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Jay has jobs glut

Employers are struggling to fill open positions

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review Help wanted signs have been appearing in windows all over Jay County.

The labor shortage is a drastic change from when the coronavirus pandemic began in March 2020, forcing many Hoosiers to stay home, shuttering non-essential businesses and shooting local unemployment levels to nearly 20%.

A little more than a year later, after coronavirus vaccines have been widely distributed and state officials have eased restrictions, local unemployment numbers are back to a pre-pandemic status of 3% again.

"A year ago, no one expected to be where we are today," said Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards.

But that low statistic isn't satisfying the glut of open positions. Richards estimated there are now at least 200 unfilled jobs in the county.

From temporarily closed to help wanted, businesses are struggling to find workers.

See **Jobs** page 2



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Honoring fallen

Juli Rains gets a hug from Indiana Run for the Fallen coordinator Donald Gillespie of Portland after she accepted an Honor and Sacrifice Flag in honor of her father, Paul Prater, a former Jay County Sheriff's Office deputy who died in the line of duty in 1983. She was 10 months old at the time of his death. Pictured background left are her husband Cameron and daughter Kendall, 6, and foreground right is Don Finnegan, Indiana Honor and Remember chapter director. Her sons Caden, 12, and Jace, 10, also joined her at the ceremony. At right, runners make their way south on Meridian Street in Portland just north of Water Street. Leading the pack, from left, are Eric Butcher, Aidan Von Gunten, Diana Fox and Danette Von Gunten.



Retrospect

JCHS honored senior class

this week, Jay County High School was honoring its seniors.

The May 14, 1996, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of JCHS's Honors Night

festivities. Local students more received than \$368,000 in scholarships, grants and awards, including \$207,000 from local donors.

Among the honors

•Orie Poole receiving the first Randy Poole Memorial Scholarship in honor of his uncle, a JCHS social studies teacher who was killed in a traffic accident the previous year.

Hammond Travis earning the first Randy O. Poole Mental Attitude Award. He also received the Redkey Gamma Nu scholarship and the Portland Rotary Club scholar-

•Craig Evans being named the school's first recipient of the Eisenhower Memorial Award. He also earned the Bausch and Lomb sci-

Twenty-five years ago ence award, a Marine Corps scholastic excellence award and the President's Academic Fitness Award, and he was named a Hoosier Scholar.

·Andrew Reitz receiving the Presidential Scholarship, Leadership Scholarship and Memorial Goodrich Scholarship, all from Wabash College.

·Lauranne Beeler earning the first Portland Panther Scholarship. She also received theatre arts and student council awards, as well as the Portland Delta Theta Tau scholarship.

 Travis Brown picking up honors including a math award, a Marine Scholar-Athlete Award and a Portland Lions Club scholarship.

Earning Jay Class-room Teachers Association scholarships were Jonathan Ford, Brent Geesaman, Chris Ralph and Laramie VanSkyock. And receiving Ball State University presidential scholarships Jacqueline Doyle, Emily Hedges and Kenneth Schmit.



The Commercial Review/Tom Casey

Jayne Poole, the widow of Randy Poole, embraces Orie Poole, nephew of the late Jay County High School teacher during the school's honor night on May 13, 1996. Orie Poole was the first recipient of the Randy Poole Memorial Scholarship.

Israeli forces strike tunnels

More than 100 have died in violence this week

By STEVE HENDRIX, **MICHAEL E. MILLER** and SHIRA NUBIN

The Washington Post
JERUSALEM — Israel continued to press its air campaign against the Gaza Strip on Friday devastating after overnight assault by artillery and war planes aimed at destroying an extensive system of tunnels built by the militant Hamas group to move fighters, rockets and other weapons.

Israeli airstrikes and Hamas rocket attacks on Israel both raged into Friday evening with no sign of abating. The reciprocal bombardment has resulted in the deaths of 126 in Gaza and nine in

gency officials say, with hundreds more injured over five days of fighting.

Violence between Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel also continued in cities across the country, while new clashes erupted in the occupied West Bank, which had been relatively calm in recent days, with skirmishes in Ramallah, Nablus, Tulkarem and other cities. Eleven Palestinians were killed in West Bank confrontations with security forces, according to health officials.

By sunset, unrest flared in several Arab neighborhoods of East Jerusalem, Palestinians where throwing stones and firebombs battled police wielding stun grenades and tear gas, and protesters set cars and trees afire. The Israeli human rights group B'Tselem reported that Israeli settlers had set fire to swaths of Palestinian farmland in the West Bank.

Dozens of pro-Palestinian protesters Lebanon, meantime, broke through a border fence, crossed into Israeli territory and set a fire in an open field near the Israel, health and emer- northern town of Metula.

Deaths

Catherine Gelhaus, 58, New Weston, Ohio Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature climbed to 68 degrees Friday

in Jay County. The low was 41. Skies will be partly sunny today with a high of 69. There is a slight chance of showers Saturday night and throughout Sunday, with rain expected

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Registration is open for Jay County Public Library's Kindergarten Prep School (KiPS) program. The program is designed as a "jumpstart" into kindergarten. Forms are available at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. The deadline is today. For details, email shaman@jaycpl.lib.in.us call (260) 726-7890.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of tonight's Jay County Community Awards and Monday's Jay School Board meeting.

Thursday — Results from the opening round of the girls tennis sectional tournament at JCHS.



Obituaries

Catherine Gelhaus

Feb. 13, 1963-May 14, 2021 Catherine Louise Gelhaus, 58, of New Weston, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Friday, May

She was born on Feb. 13, 1963, in Union City, Indiana, to Virginia Caupp of Union City, Ohio, and the late Charlie Caupp.

14, 2021, at her home.

In addition to her mother, Cathy is survived by her husband of 37 years, Dan Gelhaus, whom she married on Oct. 21, 1983; her children, Whitney (Adam) Wolters of San Diego, California, Wes (Kelsey) Gel-

Wade Gelhaus of Mililani, Hawaii; her grandchildren, Logan Wolters, and Nora, Tate and Isla Gelhaus; her Brad brothers, Caupp and Gordon Caupp, both

of Union City, Ohio; her motherin-law, Luedna Gelhaus; her inlaws, Dale (Trish) Gelhaus of Union City, Indiana, Peggy (Dave) Becker of Dayton, Ohio, and Mike Gelhaus of Woodstock, Connecticut.

In addition to her father haus of Rossburg, Ohio, and Charles, Cathy was preceded in to get her hands dirty. Above all, Home in Fort Recovery.

cloudy skies.

Temperatures

will reach the



Cathy can best be remembered for her resilient personality and outlook on life. No matter the challenge, Cathy accepted and tackled with everything she had. Together with Dan, she raised three strong children and dedicated her life to helping others. She was an avid sports fan who loved a good competition and spent thousands of hours in the gym watching her kids compete. Countless hours were spent daily with her husband on the farm where she was never afraid

Cathy loved her grandchildren and fought every day to be with them. She was loved dearly and will be incredibly missed by all.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 17, 2021, at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Fort Recovery, with Father Ned Brown officiating. Burial will follow at St. Paul Catholic Cemetery in Sharps-

Guests may visit with Cathy's family on Sunday, May 16, 2021, from 3 to 7 p.m. and again on Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at Brockman Boeckman Funeral

Memorial contributions may be given to EverHeart Hospice. 1350 North Broadway Street, Greenville, OH 45331.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockmanboeckmanfh.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city ofresidence, birth/death datetime/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary serv-

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Despite the state allowing restaurants to re-open to full capacity again last month, Buffalo Wings and Rings in Portland is still limiting numbers because of a lack of staff. It is currently hiring for all positions and seeking between eight and 10 new employees.

We do not have enough staff to give our VIP service, and we want to be able to give our employees a good balance of work and family time, and not burn them out," said manager Ashley Knapschafer in an

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb announced Tuesday that Hoosiers seeking unemployment benefits will be required to actively seek full-time work again starting June 1. (Indiana Department of Workforce Development previously waived work-search requirement — it includes job applications, job fair attendance, participating in a WorkOne orientation and completing online workshops — during the pandemic.)

Occupying more than 40% of the local workforce, manufacturers are also facing staff shortages.

Bree Steffen, human resources manager at Tyson Mexican Original, noted the company was looking to fill about 50 jobs — most of them are third shift — as of Sunday. She said in an email that Tyson had a "solid applicant flow" for employment in March and April 2020. Increased unemployment benefits and federal stimulus dollars, though, haven't helped hiring efforts.

"It becomes more and more difficult to encourage individuals to apply for employment when they can make just as much or more to stay home," she said.

Sonoco Protective Solutions last three months, said association said.

Work-search requirements for unemployment will be reinstated beginning in June

plant manager Brian Hayes said the business is hiring second- and third-shift positions. He added that the openings aren't necessarily related to the coronavirus.

"We have struggled for two-plus years building our rosters," he

A direct effect of the pandemic, though, has been a booming business at Sonoco. Hayes explained the company has "remained strong," if not grown, during the last year because of increasing demand.

"We've seen some record sales months through the pandemic, even stuff that might've been out of season," Hayes noted.

Richards explained that the public has been spending more on tangible goods since other options were not available in 2020. Stuck at home, consumers began spending money other ways.

"During the pandemic, people couldn't spend on experiences you know, restaurants, vacations, movies ... so people have been spending on goods," he said.

drastically Shortages are increasing the cost of material

Lumber prices are up more than 300% since April 2020, according to the National Association of Home Builders website. Steel mill prodsenior economist David Logan in a recent article for the website.

There's also a shortage of electronic goods and automobiles because the supply for semiconductors, a crucial part to many modern-day items, isn't meeting demand. As a result, stocking issues are facing manufacturers and retailers everywhere.

"Go try to buy a piece of furniture, or an appliance or fill in the blank. You're going to wait," Richards said. "It's nuts. We've not experienced this in a long time... but it's a global disruption.'

One attempt at remedying the local industry job shortage is the upcoming Jay County Signing Day. Slated for May 18 and 19, the inaugural event will bring local manufacturers to Jay County Junior and Senior High School with the intent to meet and hire students. It will be beneficial to both parties, Richards explained, because local manufacturers will get workers and students will get experience.

Both Steffen and Hayes plan for their businesses to attend, and both expressed excitement for the new event. Students have helped to fill positions at Sonoco in the past. Hayes noted. The company hired seven college students for the summer in 2020.

"(They) really helped fill a void we uct prices have climbed 22% in the couldn't get on a full-time basis," he

Today in history

On May 15, 1970, just after midnight, Phillip Lafayette Gibbs and James Earl Green, two Black students at Jackson State College in Mississippi, were killed as police opened fire during student protests.

In 1602, English navigator Bartholomew Gosnold and his ship, the Concord, arrived at present-day Cape Cod.

began service between more, Maryland. Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and New York.

In 1948, hours after declaring its independence, the new state of Israel was attacked by Transjordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

In 1954, the Fender Stratocaster guitar, created by Leo Fender, was of withdrawing its troops officially released.

Weight In **1963**, Watchers was incorporated in New York.

In 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its unanimous In re Gault ing that rape victims decision, ruled that juveniles accused of crimes attackers in federal were entitled to the same due process afforded

Citizen's calendar

adults.

In 1968, two days of tornado outbreaks began in 10 Midwestern and Southern states; twisters were blamed for 72 deaths, including 45 in Arkansas and 18 in Iowa.

In 1971, Louisa Cox of Portland celebrated her101st birthday. She received a letter of congratulations from Robert M. Ball, commissioner of In 1918, U.S. airmail Social Security, Balti-

In 1972, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace was shot and left paralyzed while campaigning for president in Laurel, Maryland, by Arthur H. Bremer, who served 35 years for attempted mur-

In 1988, the Soviet Union began the process from Afghanistan.

In 2000, by a 5-4 vote, the U.S. Supreme Court threw out a key provision of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act, saycould not sue their

—AP and The CR

Deeds

Benjamin D. Alig to himself and Caitlin iff/marshall deed — Lot 17, Meeker Sec-N. Alig, quit claim deed — Part of Section 9, Noble Township, 2 acres

Carolyn and Theodore R. Kelpien (deceased) to Carolyn Kelpien Living Trust, personal representative deed -- Part of Section 26, Knox Township,

Carolyn Kelpien Living Trust to Homan Properties LLC, warranty deed — Part of Section 26, Knox Township, 55.031 acres Crystal L. and Harold L. Smith to Todd

A. McCulloch, warranty deed — Part of Section 4, Jackson Township, 1.617 acres Jill Goetz and John and Yolanda Hare to

Crossroads Financial Federal Credit Union, First National Bank, First Merchants Bank and CG Investments LLC, Lots 57, 58 and 59, Mount Auburn Addi-

Connie S. Price to herself, death deed -- Lots 8 and 9, Tucker Subdivision, Portland

Daminic Skinner to Ervin Graber, sher-

ond Addition, Portland

Anita L. Orr to Rodney K. Weesner, quit claim deed — Parts of Section 11, Richland Township, about 27 acres; Part of Sections 8 and 7, Jefferson Township, about 267.5 acres

Anita L. Orr to Anita L. Orr 2021 Revocable Trust, quit claim deed — Section 5, Jefferson Township, 25.188 acres

James F. McGill and Phyllis L. McGill (deceased) to James F. McGill, death deed Lot 144 and Part of Lot 145, Woodlawn Park Addition

Derran F. McGill to Joni L. and Ricki L. Wilson, quit claim deed — Part of Section 20, Wayne Township, 0.49 acres

Derran F. McGill to David McGill, quit claim deed — Part of Section 20, Wayne Township, 0.49 acres

Larry Bubp to Barbara and Doug Whitenack, warranty deed — Lot 55, Cartwright and Headington Subdivision, Portland

SERVICES

Today Bell, Jerry: II p.m., Baird-

Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Lake, Sara: 2 p.m., Little Salamonia Cemetery, rural Portland.

Monday

Gelhaus, Kathy: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.

Service listings provided by **PROGRESSIVE OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201

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> ONE APPLICATION ONLY DEADLINE: May 21, 2021 LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE **Jay County Highway Department** 1035 E 200N

PORTLAND, INDIANA 47371

For More Information, call 726-8701

Monday

4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Port-

5:30 p.m. — Portland hall, 201 S. Main St.

City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6 p.m. — Fort Recovery

School Board, conference room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.

7 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village



Outstanding performers

The Jay County High School band held its annual awards ceremony Wednesday, Pictured, from left, are Outstanding Underclassman of the Year Aaron Funkhouser, Outstanding Senior of the Year Ashlyn Dow and Outstanding Guard of the Year Shealyn Dennis.

Births

Makenna Elaine, daughter, was born April 27 at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur to Emily and Joshua Hunt of Pennville.

Maternal grandparents are Jonas and Emma Graber of Bryant. Paternal grandparents are Stanley and Rhonda Hunt of Wilshire, Ohio.

Great-grandparents are She weighed 7 pound, 3 Melvin and Emma Hilty of Portland.

Alexander

Everly Dawn, a daughter, was born April 25 at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital in Winchester to Sierra and Tyler Alexander of Portland.

She weighed 8 pounds, 3

Fields

Blakely Kay, a daughter, was born April 26 at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital in Winchester to Olivia Braun and Dustin Fields of Portland.

She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

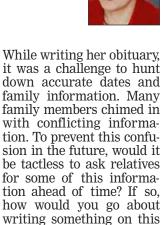
Mixed signals frustrate friend

DEAR ABBY: I'm a lesbian. There's a girl I have liked for a little over a month. We are like best friends. When I told her I was attracted to her, she basically friend-zoned me, which hurt. Then she told a mutual friend she was considering being "friends with benefits" with me, and I got excited. Well, she changed her mind again because she was afraid it would be awkward.

I still have a crush on her, but I value our friendship. We spend so much time together, and things are easy but also challenging because I just want to grab her and kiss her. We snuggle all the time, and she gives me hugs every day. I want to make out with her. These mixed signals are killing me. What do I do? — DAZED & CONFUSED IN **FLORIDA**

DEAR DAZED: You're right. This young woman is giving you mixed signals. That's why you should put her firmly in YOUR friend zone. Stop the hugging and snuggling and move on, so you can find someone who reciprocates your feelings. Perhaps when she realizes that you are capable of moving on, her feelings for you will change. However, if they don't, you will have lost nothing but heartache.

Dear Abby



IN MICHIGAN

DEAR WONDERING: What you have in mind is practical. If you have a relationship with these relatives, why not bring some of these questions up in normal conversation? To ask when people graduated from high school or college isn't intrusive. What year someone was married isn't classified information either. If you simply start talking, you may find out much of the information you are

topic without offending

someone? — WONDERING

P.S. If your relatives are willing to make the effort to write down their own stories, it DEAR ABBY: My dear could be compiled into a mother-in-law passed away. precious family history.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as munity Center. space is available. To subanitem, email news@thecr.com.

Today

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Is open from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church.

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

DIER — Is open from noon Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Monday

BREAK-PORTLAND FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COM-MUNITY CENTER Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be

each Monday at Jay Com-

EUCHRE — For those 55 and older from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk.

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

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUSEUM OF THE SOL- MUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 5 p.m. the first and third to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

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

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Minplayed from 9 a.m. to noon istries, 228 S. Meridian St.

in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or

Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792. PORTLAND ÉVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restau-

Tuesday

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

THE LANDING — A 12step 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-

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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 ANONY-MOUS — 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.

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

Wednesday WEDNESDAY MORN-

ING 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. PORTLÁND ROTARY

CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St. **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 - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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.

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During the month of May (Must be scheduled by May 31, 2021.)

Eligibility Requirements:

- Women over the age of 40
- Uninsured
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- Have not had a mammogram in the past year Never had breast implants

• No personal history or symptoms breast cancer *Additional testing, views, or procedures after the initial screening

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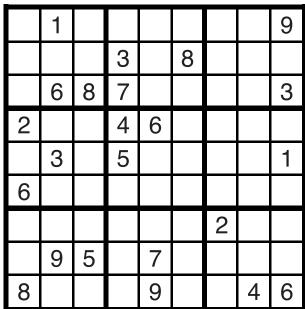
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Sudoku



Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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WHO DO YOU KNOW

that deserves to be recognized for their lifetime of volunteer service to the Jay County Community? They must be a Senior Citizen (65 or older)

Tell us what their various volunteer service activities are, or have been, including the number of years and mail to:

> Cincinnatus League "Service Before Self" P.O. Box 513, Portland, IN 47371

Questions? Call Rose Snow at 260-729-1069 Deadline to receive nominations is May 31, 2021

Support our performers, athletes

The year 2020 was difficult.

That was true for everyone. It includes our students who are involved in athletics and the

Many activities and events were canceled. When they resumed, ticket sales were down because attendance was limit. Fundraising opportunities disappeared.

This weekend provides a chance to help Jay County groups recover.

The Jay County High School choral department's producture available at the door. Funds are Beyond those two events, tion of the musical comedy needed to help ensure that the there are plenty of other oppor-

Editorial

"Pajama Game" continues tonight. It opened Friday, and there is a performance at 7:30 p.m. tonight and another at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$6 and will be

students the opportunity to perform in musical productions each year.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, the Jay County High School wrestling team will hold a professional wrestling event as a fundraiser at Jay County Fairgrounds. The team is hoping to use the money for new uniforms, warm-up gear and training opportunities.

Tickets are \$10 for general admissison.

Beyond those two events,

program can continue to give tunities to support our youth programs.

The Fort Recovery Local Schools choral department will hold its spring concert at 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

And we're about to begin sectional tournaments in Indiana. The girls track, boys track and girls tennis teams will compete in sectionals next week. Softball and baseball will follow a week later.

Support comes in many forms. The finances are essential. Every ticket you buy helps to give opportunities to students.

But presence is just as important. Taking the time out of your schedule to be there, to cheer, to applaud, to say "good job" is meaningful. It's those moments that children and teens are likely to remember years down the road.

So, take in a show, enjoy an afternoon of professional wrestling, attend a concert or swing by a sectional event in the coming weeks.

Our arts and athletics programs need your support as we continue to work to put 2020 in our rearview mirror. — R.C.

Others can learn from funeral homes

By BEN SCHOTT Bloomberg Opinion

A few days ago the father of a dear friend died. Because he was of an age, and had been unwell for several years, his death was expected, yet still it was a shock — an emotional paradox that will be familiar to many who finally experience longanticipated grief.

After discussing the injustice of his father surviving the worst waves of COVID but not living long enough to enjoy the fruits of our unlocking, my friend turned to the question of logistics. "It's interesting," he said. "They can get it right when they need to." "Who is they?" I asked. "Funeral homes."

Having rung at least half a dozen funeral homes to check availability and compare prices, my friend had identified two common threads. First, every home he spoke to deployed an identical timbre and tone of voice warm, caring and with a pitch-perfect balance of compassion and commerce. Second, the customer service was impeccable — crisp, professional and dovetailed to the brain fog of grief. Calls answered humans, not machines, and these humans were humane: They listened, they heard, they were well-intentioned and wellinformed.

it right at the very worst counts; but why walt for of times," my friend circumstances to reach observed, "it's obvious this pitch? that the banks and airlines and car-hire companies simply don't care."

Funerals are not cheap. According to the National Funeral Directors Association, the 2019 median "nondeclinable basic services fee" for an adult funeral with viewing and burial in America was \$2,195. To this, mourners are delicately (up)sold from a menu of add-ons, including transfer of remains (\$350), embalming (\$750), viewing facilities (\$425), funeral facilities (\$500), metal casket (\$2,500) and hearse (\$340). Together these raise the median cost to \$7,640 — 21% of median annual personal income — on top of which are "miscellacash-advance uaries and the like. Again, these are national American median prices, bearing little relationship to of the prices in big cities or tony Zip codes. (The solid bronze "Promethean" casket retails at \$24,000.)

Given this, it could be argued that the very cost of funerals enables a higher standard of cus- brands columnist.





tomer service — just as unless there are family tially fungible. Conseembedded in local comsitive to word-of-mouth. A

thing with absolute certainty: Every customer that calls is in a state of distress. And so they calibrate their demeanor and intonation accordingly. If there is a tone of voice common to funeral homes, it's surely no more surprising than the rational and reassuring still routinely mimicked by airline pilots around the world. In critical and "If undertakers can get emotional situations, tone counts: but why wait for

reframed for many the the shock of so many untimely and "excess" maintaining traditional rites of comfort and most of us have, and long memory actions have faded.

of navigating even the charges" for flowers, obit- most basic services, every condolence, for their customers, then empathy.

the platinum-card membership line is inevitably answered first. However, from a practical perspective, funerals are more or less a parity product and, traditions to be respected, funeral homes are essenquently, customer interactions matter. In the United States, 89% of funeral homes are privately owned by families or individuals and, as such, are munities and highly senshabby experience at a time of sorrow is unlikely to be forgiven, forgotten or kept to oneself. Undertakers know one

'Chuck Yeager" cadence

The past year has experience of grief — as deaths was compounded by the impossibility of mourning. Indeed it may seem luxurious to discuss "tone of voice" at a time when, for example, India is suffering catastrophic shortages of oxygen to breathe and firewood to cremate. But words are all words have a disturbing power to linger in the after

Given the stress of life even before COVID, and the increasing complexity consumer-facing company could do worse than take a leaf from the book muster if not sympathy something approaching

Schott is Bloomberg Opinion's advertising and



Party should worry GOP, Dems

Special to The Washington Post

More than 100 Republicans, including former officeholders and highranking staffers, reportedly plan to create a third party if the GOP doesn't pull back from its embrace of former President Donald Trump. That should worry Republicans — and Democrats, too.

represent a group that is a significant minority within the electorate. They tilt mildly to the right on economics, are generally centrist on matters of culture and do not highly prioritize concerns from the religious right even if they nominally support them. Not so long ago, they were an important, perhaps even the ruling, element in the GOP. They dominated Republican thinking during the George W. Bush administration and battled the tea party and their religious right allies in the early 2010s.

The rise of Trump changed that. Trump's victory in the 2016 GOP primary exposed this group's lack of support among voters. Its preferred candidates — Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio and John Kasich — were easily swept aside by Trump and tea party favorite Texas Sen. Ted Cruz. Many of these people rejected Trump from the start, refusing to endorse him and preferring to vote for Hillary Clinton or a third-party candidate. But Trump's unexpected triumph

sent them reeling even further. Today, they find themselves out of power and out of step with the broader Republican electorate. Polls show Trump remains a popular figure among Republicans. More importantly, many of the issue stances that these Republicans planning to leave the party continue to tout, such as encouraging immigration and global trade, are not shared by majorities of Republican voters. Republican dissidents may cite Trump's character as their motivation for wanting to leave, but many are also closer on key poliHenry Olsen



These officials, who are expected cy issues to President Biden and his to release a letter this week, broadly wing of the Democratic Party than are to the GOF

This is why any third-party effort would likely not attract many current Republicans. Even Republicans who share these views are deathly afraid of Democrats and their agenda. Third parties in the United States often attract higher levels of support early in a campaign only to lose most of those voters as they realize that their preferred candidate won't win. There aren't enough dissatisfied, anti-Trump Republicans to mount credible challenges in safe GOP and winnable states and seats. Ambitious Republican politicians and large donors want to be winners, not spoil-

But winning may not be this effort's goal. Even if this new party attracted only 3% to 5% of the total vote in the 2022 midterms, that small difference could be enough to make a difference. Ralph Nader's quixotic Green Party campaign for president in 2000 only got 2.7 percent of the vote, yet his vote total exceeded George W. Bush's winning margin in New Hampshire and Florida. Had Nader not been on the ballot, Vice President Al Gore likely would have won. A breakaway Constitutional Conservative Party, to give the venture a name, could similarly determine which party controls the House and Senate.

That might perversely work to the GOP's advantage. Democrats attracted the lion's share of voters who fit this group's issue stance and demographics. Indeed, five of the eight people mentioned as potential signatories on this letter publicly and Public Policy Center.

announced they would vote for Biden last year, and surely others followed George W. Bush's example of writing in a candidate or voting for Libertarian nominee Jo Jorgensen. Such voters also backed Democrats in the key Arizona and Georgia Senate races and many House races. These people would surely be more comfortable in this new party than in a Democratic Party that increasingly moves leftward on economics and culture. A new party that stands for the 2004-era Bush Republican principles may draw more voters from Democratic ranks than from Republicans.

This prospect should not, however, deter Republican leaders from trying to get these people back on board. The Republican Party cannot gain control of the federal government without attracting some people who did not vote for Trump. That includes expanding the party's appeal with working-class non-Whites, but it also means getting some former Republicans back in the GOP tent. A majority party in the United States is always a coalition, and that means the ardent Trump backers need to share space with those who think Trump made himself anathema on Jan. 6. That won't be an easy coalition to form, but it's an effort that must be made.

Ultimately, Republicans threatening to flee will need to decide which party tent they feel less comfortable living in. Unless the demand for this new party exceeds anyone's wildest expectations, they will have to decide whether they would rather coexist with the progressive, woke left or the Trumpist, nativist right. Politics is not the "Hokey Pokey" where people can keep putting one step in a party and take another one out.

Third parties rarely get off the ground. We'll see whose partisan house gets smashed if this effort really takes off.

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Bank donates

First Bank of Berne recently donated \$2,500 to Jay County 4-H as part of its fundraising drive for facility improvements Jay County Fairgrounds. Pictured are Tracy Carpenter (center), Beth Stephen and Dru Mercer of 4-H.

Bayer loses appeal

By JOEL ROSENBLATT

Bayer lost its second appeal of the three jury verdicts finding that the company's Roundup weed killer causes cancer.

The U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco refused on Friday to overturn the 2019 decision in the only case to go to trial in federal court. The decision may embolden consumers to bring more claims beyond the many thousands the company is trying to resolve in an \$11 billion settlement.

Bayer was testing an argument that it hoped would undercut thousands of outstanding cases.

It contended the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's authority to regulate herbicide labeling prohibits states from imposing demands that depart from federal requirements. The company said the verdict was improperly based on a California law requiring Bayer to warn consumers of Roundup's cancer risk. The EPA supported Baver's appeal.

This appeal has the potential to shape how every subsequent Roundup case is litigated," Bayer said in a court filing.

The plaintiff in the case, Edwin Hardeman, testified that he used Roundup for years on his large plot of land in Sonoma County, about 60 miles (100 kilometers) north of San Francisco. Similar to other plaintiffs in the U.S., Hardeman said his exposure caused his Hodgkin's lymphoma. Jurors awarded him more than \$80 million, later cut by the trial judge to \$25 million.

The three-judge appeals court affirmed the \$25 award.Hardeman's

suit was the second of three Roundup trials Bayer lost in 2018 and 2019with average awards of almost \$50 million per plaintiff that sent its stock into a downward spiral. The other two cases were tried in California state court. The company lost appeal of the first verdict — though it did win a reduction in damages — and is appealing the third verdict.

The legal threat has weighed on Bayer since its 2018 acquisition of Monsanto, maker of the herbicide. Despite an \$11 billion proposal to resolve U.S. announced in June, the Roundup litigation proved more expensive and difficult to contain than Bayer

calculated.

Addington earns award

A Jay County resident was one of 10 nurses honored this week at a Richmond hospital.

Reid Health on Wednesday presented its 2021 Nursing Excellence Awards, including one to Tonya Addington

of Jay County, as part of its National Nurses Week celebration. Reid chose

the honorees based Addington on the care

they provide patients, with a focus on "empathy, accountability, integrity and excellence.

"This past year of the COVID-19 pandemic has been a constant reminder of the heroic work done by nurses," said Reid vice president and chief nursing officer Misti Foust-Cofield in a press release. "This group is emblematic of the care and sacrifice of all those on the Reid team."

Addington has been with Reid Health for a decade and serves as a registered nurse for patient continuum of care. She most recently served as the manager of the COVID-19 Kuhlman Center Vaccine Clinic.

Rubbelke honored

rormer Commerciai Review reporter Nathan rants for serving our com-Rubbelke this week was announced as the recipient of an honorable mention award in the Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing 2020 Best in Business Awards.

He earned the honor for a trio of sports business stories he wrote for the St. Louis Business Journal. His stories featured coverage of how the pandemic was impacting the St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis Battle-Hawks (XFL), Saint Louis FC (USL Championship), and by extension the city's business community.

Rubbelke served as The Commercial Review's county reporter in 2016 and 2017. He earned a second-place Indiana Associated Press Media Editor's Award for The CR for best column in

Help is available

Federal funds are helping implement the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment program in Ohio.

The program, which helps those who are close to running out of unemployment eligibility, received \$5.6 million through the U.S. Department of Labor, The Daily Standard (Celi-

Business roundup

na, Ohio) reported. It is designed to improve job prospects by assisting with training, certifications, job referrals and other servic-

Those interested in utilizing Re-employment Services and Eligibility Assessment services can call Mercer County Job and Family Services at (419) 586-5106.

Restaurant raising

McDonald's announced Thursday that it will be raising wages for more than 35,000 employees by an average of 10%.

The increases are already underway as the fast-food company pushes its entry-level wages to \$11 to \$17 per hour. The new starting range for shift managers will be \$15 to \$20 per hour.

McDonald's in a press release said its restaurants are looking to hire 10,000 new employees in the next three months.

Our first value is taking care of our people, and today we are rewarding our hardworking employees in McDonald-owned restaumunities,' said Erlinger, president of McDonald's USA. "These actions further our commitment to offering one of the leading pay and benefits packages in the indus-

Invenergy investing

Invenergy and BW LNG have closed a \$128.3 million financial package for a floating storage and regasification unit for a project in El Salvador. The package, which was

Wednesday, announced includes a 15-year contract. Invenergy, which is planning a solar project in northwest Jay County, will use the funds to buy and convert the BW Tatiana LNG carrier into a floating storage and regasification

"The close of financing for the FSRU represents a significant step forward in the completion of the transformational EDP project, the foundation for El Salvador's clean energy future, said Meghan Schultz, senior vice president of Invenergy, in a press release. "This landmark, project is only made possible through the collabora- news@thecr.com.

tion and support of our incredible partners.'

Subway hiring

Subway restaurants on Tuesday announced plans to hire 40,000 employees this month.

The plan is part of a nationwide effort to fill open positions at its more than 20,000 restaurants in the U.S.

DG donates

Dollar General on Thursday donated more than \$10.5 million to support literacy and education.

The money will go to about 1,000 non-profit organizations, libraries and schools to fund summer, family and adult litera-

cy programs. "We understand the meaningful impact that the Dollar General Literacy Foundation investments and grants can have on local schools, nonprofits and libraries, and we are pleased to provide our largest one-day award to serve additional students this year," said Dollar General CEO Todd Vasos, Dollar General's CEO and Dollar General Literacy Foundation board member. "Our support of communities' educational advancements remains unwavering. We are proud to champion the positive work by each of today's recipients ...'

Tyson reports

Tyson Foods on Monday reported that it had total sales of \$11.3 billion for the second quarter of 2021.

Tyson's sales went up by more than \$400 million over the previous year. Its net income for the quarter was \$477 million.

Announcing earnings

Walmart, Dollar Tree and Advance Auto Parts have announced conference calls to discuss firstquarter earnings.

Walmart will hold a conference call at 8 a.m. Tuesday to discuss financial results for the first quarter of its fiscal year. The event will be live-streamed at corporate.walmart.com.

Dollar Tree's conference call is slated for 9 a.m. Thursday. It will be available via live stream at dollartreeinfo.com.

Advance Auto Parts will host its call at 8 a.m. June 2. The webcast will be availir.advanceauat toparts.com.

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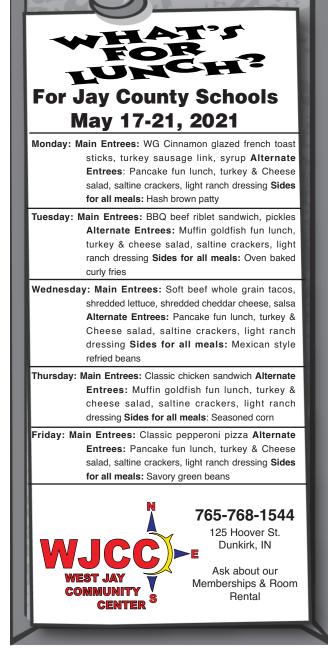
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5-15 **CRYPTOQUIP**

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals S

Trivial Review

Geography bee

1) What U.S. state is closest to Africa?

2) What are the only South American countries that do not border Brazil?

> 2) Chile and Ecuador (2) Maine (7,322 miles)

CRYPTOQUIP 5-17

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: MUSICAL MOVIE FEATURING A VOCALIST IN A REGION OF NORTHEASTERN FRANCE: "SINGIN' IN LORRAINE."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals N

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Clue: Female parent

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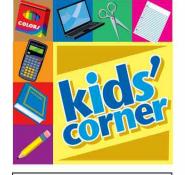
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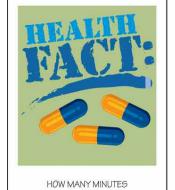
Guess Who?

I am an actress born in California on May 14, 1993. I appeared in TV commercials before getting a break in the movie "School of Rock." Later I had a hit sitcom about a young girl who hosts a web show with friends.

Answer: Miranda Cosgrove

Answer: Bouquet





OF EXERCISE SHOULD PEOPLE TRY TO GET EVERY DAY?

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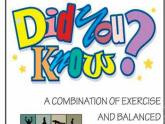


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GERMAN: Sport



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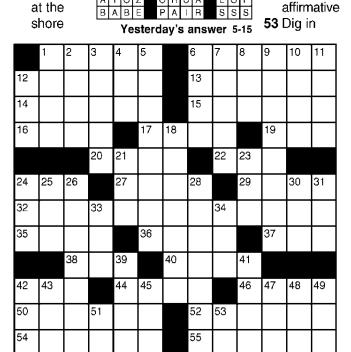
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Contract * By Steve Becker

A matter of entries

Neither side vulnerable. **♦** K Q J 5 **♥** A Q J 9 **♦** 4 WEST **EAST ♦** 9 8 4 ♦ A 9 6 2 ◆ J 10 7 5 **4**963 **♣**K 10 8 2 SOUTH ♠ A 10 6 3 **♥**1074 ♦ K O 8 3 The bidding East West North South Pass Pass 4 NT Pass Pass 6 🛧

North dealer.

Opening lead jack of diamonds. In many deals, the proper use of entries is the key to bringing about a successful resolution. Unfortunately, it is not always easy to recognize at the outset that an entry problem

exists, much less figure out what to Consider this case where South is

47 Tennis

48 Ogler's

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49 Mag.

51 Altar

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Arthur

in six spades. East takes the opening diamond lead with the ace and returns a trump. How should South proceed? When the deal occurred, declarer won the spade return with dummy's jack, drew the remaining trumps with the queen and ten, then led the ten of hearts and finessed. When the ten held, a second heart was led to the jack, but declarer now found himself badly placed If he cashed the ace of hearts and

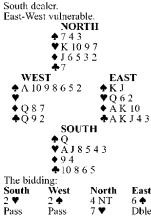
the king did not fall, he would have to rely on a club finesse to get home safely. Alternatively, if he led a spade to the ace in order to repeat the heart finesse, he could not make 12 tricks no matter what he did thereafter. In practice, South cashed the ace of hearts, but when the suit failed to break and the club finesse later lost. he went down one

Declarer could have made the slam by timing the play better. The approach he adopted depended on West holding three or fewer hearts to the king but did not cater to K-x-x-x in West's hand. This holding a one-in-four possibility — is far too significant to ignore.

first spade in his hand with the ten, finesse the ten of hearts and repeat the finesse. The K-A of spades are then cashed, drawing the missing trumps, and a third heart finesse is taken. After discarding a club on the ace of hearts, declarer can claim the remainder, ruffing his losing diamond with dummy's last trump.

Contract & Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand



6 **♦** Dble Pass Pass Opening lead acc of spades.

This deal occurred at the 1984 World Team Olympiad in the final of the women's championship, which saw the United States defeat Great

Britain by the narrow margin of 11 International Match Points. At the first table, with Betty Ann Kennedy and Carol Sanders North-South for the U.S., and Pat Davies and Nicola Gardener Smith East-West for Britain, the bidding went as shown. After Sanders' weak two-heart bid and West's two-spade over-

call, Kennedy tried the best she could

ding four notrump. However, East was not dissuaded by this and bid six Kennedy then carried on to seven

hearts, which was doubled by East and defeated five tricks for a score of 900 points (1,100 in today's scoring) Since the British pair would have made all the tricks at six spades for a score of 1,460 points, -900 figured to be an excellent result for the Ameri-But things took an unexpected

turn at the second table when the bidding went: West South North East Pass! The British South's two-diamond

opening indicated one of several types of hands, including a weak two-bid in hearts, and West decided to await developments. North mud-died the waters with two spades, and after East's leap to three notrump and four hearts by South, West belatedly showed her spades.

Having done their damage, the

English were delighted to let the U.S pair buy the contract at this level with North certain her opponents had missed a slam. She was absolutely right but must have been disappointed to learn her teammates had scored only 900 points at the first table, giving the British a net gain of only 190 points, or five IMPs

to throw up a smoke screen by bid-Tomorrow: Safety first. ©2021 King Features Syndicate Inc

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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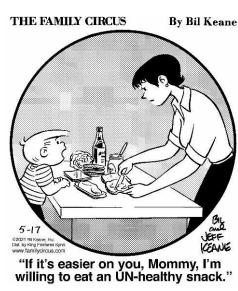
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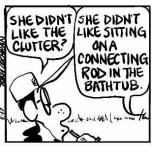


























































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Sixers top Magic to clinch East's top spot

By AARON BRACY

Associated Press PHILADELPHIA Embiid had 13 points and 11 rebounds and the Philadelphia 76ers clinched the top seed for the playoffs in the Eastern Conference with a 122-97 victory over the Orlando Magic on Friday night.

Ben Simmons added 13 points and nine assists to help the 76ers improve to 48-23. Philadelphia could've clinched earlier this week, but lost at down

while still looking sluggish.

But he was more engaged in Curry scored 20 points, Joel the second quarter against the undermanned Magic, helping Philadelphia outscore Orlando 39-19 in the period to take firm control. Embiid showed the edge that has made him arguably Philadelphia's mostloved athlete when he picked up a technical for a confrontation with Shane Bacon with 3:16 left in the period.

Philadelphia fans reigned own "M-V-P!" "M-V-P!" Indiana on Tuesday and at chants on Embiid in the first Miami on Thursday. Embiid half. And those cheers will get didn't play against the Pacers even louder in the postseason,

arena can have 50 percent capacity when the playoffs begin. That will mean about 10,000 fans can be in attendance, or about double the current allowance.

Embiid, Simmons and the rest of Philadelphia's starters relaxed on the bench in the fourth quarter with the 76ers up big.

Ignas Brazdeikis scored 21 points for the Magic. They have lost six straight.

The 76ers last took the top seed in 2001 when Allen Iverson won the MVP. Larry Brown the Coach of the Year and due to illness and logged just as the city announced this Aaron McKie the Sixth Man

NBA finals before losing to Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal and the Lakers in five games.

Philadelphia has made the playoffs 10 times since, but hasn't gotten close to the finals. The club started from scratch under former GM Sam Hinkie, famously rebuilding beginning in 2013-14. The 76ers won just 47 games over the first three seasons of The Process before using high draft picks on Simmons and Embiid helped turn things around.

They will enter the playoffs for the fourth straight season, but the hope of a Process-prochampionship duced

25 minutes against the Heat week that the 76ers' home award. That team reached the remained elusive. Philadelphia hasn't even reached the conference finals during the recent stretch, and last year's firstround playoff exit cost former coach Brett Brown his job.

Now, coach Doc Rivers and GM Daryl Morey, Hinkie's exboss in Houston, will try to help bring Philadelphia its first championship since 1983. The 76ers will begin that quest on May 22 and have homecourt advantage as long as they stay alive in the East. They'll start with a series against the No. 8 seed, which will come by way of a play-in tourney between the No. 9 and 10 seeds.

Falls

Continued from page 10 Another Ellie Will, who was the third seed in the 3,200 run, was stuck behind teammates Minster Chaney Cedarleaf and Freshman Trevor Boate for most of the Heitkamp had a pair of race, eventually passing Cedarleaf after five laps. But Cedarleaf made a late push on the front stretch to overtake Will, and the FRHS youngster ended the 1,600 run. third in 11:58.3, a second behind Cedarleaf.

dropped big "She time," Diller said. "Jenna (Hart) is a freshman, she dropped big time."

Hart finished sixth in

Francis, a junior, finished fifth in the 100 dash, which was two spots below her seed entering the meet. Pearson, who was the conference's long jump champion on Tuesday, matched her seed by finishing fifth in the 200 dash as well.

"Our girls stepped up today," Diller said. "All the kids just ran lights out today. I think almost stone. We are very young every kid ran a season best across the board."

relay team of Kierra three kids.

Wendel, Fullenkamp, freshman, Pearson and Francis was the runner-up in 1:49.08, more than three seconds behind the quartet from Coldwater.

top-six finishes for the boys. He was third in 3,200 run, crossing the line in 10:31.6 about an hour after taking sixth in

Owen Moorman placed fourth in the 200 dash (23.74 seconds) and eighth in the 100 dash (11.98 seconds). Bryan Falk of Minster posted times of 22.99 seconds and 11.39 seconds, respectively, to win the title in each.

The Tribe's 4x100 relay team was third. The 4x200 relay struggled with some of its exchanges and placed fourth.

"We have some things we need to tighten up on the relays and they know that," Diller said. "They have the potential to drop time in both of their relays.

"It's a good stepping again this year. We graduated all the piece of that Fort Recovery's 4x200 MAC team minus two or



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Fort Recovery High School senior Owen Moorman, left, and Jack Osborne of Versailles sprint toward the finish line of the 100-meter dash during the Midwest Athletic Conference track and championships on Friday at Barrenbrugge Athletic Park. Moorman was eighth, while Osborne took fourth.

Continued from page 10

Grosjean missed the final two races of pulled himself from a fireball of wreck- were thrown out for interference. ge. He has said the halo cockpit protector likely saved his life, and he suffered severe burns that left scarring on his hands.

He knew even before the crash he was not being retained by American team Haas, and Grosjean had already turned his sights to IndyCar because he was tired of running in a series where the quality of the car wasn't all that mattered.

While Coyne is not an IndyCar heavyweight, Grosjean produced finishes of 10th and 13th in his first two races.

"I've started looking for houses in America," he said when asked if the Indy-Car Series could become a permanent destination. "That's the answer you want.'

If he continues stringing together strong results, he'll get many more opportunities — starting Saturday as he chases his first podium finish since 2015 and his biggest victory since winning the GP2 Series title in 2011.

"I love the atmosphere between the drivers, I love the tracks," Grosjean said. "The cars are fun to drive. We can go for some good stuff. I'm really happy."

Old and new

Juan Pablo Montoya and Jimmie Johnson are familiar faces around the speedway. They just find themselves in different

roles this year. Montoya, a two-time Indianapolis 500

winner, is seeking his first win on the track's road course and in his first Indylast year's F1 season after a harrowing Car race since 2017. He will start last in November crash in Bahrain in which he the 25-car field because his two fastest laps

Johnson, meanwhile, NASCAR champion and four-time Brickyard 400 winner. While he'll make his third IndvCar start Saturday, Johnson isn't one of the race-day favorites and he knows it. Johnson is starting 23rd.

"I'm not in the game yet so at least now I'm under less pressure than I have been in the past," the 45-year-old Johnson said. "It's my rookie year and there's very little testing.

All's well

There is no feud, per se, between Graham Rahal and Harvey but the two certainly had to clear the air following a disagreement at Texas Motor Speedway earlier this month.

Rahal wasn't pleased with how Harvey raced that day and said he planned to have a "man-to-man talk" with the driver. Harvey then grumbled competitors often race his Michael Shank Racing entry with a part-time, small-team attitude and think they can just do whatever, anytime.'

Shank, the team's co-owner, backed Harvey this week and said his team would not be pushed around.

That led Rahal to note the Shank team is aligned with powerhouse Andretti Autosport and Harvey has made legitimate inroads.

"They can talk big all they want, 'Guys like Graham still think I'm a part-timer.' That's a complete lie," Rahal said.

Local schedule

Today

— Tennis at Lapel Invitational - 9 a.m.; Softball doubleheader at Hagerstown – 10 a.m.; Baseball double-header at South Side – 10 a.m.; Junior var-

reader at South Side – 10 a.m.; Jurnior Var-sity track at Huntington North – 11 a.m.; JV baseball vs. Norwell – 10 a.m. Fort Recovery — Softball at Minster – 1:30 p.m.; JV baseball at Minster – 1:30

p.m. Fort Wayne TinCaps at Lake County Captains - 6:35 p.m.

Sunday Fort Wayne TinCaps at Lake County Captains – 1:30 p.m.

Monday

Jay County — Softball at Marion – 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Delta – 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Alexandria – 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Union (Modoc) – 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. McCulloch – 5 p.m.

Lugnuts - 7:05 p.m.

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p.m.; Junior high golf at Monroe Central – Fort Recovery — Baseball sectional semifinal vs. Ada – 5 p.m.
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FR record falls at MAC meet



Fort Recovery High School freshman Natalie Brunswick, third from left, runs between a pair of Minster athletes, including Emma Boate of Minster, during the 1,600meter run as part of the Midwest Athletic Conference track and field championships Friday Barrenbrugge Athletic Park. Brunswick was third in 5 minutes, 19.05 seconds. Boate won in 5:10.79.

Tribe 4x100-meter relay breaks 11-year-old mark

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians saved their best performances for their conference

The defending champs know what they've got to build on. The girls are aiming to keep the momentum going.

Fort Recovery High School's girls had five runners place sixth or better and had a relay break a school record while two Tribe boys had a pair of topeight finishes in the final day of the Midwest Athletic ConferBarrenbrugge Athletic Park.

"I think they did great," FRHS coach Christy Diller said of her girls squad. "We definitely can tighten a couple areas up that it's not that far off and we're a place higher.

"A lot of these girls are young. We have a big crew of seniors, (and) we have a big crew of freshmen, so that's good to know we're retaining them next year for another step

onships in hosted on Friday at eight seasons (not including the canceled 2020 year). Versailles Pearson, Marie Nachtsheim had 108 points for third, and Coldwater, the 2019 champion, was third. Fort Recovery finished fifth with 76 points.

The Minster boys scored 168 for its first title since 2016 and a Wildcat sweep. Marion Local was the runner-up with 130.5 points, and Versailles totaled 104.5 points for third. The FRHS boys, who were defending the 2019 championship but graduat-Minster totaled 135.5 points last two years, was eighth out 5:10.79. ence track and field champi- to win its seventh in the last of 10 teams with 33 points.

Allysen Fullenkamp, Mara and Abbie Francis set a new school record in the 4x100meter relay, finishing with a time of 51.99 seconds. They finished fourth while breaking the mark of 52.5 seconds, which had stood since 2010.

Natalie Brunswick, a freshman, backed up her No. 3 seed in the 1,600 run by ending in the same spot in 5 minutes, 19.05 seconds. Minster's Ella ed much of that squad over the Boate raced to the title in

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Grosjean wins 1st IndyCar pole

INDIANAPOLIS Romain Grosjean survived a fiery Formula One crash, then left the series behind for a move to Indy-Car where he figured he might compete for wins after nearly a decade of driving cars that never

had a chance. Now he seems right at

home in America. In just his third race with Dale Coyne Racing, Grosjean will lead a 25-car field to the yard of bricks Saturday in the Indianapolis Grand Prix. He turned a lap of 1 minute, 9.4396 seconds around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course Friday to beat two-time IndyCar champion Josef Newgar-

den. It's the 35-year-old Frenchman's first pole since a 2011 GP2 Series race in Turkey and he celebrated flexing his arms in joy when he pulled into pit lane.

"It's like being alive again," Grosjean said. "That feeling, whoa! I forgot what it was, actually. Amazing."

Newgarden will start second for Team Penske.

Jack Harvey will start third for Michael Shank Racing after a surprising

which defending race win-tributed three RBIs. ner Scott Dixon did not advance out of the first round. Dixon also struggled in the second practice session because of a problematic clutch.

"It was a mixed up grid," Newgarden said. "I was really surprised where some people qualified.'

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Patriot softball shares **ACAC**

Adams Central tops Heritage to create a three-way tie

The Patriots got the help they needed. They've made history.

The Jay County High School softball team secured the first conference championship in program history Friday.

While they played the Wes-Del Warriors in Gaston — and won, 15-3, in six innings — the Adams Central Jets beat the Heritage Patriots 5-1 in Monroe, helping Jay County earn a share of the Allen County Athletic Conference championship.

It's the first league title, regardless of conference, for the Patriots in school history.

Adams Central's win against Heritage made a three-way tie atop the ACAC standings at 5-1 with Woodlan and Jay County. A Heritage win would have denied Jay County the championship.

Against Wes-Del, Jay County (14-6) scored twice in the top of the first inning before adding five runs in the second. The Warriors ended the shutout with a three-run third, but the Patriots put the game away with two runs in the fifth and six in the sixth.

Aubrie Schwieterman led the Patriot offense, which racked up 16 hits, with a triple, a double and qualifying session in two singles. She also con-

Rieley Brewster doubled, singled and drove in two runs, while Olivia Bright hit a double and two singles with an RBI. Mady Fraley contributed two hits and a pair of RBIs.

Taylor Brown earned the win. She allowed three runs — two earned — on nine hits with two strike-

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