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Brigade to buy school office

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Brigade Electronics is poised to have a new U.S. headquarters. Jay School Board on Monday selected Brigade's offer to purchase its administrative office building for \$425,000.

The sale is contingent on the property being rezoned.

Brigade was one of two entities that submitted a final offer on the property. (There were three initial offers, all of which came in at or above the asking price of \$325,000, but the

Electronics manufacturer had highest final offer of \$425,000

City of Portland did not make a final offer.) The school corporation did not identify the other entity involved or the amount of its offer.

Jay School Board in January decided to put the administrative office property, as well as others, up for sale. (Plans call for administrative offices to move to

the General Shanks building this summer.) A month later, it hired Loy Real Estate and Auction to handle the sale of the parcels. And on March 15 it decided to ask the three interested parties for their best and final offers, as well as their planned uses for the building and 5 acres. The deadline to turn in those offers was Wednesday.

Brigade, an England-based company that manufactures vehicle safety equipment, plans to use the site as its new U.S. headquarters. The company cur-

rently rents space at the southeast corner of Pearl and Depot streets in Portland for its offices and also rents warehouse space in one of the former Patriot Paints buildings on Water Street.

"It raises our visibility to what we should be as an international company," said Corey Heniser, a Portland resident and CEO of Brigade Electronics Inc. "It's one of the big pluses of having a more established location."

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Jones murder trial moved

New dates are set for late October

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A Redkey man's murder trial has been rescheduled.

Jay Circuit Court Judge Brian Hutchison during a hearing Monday rescheduled the five-day murder trial of Cory Jones to begin Oct. 25. Jones' attorneys had filed a motion for a continuance last week.

Jones is charged with the Aug. 22 murder of Shanna Jones of Dunkirk.

The trial was originally scheduled for May and later moved to July. The court's docket was backed up in part because Indiana Supreme Court suspended trials for several months because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Shanna Jones was found dead late Aug. 22 when Jay County Sheriff's Office went to her home at 10402 W. 400 South, Dunkirk, for a welfare check. She had been shot in the head.

According to a probable cause affidavit filed in connection with the case, the call for a welfare check came from Ray Jones, the father of Cory Jones. Police say Ray Jones told them that his son said he accidentally shot Shanna Jones. He later sent his father a text saying he was "going 110 mph toward Illinois," the document says.

The U.S. Marshal Service's Fugitive Task Force arrested Cory Jones in Martinsburg, West Virginia, about 75 miles west of Baltimore, three days after the shooting. While being held there awaiting extradition, Jay County officers traveled to Martinsburg to interview him. He told the officers that he had been in Florida for three weeks, according to court documents.

Court records show Cory Jones pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor charge of battery resulting in bodily injury in 2008.

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Saylor smiles

Saylor Richardson rides with her parents, Nick and Kayli, through Pennville Park for the Pennville Easter Eggstravaganza drive thru event Saturday. The Richardsons and many other local families — traffic was steady for at least half of the three-hour event — drove through the park the day before Easter to fill their childrens' easter baskets with candy and other goodies.

Stormwater utility is established

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A stormwater utility is now in place.

Portland City Council on Monday approved an ordinance establishing a stormwater department and stormwater utility for the city. It is a step in the process of establishing a stormwater tax.

Council also discussed recent decisions about the proposed U.S. Aggregates stone quarry expansion and the decision to return an Indiana Department of Natural Resources grant to the state.

Portland Mayor John Boggs had proposed a stormwater tax last

Council takes next step toward establishing tax for projects

year, with Portland Council approving it in September. At that time, no amount was attached. (It had been planned to go into effect Jan. 1.)

The city then shifted gears in December to instead establish a

stormwater fund via property taxes rather than implementing an additional fee or tax.

Monday's ordinance establishes the new stormwater utility "for the purpose of providing for the collection, disposal and drainage of

storm and surface water and relieving of sanitary sewers of such water." It also allows the city to tax to support the new utility.

The goal is that stormwater fund money can be used for projects to combat flooding and abide by the city's long-term control plan. It also makes the city eligible for state grants to fund such projects.

Council members Kent McClung, Janet Powers, Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Dave Golden and Mike Aker unanimously approved the establishment of the stormwater utility.

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Village looking in to smell from lagoons

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — A strong stench has plagued the village recently.

For about the last six weeks, the lagoons off First Street near Wabash Road have been releasing a foul odor. The lagoons are regularly used for water treatment in the village and have only recently started to have issues with odor, according to village administrator

Residents have been dealing with odor for about six weeks

Randy Diller. Fort Recovery village council members addressed the issue in a meeting Monday.

"As you can imagine, we've had some com-

plaints lately, and rightfully so. I mean, I'm not backing away from the fact that they stunk pretty bad," Diller said. He asked if any of the council

noticed anything this weekend. Council member Luke Knapke said the inside of his truck smelled bad Monday morning.

"Last night might've been the worst it's been, actually," Knapke said. "It was really bad."

"Friday was good — Friday we had a good wind," Mayor Dave Kaup added.

Lagoons tend to have a period in the spring and fall (usually two or three

days) when there is a smell, Diller explained. Usually it's not noticeable, he said, but along with the long-lasting stench, recent northeast winds blowing through the village have not helped, either.

Fort Recovery's utility department is working with Air Diffusion Systems to solve the problem and has a plan to isolate what's causing the smell.

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Deaths

Betty Tatman, 99, Portland
Joyce Nuckols, 70, Montpelier
Annotta Gray, 38, Winchester
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County's high temperature climbed to 75 degrees Monday. The low was 50.
Tonight's low will be in the mid 50s. Expect mostly sunny skies Wednesday with the high climbing to near 80. There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms Wednesday night. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Health Department's coronavirus vaccine clinic is open for walk-in appointments until 6 p.m. today and from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday. The health department is located at 504 W. Arch St., Portland.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of today's Jay County Development Corporation meeting.

Friday — Results from the JCHS baseball team's game against Elwood.



Stormwater ...

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The city is working with consulting firm Baker Tilly to establish the tax rate for the new utility fund.
Golden also asked about the process moving forward after Portland Plan Commission last week recommended that council deny a U.S. Aggregates rezoning request to allow expansion of its mining operation.
City attorney Bill Hinkle explained the building and planning department has 10 days to certify plan commission's recommendation, after which council has 90 days to act. Hinkle indicated the plan commission recommendation has not yet been certified and U.S. Aggregates has asked for

time to consider removing or modifying its request.
McClung also had questions on the procedure that led to the city returning a \$168,000 Department of Natural Resources grant that had been awarded for a proposed trail project. Portland Board of Works noted at its meeting Thursday an agreement with Jay County Trails Club on the project had not been reached and the grant would be returned. McClung questioned whether the decision was appropriate to be made by board of works or whether city council and/or park board should have also had input.
Boggs also informed council he plans to request \$350,000 in funding from Portland Redevel-

opment Commission for a proposed Meridian Street sewer project designed to help mitigate downtown flooding. Wessler Engineering last month proposed a new \$1.3 million Meridian Street sewer line in the downtown area to help take pressure off of Millers Branch, which has had issues with backing up and flooding the area between Main and North streets.
In other business, council:
•Heard from Boggs that he will make an appeal to Coca-Cola officials to keep its current operation in Portland, though he acknowledged there is likely not much chance to save it. Coca-Cola Consolidated announced last week its Portland facility, which currently

has 54 employees, will close Nov. 1.
•Approved \$3,538.58 in economic development income tax (EDIT) funds for Christmas lights for a planned display at Jay County Fairgrounds. The city's EDIT advisory committee met earlier Monday and voted to recommend approval of the request. The funding is contingent on plans for the lighting display moving forward.
•Transferred \$17,013.87 from the city's blight elimination fund to the general fund. The money was leftover from blight elimination projects related to state grants.
•Learned from Boggs the county's housing task force is considering a residential tax

increment financing (TIF) district in Portland. The goal would be to capture new tax dollars and use it to help defray the cost of infrastructure related to a potential housing project.
•Modified its payroll ordinance to eliminate the annual clothing allowance for police dispatchers because they are no longer required to wear uniforms.
•Heard a comment from Gillespie that detours seemed to be working out well Monday on the first day of construction on a pair of U.S. 27 (Meridian St.) bridges on the south side of the city. "Everybody please have some patience," added Boggs. "I think we'll be better off when it's all done."

CR almanac

Wednesday 4/7	Thursday 4/8	Friday 4/9	Saturday 4/10	Sunday 4/11
79/59	69/52	69/49	68/46	64/47
Mostly sunny skies by day and a 40% chance of rain at night. Otherwise relatively warm.	80% chance of rain nearly all day, with cloudy evening skies likely. Winds as high as 25 mph.	Mostly sunny during the day with some clouds at night. Warm temperatures will continue for the weekend.	There's a 40% chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies. Rain may clear up by evening.	Skies will be mostly sunny during the day and mostly clear at night.

Lotteries

Powerball Saturday 1-12-17-39-53 Powerball: 5 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$43 million	Estimated jackpot: \$148,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$184 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 0-9-3 Pick 4: 2-7-2-8 Pick 5: 3-7-2-5-7 Evening Pick 3: 2-2-1 Pick 4: 8-1-0-6 Pick 5: 2-4-5-0-1 Rolling Cash 5: 8-11-15-25-28
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 2-2-2 Daily Four: 3-8-4-7 Evening Daily Three: 3-4-2 Daily Four: 5-1-4-9 Quick Draw: 4-5-6-18-22-25-27-31-34-35-37-39-40-48-54-60-65-73-75-80 Cash 5: 28-38-39-42-45	Estimated jackpot: \$110,000 Classic Lotto: 7-18-29-36-41-42 Kicker: 5-3-5-2-8-9 Jackpot: \$6.7 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.65 Wheat5.97	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.60 May corn.....5.61 Beans14.39 Sept. beans12.32 July wheat 5.90
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Today in history

On April 6, 1909, American explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson and four Inuits became the first men to reach the North Pole.
In 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.
In 1917, the United States entered World War I as the House joined the Senate in approving a declaration of war against Germany that was then signed by President Woodrow Wilson.
In 1968, 41 people were killed by two consecutive natural gas explosions at a sporting goods store in downtown Richmond.
In 1971, sixth grader Lori Anderson of Dunkirk won Jay County's elementary school spelling bee to advance to the state contest May 8 at Snider High School in Fort Wayne.
In 1985, William J. Schroeder became the first artificial heart recipient to be discharged from the hospital as he moved into an apartment in Kentucky.
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Citizen's calendar

Today
4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
7 p.m. — Portland Park Board, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
7 p.m. — Salamonia Town Council, School-

house Community Center.
7 p.m. — Ridgeville Town Council public hearing, library/fire station, 308 N. Walnut St.

Wednesday
5:30 p.m. — Jay County Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

Obituaries

Betty Tatman

Oct. 8, 1921-April 3, 2021
Betty Ann Tatman, 99, formerly of 308 E. Main St., Portland, passed away on Saturday, April 3, 2021. She was a lifelong resident of Portland.
She was born Oct. 8, 1921, the daughter of Louis and Ruby Weiler. She graduated from Portland High School in 1939. Betty attended Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. She was married to Glen E. Tatman who preceded her in death in 1986.



Tatman

Betty was an avid and accomplished bridge player and was a member of many bridge clubs in her lifetime. She was an active member of Tri Kappa and the Tri Kappa associate chapters for over 80 years.

Surviving are her daughter, Linda Ashcraft, and her son, Mark (Lois) Tatman, both of Portland. Her son, Ken, preceded her in death in 2015. She is also survived by five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren along with several nieces and nephews.

There will be no services. Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be made to State of the Heart Hospice or through The Portland Foundation to the Jay County Library Endowment Fund or the Alpha Associate Chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa Scholarship Fund.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Joyce Nuckols

May 18, 1950-April 4, 2021
Joyce Nuckols, age 70, a former resident of Portland, passed away on Sunday, April 4, 2021, at her home in Montpelier.

Smell ...

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Some residents, Diller said, have voiced a theory that it is the sludge creating an odor and want it to be removed.
"We don't know that that's the case," Diller said. "It could be the type of sludge ..."
The department plans to do testing to figure out the source and are using bacteria to reduce sludge as much as possible.
Also Monday, village council members Greg Schmitz, Erik Fiely, Cliff Wendel and Knapke, absent

Joyce was born on May 18, 1950, in Portland, the daughter of Alva and Roberta (Sheffer) Wehrly.



Nuckols

Survivors include: Three sons — Jason Morgan (Bea McDonald), Hartford City, Indiana, Matt Morgan, Portland, Indiana, and Eric Morgan (wife: Elaina), Cookeville, Tennessee

One daughter — Angela Morgan (Tony Spafford), Portland, Indiana
Step-children — Carol Nuckols (Eric Deavers), Hartford City, Indiana, Richard Nuckols (wife: Jaime), Portland, Indiana, and Larry Nuckols, Portland, Indiana
One brother — Randy Wehrly, Portland, Indiana

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alva and Roberta Wehrly; and a brother, Alan Wehrly.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Joyce's life will follow at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Salamonia Cemetery in Salamonia, Indiana.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Annotta Gray

Aug. 9, 1982-April 3, 2021
Annotta Elaine Gray, age 38, passed away at St. Vincent Indianapolis on April 3, 2021, after a month-long battle with her health. She was born on Aug. 9, 1982, to Donna (Delk) Gray and Gary Gray in Randolph County.

Annotta spent her early years enjoying life, spending time with friends and her family. She loved that she was the baby sister. She had so much love for her family. Annotta was always happy and had an infectious smile and laugh that everyone remembers. She was

the life of the party. In 2007, she became a mom for the first time and her life changed. She loved kids and she loved being a mom. Life got difficult for Annotta for a while, but her contagious smile and happiness never faded.

Left to cherish her memory are her four children, Jasmine (13), Jacob (12) and Lane (8) Rheinhardt, fathered by John Rheinhardt, and her newest daughter, Chloe Stewart (8 months); her fiance Zach Stewart; two sisters, Christina Daggett and Misty Gray; five brothers, Jon Merchant, Chad Daggett, Gary Gray, Kyle Gray and Blake Ratliff; and 18 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother Donna Gray; and her grandparents Rex and Helen Delk.

A service to celebrate Annotta's life will be at 2 p.m., on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at the Walker Funeral Home in Winchester. Burial will follow at Fountain Park Cemetery in Winchester.

Friends and family may call from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Walker Funeral Home with proceeds going to her children.

Walker Funeral Home in Winchester is entrusted with the arrangements.

Condolences may be shared with the family at walkerswinchester.com.

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

rent path through the downtown area. Broadway Street reconstruction finished recently.

In other business, council
•Learned Diller extended an agreement for the village's Natural Gas Aggregation Program for another two years starting in December at \$3.03 per one thousand cubic feet.

•Heard new lights have been installed at Monument Park.

•Reported that Maharg's Trash Service spring cleaning day is May 15.

SERVICES

Wednesday

Nuckols, Joyce: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Thursday

Gray, Annotta: 2 p.m., Walker Funeral Home, 248 E. South St., Winchester.

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Anniversary brings back memories

By DIANA DOLECKI

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Only one more day until our 42nd anniversary. There was a time that I couldn't imagine being married for 42 years. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be as old as I am. Yet, here we are.

We met at the Upper Krust sandwich shop in Dayton, Ohio. I had gone back to work after my daughter was born. My coworkers told me I needed to meet this fantastic waiter they had. He worked a different shift than I did so it was a few weeks before I met him.

He was attending college and working at the Upper Krust like most of the other employees. I was trying to supplement the family budget. We became casual friends. He made me laugh. He made me feel safe in a perilous world. He eventually left

As I See It



the Krust and I transferred to another location on the south side of town.

We lost touch for a while. He came by the Krust to visit every now and then and we would chat about nothing. Eventually I called him and said that I was free if he still wanted to go out.

We had our first date in January. We went to see a movie. Then he didn't call me for a month. I thought that was the end of it. I was wrong. We were married that April.

There have been a lot of ups and downs in the last 42 years.

We have been with each other through the deaths of our parents, assorted hospitalizations, job loss and any number of other things that seemed like tragedies at the time.

We agree on most things and when we don't, we agree to disagree. Few things are worth arguing about. Our lives are far different now than they were 42 years ago. For that matter, the world itself is far different than it was way back then.

Whether you like the guy or not, our former president unknowingly has changed our country. Never again will we read a news story and take for granted that it is true. If nothing else, the previous administration has stolen our innocence.

Forty-two years ago photographs were taken with a cam-

era. Telephones were mostly black and attached to the wall. Party lines were common. Public phone booths were situated so that Superman always had a place to change clothes. If you were lucky you might find coins in the coin return on the phone. If you wanted someone's phone number while you were in a phone booth you could consult the attached phone book, ask the operator, or remember where you wrote the number down. There was no such thing as a contact list.

We were so young back then. We were both relatively skinny. Our hair was much darker and longer than it is now. Nothing hurt when we tried to stand up. It didn't take us a few minutes to figure out why we were standing in front of the refrigerator.

We lived close to his parents and visited them often. The time it took to get to my mom's house didn't seem as long as it does now. Friends would frequently stop by. Life was good.

The years have taken a toll on us. We have moved several times to be closer to our places of employment. We settled into our current house decades ago. When the time came we retired from our jobs.

We spend our time remodeling the house and piddling around the yard or on the computer. We do not go to movies.

After 42 years he still makes me laugh and he still makes me feel safe. I no longer know where he leaves off and I begin. The people at the Upper Krust were right. He is a fantastic guy even if he is not a waiter any more.

Rude comment led to silence

DEAR ABBY: I am a senior male. I understand I may have some beliefs that others find old-fashioned. However, I consciously try to be tolerant of others' feelings and beliefs. That said, my problem is with my younger brother, who is a homosexual. I have always tried to ignore that side of his life and, consequently, we have always had a good relationship. He lives in another state, so we only talk on the telephone.

A couple of months ago while we were talking, the subject of sexuality came up, and I told him I find the fact that he is gay "disgusting." I know it was a poor choice of words. I merely meant to say that I, myself, am and always have been totally heterosexual. I have never had any sexual interest in members of my own sex. I never meant my comment to be judgmental of my brother or anyone else.

I left several messages apologizing for anything I said that he found objectionable. Now, when I try to contact him, he doesn't answer my phone calls.

Abby, I miss my brother. I truly love him, and I don't want to lose all contact with him. If you have any advice for me, please give it to me. I'm desperate and can think of nothing I

Dear Abby



might be able to do to restore our relationship. — FEELS LIKE A FOOL IN WASHINGTON

DEAR FEELS LIKE: I have never understood why so many straight people spend so much time obsessing about what gay people might be doing behind closed doors. THAT, to me, is disgusting.

After what you said to your brother, he would have to be a saint to forgive you. He is doing what emotionally healthy people do, erasing a negative influence from his life. You can continue trying to apologize by penning a heartfelt letter of apology and remorse, promising to never use those words again and sending it to your brother. But if he continues to be unresponsive, you will have to live with it.

DEAR ABBY: I met a man online seven months ago. We hit it off right away. I checked to make sure he wasn't a "catfisher" and everything checked out. We talk on the phone at least twice a day. He sent me a card for my birthday along with some money.

I have developed strong feelings for him, and he has told me he loves me. He has told me many times he wants to meet, but we couldn't do it because of the pandemic. He's a jewelry designer trying to get his business back up before he loses it. He's afraid to lose everything.

Should I keep waiting or just stay friends with him? We care about each other, but circumstances prevent us from meeting. — BROKENHEARTED IN NEW YORK

DEAR BROKENHEARTED: Because "circumstances" prevent you from meeting this man, try to regain your balance and stay friends. Although you think you know him, until you meet in person, you really don't. He may still be hiding something from you. Often when a significant other keeps making excuses not to meet, there's a good reason for it and not always what you want to hear.

New program starts Sunday

A new program will be available to local families in Dunkirk.

Strengthening Families will be offered for the first time in the city beginning from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday at West Jay Community Center.

The free seven-session program — it is a partnership between Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition and Dunkirk Glad Tidings Church — is designed for parents or guardians with children between the ages of 10 and 14. It includes free lunch and child care for families attending. Topics range from helping teens resist peer pressure, setting goals and

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helping parents communicate better with their kids.

Those interested can sign up by calling (260) 726-4707.

Hosting workshop

Jay County Purdue Extension will host a lawn care workshop at 6 p.m. Thursday at Jay County Public Library. Purdue Extension educator Justin Curley will lead the free session. To RSVP, call (260) 726-4707.

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.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in room 205 at John Jay Center for Learning.

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 (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.


PENNVILLE FAIR BOARD — Will meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Pennville Community Center.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

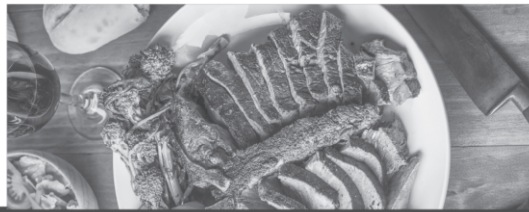
Thursday

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

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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.

It's time parties sit down together

To the editor:
There have been multiple letters to the editor as well as public discussions concerning the proposed rezoning of land for use as a quarry by U.S. Aggregates.

Letters to the Editor

The negative vote at the plan commission rezoning hearing on April 1 now moves the request to Portland City Council within 90 days.

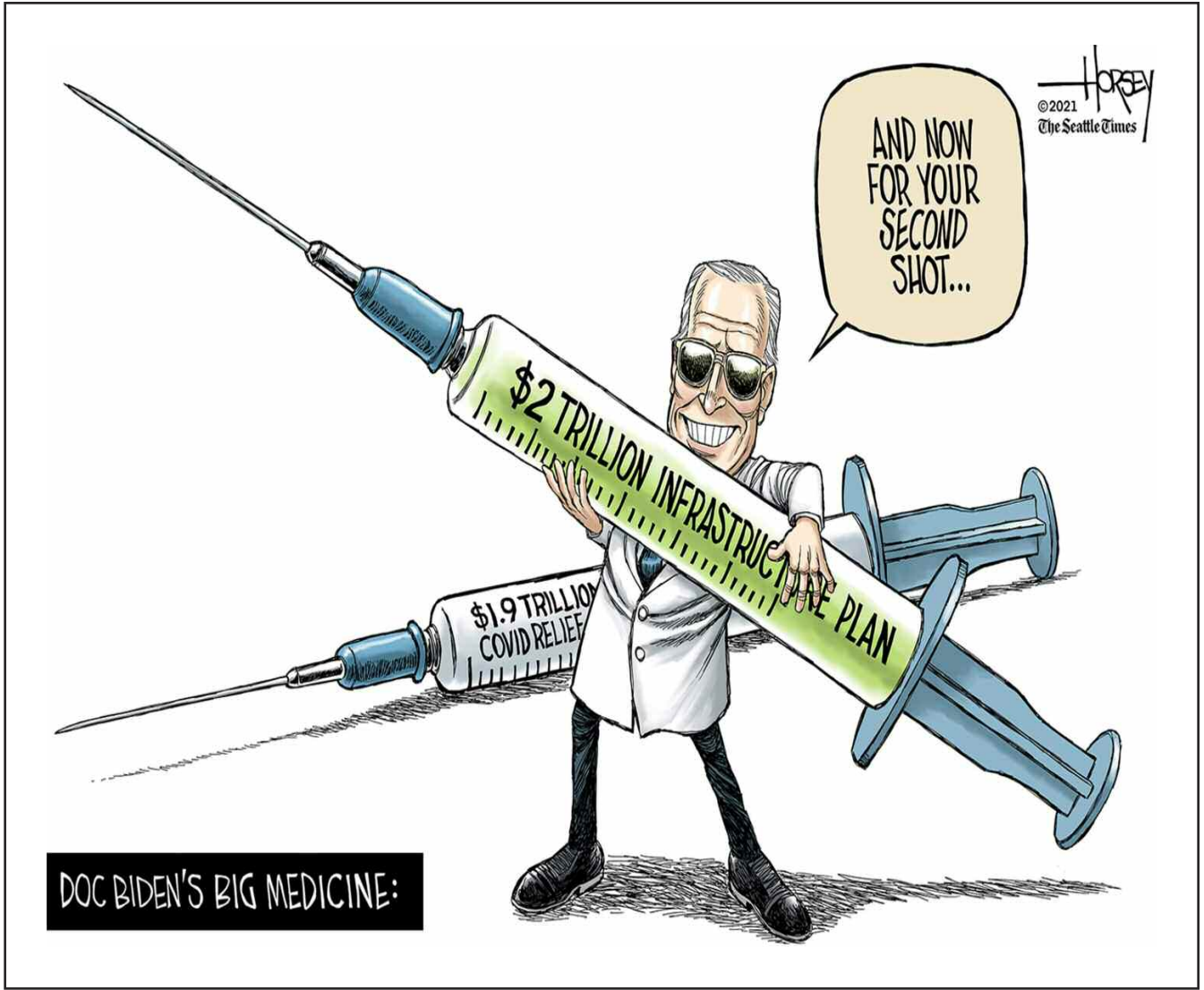
There is little doubt that this pending decision could bring a big change with long-term consequences both pro and con. U.S. Aggregates has estimated 30 years of operation is at this proposed site.

Maybe it is time that the interested parties — City Of Portland, Jay County Commissioners, Jay School Corporation and Tyson — get together and draw up an operational agreement outlining all U.S. Aggregates responsibilities similar to agreements reached

for the wind farms and the current proposed solar farm.

This legally binding agreement should include — operational days and hours, traffic routes and road maintenance, site blasting notification, dust mitigation and overall site berm and vegetation requirements. Last but not least, U.S. Aggregates should present a binding, non-contestable, irrevocable multi-million dollar performance bond that allows any party to file a just claim for compensation for any unforeseen impact from the operation.

Jeff Hiser
Portland



Follow World War II model

By MICHAEL FALCONE
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

The United States is making and distributing COVID-19 vaccines so fast that production will soon outstrip demand, leading officials to ask: What should we do with the extra doses? Most answers have focused on the home front: Dozens of states, including California, are rapidly opening vaccination eligibility to all adults, and President Joe Biden has doubled the speed of his initial rollout calendar, now calling for 200 million Americans to be vaccinated by the end of April.

While these responses are heartening, there is another way to handle America's growing stockpile of vaccines, and it draws from a playbook the country used during World War II — give them away.

That's precisely what America did in the 1940s, when it found itself with an abundance of another new medicine — penicillin. At the time, penicillin was a revolutionary new drug that could safely cure a slew of previously fatal bacterial diseases. But it was also considered a strategic war commodity. Having developed and procured the antibiotic specifically for the military and at great public expense, the U.S. government at first hoarded it for exclusive use of Allied troops.

By early 1944, however, U.S. factories led by Merck had ramped up production so fast that Allied needs for the impending D-Day invasion of Normandy were more than fulfilled. Officials then faced the same decision as the Biden administration today: to export or not to export?

Ultimately, war leaders chose to export. In June of that year, the United States shipped the first 10,000 vials of penicillin for civilian use abroad. Just a year later, American firms were sending out tens of billions of units of penicillin-derived medicines per month. Penicillin went to the Middle East, Central and South America, China and sub-Saharan Africa. It was even sent into Nazi-occupied Norway by the Swedish Red Cross.

This turned out to be a good bet, because exporting penicillin was a boon for both U.S. diplomatic and commercial interests.

Distributing penicillin allowed the U.S. to use its technological endowments to demonstrate global goodwill. The drug was sold commercially where possible, but those who couldn't pay received it through the Lend-Lease aid program. It was later sent freely to

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Europe through the Marshall Plan. Early on, when shipments were small, recipient countries were relieved to get any penicillin they could, and almost all of them voluntarily agreed to the U.S. National Research Council's regulations on use and distribution of the drug.

A similar diplomatic reaction would likely occur today. With thousands still dying worldwide of COVID-19 every day and vaccine availability overwhelmingly concentrated in nations that produce the vaccine, even small shipments to other countries — with firm commitments to steady increases — would be better than the status quo.

The Biden administration has taken tentative steps in this direction but must accelerate its efforts. The White House recently announced a plan to share 4 million vaccine doses with Mexico and Canada, but much more is needed: Only 1% of Mexico's 125 million population has received a shot. The administration could also start donating doses to COVAX, the United Nations' global vaccine distribution organization. So far, the United States has given COVAX money but not medicine.

The benefits will outweigh the costs in other ways, too. Exporting the COVID-19 vaccine is likely to be good business for the U.S., just as penicillin was. Before World War II, the United States was a bit player in a global pharmaceutical sector dominated by European giants. The mass emergency distribution of U.S. penicillin changed that.

Through the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Organization, Americans began a program in 1945 to set up penicillin factories overseas as a form of reconstruction aid. This, combined with sales and donations of U.S.-produced stockpiles, allowed American companies such as Merck and Pfizer to break into foreign markets, forge long-term supply relationships, expand local licensing arrangements and transfer production know-how to international producers.

Once again we see a lesson for today: The United Nations and

others have specifically advocated for transnational manufacturing partnerships and licensing as key ways to vaccinate the world more quickly and fairly.

Widespread rollout of surplus U.S. vaccines would also strengthen international ties to American pharma just as competition is on the rise from China, Russia and India. Indeed, China has explicitly tied its global vaccine donation program to its diplomatic image. America did the same in the 1940s, of course — U.S. officials sent boats through the canals of France showing movies about American aid, and even commissioned troubadours to roam the Sicilian countryside singing songs about a young couple, Giovanni and Mariella, whose romance was saved by penicillin.

Then as now, a pharmaceutical giveaway lifts all boats. Such are the potential benefits that U.S. corporations might even consider doing the donating themselves. Just like today's Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines, penicillin was developed in an ambitious, federally subsidized crash program. Corporations in the 1940s temporarily accepted government money and coordination, which put them in a position to continue developing, selling and profiting from antibiotics for the rest of the century. The long-term benefits of a giveaway to both U.S. diplomatic power and the U.S. economy might be similarly substantial.

But the Biden administration should not wait for private goodwill. The coronavirus has tarnished America's image abroad, since the United States has been the global hot spot for cases and deaths for much of the last year — and ground zero for some of the worst of the COVID-19 era's science denialism and conspiracy theories.

By donating vaccines to the places that need it most, the U.S. could use its technological and industrial power to try to undo some of the damage that's been done to the country's reputation, as well as create a positive lasting impression for the history books. Future generations might be told that the United States helped the world climb out of the pandemic.

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Comprehensive is often too much

By JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service

President Joe Biden wants to help us all, although he hasn't figured out how to do it yet.

Of course, it's early in his presidency and maybe he will learn if he refuses phone calls from Sen. Bernie Sanders. But, in a unifying, civil way, this Neanderthal columnist would like to say that President Biden's \$2.3 trillion infrastructure plan has some good details. The devil is in the comprehensiveness.

After all, this bill is not just about rebuilding 20,000 miles of roads, modernizing bridges and updating the electric grid, for instance. It's also about racial equity with programs that especially serve minority groups. Then there's climate change. Biden wants to reduce fossil fuel jobs and compel auto dealers to get going on electric cars. He also figures on building 10,000 electric-charge stations.

The \$2 trillion to pay for all of this comes on top of the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 stimulus bill creating a full-fledged welfare state. That came on top of \$4 trillion in previous COVID-19 bills, and Larry Summers had something interesting to say about the latest virus bill before passage.

This former Harvard president and finance honcho in the Clinton and Obama administrations noted that a family of four making \$1,000 a week would bring home \$22,000 in the first six months after taxes. But if the income goes kaput through a layoff, the Biden welfare state would provide \$30,000 in the next six months through tax credits and unemployment insurance. The point is that productive, economy-enhancing workers could be lost, and Summers was among those saying the supposed rescue would not be that stimulating and could be disastrously "inflationary," a word leftists seldom use anymore.

Summers does not, however, see the infrastructure bill as inflationary because he thinks it will create jobs and wealth. In maybe 15

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years, it's said, the wealth could pay off the government "infrastructure" funding generated by a 28% corporate tax that could lessen investment and wages. How about eliminating pointless programs? Even with the economic boost, the debt issue will not disappear overnight, and the economy was pretty much getting well before all of this started.

My own thought is that comprehensive change is hardly ever the way to go, although "comprehensive" has become a favorite word in Congress, pretty much making you a statesman if you say it enough. First off, it more or less hides some of the bill and it is impossible to know with certainty what most bills will achieve, least of all biggies with a gazillion parts. "Unintended consequences" is a phrase built on facts, and it is nothing less than impossible to debate a comprehensive bill with numerous items that in and of themselves need debate.

Yes, there can be times when Congress has to move quickly on a variety of fronts. The intelligent, most responsible thing to do most of the time is to move ahead incrementally, one step at a time, giving each political party some chance to block the extremes of the other party.

The infrastructure issue should have come first, with climate change projects coming after more research. A COVID-19 bill on health measures should have been done alone. Congress should have taken on tax credits one tax credit at a time.

Washington comprehensiveness is a crowd described as if it is one person.

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Trial ...

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He also has been found guilty or pleaded guilty to felony charges of burglary (1994) and auto theft (2014).
In Indiana, murder carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years with an advisory sentence of 55 years.

The trial for Cory Jones is one of four murder trials still scheduled this year.
Roger Boyd, 35, Portland, is slated to stand trial Oct. 11 through 15 for the Sept. 5 murder of James P. Miller, Montpelier. Shelby Hiestand, 19, rural Portland, and Han-

nah Knapke, 20, Fort Recovery, are scheduled for trials for the January 2020 murder of Shea Briar in August and November, respectively.
Esther J. Stephen, 30, was found guilty of Briar's murder last month.

Capsule Reports

Found unconscious

A Salamonina man was found unconscious in a rural Jay County field about 7:10 p.m. Sunday.
Jerry E. Bias, 73, was discovered lying next to his 2011 Harley Davidson in a field at the intersection of county roads 700 East and 400 South. He was transported by helicopter to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne for severe head and right leg injuries.

between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Pennville teen's vehicle went off Division Road after she tried to avoid driving into a deer about 9:48 p.m. Friday.

McKenna Vore, 17, was driving east on the road near Jay County Fairgrounds when she swerved to avoid hitting a deer. The 2018 Hyundai Sonata she was driving continued off the north side of the road, over a driveway and through a ditch. Vore later told Jay County Sheriff's Office she was able to steer the vehicle back onto the road.

Deer hit

A Portland man drove into a deer on Indiana 26 about 5:55 a.m. Monday.

James R. Harmon, 42, was driving east on the highway near county road 100 South when he drove into the animal. Damage to his 2003 Pontiac Grand Am is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Backing accident

A Portland teen backed into a vehicle at a rural Portland residence about 10:20 p.m. Saturday.

Mitchell D. Rockwell, 17, was backing a 1994 Chevrolet out of the driveway at 8645 E. 50 North, about a half mile west of State Line Road. He backed into a 2017 Nissan Altima registered to Krista Stein of Portland. Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

According to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report, there were tire marks in the grass heading south on county road 700 East where the motorcycle drove into a utility pole, ejecting Bias. He was not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident.

Multiple alcoholic beverages were found inside a compartment in the Harley Davidson, including an open and half-empty cooler, according to the report. Bias was given a blood alcohol level test with results still pending.

His motorcycle was towed, with damage estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

Tailgate set

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will partner for a free food tailgate from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Income verification is not required.

Avoided deer

Damage is estimated

Yelling at mayor

Protesters yell at Mayor Lori Lightfoot as she departs a press conference Monday at New Life Church in Little Village about the police shooting death of 13-year-old Adam Toledo.



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School ...

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He said the company had identified the building as one that would fit its needs long before it came up for sale. He noted that it is also opening an office in Las Vegas to help handle business in the western U.S.

Also Monday, Jay Schools bus driver Nancy Cline advocated for increased pay for those who drive for field trips and sporting events. She said there is not enough financial incentive to take on those duties and that it is becoming

more and more difficult to find drivers to fill those roles.

The board did not discuss the issue at the meeting, but superintendent Jeremy Gulley said he expects it will likely be on the agenda for the April 19 meeting.

Felony arrests

Drunk driving

A Muncie man was arrested Saturday for drunk driving.

Davion O. Woods, 26, 1225 N. Belaire Ave., was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He was also preliminarily charged a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license, a Class B

misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. Woods was booked into Jay County Jail on \$4,500 bond.

Unlawful possession

A Ridgeville woman was arrested Saturday for unlawful possession of a syringe.

Ashley L. Yates, 29, 512 Gangster Court, was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime. She was booked into Jay County Jail on \$4,500 bond.

Possession

A Portland man was arrested Sunday for drug possession.

Luiz Perez Jr., 30, 128 W. Third St., was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class C misdemeanor for driving a vehicle without a license.

He was later released from Jay County Jail on \$3,000 bond.

Probation violation

A Pargon man was arrested Monday for violating his probation.

Michael A. Anderson, 27, 3843 N. Caldwell Road, was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime. He was booked into Jay County Jail on \$2,500 bond.

Felony court news

Strangulation

A Portland man was sentenced to a year in jail after pleading guilty to strangulation, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court.

Caleb M. Capetillo, 27, 709 W. High St., was sentenced to 365 days in Jay County Jail with all but 10 days suspended and given eight days credit for four days served. He was placed on probation and assessed court costs of \$185.

As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor charge of domestic battery was dismissed.

Burglary

Two men were sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to burglary, a Level 4 felony, in Jay Circuit Court.

Larry J. Maynard, 50, 324 Broad St., Dunkirk, was sentenced to seven years in Indiana Department of Correction with four years suspended and given credit for one day served. He was placed on probation, assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to jointly pay \$5,400 restitution with Paul D. Vaughn to Jerry Schlegel.

As part of his plea agreement, two counts of a Level 4 felony charge for burglary of a dwelling and two counts of a Class A misdemeanor charge for theft were dismissed.

Paul D. Vaughn, 39, 9114 W. Indiana 32, Parker City, was sentenced to six years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for one day served. He was assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to jointly pay \$5,400 restitution with Larry J. Maynard to Jerry Schlegel.

As part of his plea agreement, two counts of a Level 4 felony charge for burglary and two counts of a Level 6 felony charge for theft were dismissed.

Domestic battery

A Portland man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to domestic battery resulting in moderate bodi-

ly injury, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Circuit Court.

Ryan Geesy, 21, 604 W. Arch St., Apt 2, was sentenced to 18 months in Jay County Jail with all but 106 days suspended and given credit for 104 days served. He was placed on probation, assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention fee.

Auto theft

A Fort Recovery man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to auto theft, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court.

Daniel E. Secrest, 51, 117 E. Broadway St., was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 208 days suspended and given 208 days credit for 104 days served.

He also pleaded guilty to criminal mischief, a Class A misdemeanor, and he was sentenced to 365 days in jail with all but 208 suspended and given 208 days credit for 104 days served. He will be serving the sentences concurrently. He was placed on probation for 337 days and assessed court costs of \$185, which were waived. As part of his plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor charge of false informing was dismissed.

Obstruction

A Dunkirk man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to obstruction of justice, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court.

James T.D. Sargent, 19, 6121 E. 500 South, was

sentenced to 240 days in Jay County Jail and given 20 days credit for 10 days served. He was assessed court costs of \$370.50.

As part of his plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor charge of possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Drug dealing

A Portland woman was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to dealing methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony, in Jay Circuit Court.

Mya L. Walker, was sentenced to six years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for 108 days served. She was assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay both a \$1 fine and a \$200 drug abuse prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Common nuisance

A Portland man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court.

Kenneth R. Piercy Jr., 46, 926 W. Race St., was sentenced to 365 days in Jay County Jail and given 266 days credit for 133 days served. Piercy was assessed court costs of \$185. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor charge of possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

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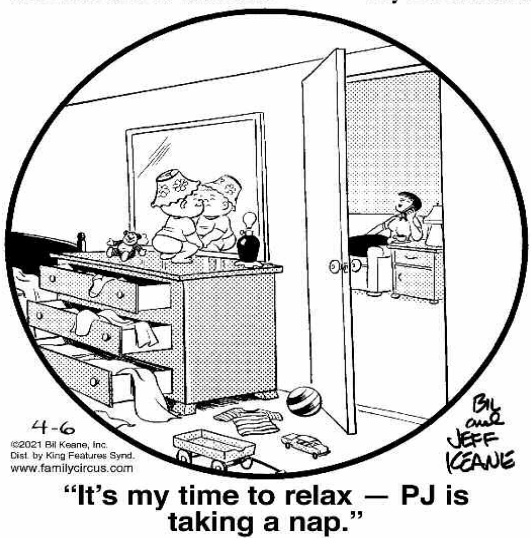
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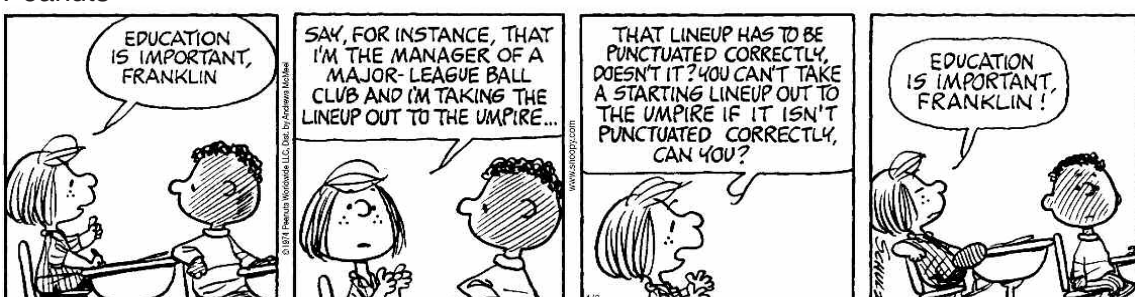
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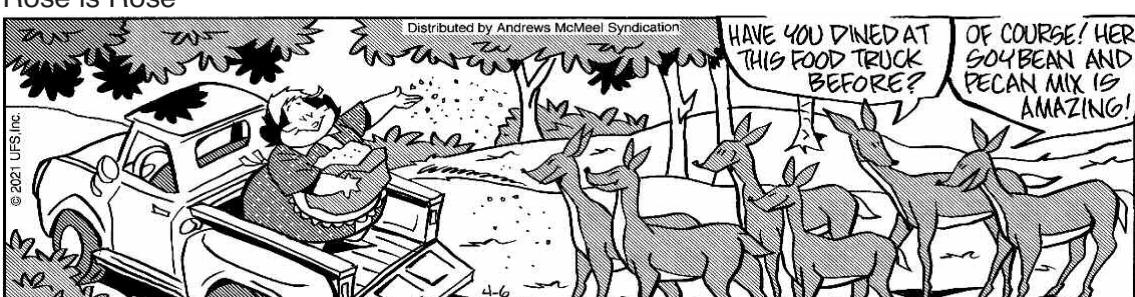
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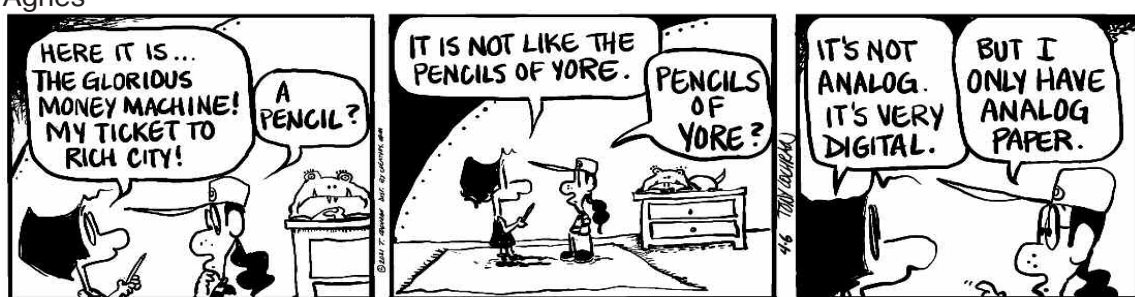
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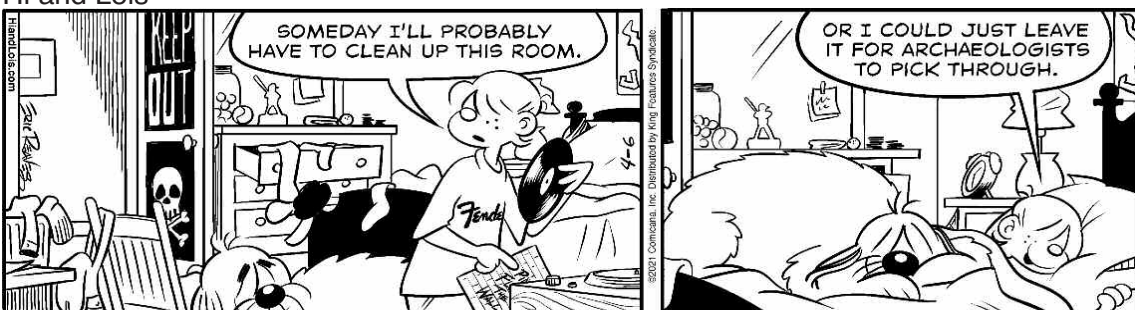
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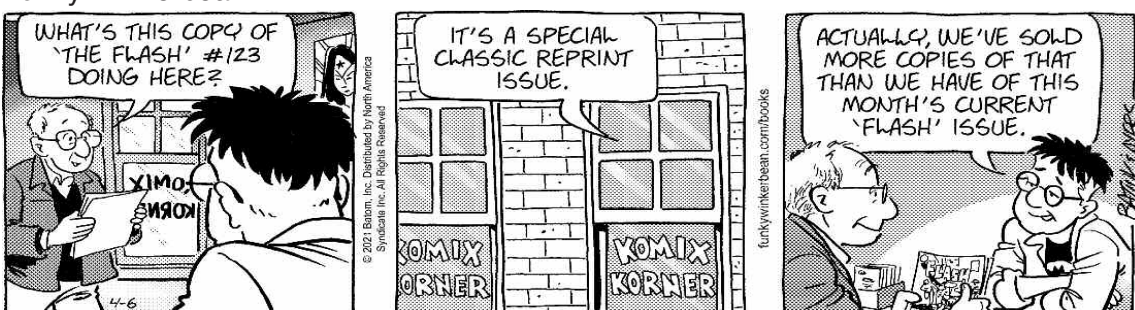
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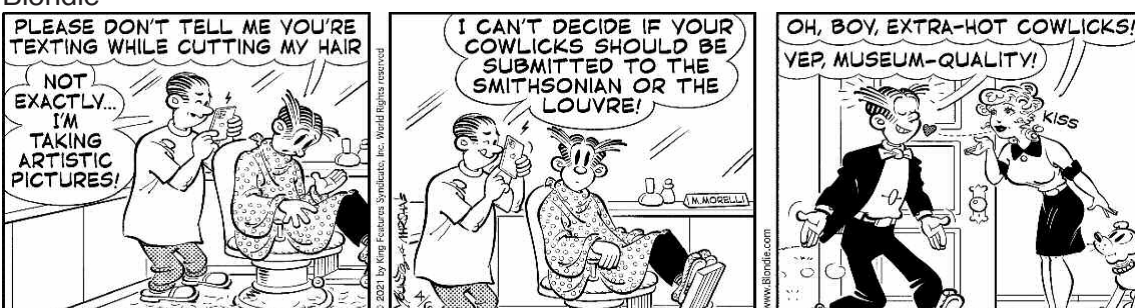
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Starts ...

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Jackie Homan earned the win, allowing six runs — four earned — on 10 hits with a walk and three strikeouts.
On Saturday, Fort Recovery gave up at least one run in every inning to the Wildcats.
Brenna Homan, Jackie Homan and Pearson each had doubles, with Chloey Grisez and Maddie Guggenbiller recording RBIs.

Jay wins opener

HARTFORD CITY — Despite getting out-hit 14-10, Jay County's junior varsity softball team opened its 2021 campaign

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Track at Blackford — 5 p.m.; Softball at Belmont — 5 p.m.; JV softball at South Adams — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Softball at Fairlawn — 5 p.m.; Freshman baseball at Coldwater — 5 p.m.

Wednesday
Jay County — Tennis at Blackford — 5 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Softball vs. Delta — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Belmont — 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Elwood — 5:30 p.m.; Track at Belmont — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball at

Shenandoah — 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Delta — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Delphos St. John's — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Delphos St. John's — 5 p.m.

Friday
Fort Recovery — Track at Celina Invitational — 4:45 p.m.; Baseball vs. Houston at Day Air Ballpark in Dayton — 5 p.m.; Softball at Fort Loramie — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Houston — 5 p.m.

TV schedule
Today
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. Chicago Bulls (FSN)
7:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball:

New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Boston Celtics (TNT)
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Golden State Warriors (TNT)

Wednesday
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: New Orleans Pelicans at Brooklyn Nets (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. Minnesota Timberwolves (FSN)
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Utah Jazz at Phoenix Suns (ESPN)

Hang ...

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An error made it 9-7 Jay County before Hurd popped out to second base. Eppard doubled to score another run and represent the potential game-tying run.

Clayton, who at one point retired seven straight Bruins and later notched four consecutive strikeouts spanning the fifth and sixth innings, got Macey Cagle on a called third strike to end the game.
"She was clutch all game," Green said of Clayton. "She was throwing, hitting her corners. She pitched a great game. I am so proud of Haleigh. She worked so hard to get there."

Clayton, a junior, allowed eight runs — six earned — on 12 hits with nine strikeouts in her varsity debut.
She only faced a three-ball count twice; the first was a single in the second inning and the second was a fielder's choice in the fifth.

'(Haleigh Clayton) was clutch all game. She was throwing, hitting her corners. She pitched a great game. I am so proud of Haleigh. She worked so hard to get there.'

—Trisha Green, Jay County softball coach

"We've got a good team," Green said. "If they start clicking and figuring this out they're going to win games."

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Jay County Patriots vs. Blackford Bruins						
Blackford (0-1)						
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Simmons ss	3	2	3	1		
Whitesell cf	4	2	3	0		
Lamotte 2b	4	2	1	1		
Hurd 3b	4	0	1	1		
Westerfield pr	0	0	0	0		
Eppard p	4	0	2	3		
Cagle lf	4	0	0	0		
Merkel 1b	3	0	0	0		
Gephart rf	3	1	1	0		
Morris c	3	1	1	0		
Totals	32	8	12	6		
Jay County (1-0)						
	ab	r	h	bi		
Ardizzone rf	4	0	0	0		
Fraley cf	4	1	2	0		
ASchwtrmn 3b	3	2	2	1		
Brewster ss	4	0	2	1		
Champ dp	4	0	1	0		
Rinker c/fl	0	0	0	0		
Gillette lf	2	2	1	1		
Bright 2b	2	3	2	0		
Brown 1b	2	0	1	1		
RSchwtrmn 1b	1	1	1	2		
Clayton p	2	0	1	0		
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Merkel	1.1	1	0	0	3	0
Jay County						
Clayton, W	6.0	12	8	6	9	0

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Tomorrow: Counting provides the answer.

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4-6 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: COMBINATION TAVERN AND GARMENT SHOP IN A NEVADA METROPOLIS: "BEER AND CLOTHING IN LAS VEGAS."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals L

Monday with an 11-4 triumph over the Blackford Bruins.

The Patriots (1-0) scored a run in each of the first three innings and led 3-2 after three.

They broke the game open with a four-run fourth, added another run in the fifth before plating three runs in the seventh.

Ava Miller doubled and singled for JCHS, which got a double from Makayla Brainerd as well.

Veronique Coppock, Danyelle Bland and Angel Clairday had two singles apiece.

Miller struck out six batters in earning the win pitching.

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In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of: Wilma J. Theurer, Deceased
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Reda Theurer-Miller was, on the 30th day of March, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Wilma J. Theurer deceased, who died on March 22nd, 2021. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 31st day of March, 2021.
Jon Eads
Clerk of the Circuit Court, For Jay County, Indiana
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Portland, IN 47371
Attorney
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250 PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 001113 – ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

PART 1 – GENERAL 1.01 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

A. Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be accepted by Town of Pennville, (hereinafter referred to as the "Owner") for the construction of the following Project: Pennville Public Library Addition, Pennville, Indiana.

B. Bids will be received until: 3:30 (PM), local time, April 22, 2021, in sealed, plainly labeled envelopes with the Bidder's name and return address at the following location:
Jay County Development Corporation
118 S. Meridian Street, Suite B
Portland, IN 47371

C. Bid opening will be held at 3:35 (PM) local time, April 22, 2021, at Jay County Development Corporation, 118 S. Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana. All bidders and interested citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend the bid opening. Should any citizen require special provisions, such as handicap modifications, or non-English translation, please request such provisions by April 19, 2021.

D. All bidders and interested citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend the bid opening.

E. Bids received after that time will be returned unopened.

F. Work shall be performed under a Unified Contract.

G. Bids shall be submitted on forms as indicated by Section 004113, "Bid Form – Stipulated Sum," of this Project Manual.

Bids must be accompanied by either a Bid Bond or a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total Bid (including all add alternates) made payable to the following: Town of Pennville.

H. All bid proposals, Forms 96 (current revision), or other documents related to this bid must be completed, signed, and notarized where indicated. Section III of Form 96 mandates each bidder to furnish a copy of the company's financial statement with the bid. Bidders are required to furnish appropriate forms and statements. Failure to furnish and complete these forms and statements may cause the bid to be rejected.

I. The successful bidder is required to submit an executed contract and a certificate of insurance to the Owner within five (5) days of receipt of the contract from the Architect or Owner. Failure to execute and submit the contract and certificate of insurance may result in forfeiture of bid security to the Owner as liquidated damages.

J. Refer to Section 002213, "Supplemental Instructions to Bidders," for additional information.

K. Construction shall be in full accord with Drawings and Specifications.

The free electronic bidding documents, which include plans and specs, may be obtained by going to: <https://jhayes1130.wixsite.com/pennlibrary>

Bidders are responsible for checking the site frequently for posted addenda. It is the bidder's responsibility to obtain all provided documents and confirm so on the bid form. The owner will not be responsible for full or partial sets of bidding documents, including addenda if any, obtained from other sources.

L. The Contractor receiving the award shall furnish approved one hundred percent (100%) Performance and Payment Bonds which cover faithful performance of the Contract and the payment of all obligations arising from the Contract. Said bonds shall remain in full force and effect for twelve (12) months from the date of final acceptance of the Work.

M. Brand names, trade names and/or manufacturers' names are used in this Project Manual solely for the purpose of establishing kind and quality and not for the purpose of limiting competition.

1. Bidder may offer other items or materials equal in quality and having the same durability and efficiency as those specified if the Bidder first receives written approval from the Architect/Engineer before the Bid opening in compliance with the requirements stipulated in the Instructions to Bidders.

2. The Bidder shall identify any such substitutions by name, kind, and/or type with the Bid.

N. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and to waive any informalities or errors in Bidding.

1. Base Bid may be held for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days before awarding Contract.

2. All Alternate Bids may be held for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days after signing of Contract

3. Any bidder withdrawing its bid within the sixty (60) day period may forfeit its bid security at the discretion of the Owner.

O. Wage Scale: As required by the Federal Davis Bacon Act, a minimum wage has been determined for this Project and is on file at the office of the Owner. Contractor shall pay the minimum wage rates as established by this Wage Scale. Said Wage Scale is a part of this Contract and is incorporated herein as fully as if here set forth.

P. All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the project throughout.

Q. All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the project throughout.

R. Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the Project site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Specifications. The failure or omission of any Bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid.

S. The Bidders attention is also called to the Minority/Women Business Participation requirements contained in the Project Specifications. The Office of Community and Rural Affairs has adopted a State goal of 10% participation for minority and female owned businesses for construction related or purchase related contracts for the work.

T. Bidders on this work shall be required to comply with the provisions of the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The Bidders shall also comply with the requirements of 41 CFR Part 60 - 4 entitled Construction Contractors - Affirmative Action Requirements. A copy of 41 CFR Part 60 - 4 may be found in the Supplemental General Conditions of the Contract Documents and Specifications.

U. In addition, the Contractor must meet guidelines and practices established by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs and appropriate Federal regulations including: 1) Executive Order 11246, 2) Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968, as amended, 3) Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities, 4) OMB Circular A-102, 5) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 6) Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 7) Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 8) Executive Order 12138, 9) Conflict of Interest Clause, 10) Retention and Custodial Requirements for Records Clause, 11) Contractors and Subcontractors Certifications, and others that may be appropriate or necessary. In addition, the Contract Division procurement is subject to the Federal Regulations contained in the OMB Circular A-102, Sections B and O and the State of Indiana requirements contained in IC-36-1-9 and IC-36-1-12.

V. Any contract(s) awarded under this Advertisement for Bids are expected to be funded in part by a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, as administered by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs through its Community Focus Fund Program. Neither the United States nor any of its departments, agencies or employees is or will be a party to this Advertisement or Bids or any resulting contract.

W. Contract procurement is subject to the federal regulations contained in the OMB Circular A-102, Sections B and O and the State of Indiana requirements contained in IC-36-1-9 and IC-36-1-12.

X. A conditional or qualified Bid will not be accepted. Award will be made to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder. Award will be made to the low, responsive, or otherwise bidder. The low, responsive, responsible bidder must not be debarred, suspended, or otherwise be excluded from or ineligible for participation in federally assisted programs under Executive Order 12549.

Y. Prebid Meeting
A pre-bid meeting and tour is scheduled
Prebid Meeting: A Prebid meeting for all bidders will be held at Pennville Town Hall, 105 North Washington Street, Pennville, Indiana on April 7, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., local time. Prospective prime bidders are encouraged to attend.
Bidders' Questions: Architect will provide responses at Prebid conference to bidders' questions received up to two business days prior to conference.
If non-English speaking representatives or handicapped people need to have arrangements made, please contact Jodi Hayes, Jay County Development Corporation, 118 S. Meridian St, Ste B, Portland, IN 47371, 260.726.9311 within 3 calendar days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference or Bid Opening to have the necessary arrangements made.

Z. The contractor nor subcontractor, nor any person acting on behalf of the contractor or subcontractor, shall, for reason of race, religion, color, sex, national origin or ancestry, discriminate against or intimidate any person, who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates or in performance of work.

AA. The Contractor does not knowingly employ an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall enroll in and verify the work eligibility status of all his/her/its newly hired employees through the E-Verify program as defined in IC §22-5-1-7.3. The Contractor is not required to participate should the E-Verify program cease to exist. Additionally, the Contractor is not required to participate if the Contractor is self-employed and does not employ any employees. The Contractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall not retain an employee or contract with a person that the Contractor subsequently learns is an unauthorized alien.

BB. Questions should be directed to Genesis Design Inc., David J. Dixon, AIA, President/Architect at 317.432.8169, or E-mail at djdixon@genesidesigninc.us

CC. Notification

1. This Advertisement for Bids document is issued by the Town of Pennville.

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Sports

Patriots hang on in opener

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

Haley Gillette pulled the Patriots even with the Bruins in the fifth inning. Two batters later, Renna Schwieterman put her team on top. Then a wild pitch brought home the run that proved to be the difference.

Jay softball holds off late Bruin rally for 9-8 win

Jay County High School's softball team scored five runs in the fifth inning and held off a Blackford Bruin rally in the seventh to win the season opener 9-8 Monday.

"I'm just proud of the girls," said first-year JCHS coach Trisha Green. "They came out nervous; it's been two years since they've been able to play."

"I think they scared us all there in the beginning, but they got it together."

Blackford coach Scott Cagle, whose team scored two runs in each of the first two innings and led 6-4 heading into the bottom of the fifth, said his team got a little too complacent with the early lead.

"I thought they just settled," he said. "They were happy being up 4-nothing. There is a time where you have to be the hammer and put that nail down ... I think we just got so relaxed being up 4-nothing. We quit competing."

After Jay County (1-0) rallied to tie the score in the fourth inning, Blackford (0-1) responded with two runs in the top of the fifth.

Grace Simmons, who finished with a double and two singles, led off the frame with a single through the right side, and advanced to third on a fielder's choice. Lilly Lamotte hit an RBI double to give the Bruins the lead again, and Alexa Hurd followed with an RBI single as well for

another two-run Blackford advantage.

But Jay County freshman Mady Fraley, who doubled on the first pitch of her high school career in the first inning, led off the home half of the fifth with a single and then swiped second base. Fraley scored on a single from Aubrie Schwieterman, who also stole second.

Schwieterman advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on Gillette's single. Olivia Bright walked, then both runners advanced on another errant pitch.

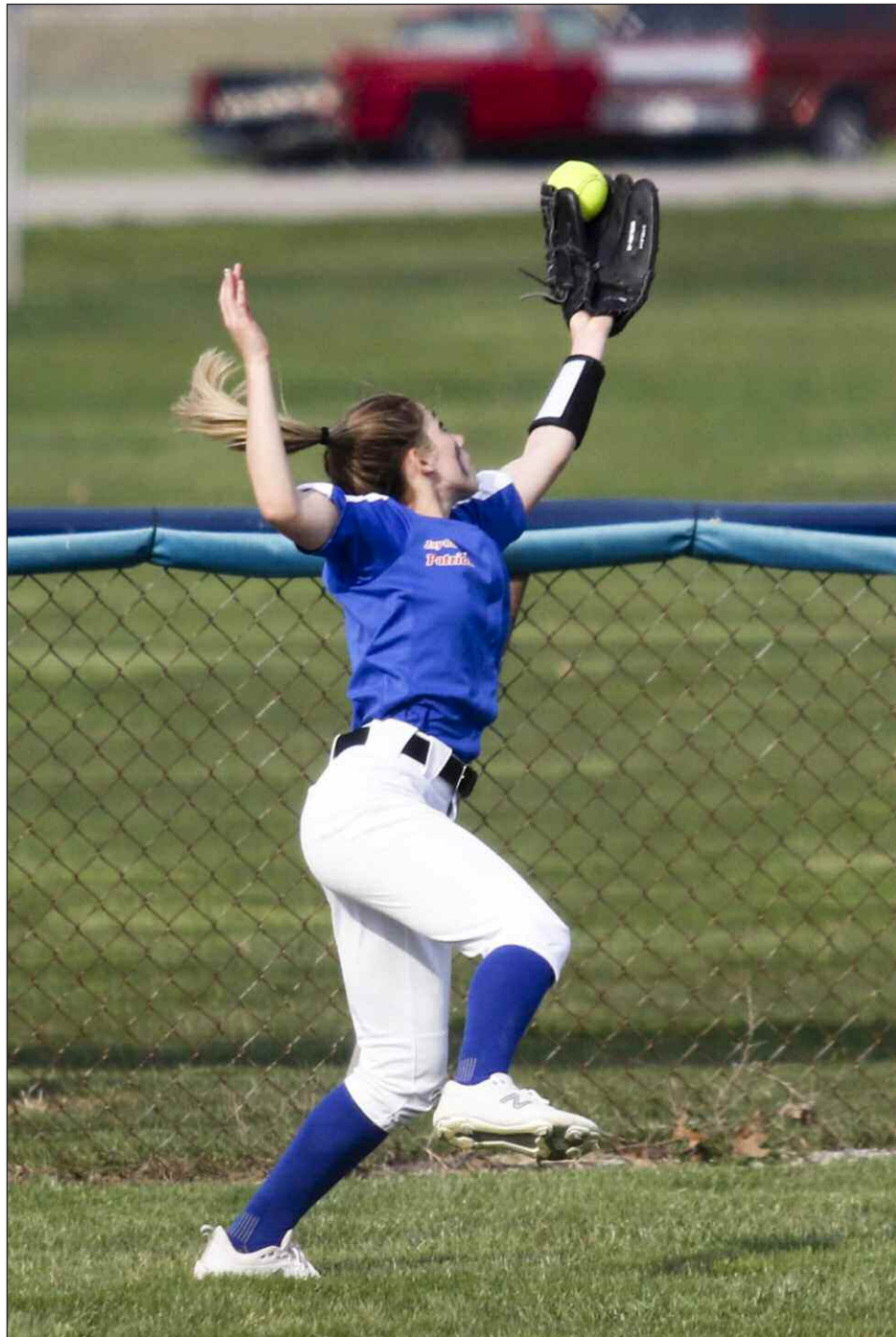
Patriot sophomore Renna Schwieterman, making her high school debut, faced a 1-2 count after two aggressive swings. On Kiley Eppard's fourth offering, Schwieterman blooped a single to shallow right field that scored Gillette and Bright.

Schwieterman's single knocked Eppard from the game after 4 2/3 innings.

Aubrie Schwieterman, Rielew Brewster, Fraley and Bright had multi-hit games as Jay County got at least a single from eight of its nine spots in the lineup.

Riah Champ, Haleigh Clayton and Brown each had hits as well as the Patriots racked up 13 hits.

"Our lineup is strong," Green said. "It was hard to put them in order. Taylor Brown and Renna, it's hard to decide which one to put in."



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Jay County High School freshman center fielder Mady Fraley hangs on to catch a ball off the bat of Blackford's Kiley Eppard during the third inning Monday at JCHS. Fraley had a double, single, a stolen base and scored a run in her debut for the Patriots, who staved off a late rally to beat the Bruins 9-8 in the season opener for both teams.

Blackford got a leadoff singles from Simmons and Helen Whitesell to begin the seventh inning, and Simmons was

thrown out trying to take third on Whitesell's infield hit (Whitesell beat the Aubrie Schwieterman-to-Renna Schwieter-

man third-to-first throw but the toss back across the field cut down Simmons.)
See Hang page 7

Rammel starts with victory

VERSAILLES, Ohio — Whitley Rammel was one of the best shot putters in the area as a freshman.

She started her junior year with a victory.

Rammel grabbed first place in the shot put Saturday for the Fort Recovery High School girls track team as it placed seventh out of 11 teams in the Versailles Tiger Invitational.

West Liberty-Salem, the 2019 Division III state champion, scored 172 points for first place. Minster (108.5) was second and Marion Local (100.5) was third. Fort Recovery finished with 67 points.

The Fort Recovery boys took seventh with 35 points. Minster scored 119 for the team title, with Marion Local (100) and West Liberty-Salem (87) second and third, respectively.

Rammel, who was a district champion in 2019, had a distance of 38 feet, 2.25 inches, for her shot put title Saturday. She was also the runner-up in discus by an inch, and was second in high jump by two inches.

Also earning top-four finishes for the Indians were Mara Pearson (second - long jump), Natalie Brunswick (third - 800 run), Owen Moorman (third - 200-meter dash), Derek Jutte (fourth - long jump) and Abbie Francis (fourth - 100 dash).

Tribe routs Cavs

SIDNEY, Ohio, and FORT RECOVERY — Cobe Wendel and Riley Will each went deep in leading the Fort Recovery baseball team past the Lehman Catholic Cavaliers, 14-1, in six innings Monday.

The Indians also came up short in a 5-4 home loss Saturday to the Crestview Knights.

Wendel ended his Monday 3-for-5 with a double, the first home run of his career, four RBIs, three runs and a stolen base. Will was 2-for-3 with his first career round-tripper, three RBIs and a pair of walks.

Kendrick Wendel also had a pair of hits for the Indians (2-1), who scored five runs in the first inning and four in the sixth while also having an 11-2 advantage in the hit column.

Dillan Evers picked up his second win of the season, allowing one unearned run on two hits. He struck out eight and walked three in five innings.

On Saturday, Fort Recovery gave up the eventual game-winning run in the fifth inning. Ryne Post had a double, two singles and two RBIs, and Brock Dues finished with two hits as well.

FR bounces back

FORT RECOVERY and LIMA, Ohio — After suffering a 14-3 home loss to the Bath Wildcats in six innings Saturday morning, the Fort Recovery softball squad bounced back with a 12-6 road victory over the Lima Central Catholic Thunderbirds on Monday.

Fort Recovery (4-2) never trailed against the T-Birds, scoring four runs in the first inning and adding three more in the fourth and seventh frames.

Brenna Homan paced the FRHS offense with three singles, a walk, three runs and an RBI. Sophie Pearson and Abby Knapke each had multi-hit games, with Cali Wendel, Pearson and Knapke each driving in a pair of runs.

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