (SMyers, Caldwell). HR — Monroe Central 1 (Kennedy). Jay County 4 (Faulkner, Caldwell, Curts, GMyers).									

Monroe Central									
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Shumaker	3.0	6	6	5	1	2			
Matheny	3.0	5	1	1	1	2			
Coffey	1.0	2	2	2	1	2			
Snyder, L	0.1	1	1	1	0	0			

Jay County									
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Curts	4.2	3	4	3	3	6			
Heniser	1.2	1	5	3	4	2			
Pearson, W	1.2	2	0	0	0	2			

Local schedule

Today
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.

Thursday
Jay County — Boys golf vs. Blackford — 4:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Adams Central — 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Adams Central — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Adams Central — 5 p.m.; JV softball at Adams Central — 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Centerville — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Track vs. South Adams — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Minster — 5 p.m.; Softball at Minster — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Minster — 5 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Boys tennis at Richmond — 5 p.m.; Boys track at New Castle — 5:30 p.m.; Baseball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Softball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Southern Wells — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Softball at Arcanum — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Ansonia — 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Coldwater Invitational — 4:30 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Boys golf at Winchester Invitational — 8 a.m.; Girls track at Muncie Relays — 10 a.m.; Baseball doubleheader at Muncie Central — 11 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball doubleheader at Russia — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Crestview — 1 p.m.

Local notes
Card show is May 13
A sports card and collectible show is set for May 13 in Fort Wayne.

The show will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Exhibit Building 4 at Allen County Fairgrounds.
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TIME 10:00 A.M.

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PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Bubb Exhibition Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland IN on Saturday Morning. May 1st at 10:00 A.M.

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Sports

Schwieterman powers Patriots

SELMA — Renna Schwieterman already had one multi-homer game in her career. She did it again Monday.

Diamond roundup

Schwieterman hit two home runs, including what turned out to be the game winner, as the Jay County High School softball team rallied for an 8-7 victory against the host Wapahani Raiders.

Renna Schwieterman, who now has a team-high five home runs, collected five RBIs, with Rieley Brewster contributing one hit and an RBI. Aubrie Schwieterman and Maddy Fraley both had a pair of singles, and Olivia Bright hit a double.

Jay County (6-3), which trailed 4-1 after the third inning, struck for four runs in the fifth. Schwieterman blasted a three-run homer and her sister Aubrie Schwieterman came around to score as well to put the Patriots on top, 5-4.

Haleigh Clayton got the win, allowing seven runs — four earned — on eight hits. She struck out four and walked two.

Wapahani answered with two runs in the home half of the frame. In the sixth, Riah Champ scored on an error before Renna Schwieterman's second home run, this one a two-run shot, put the Patriots on top for good.

Slide continues

BERNE — Fort Recovery's softball team continued its slide Monday with a 7-4 loss to the South Adams Starfires.

See Powers page 5



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Jay County High School senior Blake Caldwell flexes in celebration as he rounds the bases following his walk-off home run, the first of his career, in the bottom of the eighth inning Monday against the Class 2A No. 1 Monroe Central Golden Bears. The Patriots hit four total home runs in a 10-9 upset.

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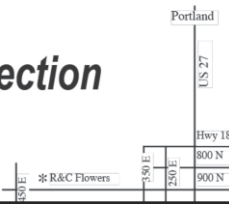
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Blast buries Bears

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

Before the season, Blake Caldwell said one of his goals going into his senior campaign was to hit the first home run of his career.

He fulfilled his goal in a big way. Caldwell, a Jay County High School senior, hit a walk-off solo home run in the bottom of the eighth inning, lifting the Patriot baseball team to a 10-9 upset of the Monroe Central Golden Bears on Monday at Don E. Selvey Field.

"I felt like I was in a dream," Caldwell said of his feeling once he

Caldwell's walk-off homer upends Golden Bears as Jay Co. baseball upsets Class 2A No. 1 Monroe Central, 10-9

rounded first base and saw his blast sail over the fence in left field. "I still feel like I'm in a dream and (that) it's not real. It was something else.

"I can't believe it's real."

It was a fitting end to the game for

the Patriots (4-3), who had not hit a home run all season but powered their way to four round-trippers against the previously undefeated Golden Bears (12-1), the top-ranked team in Class 2A.

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Taking care of your health is important — for you, and everyone who relies on you. If you've ever thought about bariatric surgery for weight loss, attending a seminar can be an important first step. It's also a great way to meet Ascension St. Vincent doctors and hear the success stories of others. And when you schedule your first consultation, Ascension St. Vincent doctors and care teams are ready to answer questions and create a care plan just for you.

Know that we're maintaining strict precautions to keep you safe in our care.



Join us for a weight-loss seminar
Wednesday, May 12, 6 p.m. (EDT)

Ascension St. Vincent Randolph
473 E. Greenville Ave., Winchester, IN 47394
Location: Community Room
317-934-2765

To register, visit

ascension.org/IndianaWeightLoss

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