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Honoring Jay County's own

Flag will be presented to family of sheriff's deputy who died on duty in 1983

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Indiana's Run for the Fallen will return to its full form this year, concluding its first day in Portland.

In that day-one closing ceremony, Jay County will get to honor one of its own.

Indiana's Run for the Fallen will present an Honor and Sacrifice Flag to the family of Paul Prater, a Jay County Sheriff's Office deputy who was killed while on duty in 1983, in a ceremony at 5:32 p.m. Friday at Freedom Park in Portland.

"It is an honor for me to be

able to do this," said Juli Rains, Prater's daughter, who will accept the flag during the ceremony. "The fact that my dad is being recognized after so many years means a lot to me."

Knowing the run did not have an Honor and Remember Flag to present at the conclusion of the first day this year, Portland's Donald Gillespie, who organizes the Indiana event, thought of Prater. He approached Prater's widow, Cindy, who said she'd like the Honor and Sacrifice Flag to be presented to her daughter.

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Runners jog into Freedom Park in Portland to close out the first leg of Indiana's Run for the Fallen in May 2019. This year's event will conclude its opening day with a ceremony at 5:32 p.m. Friday to present an Honor and Sacrifice Flag to the family of Paul Prater, a Jay County Sheriff's Office deputy who was killed while on duty on Jan. 4, 1983.

Back in the 'Game'

JC choral department returns to stage with comedy

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

After "Les Misérables" one year and a cancellation because of COVID-19 the next, it was time to have a little fun.

Enter, "Pajama Game." The Jay County High School choral department will host its production of the musical comedy this weekend with shows at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday as well as 2 p.m. Sunday.

It's been two and a half years since the JCHS choral department put on its last full-scale musical, performing "Les Misérables" in November 2018. (The theatre department put on several shows during fall 2019.) The choral department had planned "Pajama Game" for last spring, but it was canceled when the coronavirus pandemic hit.

"The biggest reason I chose this is because we had just done 'Les Mis,' and 'Les Mis' is dark and heavy," said director Susan Denney. "And I needed to do something very light-hearted. ..."

"It's completely polar opposite of 'Les Mis.' It's light-hearted, fun. ... You're going to have a good time."

The show had already been cast when activities were shut down last year because of the pandemic. With 2020 seniors departing, the bulk of the show had to be re-cast, with only three performers — Trevor Alicea as Sid Sorokin, Logan Zimmerman as Prez and Phil Hartman as Pop — retaining their roles.

And as they took to the stage this year, Denney had just her juniors and seniors as experienced performers. Instead of teaching just freshmen



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Maebry Ninde flexes while stepping on Trevor Alicea during Saturday's rehearsal for the Jay County High School choral department's production of the musical comedy "Pajama Game." Ninde and Alicea play the lead roles of Katherine "Babe" Williams and Sid Sirokin for the production, which has shows scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday as well as 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$6 and will be available at the door.

the ins and outs of musical theatre, she had two classes of students to indoctrinate into the art.

"Over half of the (choir) class has never done a musical before," said Alicea, who played Enjolras in "Les Misérables" and Lafou in the JCHS production of "Beauty and the Beast." "So it's a big challenge. ..."

"We've had to work on a lot of our group numbers a lot. ..."

"Kudos to Mrs. Den-

ney. It's been a lot for her to take on."

"Pajama Game," based on the novel "7 1/2 Cents" by Richard Bissell, follows the story of labor troubles at a pajama factory. Workers are demanding a 7.5-cent raise. Management is balking at that request.

In the middle of the ordeal, Katherine "Babe" Williams (Maebry Ninde), the head of the workers' grievance committee, and Sid

Sorokin (Alicea), the factory superintendent, strike up a relationship despite being on opposite sides of the labor dispute.

"They go through a lot of trouble with going in strike," said Ninde, who played Chip in "Beauty and the Beast." "Babe and Sid fall in love and they have to deal with the consequences of fighting for different things."

The cast also features

Andy Brinkerhoff as Myron Hasler, Leah Hummel as Gladys Hotchkiss, Ryan VanCise as Vernon Hines, Anna Heath as Mabel and Abby Gillum as Mae.

The performers each have their own favorite moments in the show, but for Denney, the most fun is when the full cast — there are 26 named roles and a chorus nearly as large — is on stage.

See **'Game'** page 5

Indiana restores rules for benefits

Hoosiers must have active search to collect unemployment

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana residents receiving unemployment benefits will again have to show they are actively searching for work as the governor is reinstating a requirement that he lifted soon after the COVID-19 pandemic hit the state.

Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb signed an executive order Tuesday that puts the job search requirement back in place starting June 1.

Indiana is joining several other states creating more requirements for people to stay on unemployment, with many businesses blaming the ease of obtaining the weekly jobless benefits with making it more difficult to fill job openings.

Holcomb said last week he was directing the state Department of Workforce Development for a demographic analysis of unemployed residents while he considered whether to withdraw Indiana from a \$300-a-week supplemental federal payment on top of state benefits. The maximum state payment is \$390 a week.

"Our unemployment rate stands at 3.9 percent, which is near pre-pandemic levels, and our labor force mirrors pre-pandemic levels, when we also had worker shortages," Holcomb said in a statement.

The governor's new order means that those seeking unemployment benefits must submit a weekly report on their job-seeking efforts, which can include applying for work, attending job fairs or participating in state workshops.

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Deaths

Randall Joe Brotherton, 67, Bryant
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 54 degrees Tuesday. The low was 41, and there was about a quarter-inch of rain.

More frost is expected tonight with a low of 38. Expect sunny skies Thursday with the high climbing to 65.

For an extended forecast, see page 2.

In review

Fort Recovery's annual village spring clean-up day is Saturday.

Appliances and other metal items will be picked up. There is a limit of two large furniture items per household. Small debris must be boxed or bundled.

All trash items must be at the curb by 5 a.m.

Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of tonight's Jay County Council meeting.

Saturday — Results from the FRHS track team hosting the MAC championships.



Capsule Reports

Lost control
A Richmond man lost control of his vehicle on county road 200 South, causing his vehicle to drive into a fence about 4 p.m. Sunday.
Johnathon R. Ward, 28, was driving his 2009 Mercury Milan west on the road near Indiana 1 when he lost control of the vehicle in rainy conditions. It went off the road and into a fence. Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Mailbox, vehicle hit
A Union City woman drove into two mailboxes and backed

into a parked vehicle on Walnut Street about 9:45 a.m. Monday.
Melissa A. Creamer, 53, was driving a 2004 Chevrolet Aveo east on the street when she left the roadway just past the intersection with Garfield Street and drove into two mailboxes, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. She then backed into an unoccupied 2013 Ford F150 registered to Timothy L. Dugan of Portland.
Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500. Creamer's vehicle was towed.

Backed into traffic
A Redkey man backed his

truck into oncoming traffic on county road 700 South, causing a collision about 10:45 a.m. Saturday.
Roby C. Ford, 72, was backing his 2012 Dodge Ram Pickup south out of the driveway at 10430 W. 700 S., Redkey. He didn't see the eastbound 1988 General Motors, driven by 25-year-old Johnathon L. Weaver, and backed into the road. Weaver wasn't able to stop in time, and the vehicles collided.
Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Intersection crash
A Portland woman drove into the back of a woman's car at the

intersection of Como Road and Indiana 67 about 8:30 a.m. Friday.
Angela R. Moeller, 46, was driving her 2012 Chevrolet Traverse south on Como Road and stopped behind a 2021 Chevrolet Equinox at the intersection with Indiana 67. Moeller thought the Equinox driver, 71-year-old Lois J. Oxley, had started to move, so she took her foot off the brake, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. Moeller then drove into the back of Oxley's vehicle.
Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Leaving McDonald's
A Dunkirk woman drove into

a Portland woman's vehicle after pulling out of McDonald's in Portland about 8 a.m. Friday.
Sherry L. Flowers, 64, Dunkirk, told Portland police she was pulling her 2018 Ford Escape out of McDonald's at 618 N. Meridian St. and didn't see the 2001 Oldsmobile Silhouette, driven by Shaina L. Gunter, 34, approaching the stop light at the intersection of Meridian and Votaw streets. Flowers drove into the side of Gunter's vehicle.
Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500. Gunter was cited for not having a valid license.

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| Some frost before 8 a.m. Otherwise, sunny with a slight afternoon breeze. Mostly clear night sky. | Another day of sunny skies and warmer temperatures. A slight breeze will continue through the day. | Mostly sunny during most of the day. Skies may become cloudy at night. | Partly sunny skies with warm temperatures. There is a 40% chance of rain at night. | 50% chance of showers all day under mostly cloudy skies. |

Lotteries

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$168 million
19-22-24-37-39-40-41-48-49-50-51-53-57-61-77-78-80
Cash 5: 19-31-33-41-42
Estimated jackpot: \$95,000

Mega Millions
7-8-20-36-39
Mega Ball: 22
Megaplier: 3
Estimated jackpot: \$430 million

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 2-4-4
Daily Four: 1-2-9-9
Evening
Daily Three: 8-4-6
Daily Four: 1-4-9-9
Quick Draw: 7-14-17-

Ohio
Midday
Pick 3: 7-5-2
Pick 4: 2-4-9-4
Pick 5: 0-7-2-3-2
Evening
Pick 3: 6-6-8
Pick 4: 6-3-0-5
Pick 5: 3-9-5-6-9
Rolling Cash: 17-22-23-35-37
Estimated jackpot: \$110,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....7.52
Wheat7.16

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Corn.....7.63
June corn7.75

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn.....7.60
June corn7.60
Beans17.05
June beans17.05
Wheat7.31
June wheat..... 7.21

Central States Montpelier
Corn.....7.56
June corn7.56
Beans16.96
Sept. beans14.01
Wheat 7.31

Sunrise St. Anthony
Corn.....7.64
May corn7.61
Beans16.76
May beans16.76
Wheat6.96
July wheat.....6.96

Today in history

On May 12, 1949, the Soviet Union lifted the Berlin Blockade, which the Western powers had succeeded in circumventing with their Berlin Airlift.

In 1780, during the Revolutionary War, the besieged city of Charleston, South Carolina, surrendered to British forces.

In 1937, Britain's King George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey; his wife, Elizabeth, was crowned as queen consort.

In 1943, during World War II, Axis forces in North Africa surrendered. The two-week Trident Conference, headed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, opened in Washington.

In 1955, Manhattan's last elevated rail line, the Third Avenue El, ceased operation.

In 1958, the United States and Canada signed an agreement to create the North American Air Defense Command (later the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD).

In 1970, the Senate voted unanimously to confirm Harry A. Blackmun as a Supreme Court justice.

In 1971, Portland Fire Department honored Marvin Eugene Thompson, who became the first Portland firefighter to retire after having served at least 20 years.

In 1975, the White House announced the new Cambodian government had seized an American merchant ship, the Mayaguez, in international waters. (U.S. Marines gained control of the ship three days after its seizure, not knowing the 39 civilian members of the crew had already been released by Cambodia.)

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Citizen's calendar

Today
6:45 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council joint session, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
7 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Obituaries

Randall Brotherton
Oct. 6, 1953-May 10, 2021
Randall Joe Brotherton, age 67, of Bryant passed away Monday, May 10, 2021, at IU Health Jay.
He was born in Portland on Oct. 6, 1953, the son of Burdell and Iva (Butcher) Brotherton. He was married in 1970 to Vickie Doherty who survives. He was self employed and was a member of the Eagles Lodge.
Surviving are his wife Vickie; one son, Shaun Brotherton of Portland; one brother Wayne Brotherton (wife: Mary) of Portland; one sister, Wanda

Sue Arnold of Bryant; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by a son, Shane Brotherton; sister Rosalind Binagar; and three brothers, Carl Brotherton, Mack Brotherton and Dick Brotherton.
Funeral services will be Friday, May 14, 2021, at 10 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Bob Miller presiding. Burial will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery west of



Brotherton

Bryant. Visitation will be Thursday from 2 to 7 p.m.
Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, 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.

Honoring ...

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"It's a natural fit for Jay County to honor one of ours," said Gillespie, who won't be running this year because of some health issues but will instead be coordinating the event throughout. "When I'm doing the run, it's amazing. You see these families, and to hear their son's or daughter's names read, it's amazing the emotion that's there, not only for (the families) but the runners. And to do it here in Jay County, where Juli was raised, I think will be special."
Rains was just 10 months old when her father pulled over a vehicle for a speeding violation on Indiana 67 north of Redkey on the evening of Jan. 4, 1983. Prater got out of his car and was standing next to the van that had been speeding when he was struck by another vehicle.
Prater, 28, was transported to Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, but was pronounced dead about an hour later. He had suffered severe head injuries.
"He was one of the most dedicated police officers I've seen in Jay County in a long time," said Portland Police Chief Ray Mock, who had worked with Prater when he was a city police officer, said at the time. "He was a good, honest, dedicated police officer. He respected the people he worked with."
Rains will receive the Honor and

Sacrifice Flag, which was developed on the 15th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to honor those in all divisions of public safety who have lost their lives. (It's sister flag, Honor and Remember, honors military service members who have died.) All living Jay County Sheriffs have been invited to be a part of the ceremony.
Though she has no memories of her father because she was so young at the time of his death, she's heard plenty of stories about him. She's looking forward to honoring him and sharing in that moment with her three children.
"It's an opportunity to be able to create some new memories and to also celebrate who he was as a person," said the 2000 Jay County High School graduate who is now a teacher at Park Elementary School in Greenwood. "As more time has passed, it's nice to be able to still feel that he is being honored and remembered for the sacrifice that he made and the job that he did and the community that he loved working for."
This year's run marks a return to the traditional format after last year's was broken into smaller, localized runs because of the coronavirus pandemic. It will begin with an opening ceremony at 7:30 a.m. Friday in Fort Wayne and proceed south at a pace of a mile every 11 minutes. (Runners stop at a marker every mile to read names of those who have given their lives in military service.) It is expected to enter Jay County about 3:50 p.m., with the stop to honor Lance Cpl. Andrew Whitacre of Bryant at 4:15 p.m. at Bryant Wesleyan Church. Runners are scheduled to arrive at the north side of Portland about 5:20 p.m., with the ceremony at Freedom Park at 5:32 p.m.
Eleven core runners, including Portland's Eric Butcher, will run all three days, rotating in and out every few miles. They will be joined by groups of single-day runners, including Valentin Lopez of Portland and JCHS graduate Nicole (VanSkyock) Powell, and others are welcome to join for shorter stretches along the way.
The second day begins at Freedom Park at 7 a.m. Saturday, with runners expected to pass through Redkey about 9 a.m. It will conclude at Anderson Memorial Cemetery about 5:40 p.m. Day three begins at 7:30 a.m. in Anderson and will conclude about 1:20 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Plaza in Indianapolis after a slight detour to visit the new Gold Star Families Memorial Monument on Pennsylvania Street.



Prater

Deeds

Kathy J. Huey and Roger L. Huey (deceased) to Marion and Vivian Dailey, quit claim deed — Lot 3, Block 21, original plat of Bryant.
Edmundson Homestead Farms LLC and John E. Hanlin (deceased) to Beth A. and Rick L. Fiechter, personal representative deed — Part of Sections 15 and 16, Penn Township, about 92.065 acres.
Angela Steed (also known as Angela Walker) to herself, death deed — Tract A, Parts of Section 33, Wayne Township, about 2.27 acres; Tract B, Lot 56, Woodlawn Park Addition; Tract C, Part of Section 32, Jefferson Township.
Michael E. Wright (deceased) to Deborah Wright, personal representative deed — Lot 27 and Part of Lot 28, Daugherty Addition, Redkey.
Ruth Lloyd to Marla K. Miller, quit

claim deed — Lot 6, Daugherty Addition.
WIP 1 LLC to David D. Moser, warranty deed — Part of Lots 12 and 13, South Portland.
Zachary S. Pitman to Lonnie R. Ward, quit claim deed — Lot 20, Evans and Wilson Addition.
Deborah B. and Stephen P. Hundley to Brian S. and Emily C. Ingram, warranty deed — Lot 11 in Sheffer Acres, Part of Section 24, Greene Township, Portland.
Chadwick Hicks to Zane Shawver, warranty deed — Lots 4, 5 and 6, Currents South Side Addition, Redkey.
John W. and Wanda D. Miskinis (both deceased) to Deborah S. Adams and Shelly M. Miskinis, deed affidavit — Lot 4, Sullivan George Addition, Dunkirk.
See **Deeds** page 5

SERVICES

Wednesday
Bollenbacher, Ronald: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Friday
Brotherton, Randall: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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In Daniel's honor

A group of area pickleball players held a tournament Thursday at Jay Community Center in honor of former Portland resident Daniel Johnson, who died May 5, 2019, at the age of 34 following a battle with brain cancer. Thirty-two competitors took part in the tournament, raising more than \$1,100 for Jay County Cancer Society.

Passing of time leaves an absence

By KWAME DAWES

Tracy K. Smith, former poet laureate, has a wonderful way with strange and haunting images, that still manage to tell a resonant story.

I think of the old story she tells here — how future generations must contend with the grand absence that comes with the passing of time. Yet, there is hope,

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there is hope in art, in song, and one imagines, in this poem.

"An Old Story" is a beautiful anthem to the singing.

An Old Story

We were made to understand it would be
Terrible. Every small want, every niggling urge,
Every hate swollen to a kind of epic wind,

Livid, the land, and ravaged, like a rageful
Dream. The worst in us having taken over
And broken the rest utterly down.

A long age

Passed. When at last we knew how little
Would survive us—how little we had mended

Or built that was not now lost—something
Large and old awoke. And then our singing
Brought on a different manner of weather.

Then animals long believed gone crept down
From trees. We took new stock of one another.
We wept to be reminded of such color.

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Avid cook savors the joy on guests' faces

DEAR ABBY: I have come to realize that the best thing a person can do for anyone is to cook something for them. I enjoy the expression on their faces when they take the first bite, and the positive compliments I receive.

I have a cookbook collection that, at present, numbers more than 3,200 items. I actually ran out of room for all of it in my home. Nevertheless, I would like to order your cookbooklets — I guess you could say in order to "feed" my obsession. I'd love to

Dear Abby



know which of the recipes are among your favorites.— COOKING IT UP IN VERMONT

DEAR COOKING: For years, I, too, obsessively col-

lected cookbooks, so I relate to your addiction. Be careful what you wish for! The recipes in my cookbooklet set of two are ones that I have used for entertaining. Among my favorites in "Favorite Recipes" are the Company Crab Dip, Lobster Bisque, Sweet Potato Casserole (Thanksgiving), Swedish Meatballs, Everybody's Favorite Meatloaf, Burgundy Lamb Shanks, Date Cake, Fruitcake, the

Famous Pecan Pie and the Chocolate Mousse. Among my favorites from "More Favorite Recipes" are the Little Mushroom "Pies," Hearty Bean Soup, Cathy Lee's Rice, Eggplant Mozzarella Casserole, Cornish Game Hens (stuffed with raisins, walnuts and apple), Chocolate Zucchini Cake, Raw Apple Cake With Caramel Glaze, Heavenly Peanut Butter Pie and Regency Brownies. For any-

one not experiencing sugar shock after reading this, my booklets can be ordered by sending name and address, plus check or money order for \$16 to: Dear Abby — Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Readers have written to tell me some of them have won prizes at county fairs in years past, so I'm sure you will enjoy them, too.

Community Calendar

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

Wednesday

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.

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford

Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

Thursday

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at Richard's Restaurant in Portland.

PORTLAND AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at the post at 211 W. Walnut St.

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.

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 Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

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

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

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

Sudoku

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Tuesday's Solution

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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.

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Jetson is in need of a new hobby

By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

It seemed like a good idea at the time.

But even the best ideas play themselves out.

Back about 2010, when the computer I'm writing on was still new, I clicked on one of the bits of included software and was intrigued.

It would be simple, the software told me, to create my own website. Wow, I thought, what could be more George Jetson than that?

So I gave it a try, and pretty soon I was hooked.

It was a family site, with background on my family, Connie's family and more.

It was also an online archive. Old family photos were scanned in and placed in "albums" on the

Back in the Saddle



site. My great-uncle's pictures from a trip around the world in 1921 were posted. Family recipes were added. And dozens of vacation snapshots made their way there.

For a while, it was addictive. I'd click on the "What's New" tab and essentially write a version of one of those family-bragging Christmas letters now and then.

So, it's safe to say, the site could be kind of obnoxious.

My apologies to any and all who encountered it.

Trouble was, while the software was easy to use in building the website, the process of securing a domain name, finding a secure host and "publishing" updates was an enormous pain.

It wasn't unusual for an update to the site to take nearly an hour to upload. And if there happened to be a glitch in the wi-fi connection, I had to start all over again.

Still, I have to say, it was fun.

I'm sure I annoyed some old friends, but I also heard from others who appreciated — or said they appreciated — the updates on our kids and grandkids and our daily life in Jay County.

Then, something happened. Our computer, the iMac I'm writing this on, got old.

And the software I'd been using for the better part of a decade was no longer supported. Then it was completely obsolete.

Some Google searches turned up some alternatives and fixes, but none of them were simple. And the fun factor seemed to evaporate.

Meanwhile, I was paying an annual fee for a domain name and a bunch of privacy systems that were supposed to keep the wide, wide world of hackers away from the family's website.

(I should insert here that I'm aware plenty of this stuff could have been done via Facebook. But I decided long ago that Facebook involved a deal with the devil, trading my personal information so it could be marketed and shared, for some glitz and convenience. Facebook's contin-

uing efforts to undermine civil discourse and the fundamental principles of democracy are undeniable, even if they're not acknowledged by most of its users. Sorry I'm a bit of a crank when it comes to this topic.)

My first reaction was to punt.

So was my second reaction. I kept thinking I'd figure out a new software and get things going again. But I didn't.

And I still kept paying the annual fee.

This month, that stops.

I'm in the middle of downloading and copying the site's contents, simply so all those photos and recipes won't be lost.

But when that's done, I'm pulling the plug.

George Jetson, it seems, will have to find a new hobby.

Decisions could be long-lasting

The Republic (Columbus)

The party infighting taking place at the Indiana Statehouse this legislative session is reaching an apex.

Despite the Republican supermajority in state government, feuding between the General Assembly and governor over the balance of power between the legislative and executive branches has continued into May.

Gov. Eric Holcomb has vetoed three bills this session — the most vetoes by an Indiana governor in a session since Mike Pence in 2013.

The bill that has gotten the most attention is House Bill 1123, which allows for a 40-day emergency legislative session if a governor declares a statewide emergency. In addition, the bill gives lawmakers more oversight when it comes to spending federal monies allocated to the state. Holcomb vetoed the bill, but the Legislature voted to override the veto. Holcomb is now trying to fight the Legislature in court, but that has become increasingly difficult as Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has moved to block it as he believes only he has the power to give Holcomb approval for such a case to go to court.

As we've stated before, while we haven't agreed with every decision made by Holcomb, the state constitution clearly outlines that only a governor can call a special session. Holcomb has operated well within the parameters of his elected position, and made split-second decisions that the General Assembly, in its deliberative nature, would be hard-pressed to make quickly.

An issue that is just as problematic as opposing constitutionally granted powers of the executive branch is the precedent being set as to how the legislature does its business.

On April 26, the General Assembly quietly passed HB 1372, which extends the session until Nov. 15.

In essence, lawmakers have given themselves the power to return to session whenever they please for the next six months.

This measure blurs the boundaries of separation of powers and could set a precedence for a full-time legislature.

Frank Sullivan, former Indiana Supreme Court justice and professor at

Hoosier Editorial

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Indiana University's Robert H. McKinney School of Law, told the Indianapolis Business Journal that by extending the session now, legislators may find themselves not wanting to give their new-found power back later.

Current law states that the session must end on April 29.

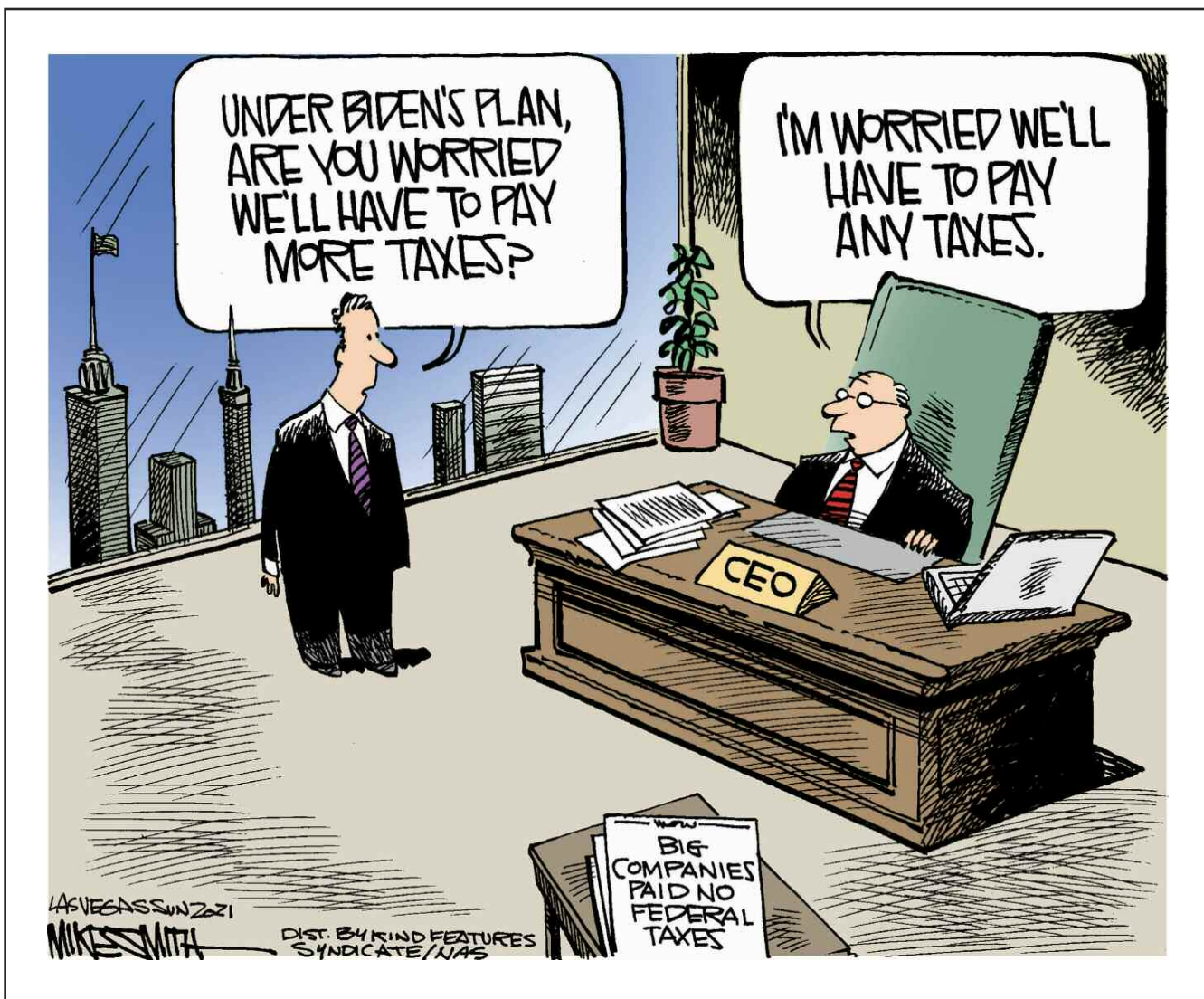
Another issue with extending the session is that fundraising is now taking place while the session is still active.

Problems have already surfaced. After Indiana Secretary of State Holli Sullivan announced her 2022 election campaign on April 26, the Libertarian Party of Indiana accused her of violating Indiana's election law that doesn't allow fundraising during a budget session.

Whether or not Sullivan is operating within the law is up for interpretation, but there's no doubt there are ethical issues with taking money from interest groups while in session.

Rather than extending the session, a special session should've just been called to address redistricting, which was delayed due to the U.S. Census.

Keep an eye on what happens at the Statehouse over the next few weeks, as it could have major implications on how the state government functions for years to come.



Russia, science are key to watch

By TYLER COWEN

Bloomberg Opinion

The standard "Stories to Watch in the Year Ahead" feature typically arrives in early January, or even late December, but this year has been special. It was obvious that the first few months of 2021 would be dominated by COVID-19, the aftermath of the U.S. presidential election and President Joe Biden's first 100 days. With those issues now largely in the rearview mirror, if not completely gone, early May seems like a good time for my own version of which stories will matter most in 2021. Here are four, none of which is currently prominent in the news.

A possible Chinese move against Taiwan has received a lot of attention, but a Russian union with Belarus could be a greater danger. Belarus might even agree to such a proposition, so it would be hard for NATO or the U.S. to decry it as a coercive invasion. Yet such a Russian expansion could upend political stability in Europe.

If Russia and Belarus became a single political unit, there would be only a thin band of land, called the Suwalki Gap, connecting the Baltics to the rest of the European Union. Unfortunately, that same piece of territory would stand in the way of the new, larger Russia connecting with the now-cut off Russian region of Kaliningrad. Over the long term, could the Baltics maintain their independence? If not, the European Union would show it is entirely a toothless entity, unable to guarantee the sovereignty of its members.

Even if there were no formal political union between Russia and Belarus, the territorial continuity and integrity of the EU could soon be up for grabs. The EU has more at

stake in an independent Belarus than it likes to admit.

A second major story is COVID-19 in North Korea. Recent experience in India has shown that the situation can go very rapidly from moderate to severe. North Korea claims no recorded cases of coronavirus, but that is hardly believable; whether the issue is essential medical supplies or hospitals capacity — or how about significant comorbidities from previous hunger problems? — there are few countries less deserving of trust. Sooner or later the more contagious strains will spread there, and it is unlikely that Kim Jong Un would allow much foreign assistance.

The Hermit Kingdom is very poorly understood by outsiders, but perhaps a major COVID-19 outbreak could shift around its politics and the relative power of its various factions.

The third story is perhaps the least prominent but the most consequential. There is a movement in Washington, with partial bipartisan support, to alter how science is funded in the U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer-sponsored the Endless Frontier Act, which would create a new \$100 billion science and technology fund to boost innovation and help the U.S. compete with China. The bill is currently stuck in committee. Along related lines, the Biden administration favors a new \$6.5 billion fund

Tyler Cowen



devoted to innovation in biomedical research and modeled after DARPA, stressing researcher independence over peer review.

If these initiatives advance, 2021 could be remembered as the year when America rededicated itself to science. It could reap dividends from those decisions for decades to come, just as it is now benefiting from earlier investments in mRNA vaccines.

My last story is also in the realm of science: The chances are good that some of the anti-malarial vaccines in the works will pay off.

One recent study found 77% efficacy for a new anti-malarial vaccine, much higher than for previous efforts, and there may be mRNA anti-malaria vaccines coming as well. One estimate put the number of malaria deaths in 2019 at 409,000 worldwide, mostly under five years of age, with 229 million estimated cases. Shots in arms are still a ways off, but this could be the year when humanity started to conquer what is arguably the single greatest public-health scourge in all of history.

One common element of all these stories is that they are not primarily economic. The U.S. economy is expected to boom for the next two years, maybe longer, and so interest in the pronouncements of economists is fading. The main story will continue to be the race to vaccinate the world against COVID-19 — and that effort will spur and in some cases overshadow big changes in both science and the geopolitical world order.

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GOP ousts Cheney from leadership

By ALAN FRAM and KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans ousted Rep. Liz Cheney from her post as the chamber's No. 3 GOP leader on Wednesday, punishing her after she repeatedly rebuked former President Donald Trump for his false claims of election fraud and his role in inciting the Jan. 6 Capitol attack.

Meeting behind closed doors for less than 20 minutes, GOP lawmakers used a voice vote to

remove the Wyoming congresswoman from her leadership post, the latest evidence that challenging Trump can be career-threatening.

She was Congress' highest-ranking Republican woman, a daughter of former Vice President Dick Cheney, and her removal marked a jarring turn about to what's been her fast rise within the party.

Cheney has refused to stop repudiating Trump and defiantly signaled after the meeting that she intended to use her over-

throw to try pointing the party away from him.

"I will do everything I can to ensure that the former president never again gets anywhere near the Oval Office," she told reporters.

Cheney's fate had been clear for some time with Trump, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California and No. 2 GOP leader Steve Scalise of Louisiana all arrayed against her. GOP lawmakers complained that Cheney's offense wasn't her view of Trump but her persist-

ence in publicly expressing it, undermining the unity they want party leaders to display in advance of next year's elections, when they hope to win House control.

Cheney's replacement is widely expected to be Rep. Elise Stefanik, R-New York, who entered the House in 2015 at age 30, then the youngest woman ever elected to Congress. Stefanik owns a more moderate voting record than Cheney but has evolved into a vigorous Trump defender who's echoed some of his

unfounded claims about widespread election cheating.

It was initially unclear when the separate vote on Cheney's replacement would occur.

Wednesday's voice vote averted a specific public gauge of how much support Cheney may have had, though it had become clear that sentiment among the 212 House Republicans was strongly for her removal. Cheney, who did little to try to rally support among her colleagues, made clear that she was plunging ahead on her anti-Trump path.



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Ryan VanCise (as Vernon Hines) and Anna Heath (as Mabel) dance together during Saturday's rehearsal for the Jay County High School choral department's production of "Pajama Game." This will be the choral department's first musical since "Les Misérables" in November 2018 after their show for the 2019-20 school year was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

'Game' ...

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In "Pajama Game," it's "Hernando's Hideaway" that jumps out. It begins with Gladys singing to Sid and expands to bring everyone on stage.

She's hopeful for a good turnout for the show both for the audience to enjoy the efforts of the students who are involved

and to help build funds for the program that, like many, saw dollars dry up during the pandemic.

"We just really, really need the community to come and support these kids," said Denney. "COVID has affected all of us in a horrible way. And it's affected us economically. And we need

to make money on this show. ...

"We want to be able to continue doing this every year."

Tickets are \$6 and are available in advance at JCHS or by contacting any member of the cast. They will also be available at the door.

"It's going to be a good

show," said Ninde. "It's so fun and there's so many things that are going on."

"It's a comedy show," said Alicea, continuing the thought. "I'd say it's the opposite of 'Les Mis.' It's good for laughs. It's a very light-hearted show."

"It's what people need right now," added Ninde.

Portland City Court

Judge Donald Gillespie Fined and sentenced

Lucas Franks, Dunkirk, motorcycle violation, \$160.50; Jacob J. Schoenlein, Portland, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Megan N. Hunt, Indianapolis, operating with a false plate (\$160.50) and driving with a suspended license (\$25); Dale E. Catron, Losantville, failure to obey signs/markings, \$135.50; Devon L. Chipman, Hartford City, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Hector A. Madrigal, Logansport, driving with a suspended license, \$160.50; Kara J. Williams, speeding 53 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$171.

Failed to appear

Eric T. Bowler, Dunkirk, knowing-

ly permitting violation; Paul M. LeMaster, Portland, off-road vehicle on highway.

Dismissed

Jasmine Estrella-Vasquez, Portland, no valid license; Lucas Franks, Dunkirk, no valid license; Dana L. Zimmerman, Dunkirk, no insurance; Zachary W. Coyle, Hartford City, driving with a suspended license; Katelyn M. Crump, Portland, no insurance.

Deferrals

Dana L. Zimmerman, Dunkirk, operating with a false plate, deferred for six months, \$195.50; Brayden L. Davis, Portland, expired plates, no insurance and no valid

license, deferred for one year, \$255.50; Tyrah R. Rodriguez, Albany, passing a school bus, deferred for six months, \$195.50.

Trials scheduled

Rebecca J. Archer, Portland, driving with a suspended license, July 7; Dustin A. Hunt, Hartford City, passing violation, July 7; Denny A. Clark, driving with a suspended license, July 7; Spencer M. Parkhurst, Noblesville, no insurance, July 7; MacKenzie L. Southerland, Montpelier, Oct. 6, driving with a suspended license; Christopher L. Butcher, Portland, failure to signal, July 7; Joshua A. Fowler, Muncie, speeding 63 mph in a 45 mph zone, July 7.

Benefits ...

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Indiana had about 60,000 people receiving traditional unemployment benefits in mid-April — down some 195,000, or 75%, from a year ago, according to federal statistics. About 225,000 people received payments from other federal jobless programs started to assist those who lost income during the pandemic.

The state's unemployment rate has plunged since peaking at 16.9% in April 2020.

It was 3.9% for last month after being stable between 3.1% and 3.6% over a three-year span before the pandemic prompted widespread business closures.

Republican legislative leaders said they supported Holcomb's actions.

"We're back to the challenge that we had pre pandemic were trying to find bodies to fill jobs,"

Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray said.

Businesses might also need to become more aggressive to hire workers, such as many fast-food restaurants have done in paying more than minimum wage, Bray said.

"If you want to get people to work, you are going to have to start paying them a little more," Bray said. "I think that employers are going to have to do that in order to compete."

The Indiana Democratic Party said state officials need to help those in low-paying jobs, including the estimated nearly 900,000 people working for minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour.

"We cannot ignore the reality that it's time for Indiana to increase its minimum wage and provide better opportunities for our workers." Said Lauren Ganapini, the state Democratic Party's executive director.

Deeds

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Deborah S. Adams and Shelly M. Miskinis to themselves, quit claim deed — Lot 4, Sullivan George Addition, Dunkirk

John E. Hanlin (deceased) to Lana S. and Michael M. Ashley, personal representative deed — Parts of Sections 15 and 16, Penn Township, about 106.706 acres

Jeffrey and Terri Burk to Ryan K. Homan, warranty deed — Part of Section 15, Knox Township, 5.22 acres

May Shaffer Family LLC to Aaron Loy and Katelyn Lyons, corporate warranty deed — Part of Section 31, Wayne Township, 8.368 acres

John E. Hanlin (deceased) to Polly A. Morgan, personal representative deed — Part of Section 15, Penn Township, 3.626 acres

Edmundson Homestead Farms LLC to Laurie A. and Tyler D. Hoffacker, corporate warranty deed — Parts of Section 15, Penn Township, 58.051 acres

Donna J. Robinson to herself, death deed — Lot 170, Woodlawn Park Addition

Edmundson Homestead Farms LLC to S and S

Family Farms LLC, corporate warranty deed — Parts of Section 15, Penn Township, about 33.262 acres

Frederick L. and Shirley A. Mann to Skycrest Solar Energy LLC, easement — Section 13, Penn Township, 78.50 acres

John E. Hanlin (deceased) to Alvin and Christine Brenneman, personal representative deed — Sections 13 and 14, Penn Township, 99.351 acres

Steven A. Kaiser (deceased) to James Lochtefeld, easement — Part of Section 17, Madison Township, 37.03 acres

Ann Kesler and Virgal Kesler (deceased) to Ann M. Kesler, quit claim deed — Tract A, Part of Lot 11 and Lot 12, Moores Third Addition; Tract B, Part of Section 8, Richland Township, 0.06 acres

Ashley L. Johnson (also known as Ashley L. Hittle) to Ashley L. and Toby E. Hittle, quit claim deed — Tracts A and B, Parts of Section 20, Richland Township, 7.50 acres

John C. Bye Jr. and Patty A. Bye to themselves, death deed — Section 34, Bearcreek Township, 40 acres

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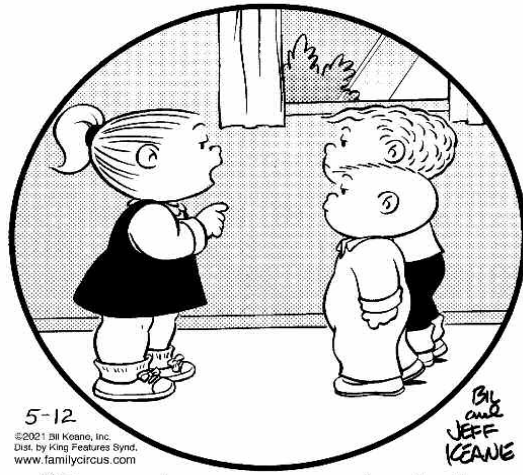
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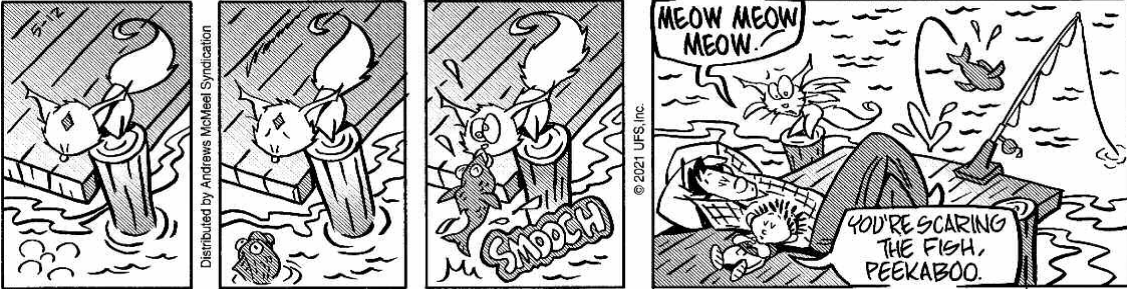


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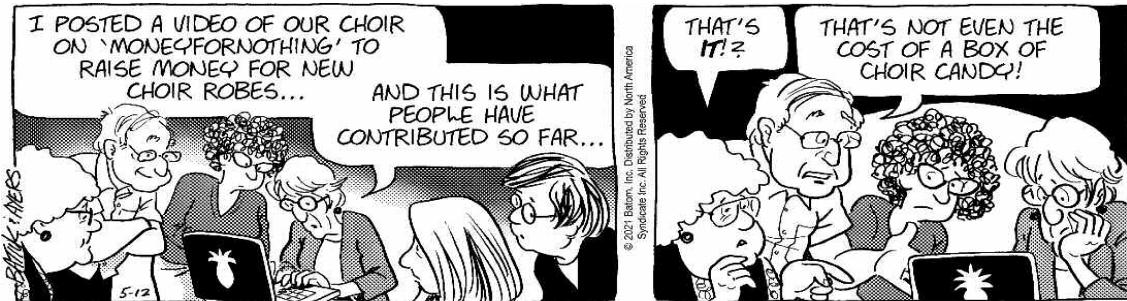
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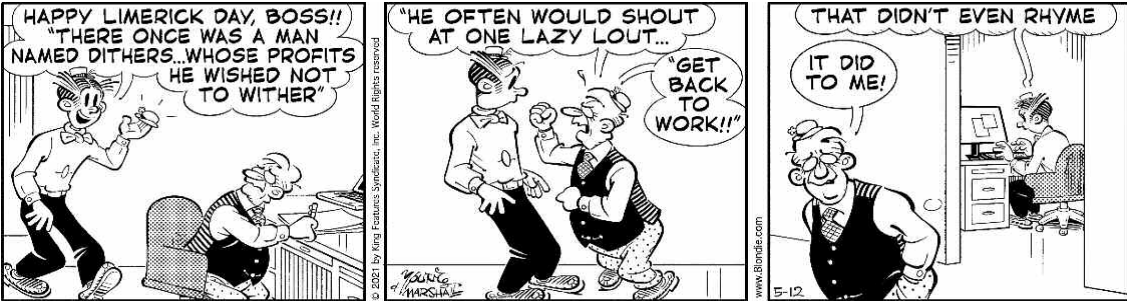
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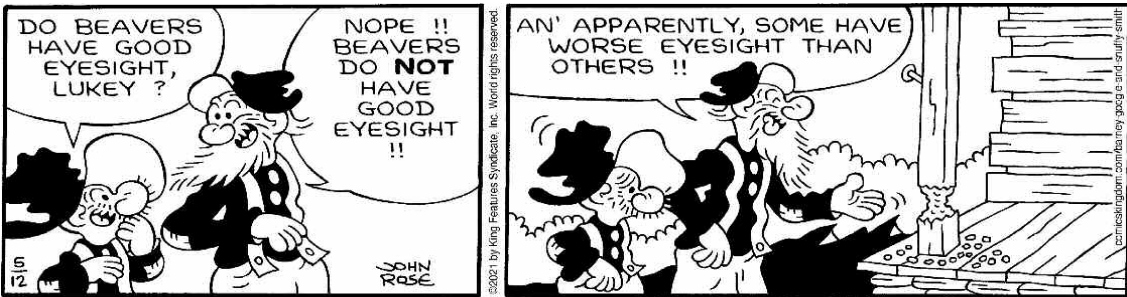
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Fort's Pearson claims MAC championship, see story page 7

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Sports



FR earns second chances

By RAY COONEY

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FORT RECOVERY — The Indians hit the ball well in their first trip through the order, but ended up with nothing to show for it.

When they got their second swings, they made sure that didn't happen again.

In doing so, they earned a second chance against the Lancers.

Fort Recovery High School's softball team exploded for a nine-run third inning Tuesday night en route to handing the visiting Ridgemont Golden Gophers an 11-2 defeat in the opening round of the sectional tournament.

The Indians advance to play Lincolnview, a team they lost to 4-3 April 17 at Celina, for the sectional title Thursday.

"We had some pop-ups early in the game, and we just couldn't get her timed up. We were getting under it," said Fort Recovery coach Ryan Thien. "Then we actually placed a few hits off of those pop-ups, and then it started to flow."

Fifth-seeded FRHS (17-9) recorded four hits in the first two innings and every out it made came when a ball was hit to the outfield. But it stranded three run-

ners and was still stuck in a scoreless tie.

The Indians changed that in a big way in the bottom of the third inning. Brenna Homan led off with her second single of the game, starting a stretch of six consecutive batters to reach base.

After Homan stole second base, Chloey Grisez drove her in with a single to left field. Jackie Homan reached base on an error, and then Sophie Pearson and Maddie Guggenbiller connected on back-to-back doubles to right-center field — Guggenbiller's shot was less than 2 feet from clearing the fence — to push the advantage to 4-0. Bailey Tebbe added a single before Ridgemont pitcher Whitney Bailey finally recorded her first out.

Cali Wendel added a double, and back-to-back singles from Kensey Gaerke and Brenna Homan made it 8-0. Brenna Homan would complete the nine-run frame when she stole second base and then scored on the Golden Gophers' fourth error.

"We've been playing with a couple of new ones toward the end — lots of injuries this year — so I didn't quite know how it was going to go," said

Ridgemont coach Kim Bailey, noting several injuries. "As soon as they started hitting those holes, it bit us hard. I did see the girls' heads kind of drop, but yet they came out here still, they were hitting the ball still..."

The seventh-seeded Golden Gophers (10-9) strung together three consecutive hits for two runs in the top of the fourth inning, but never seriously challenged the Indians. Fort Recovery tacked on two more runs — both unearned — in the bottom of the fifth for the final margin.

Brenna Homan, who caught a pop-up to end the final home game of her career, finished 4-for-4 with three runs, two RBIs and two stolen bases to lead the Indians. Homan broke the Midwest Athletic Conference record for career steals with 85 and counting. She passed Parkway's Holly Ransbottom.

Cali Wendel followed with three hits, including a double, and a run, and Guggenbiller was 2-for-4 with two doubles, three RBIs and a run.

"That's pretty standard. That's a standard line for her," said Thien of Brenna Homan, the catcher who

also picked Ridgemont's Nikki Freshcorn off third base in the fourth inning. "I think she had a slump where she dropped down to like .550. You can always count on her to get on base and set the tone for the game."

"She needed that," he added of Guggenbiller's effort. "We've got to get her confidence built back up. She was slumping a little bit, but I think between Saturday and today, we've got it back."

Jackie Homan kept the Golden Gophers mostly quiet, sitting them down in order in the first, third (all strikeouts) and seventh innings. She totaled 10 strikeouts in the victory.

The Indians, who have now won six in a row, still have a busy week ahead. Next up is the rematch Thursday against Lincolnview, followed by a visit Saturday to Minster with a share of the MAC title on the line.

"That was one of those games where if we had gotten a hit here or made one more defensive play, we could have won that game 4-3," said Thien, looking back on his team's first meeting with Lincolnview. "So I'm pretty excited going into that game."

Box score

Fort Recovery Indians vs. Ridgemont Golden Gophers

Sectional opener at Fort Recovery

Table with 4 columns: Player, ab, r, h, bi. Rows include Howard cf, Nelson 3b, Howland ss, Freshcorn c, Shoffner 1b, Thomas 2b, Bailey p, Creviston rf, Nichols lf, Dondrea rf, Totals.

Fort Recovery (17-9)

Table with 4 columns: Player, ab, r, h, bi. Rows include BHoman c, Grisez ss, JHoman p, Pearson 1b, Guggenbiller 3b, Tebbe eh, Shinaberry fx, AbKnapke ph, Schoen rf, AllKnapke ph, Wendel 2b, Gaerke cf, Totals.

Summary table with columns: Ridgemont, FRHS, 000, 200, 0-2, 009, 020, X-11.

LOB — Ridgemont 4, Fort Recovery 7, 2B — Ridgemont 2 (Freshcorn, Shoffner), Fort Recovery 5 (Guggenbiller 2, JHoman, Pearson, Wendel), SB — BHoman 2.

Table with columns: IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO. Rows for Ridgemont (Bailey) and Fort Recovery (JHoman).

Curts, pitching carries Patriots

PONETO — A sacrifice fly in the first inning. A single two frames later. No-hit ball for six innings.

That's all the Jay County High School baseball team needed for a 2-0 win over the host Southern Wells Raiders on Tuesday.

Austin Curts hit a sacrifice fly in the first inning, scoring Sam Myers for the only run the Patriots

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(7-6, 2-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) really needed. But two innings later, Curts singled to bring home Crosby Heniser for an insurance run.

And on the hill, Sam Dunlavy (3 2/3 innings, two walks, four strikeouts) and Lane Chapman (1 1/3 innings, one walk, three strikeouts) kept the Raiders without a hit.

Southern Wells broke up the no-hit bid in the sixth inning with back-to-back singles off Blake Caldwell. He ended up striking out five in two innings of work.

Gavin Myers, Sam Myers, Dusty Pearson, Dunlavy, Chapman, Caldwell and Curts all had singles for the Patriots.

Softball wins big

PONETO — Thirteen runs in the fourth inning carried the Jay County softball team to a 20-0 thrashing of the host Southern Wells Raiders in five innings on Tuesday.

Jay County improved to 11-5 (3-1 Allen County Athletic Conference).

Riele Brewster was 5-for-5 with a home run, two doubles and three RBIs, while Aubrie Schwieterman hit a grand slam and singled. Maddy Rinker contributed three hits and two RBIs, while Mady Fraley and Kristen Wendel had two hits apiece.

Taylor Brown and Fraley had two RBIs apiece, while Olivia Bright, Mattie Ardizzone and Wendel each knocked in a run.

Brown earned the win, scattering four hits over five innings with one strikeout. See Carries page 7

Parazzi wins high jump

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review

BLUFFTON — The Stars aligned yet again.

The Patriots got a title from one of their newest members.

Elisa Parazzi had the only first-place finish for the Jay County High School girls track team during its runner-up finish in the Allen County Athletic Conference track and field championships Tuesday.

"I'm just really proud of all the girls and boys who ran for us today," said JCHS coach Joe Imel. "They gave us the best they possibly could."

South Adams, powered by three sprint victories from Ali Smith and two hurdle wins by Brooklyn Bixler, claimed its fourth consecutive ACAC title by scoring 140 points. Jay County totaled 117 for second, while Bluffton was third with 104 points.

The host Tigers won the boys' championship, scoring 147 points to dethrone three-time defending champion Heritage. South Adams totaled 132 points for second, and Woodlan had 107.5 points for third. Jay County (72) took fourth.

Parazzi, an exchange student from Italy, didn't start her evening on high jump until the bar was at 4 feet, 10 inches. (The opening height is 4 feet, 2 inches.) As one of nine competitors remaining when she began jumping, she was one of four athletes to clear 4 feet, 10 inches.

As the bar was raised to 5 feet, 1 inch, she was the only one to clear it to earn the championship.

"It's actually risky when I get in at 4-10 and everybody started jumping at 4-2 because you don't know, maybe you fail and you don't get points for your team," said Parazzi, who was also runner-up in long jump with a leap of 14 feet, 11 inches. "I actually felt really good. When I won, I wanted to get high and get my personal best."

After claiming her title, she asked for the bar to move up to 5 feet, 6 inches, to attempt that career best, but she missed all three attempts.

Jay County girls are runner-up again while boys place fourth

"Elisa Parazzi is a pot of gold for us coming from Italy," Imel said. "I do expect a lot of good things when the tournament comes up with these three meets. I'm sure that she will be headed to the state meet."

Kinsey Shannon, a JCHS senior, and junior Shea Bailey ran toe-to-toe with Adrienne McKean and Smith of South Adams. Smith, who won the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dash races as a freshman back in 2019, backed up her titles in all three events this year as well.

Shannon was the runner-up to Smith in all three. Bailey was sixth, seventh and fifth, respectively.

"We ran as hard as we could," Imel said. "We left it all on the track. We tried to keep up with the two fast South Adams girls. They were all in the same events. We tried to put our best with their best, and sometimes their best is just a little better than you."

Like Shannon and Bailey, Aaron Funkhouser was a sprint workhorse for the JCHS boys by also running in the 100, 200 and 400 dashes.

He was the runner-up to Drew Stutzman of South Adams in the 200 and 400, and placed third in the 100.

"Aaron is the best guy we've got," Imel said. "He's probably the best guy I'll have for a while, but hopefully not. He's got guts. He's a little bit banged up but he stuck it out."

"With the quality of runners we have in the ACAC, him receiving second place in those events is pretty outstanding. I'm real proud of him. Hope we can recover for a good sectional."



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Elisa Parazzi of the Jay County High School girls track team successfully clears 5 feet, 1 inch, to win the high jump title during the Allen County Athletic Conference track and field championships on Tuesday at Bluffton. She earned the Patriots' only title as the girls placed second and boys took fourth.

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