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Festive finish

Fort Recovery High School held a variety of outdoor activities during Seniorfest to celebrate the last day of school Friday. Above, sophomore Alix Englehardt sips from a dripping snow cone. Vendors Wendel's BBQ and Kona Ice offered food in the parking lot. At left, Christian Marchal (left) and Rex Leverette race through an inflatable obstacle course. Other activities included cornhole, flag football and Twister.

requiring vaccinations for fall

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Indiana Universi-ty is requiring all stu-dents and employees to receive COVID-19 vaccina-tree ive COVID-19 vaccina-

demic on our campuses and brings us one step closer to making a 'return to normal' a reality,' McRobbie said in a statement.

and mitigating the pan-

HSE exam set to change

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Assessment is transferable, recognized by military

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

There's a new test for Indiana adult students working on getting a High School Equivalency diploma.

Starting in July, they'll have the option to take a test that can be completed at home. Unlike the test used in recent years, it's also transferable to surrounding states and recognized by the military.

Indiana Adult Education is switching its final exam July 1. At that time, it will begin transitioning from the Test Assessing Secondary Completion to the High School Equivalency Test. This extends to the adult education offered at John Jay Center of Learning.

"We're just excited about the new test," said John Jay student services advisor Miranda Carr. "I think it will be beneficial to the students, and that's what we're here for — to provide the best education and best prepare these students.'

The new assessment is offered by Educational Testing Service, the world's largest private educational testing and measurement organization. It administers and scores more than 50 million tests — including graduate admissions and English language proficiency — each year, according to its website.

The High School Equivalency Test is used in 23

and is threatening to cancel class registrations and don't comply.

the requirement for its confidently return to in-legislators to prohibit the 19 vaccine among our stu-

tions for the fall semester masks and physical distancing.

fire staff members who majority students and COVID-19 vaccinations, employees are vaccinated IU officials announced is the only way it "can

number of colleges across Knowing that the vast the country requiring even as opposition to similar mandates led Indiana

IU is among a growing sity's seven campuses are planning a "return to mostly normal operations" for their some 90,000 students.

"Requiring the COVID-

states, including Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan and Illinois, making it an accepted certification for any students who move out of Indiana.

See Exam page 2

Retrospect Jay County celebrated 37 GED graduates

Twenty-five years ago this you is I believe when you week, Jay County was celebrating education.

The May 22, 1996, edition of The Commercial Review fea-tured coverage of Jay County Academy for Self-Improvement's 17th annual GED graduation ceremony.

That year's class included 37 graduates, including 75-year-old Dorothy Whitelock.

"I'm so very proud of each and every one of you," said guest speaker Jan Truby, director of Jay County Employment and Training Services. She referred the event as "a celebration of the progress you made toward your graduation, the celebration of your commitment to reach your high school degree."

She went on to congratulate the graduates for putting in the time and work it took to earn the GED and encouraged them to help friends pursue diplomas as well.

accomplish something you worked very hard on you need to share the wealth," Truby said. "You may be the one per-son supporting or encouraging them.

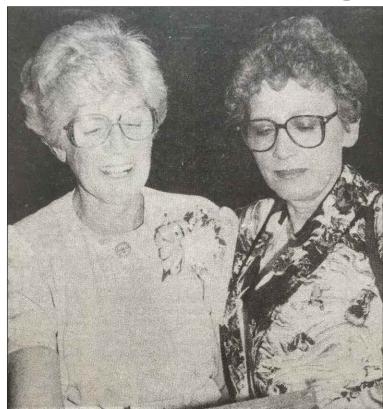
The ceremony also included The Portland Foundation awarding \$1,000 scholarships to previous GED program gradu-ates Martha Taylor, Cheryl Buckingham, Belinda Myers and Candice Hutzler. All four planned to take college courses that fall.

It marked the first time the scholarships were made available to past GED program graduates.

Sam Shoemaker, director of adult education in Jay County, offered his congratulations to the scholarship recipients.

You earned a right to be a role model," he said. "You earned a right to make a difference

"This is just the first stage. Go "The challenge that I have for for it."



The Jay County Academy for Self-Improvement held 17th annual GED its graduation ceremony May 21, 1996. Pictured, 75-year-Dorothy graduate old Whitlock (left) looks at her diploma along with her friend Linda Taylor.

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Deaths

Donna Haffner, 75, rural Portland John Minch, 84, Berne Clarissa Mann, 83, rural Portland

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County's high temperature was 82 degrees Friday. Skies will be partly sunny today with a high of 84. Tonight's low will be in the 60s. Expect a high in the mid 80s again Sunday under most-ly sunny skies. There is a chance of showers early Mon-

day. See page 2 for an extended

outlook.

In review

The Portland Foundation is accepting applications for its summer grant round. Deadlines are June 14 for regular foundation grants and teacher creativity mini grants, June 21 for summer scholarships and July 16 for Women's Giving Circle Grants. All applications are available at portlandfoundation.org.

Coming up

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

Thursday — Results from Jay County's baseball sectional tournament opener.



Capsule Reports

Semi struck

A Canadian semi driver struck a parked semi at the Ardagh Group factory in Dunkirk about 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Muhammad N. Iqbal, Windsor, Ontario, was turning into the parking lot at 524 E. Center St. when he hit the back of a 2022 Freightliner with the 2012 Volvo he was driving. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Abrupt stop

Five pigs died after an Indianapolis man abruptly stopped his vehicle to make a turn, caus-

flip on its side about 7:23 p.m. Monday.

Todd S. Wiley, 40, was driving his 2018 Hyundai Elantra southwest on Indiana 67 and approaching the intersection with county road 200 South. Wiley told Jay County Sheriff's Office his GPS said to turn left and drive east on county road 200 South. He made an abrupt stop in the middle of the road so he wouldn't miss the turn, according to a sheriff's office report.

Jacob L. Skiles, 22, was driving a 2004 Kenworth 900 semi and hauling pigs behind Wiley.

the ditch to avoid a collision, but he hit the rear passenger side of Wiley's car with the semi before it overturned and blocked Indiana 67.

The intersection was closed for two hours while 85 pigs were unloaded from the overturned trailer, and both vehicles were towed. Five pigs died, according to the report. No injuries to either driver were reported. Damage is estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

Pole hit

\$25,000 and \$50,000 after a Harting the vehicle behind him to Skiles attempted to drive into ford City man's vehicle went off day.

the road and hit pole about 11:30 p.m. Thursday.

Joshua K. Yates, 38, was driving a 2014 Chevrolet Cruze on county road 300 North near county road 350 West when his vehicle went off the north side of the road and hit a utility pole. He later told Jay County Sheriff's Office he couldn't see because a passing motorcycle headlight obscured his vision. Yates' vehicle was towed.

Lost control

A Portland man lost control Damage is estimated between of his moped after an Ohio man struck it about 5:30 p.m. Tues-

Jeffrey D. Hiatt, 53, Portland, was driving south on U.S. 27 just north of county road 200 North on his 2012 Zhejiang moped. Kelcey L. Frye, 30, Celina, was driving a 2005 Ford F250 just behind Hiatt.

Frye later told Jay County Sheriff's Office he didn't see Hiatt and struck the moped with the fender of his car dolly, causing Hiatt to lose control. The moped slid approximately 50 feet off-road before coming to a stop in a nearby ditch.

Hiatt was taken to IU Health Jav for treatment. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

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Sunday 5/23	Monday 5/24	Tuesday 5/25	Wednesday 5/26	Thursday 5/27			
86/66 The high temperature will be 86 under mostly sunny skies. A good day for a swim.	87/68 Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast again with a 30% chance of rain.	rain continuing all day and	thunder-	78/56 Another day of mostly sunny skies with a 30% chance of rain.			

Lotteries

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 6-6-6 Daily Four: 8-0-7-8 Quick Draw: 3-7-9-10-14-15-19-21-31-33-37-38-41-46-47-48-57-59-64-71

Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 4-5-0

Pick 4: 6-4-0-0 Pick 5: 2-0-2-7-7

Estimated jackpot:

Mega Millions

Central States

Corn.....6.89

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Corn.....6.91

June corn6.94

Montpelier

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St. Anthony

Estimated jackpot: \$515 million

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Powerball

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Obituaries

Donna Haffner

Dec. 9, 1945-May 21, 2021 Donna S. Haffner, age 75, of rural Portland passed away Friday morning May 21, 2021, at IU Health Jay.

She was born in Portland on Dec. 9, 1945, the daughter of Joseph and Betty (Wagner) Laux. She was married in 1963 to Richard Haffner who

survives. Donna was retired from the Jay School Corporation as a teacher at Bloomfield Elementary. She was a 1963 Bryant High School graduate.

Donna was a very genuine and selfless person. She loved her

grandchildren, taking them on shopping trips, watching the New York Yankees, going for rides on the Ranger and having ice cream with

Surviving are her husband Richard; one son, Jim Haffner of Bryant; mother Betty Laux of Bryant; two brothers, Tom Laux (wife: Crystal) of Bryant and John Laux (wife: Sharon) of Farmland; one sister, Carol Arnold (husband: Mike) of Florida; three grandsons, Andy, Adam and Austin; and two great-grandsons, Griffin and Lennox.

Private family services will be held.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society or Jay County Humane Society.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

John Minch

Jan. 11, 1937-May 5, 2021 John F. Minch, 84, of Berne, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at Parkview Randallia Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Association, Indiana Mayor's Association, Adams County Election Board, Adams County Public Defender's Board and Swiss Heritage Society (Berne), where he held the office of president for many years.

John graduated from Brvant High School, Bryant, Indiana, and received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Ball State University. John was a long-time educator and varsity basketball coach, working for 40 years teaching and coaching in various schools including Bryant High School, Jay School Corporation, South Adams Schools and Bishop Dwenger High School. He was principal of Bloomfield Elementary School (Bryant) and East Jay Junior High School (Portland) before ultimately retiring from education as the assistant superintendent of Jay School Corporation. John served two terms as Berne mayor. For the past 35 years, John and his wife Jane have owned and operated their beloved Schug House Inn bed and breakfast in Berne.

John was actively involved in Democratic politics in Adams County, remaining non-partisan in how he brought about the greater good for the community. His crowning achievement was being elected mayor of the City of Berne. His devotion and love for the City of Berne was evident in how he managed affairs of the city and the concern he had for the citizens under his care. John had a heart for the youth wherever he was involved; by way of his positive, can-do attitude and the mentorship he provided to young people, he would instill in them the values of honesty and enthusiasm in all of their endeavors. He enjoyed watching professional sports, including the Los Dodgers, Angeles Cleveland Browns, Indiana Pacers and Indy-Car racing, especially the Indianapolis 500. John and Jane loved attending their grandchildren's sporting events and activities, and spending time in Vero Beach, Florida. Survivors include his wife, Jane Minch of Berne, Indiana; son, Ted (Christine) Minch of Fishers, Indiana; daughter, Alison (Tim) Davis of Indianapolis, Indiana; sister, Mary Helen Stoycos of Cleveland; and six grandchildren, Lindsey, Mallory, Olivia, Ayrton, Ellery and Boomer John. John was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings. A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 27, 2021, at homes or mortuary services.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 7321 Indiana 67 Bryant, Indiana, with Father Peter Logsdon officiating. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home Facebook page, for those that cannot attend the Mass. Interment will follow in the Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery.

A community celebration of John's life will be held later this summer. Details will be released once they are finalized.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Swiss Heritage Society, Riley Children's Hospital or Bryant Community Center.

Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Yager-Kirchhofer Chapel, in Berne, Indiana, is handling the arrangements.

Clarissa Mann

Sept. 13, 1937-May 19, 2021

Clarissa Jane Mann, age 83, of rural Portland passed away Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at her residence.

She was born in Muncie on Sept. 13, 1937, the daughter of Raymond and Anna (Sewell) Summers. She was married on June 24, 1956, to James Mann and he passed away on Dec. 18, 1999. She was a homemaker and member of Jay County Hospital Auxiliary. Jane was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, enjoying taking care of her family, reading and visiting.

Surviving are one son, James Mann (wife: Elizabeth) of Portland; two daughters, Cindy Crouch (husband: Kenneth) of Ortanville. Michigan, and Cathy Emery (husband: Robert) of Hampstead, North Carolina; one sister, Alice Mann of Anderson, South Carolina; five grandchildren; and five greatgrandchildren.

There will be no funeral services.



her great-grandson.

Haffner

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Today in history

suicide bomber set off an improvised explosive device that killed 22 people at the end of an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester, England.

In 1813, composer Richard Wagner (VAHG'-nur) was born in Leipzig, Germany.

In 1915, the Lassen Peak volcano in Northern California exploded, devastating nearby areas but causing no deaths.

In 1939, the foreign ministers of Germany and Italy, Joachim von Ribbentrop and Galeazzo Ciano, signed a "Pact of Steel" committing the two countries to a military alliance.

In 1960, an earthquake of magnitude 9.5, the strongest ever struck measured, southern Chile, claiming some 1,655 lives.

In 1962, Continental Airlines Flight 11, en route from Chicago to Kansas City, Missouri, take over the program crashed after a bomb at Lake Central. apparently brought on

On May 22, 2017, a board by a passenger exploded, killing all 45 occupants of the Boeing 707.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson, speaking at the University of Michigan, outlined the goals of his "Great Society," saying that it "rests on abundance and liberty for all" and "demands an end to poverty and racial injustice.'

In 1967, a fire at the L'Innovation department store in Brussels killed 322 people. Also, poet and playwright Langston Hughes died in New York at age 65.

In 1992, after a reign lasting nearly 30 years, Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the final time (Jay Leno took over as host three days later).

In 1996, Jim Black resigned as Jay County High School boys basketball coach after four years leading the Patriots. Black left JCHS to

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Citizen's calendar

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St. St., Portland.

3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 4 p.m. – 10 a.m. – 131 S. Main St.

Portland Board of Works special meeting, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin p.m. — Dunkirk 6 Board of Works, city

building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building,

He was born on Jan. 11, 1937, in Bryant, Indiana, to Mathias John Minch and Julia Rose (Remakalus) Minch. He was united

in marriage to Jane Montgomery on July 28, 1962, at Saint John the Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. John was a member

Holy of Trinity Catholic Church in rural Bryant, where he was chairman of

the church finance committee. He served with the Indiana Air National Guard and was a member of the Elks Club, Indiana Retired Teachers

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Continued from page 1 With a transferable High School Equivalency degree, graduates won't need to "start over" if they move, Carr said. (The Test Assessing Secondary Completion was not as widely accepted.) She also anticipates more states will be transitioning to this service soon.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Educational Testing Serv-

SERVICES

Today

Lotz, Milton: 2 p.m., Springer-Voorhis-Draper Funeral Home, 202 S. Illinois St., Monticello

Thursday Minch, John: 10:30 a.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 7321 Indiana 67, Bryant.

Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE **OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com Burial will be in the Antioch Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Hospital Auxiliary.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral

ice released its remote test- produce a student's unoffiing option for the High cial results. School Equivalency Test in

It will still take a day or two to receive a student's writing test score, Carr noted.

The new exam material will not change much from its predecessor, she added. It can be taken on computer or on paper, and it covers five subjects: writing, reading, mathematics, social studies and science. It also costs the same when taken in the testing center at \$15 a test.

"It's just better — we're just here to make things as easy as we can to get to the point where they can take this final test," Carr said.

Adult Education classes at John Jay will be starting the summer session soon, meaning only one class a week will be offered starting in June. (The program offers three classes through the traditional academic year.) Those interested can call (260) 729-5525 or email info©johnjaycenter.com for more information.



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June. There is an addition-

al \$17.50 fee if a student

decides to take the test at

home instead of at a testing

center. (The fee pays for a

proctor to monitor their

Test takers should also

receive unofficial results

within an hour of complet-

ing it — the Test Assessing

Secondary Completion usu-

ally took about 12 hours to

High School Equivalency

online session.)

Family

To wed today

Alayna Aparicio and Ethan Myers

Ethan Myers and Alayna Aparicio are getting married today.

Alayna is the daughter of Robert and Sharon Aparicio of rural Portland. Ethan is the son of Nathan and Amy Myers of Portland.

The bride is a senior at Indiana State University studying business management and entrepreneurship. She works at Maggie & Moe's Poplar Flower Shop in Terre Haute.

The groom is also a senior at Indiana State, where he studies professional flight aviation technology and unmanned systems. He works at Menards in Terre Haute.



Ethan Myers and Alayna Aparicio

Financial workshop scheduled for June 9

John Jay Center for Learning will host a free financial stability workshop at 6 p.m. June 9.

The event, in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank, will cover topics including budgeting, debt, credit, cutting expenses and improving cash flow. Those interested in partici-pating can sign up at curehunger.org/johnjay2021 or by visiting John Jay, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

For more information, contact Carol Bradshaw at cbradshaw@curehunger.or g or (765) 730-0279.

Camps are open

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

The Muncie facility will host glass artist camps June 7 through 11 for 11 through 14 year olds and June 14 through 19 for 8 The deadline is June 4.

Taking Note

through 10 year olds. Young cooks camps are scheduled for July.

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

Classes set

Cornerstone Center for the Arts will host eightweek summer classes beginning June 14.

will include Classes ceramics, burlesque performance, martial arts, visual arts, yog, dance and jujitsu. Both in-person and online classes are available for students of all ages.

Registration is open now.

Sibling still wrestles with effects of abuse

DEAR ABBY: I had a horrible childhood with a mean mother who berated and took her issues out on me. I also had an older brother who enjoyed making fun of me and embarrassed me in front of others to get his kicks. He still never misses an opportu-

nity to pull a "gotcha." I was raised at a time when child abuse was considered making a kid tough. What it did to me was break me down emotionally. Does PTSD ever go away, or do I have to live with it to the end? — JUST GETTING BY IN NEW YORK

I'm sorry for the abuse to which you were subjected. PTSD does not go away on its own, and you do not have to "live with it." Distance yourself as much as possible from



find the help you need by asking your physician or insurance company to refer you to a licensed psychotherapist who specializes in patients with PTSD. You won't be the first person to do "couch DEAR JUST GETTING BY: time" after an abusive childhood. Trust me on that.

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law has spent every Friday night with my husband and me for two years, ever since my mother-inyour bully brother. You can law passed away. My husband their wealthy parent expires. comed me over first. What do

spends every Tuesday evening More than privacy, you may with him at his house. My sisterin-law is building a room onto her house for him to live in (he is selling his house). My husband and sister-in-law call him two or three times a day.

Abby, my father-in-law is healthy and still drives. He never pays for any food — my husband and sister in law buy all his food. He's a wealthy man, but stingy. I think my husband and his sister are obsessed. What do you think? I'm so tired of this. I don't want him staying at my house. I need privacy! Help! — OVER IT NOW IN TEN-NEŜSEE

DEAR OVER IT: Your husband and his sister appear to be devoted to their father. Either that, or they may anticipate a big payday once

need a break. Arrange to spend some of those Friday nights with women friends, and perhaps his presence will be less onerous.

DEAR ABBY: We welcomed new neighbors and allowed them to use our garbage can until they got one, and gave them a bottle of wine and a housewarming card. We also offered to let them use our downstairs bathroom until the contractor finished theirs. No one else on the block did anything for them. Nothing.

They then invited a neighbor and his wife over for drinks and didn't invite us. My husband says I shouldn't be offended by this. I certainly would have had the neighbors who had welyou think? - SNUBBED IN THE ŠOUTH

DEAR SNUBBED: I think you and your husband are more than neighborly. I also think you are blessed with common sense, something your new neighbors may lack. My advice is to let this unfortunate incident slide without holding a grudge. Take the high road and move on. Nothing positive will come of allowing this to fester. Whether the couple is worth knowing better will become apparent with time.

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

Community Calendar

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

Today

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Is open from 8 CENTER — Free pregnana.m. to noon each Saturday cy testing with ongoing

played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — For those 55 and older from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at West Jay Commu-

nity Center in Dunkirk. PREGNANCY CARE

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 Ministries, 228 S. Meridian in the parking lot at The support during and after St. in Portland. For more pregnancy. The center is information, call Brenda Richard's Restaurant. Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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.

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS - Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.



Rock Church.

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. upstairs at True Value Hardware, Meridian Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-2532.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKmeet 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 Fridav.

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-MUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 FAST OPTIMISTS — Will 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 PING PONG — Will be p.m., in the fellowship hall

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Friday's Solution

Level: Advanced

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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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) 726-5273.

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.

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.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

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Opinion

In Indiana legislature, money talks

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

The report from the Hoosier Action Resource Center is titled "Corporate Captive: Big Business at the Indiana General Assembly.'

'Corporate Captive" is a pretty good description of the report's findings.

might be "Overpowered" another.

The report reveals that 91% of all campaign contributions to legislative candidates in the 2020 election came from political action committees and large donors.

Using data from the FollowTheMoney.org, website the report reveals that candidates for the Indiana House of Representatives raised nearly \$17 million, and candidates for the state Senate raised more

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than \$10 million. It says 79% of that money came from PACs and businesses, and just 2% came from contributors of \$100 or less.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) alone raised \$1.75 million, and Senate President pro tempore Rod Bray raised \$1.06 million.

"Our campaign finance laws allow organized money to overpower the voices of everyday people in pursuit of their own interests and profits," the report

said. "The influence of the to provide accommodations to report said, Hoosier tenants wealthy and powerful is pervasive, and our legislature has become enthralled to those who control the big money."

The report singles out the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, which contributed more than \$420,000 to legislative candidates last year, and the Indiana Manufacturers Association, which contributed roughly \$90,000. Both groups made a pri-ority of pushing through retroactive immunity for businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the concerns of organizations representing workers and consumers, the legislation moved quickly through both houses of the General Assembly. The business lobby also fought

pregnant workers. Instead, lawmakers approved a bill that merely allows those workers to ask for accommodations, something they already had a right to do under current law. The new law doesn't require employers to grant such requests.

Lawmakers also responded to priorities of the Indiana Hospital Association and the Indiana Health Care Association by providing liability protections to hospitals, long-term care facilities and out-patient clinics. Together, those organizations contributed more than \$115,000 to legislative campaigns.

The top five construction, housing and real estate PACs contributed nearly \$2 million to would-be state senators and repoff efforts to require employers resentatives. As a result, the

have some of the weakest protections in the country, and weak building regulations threaten Indiana's environment and put consumers at risk.

Fighting back, the report says, will require a unified approach.

"To outweigh the money and power of corporate interests in our state, more Hoosiers must get off the sidelines and get involved in our legislative process," said Kate Hess Pace, the organization's executive director.

It would also be a good idea to put some limits on all those campaign contributions.

This editorial was provided to The Commercial Review through the Hoosier State Press Association Information Network.

Spending should focus on students The Washington Post

This pandemic has taken an extraordinary toll on students, parents, educators and schools, and we know that our schools. students and communities need help.' So said Education Secretary Miguel Cardona when he announced in March that schools would get \$122 billion under the American Rescue Plan Act. The money repre-sents the largest single federal outlay on K-12 education in the country's history and, as such, an unprecedented is opportunity to improve student learning. At the same time, though, there is potential risk if the money is not used smartly to address the educational inequities that have been laid bare and exacerbated by COVID-19.

The emergency relief money is more than twice what the federal government spends on education in a typical year, and decisions about how to spend it will largely be left up to local education agencies. There's no need to apply for the money or compete with other states or adhere to a lot of requirements. The Education Department has offered guidance for use of the funding and has mandated that 20% of it be used to address lost learning time for students. Mainly, though, local districts will be left on their own, with minimal involvement from the state or federal government. Local school officials, according to Jennifer O'Neal Schiess of the nonprofit Bellwether Education Partners, are still very much in the decision-making process, and it's much too early to tell whether the federal money will be put to good use. Districts have until October 2024 to spend the funds. A high priority must be placed on getting schools reopened and students back in the classroom. One of the painful lessons of the past year is that while virtual learning has a role in education, it is no replacement demands rather than for the classroom with the personal attention of a teacher and interaction they take to heart the with other students.

Guest **Editorial**

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reported, are expected to receive more than \$1.8 billion, and their plans include expansion of tual academies. extra teacher jobs and more mental health services. It's good that many school districts recognize the need to make up for lost time, and The Post hopes that an extended school day, year-round schooling and weekend instruction programs that have helped improve the achievement of atrisk children will be implemented with the new federal money. have Some states sought waivers from having to administer federally mandated end-of-year exams. But how can districts target the federal money to help the students most in need if they don't have data on student progress? Schools have not always made the best choices in how they have spent the public's dollars; often they bow to adult serving student needs. It is important that challenge laid out by Car-Schools in the Wash- dona to use the emergency relief funds to ington Post's Donna St. equitably expand oppor-George, Hannah Natan- tunities for students who



Expect a productivity boost

By MICHAEL R. STRAIN

Bloomberg Opinion The COVID-19 pandemic seems to be ending almost as abruptly as it began. Across the U.S., states are dropping restrictions on business activity and people are resuming normal lives.

Throughout the pandemic, there's been evidence that remote work has increased the productivity of some workers and businesses. So it's natural to wonder whether a mass return summer school, new vir- to the office will lead to productivity

Michael R. Strain

terns would be like, and I didn't know where to park. When I arrived at my desk, I realized I couldn't easily participate in Zoom meetings for lack of a digital camera. I burned half an hour just figuring out what to do for lunch. Naturally, I got less work done. My productivity must have hit a record low. Millions of workers will experience similar adjustment issues that will take weeks or months to sort out. Though much of the debate has focused on how remote work has increased productivity, let's remember that the pandemic made many workers less productive, not more. Particularly over the past few months, people have complained about how hard it has become for them to do their jobs remotely as major business decisions need to be made, new employees need to be trained and acculturated, and the absence of spontaneous interactions with colleagues took an increasing toll

flourishing with remote work continuing that practice.

Companies that continue with remote work will continue to downsize office space and save on related expenses. This will allow those resources to be used for other purposes — think of converting them to private residences in places plagued by housing shortages — increasing economic efficiency and productivity.

Another reason to expect strong post-pandemic productivity growth is that companies often use economic downturns to change the way they do business, including restructuring their workforces to boost output per hour. The pressures to do so have been intense over the past year. Some of the most productivity enhancing aspects of pandemic life will likely stick around, at least to some degree. The market share of ecommerce businesses won't shrink back to pre-covid levels. Because online retailers require fewer workers and square feet, this shift will boost output per hour in the retail sector. And count on less business travel. For some people, the frequency of travel will return to normal. But many have learned that the reason they used to travel so much was simply because of the lack of an alternative that was widely accepted by the broader business culture. Virtual meetings are now not only acceptable, but in many cases preferable. According to one survey, businesses expect virtual meetings to triple relative to their share before the pandemic. That would save time and money, enhancing productivity. There are other reasons to be bullish about productivity over the coming decade that have little to do with the pandemic. But that's another column. Suffice it to say that workers and businesses will get a lot more out of each week than they did during the previous decade. As normal life resumes, that's another welcome change.

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I doubt it. Productivity is likely to be choppy over the next year, with some aspects of post-pandemic life leading to gains and others pushing in the opposite direction. But after the economy settles into a post-pandemic new normal this year, the likelihood of improvement over the next several years is high.

Output per hour of work - productivity — soared in the second quarter of 2020. In normal times, this would have been great news. But the reason for the surge was negative: The pandemic was crushing the economy, and businesses laid off their least-productive workers. The resulting boost in output per hour was a sign of economic weakness rather than strength.

Expect something similar over the next few months, but in reverse. According to my calculations, there are around 10.8 million fewer jobs in the economy than there would have been without a pandemic. Most will come back over the next two years. Many of the jobs lost are in lowerproductivity sectors like retail and travel. So as workers return to these jobs, another wrinkle in economic statistics will emerge: The process of job-market healing will put downward pressure on measured productivity.

Adjusting to post-pandemic life will be another temporary factor that will slow productivity growth. On Monday, I tried working a full day in the office for the first time since March 13, 2020. My commute was rocky. I wasn't sure what traffic pat- back to the office and those that are *columnist*.

Once the economy settles into a post-pandemic new normal, though, I expect productivity growth to be stronger than the tepid, roughly 1% annual rate the U.S. experienced over much of the last decade.

Workers will figure out how to work from the office again, and the drag from readjustment will fade. After 14 months of remote work, businesses should know better than ever how to strike the right balance between the advantages and disadvantages of a work-from-anywhere culture. This could lead to the best of all worlds, with the businesses that have suffered due to COVID-19 restrictions able to bring employees

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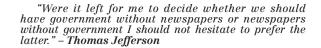
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Top business

Bizy Dips, the Portland coffee shop and bakery that opened its location inside John Jay Center for Learning last summer, was honored as Business of the Year at last weekend's Jay County Community Awards. Pictured with presenter Mark Valentine are business owners Hannah and Patrick Long.



Coming back online

A company with an operation in Dunkirk recently had to shut down some of its systems.

Ardagh Group announced in a press **roundup** release this week that shutdowns of some of its information technology systems and applications came after a "cyber security incident."

Ardagh, which operates glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester, said it promptly initiated defense and containment procedures. It has reached out to specialists in an effort to make sure its facilities are being operated safely. Systems are being brought back online in phases.

"While every effort is being made to minimize the impact on our operations, and our customers and suppliers, this incident has resulted in some delay and disruption in parts of our business," the company said in the release. "This is likely to give rise to some deferral or loss of revenue, as well as to incremental costs.'

Heading to Illinois

served as The Commercial the end of 2022. Review's city reporter from

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distribution facility in western Hancock County to move its operation from Indianapolis, the Daily Reporter (Greenfield) reported recently.

The Seattle-based firm that is part of True Brands estimates it will spend about \$14 million in the new 200,000-squarefoot facility. The company sells products including corkscrews, glasses and other beverage accessories.

"They are at maximum capacity where they're at," said Alexis Sowder, a project manager with Indianapolis-based KSM Location Advisors, at a Hancock County Council meeting earlier this year. "There's no opportunity for growth."

The move will mean 93 new jobs for Hancock County. The project is Riley Eubanks, who expected to be complete by

sure COVID-19 vaccines are available in areas of need, Walgreens on Monday launched a mobile clinic tour.

The mobile bus clinic will offer walk-up vaccinations at various locations between now and early July. Scheduled stops include May 29 and 30 in Detroit and June 1 in Cincinnati.

Comcast awards

The Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation and NBCUniversal Local this week announced \$3.475 million in Project Innovation grants.

The grants will be presented to 100 non-profit organizations in 11 markets. They are intended to be used for programs that foster a culture of equity and inclusion, empower youth and inspire participation in community initiatives.

"We're proud for Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation's funds to be used by all of these outstanding groups to help create opportunities for others and strengthen the communities we serve," said NBCUniversal vice president of corporate social

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December 2019 through February 2021, has accepted a job in Illinois.

week that he has joined the staff of The State Journal-Register, also as its city reporter. The newspaper is located in Springfield, Illinois, and owned by Gannett, which also owns The Star Press in Muncie, The Palladium-Item in Richmond and The Indianapolis Star.

"I'm thrilled to be reporting in our neighboring state's capital," said Eubanks, a 2019 Ball State University graduate who Commercial left The Review in February to move back to his home in the Indianapolis area. "I know I'm ready for the task at hand because of what I learned while working in Portland."

Bank appoints

First Bank of Berne has appointed Jayde Sills to its agribusiness banking team.

Sills most recently worked in seed sales. She is a graduate of Southern Wells High School and earned her bachelor's degree in agribusiness management from Purdue University.

incredibly "We are thrilled to have Jayde join the First Bank of Berne Agribusiness team. Her experience and passion for Ag, local background and ability to develop strong relationships makes her a great addition and fits our culture well. Our community is blessed that Jayde is returning home to begin her banking career at First Bank of Berne," said First Bank of Berne agribusiness banking manager Rick Gentis in a press release.

Sills will work out of the bank's Bluffton branch.

Relocating

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Publisher named

Doug McAvoy has been named as the new publish-Eubanks announced this er of The Goshen News, the newspaper reported this week.

joins The McEvoy Goshen News after serving as regional director of audience development for Adams Publishing Group in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. He is returning to Elkhart County after his time as director of audience and digital media for The Elkhart New from 2007 through 2014.

"Rarely does a publisher have the opportunity to lead a hometown publication that is near and dear to their heart," McAvoy told The Goshen News. "Having deep roots in Elkhart County, I am thrilled to return home where lasting relationships and Michiana part-nerships remain."

Tyson collaborating

Tyson Foods is partnering with the League of United Latin American Citizens to encourage its employees to get vaccinated against coronavirus.

Tyson recently hosted an event with League of United Latin American Citizens CEO Sindy Benavides at the company's Houston plant. Companywide, 28% of Tyson Foods employees identify as Hispanic or Latino. "We a

appreciate LULAC's partnership and thank Sindy for helping drive awareness about the importance of the vaccine with our team members,' said Tyson senior vice president Hector Gonzalez in a press release. "Our focus has been on providing education and access to the vaccine and this event helped accomplish both of those goals.'

Walgreens launches

In an effort to make continues to grow."

responsibility Jessica Clancy in a press release.

CVS appoints

CVS Health has appointed Shawn Guertin as its new executive vice president and chief financial officer.

Guertin served as executive vice president, chief financial officer and chief enterprise risk officer for eight years. He will start his new position with CVS Health on May 28.

'Shawn is an extraordinary leader with a proven track record of developing financial strategies to help companies drive transformation." said CVS Health president and CEO Karen S. Lynch in a press release. "His deep and broad health care experience will be invaluable and I'm confident he will play an integral role as we transform CVS Health to become an even bigger part of consumers' everyday health."

Revenue grows

Walmart announced this week that its total revenue for the first quarter of its fiscal year 2022 went up by \$3.7 billion over the previous year.

The company reported total revenue for the quarter of \$138.3 billion, an increase of 2.7%. Its operating income went up by 32.3% to \$6.9 billion.

"This was a strong quarter," said Walmart president and CEO Doug McMillon in a press release. "Every segment performed well, and we're encouraged by traffic and grocery market share trends. Our optimism is higher than it was at the beginning of the year. In the U.S., customers clearly want to get out and shop. We have a strong position as our store environment improves and eCommerce

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By Steve Becker Contract Bridge

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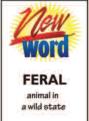
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queen of spades, which you duck in order to learn more about how the East-West cards are divided. When East continues spades, you win with the king, on which West discards a low diamond.

By this time, you know much more about the opponents' hands than you did at trick one. West obviously started with one spade and five diamonds and has already followed to two rounds of clubs.

When you next cash the ace of spades, K-A of hearts and king of clubs, everyone following suit in hearts and clubs, the contract suddenly becomes a certainty.

You can't tell for sure whether West started with three hearts or four, but you're in good shape either way, since he is known to have started with either 1-4-5-3 or 1-3-5-4 distribution. If he had four clubs origi-nally, the hearts will break 3-3; if he had three clubs originally, he will have four hearts. One way or the other, the contract is ice-cold.

So you lead a heart to the queen, and when East shows out, you play another heart, putting West on lead with the jack. His last two cards are the A-Q of diamonds, while yours are the K-J. Finis.

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34 Fingerpaints has been cleared, a spade is trumped with the nine of hearts. Three top 36 Group of priests diamonds are then cashed, producing

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Famous Hand

By Steve Becker

this position:

West

♦Q 10 **♥**J 4

of diamonds.

North **∲** J ♥A 8 5

South K 10 7 J Declarer next leads the diamond

jack. If West trumps low, dummy overruffs, plays the ace of hearts, felling the jack, and then traps East's

queen by finessing the ten. If West ruffs with the jack instead, dummy

overruffs with the ace. finesses the

eight of hearts, and South again picks

up the suit. Let's therefore assume

that West discards a spade on the jack

trump. If East ruffs with the queen instead, South overruffs with the king

and takes a finesse against West's jack. Miraculously, the defenders' natural trump trick simply vanishes.

Dummy ruffs with the five and leads the jack of spades. East, down to three trumps, must play one. If he ruffs low, declarer overruffs and wins the last two tricks with the A-K of

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to perform what seems an impossible feat

made. That this can be done against the actual lie of the cards, without benefit of a defensive error, is somewhat extraordinary

South ruffs the spade continua-

Tomorrow: Battle for trump control. ©2021 King Features Syndicate Inc

st Opening lead — four of spades

Here is a hand of ancient vintage

After losing a spade to the ace at trick one, South must find a way to make the opponents' natural trump trick disappear if the slam is to be

Comics

By Bil Keane



JEFF KEANE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"I'm jotting down all the cute things the children say and do. So far I've only had time to fill half a page."

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aughter

Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

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PUBLIC AUCTION Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall, Jay County Fairgrounds

Monday Morning May 31,2021 9:30 A.M. ANTIQUES – OLD AND COLLECTORS ITEMS-HOUSEHOLD Dining room suit to include table with 4 chairs, buffet, china cabinet, and server; grandfather clock; fireplace mantle top; fireplace set;Sleep Number king size bed with metal headboard; Thomas Kincaid picture "Garden Beyond Spring Gate"; Kitchen Aid mixer;

Keurig coffee maker; wood doors; and many other items not listed. TOOLS

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Monday Morning, May 31, 2021 9:30 A.M.

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Benefiting ...

Continued from page 10 "We have had lots of inquiries," he said.

In addition to the derby, there ing alcohol, has also agreed to will be a raffle of multiple items, including power tools, car parts and at least two derby-ready cars for the windshield class. A DJ will be playing music after the event.

The Lions Club stand will be

treat. Both will be donating a portion of its sales to the cause.

Jay Beverage, which will be selldonate proceeds to the McLaughlin and Barnett families.

As of Friday night the total purse for the derbies has eclipsed \$16,000.

"It's been overwhelming, the open selling its trademark burgers, community support for this event," and Mays will be selling its sugary Jay County Fair Board member tickets are \$10.

Travis Theurer said.

Neargarder also said local fire departments, sheriff officers and other law enforcement agencies are donating their time.

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"A lot of people are jumping on board," he said. "Very little expenses (are) going out except payouts for winners.

Pit passes for the event are \$20, box seats are \$15 and grandstand

Pacers face major questions

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer INDIANAPOLIS — Now that the Indiana Pacers' long, injury-riddled season is over, the hard part begins.

President of basketball operations Kevin Pritchard is embarking on yet another offseason filled with questions, the first being whether to keep coach Nate Bjorkgren.

Pritchard hired the 45year-old former Raptors assistant in October, hopeful he could forge tight bonds with players and implement a new philosophy to keep his team fresh for a long postseason run. It didn't work.

Rumors of internal strife surfaced late in the season. which culminated with an embarrassing 142-115 season-ending loss at Washington.

"Coach really did his best this year," guard Malcolm Brogdon said afterward. "Regardless of the reports, regardless of all the distractions and the noise, he continued to communicate with his players. He continued to work extremely hard for us and coach us the best he could, and we appreciated that. That's what I just told him in the locker room: I appreciate him. I appreciate everything he did for me and this team.'

Brogdon thrived in Bjorkgren's offense. He averaged a career-high 21.2 points per game while the team averaged a franchise record 115.3 points.

Defense, rebounding, an inability to close out games and injuries were far bigger obstacles.

Indiana finished 25th in the league in points allowed (115.3), had the fourth-worst rebounding differential (minus-4.1) and blew 17 fourth-quarter leads. Had they been better needs to change.

in any of those areas, the Pacers probably would have made their sixth straight playoff appearance.

But they couldn't overcome all the injuries.

T.J. Warren, Indiana's top scorer in 2019-20, went down with a season-ending left foot injury in late December. Myles Turner, the NBA's blocks champion, didn't return after hurting his right foot in mid-April. Caris LeVert, who was acquired in a January trade for Victor Oladipo, missed both play-in games after entering the league's health and safety protocols.

There were times Indiana didn't have any of its opening-game starters available. And yet, Bjorkgren still had Indiana within one win of making the playoffs and having a chance to end a five-year run of first-round exits.

"I thought he did great. As a first-year coach, it's always going to take a little time," Doug McDermott said Friday. "You've got to manage a lot of stuff. There's a lot on your plate and in terms of all we went through, with all the testing and everything, I thought he did great. I thought he grew a lot as the year went on. I know there was a lot of stuff that was written about him that I don't agree with and I think Indiana is lucky to have him.'

If Bjorkgren does return, then Pritchard may need to make some roster changes.

While all five starters are under contract next season, McDermott and NBA steals champ T.J. McConnell can become free agents. Fans are also wondering whether the defensive struggles were the result of Bjorkgren not having the right cast. Either way, something



Continued from page 10 Haley Gillette was 4-for-4 Olivia Bright doubled and charged the loss. with an RBI and a run singled, and Aubrie Schwi- allowed nine earned runs scored, while Rieley Brew- eterman hit a home run on 19 hits with four strikester doubled, singled twice and scored twice.

and scored three times.

Thursday Jay County — Boys track regional at

Lawrence Central – 5:30 p.m.; Boys golf at Adams Central – 4:30 p.m.; Softball

sectional semifinal vs. TBA at Hamilton

Friday

4:30 p.m.; Baseball sectional semifinal

Saturday

Jay County — Softball sectional final vs. TBA at Hamilton Heights – 11 a.m.

Portland Rockets doubleheader vs.

Fort Wayne TinCaps at South Bend

Today 2 p.m. — NBA Basketball; Miami Heat

at Milwaukee Bucks – Game 1 (ESPN) 4:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Dallas

vs. TBA at Yorktown - 5:30 p.m.

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TV schedule

Cubs - 7:05 p.m.

Local schedule

Today

Jay County — Boys golf ACAC championships at Celina Lynx – 9 a.m.; Baseball at Richmond Invitational – 2:30 p.m. Fort Recovery - Track district at Spencerville - 10:30 a.m. Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. Lansing Lugnuts – 6:35 p.m.

Sunday

Portland Rockets doubleheader vs. South Bend Royals - 1 p.m. Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. Lansing Lugnuts - 1:05 p.m.

Tuesday

Jay County — Boys golf at Union City 4:30 p.m.; Girls track regional at Ben Davis - 6 p.m.; Softball sectional quarterfinal vs. Yorktown at Hamilton Heights – 7 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Bishop Dwenger - 5 p.m. Fort Wayne TinCaps at South Bend

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Wednesday

Jay County — Baseball sectional semifinal vs. Guerin Catholic at Yorktown -7:30 p.m.

Fort Wayne TinCaps at South Bend

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7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals (FOX) 8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Brooklyn Nets – Game 1 (ABC) 10:30 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Portland Trail Blazers at Denver Nuggets Game 1 (ESPN)

Sunday 1 p.m. — NBA Basketball: TBD at Philadelphia 76ers – Game 1 (TNT) 2:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Mon-

ster Energy Cup Series – EchoPark Texas Grand Prix (FS1)

3:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns – Game 1 (ABC)

— NBA Basketball: Atlanta 7 p.m. Hawks at New York Knicks - Game 1 (TNT)

7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals (ESPN)

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Saturday, May 22, 2021

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The Commercial Review

Benefiting families

Demolition derbv today at Jay County **Fairgrounds** to help local residents

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review

Demolition derbies in Portland are no new phenomenon. They've been going on for decades.

Curt McLaughlin was a big part of those derbies for many vears. Brian Barnett has been a mainstay in Portland derbies as well.

McLaughlin passed away in March. Barnett is facing a neurological disease.

Today's action will be supporting both of them.

Portland-based Gettin Junked Promotions is hosting a demolition derby at Jay County Fairgrounds grandstand today, and all proceeds will benefit the McLaughlin and Barnett families.

"I brought it to the board (that I) wanted to do a benefit derby and the board jumped on to help put it on," said Jay County Fair Board member Rick Neargarder.

At the time, McLaughlin was battling cancer (he passed away in March at age 61), and Barnett, now 37, had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

"They get a lot of bills going through all kind of treatments," Neargarder said. "Barnett's are the most giving family in the community toward the fairgrounds.

'You need something, make



Two cars collide during a demolition derby event in April at Jay County Fairgrounds grandstand. Gettin Junked Promotions is hosting a benefit derby for the families of the Brian Barnett and the late Curt McLaughlin, with 100% of proceeds going to be split between the families.

back to both families.'

Gates for the derby opened this morning at 8 a.m., and action is set to begin at 3 p.m.

Neargarder said he then approached Rick Roop, owner of Gettin Junked Promotions which is in charge of the annual derbies at the fair, about being the principal promoter of the event.

Neargarder noted Roop said one call and they never charge he'd be more than willing to pro-

anything. We wanted to give mote it and demanded he take no fees.

Roop said the competition classes of the derby will be identical to those run at the Jay County Fair. This time around, however, there won't be a limit as to how many vehicles will be in each class.

"We will do everything we can to fit each and every car into one of the classes we are running," he said. "Since it's a benefit with

all the proceeds being split between the two families, we do not want to turn away anyone."

One change, Roop noted, is the track may have to be made bigger to accommodate a larger number of vehicles in each heat.

And while Roop did not have an idea of how many vehicles have registered as of Thursday, interest in the event is in no short supply.

See Benefiting page 9

MLB relaxes **COVID** protocols

NEW YORK (AP) - requirements for face-Two more Major League masks in dugouts and Baseball teams have been bullpens, and loosening Jay tops Dogs

RICHMOND — The Patriots suffered their second big loss of the season Thursday.

The following day they were back in the win column.

The Jay County High School baseball team didn't give up a run until the seventh inning of a 7-2 win against

the New Local Haven roundup Bull-

dogs on Fridav in the first game of the Bob Haustetter Memorial Invitational McBride Stadium.

The Patriots (13-8), who lost to Bellmont 16-6 on Thursday but have now won four of their last five games, resume tournament play at 2:30 p.m. today against Seymour, then play Richmond at 5 p.m.

Austin Curts hit a single in the top of the first inning for Jay County, which scored a run in the second on a wild pitch.

In the fifth, the Patriots tacked on four more runs, including RBI singles from Dusty Pearson and Josh Dowlen. They added two more runs in the frame for a 6-0 advantage.

Dowlen led the Patriots with a double, two singles and an RBI, and Pearson chipped in a double. Quinn Faulkner also had a double.

Heniser Crosby earned the win, giving up two unearned runs on three hits. He struck out seven and walked two in six innings.

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able to relax coronavirus protocols after 85% of their players and other on-field personnel completed vaccination, raising the total to 14 of the 30 clubs.

commissioner's The office and the players' association said Friday that two additional teams had reached the 85% level of having received final doses and would be able to relax protocols within the next week once they are fully vaccinated. The teams were not identified. Relaxed protocols

include dropping the

restrictions on mobility during road trips.

In addition, the Dodgers said Dodger Stadium will return to full capacity on June 15. The announcement means at least onethird of the 30 teams will be at full capacity by the All-Star break.

MLB said 84.4% of all Tier 1 individuals such as players, managers, coaches, trainers and support personnel had been partially or fully vaccinated, up 0.5% from the previous week, and 78.8% had been fully vaccinated, up 1.2% from the previous week.

County's softball team lost a late lead and had its rally fall short in a 9-8 loss to the Richmond Red Devils on Friday.

The Patriots (16-7), which opens sectional play Tuesday against Yorktown at Hamilton Heights, had a 6-5 lead after five innings Richmond before struck for four runs in the home half of the sixth inning. Jay County rallied with a pair of runs in the seventh but wasn't able to tie the score.

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