

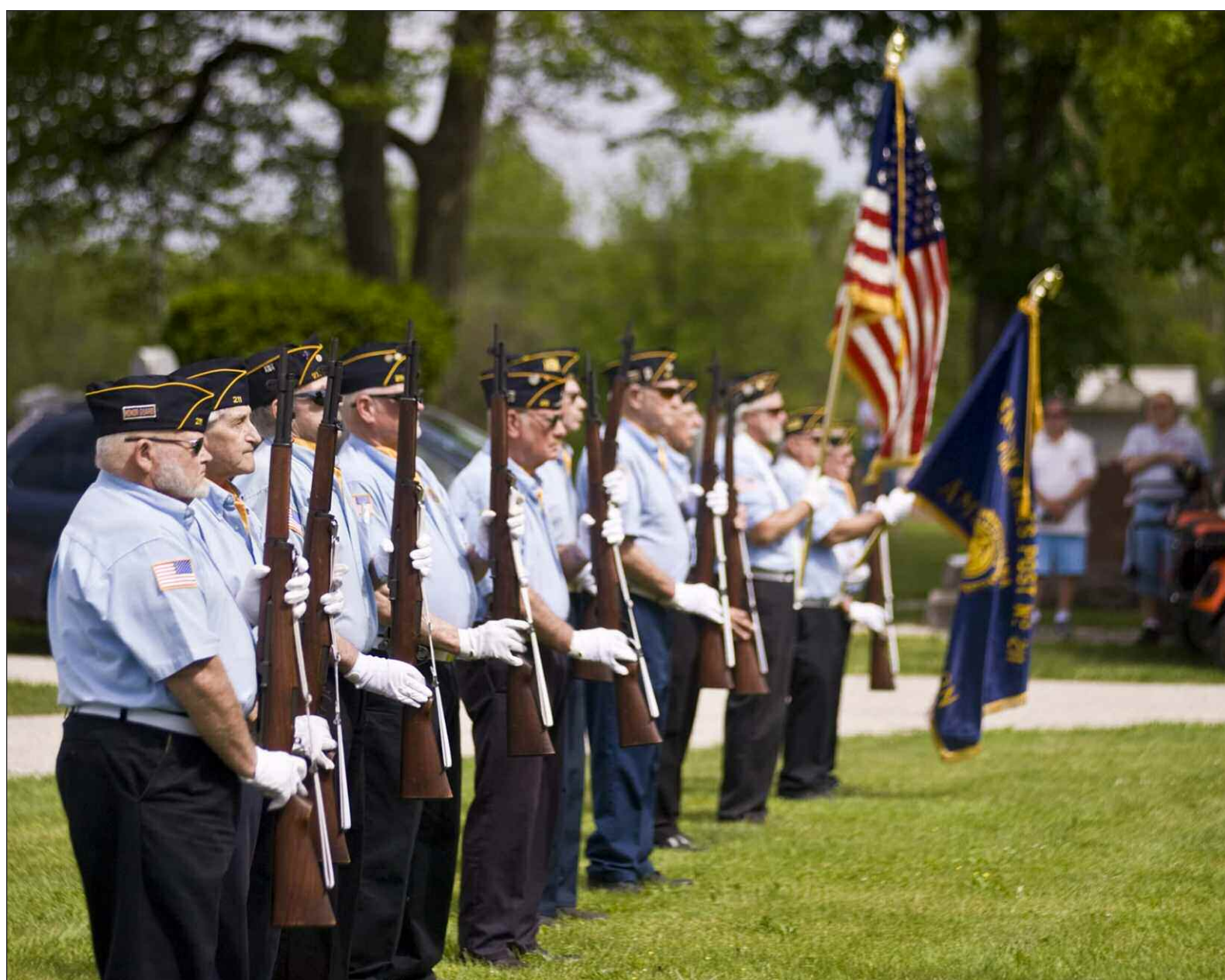
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In memoriam



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

The Portland American Legion Post 211 honor guard stands at attention during the 2020 Memorial Day Ceremony at Green Park Cemetery. Memorial Day ceremonies this year include the traditional events Monday at cemetery's in Portland, Dunkirk, Redkey and Pennville as well as Friday's lighting of the Fort Recovery Monument.

Fort Recovery Monument lighting set for Friday; ceremonies in Jay County will be held on Monday

Memorial Day services in honor of those who died while serving in the armed forces are scheduled for this weekend.

Services kick off with a special event Friday evening in Fort Recovery. Ceremonies in Portland, Redkey, Dunkirk and Pennville are slated for Monday.

Fort Recovery's will open the weekend with a ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Veteran's Plaza in Monument Park that will include the lighting of the Fort Recovery Monument. Fort Recovery Historical Society, Fort Recovery State Museum and Fort Recovery's Veterans of Foreign Wars and

American Legion will host the event at Monument Park.

The event will feature the lighting of the Fort Recovery Monument, a 101-foot-tall obelisk dedicated to the Wabash Battles of 1791 and 1794. Lester Huelskamp, 98, the oldest living member of Fort Recovery's veterans organizations, will officially light the monument. There will also be 1,000 white crosses in the lawn to honor the soldiers who died in the Wabash battles.

A committee headed by village administrator Randy Diller and former village council member Ken Romer raised about \$15,000 for the new light-

ing. Installation was completed in early April.

In Redkey, ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. at Claycomb Cemetery. There will also be services at the Redkey War Mother's Memorial Monument at 10 a.m., then at Hillcrest Cemetery at 11 a.m. Past post commander of Redkey American Legion Post 401, James Fulks, will be officiating. At 11 a.m. the Randolph County Honor Guard and Color Guard will be at Hillcrest Cemetery to perform the rifle firing and taps.

Portland American Legion Post 211 will hold services at 11 a.m. Monday at Green Park Cemetery. Pastor Darrell Bor-

ders will speak and there will be a 21-gun salute.

Dunkirk American Legion Post 227 will have a service beginning at 11 a.m. Monday at I.O.O.F. Cemetery on county road 1250 West. Pastor Tom Fett of Dunkirk Nazarene Church will be speaking.

There will also be a ceremony at 2 p.m. Monday at Pennville I.O.O.F. Cemetery on county road 400 North.

In Ridgeville, members of American Legion Post 507 will travel to several cemeteries throughout Monday, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Race Street Cemetery and ending at Hillcrest Cemetery.

County moves back to yellow

There have been just two new cases in the last four days

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Jay County has dropped back to the second-lowest rating in the state's coronavirus risk metrics.

And the state map reverted to all blue and yellow.

Jay County shifted from "orange" (high risk) to "yellow" (moderate risk) as part of a state trend that showed improvement in Wednesday's update from Indiana State Department of Health.

After recording an orange rating for each of the last two weeks, Jay County shifted back to yellow as its numbers dropped for both of the measures the state uses in its metrics.

The county's confirmed cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 residents was slashed by more than half, dropping to 58 this week. It had been 137 last week and 229 in the May 12 update.

The local positivity rate was cut nearly in half to 7.74%, down from 13.75% a week ago. It had been as low as 1.87% in mid-March.

Jay County was rated "blue" (low risk) or yellow for 14 consecutive weeks before climbing back to orange in the May 12 update. The change came because of a spike that saw 40 cases in the span of just four days from May 5 through 8. Numbers have been down since then, with just two cases reported in the last four days. (No new cases were reported Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday.)

After three other counties joined Jay with orange ratings last week, none in Indiana were rated orange or "red" (extreme risk) this week. Fifty-nine counties were rated blue, up from 48 last week, and 33 were rated yellow. In the area, Randolph County was rated yellow while Wells, Adams, Blackford and Delaware counties were all blue.

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The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Bechtol bows

Ashlyn Bechtol bows her head Sunday during the invocation at Fort Recovery High School's graduation ceremony at Fort Site Fieldhouse.

Increasing defenses

By BEN FOX

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. pipeline operators will be required for the first time to conduct a cybersecurity assessment under a Biden administration directive in response to the ransomware hack that disrupted gas supplies in several states this month.

The Transportation Security Administration directive being issued Thursday will also mandate that the owners and operators of the nation's pipelines report any cyber incidents to the federal government and have a cybersecurity coordinator available at all times to work with authorities in the event of an attack like the one that shut down Colonial Pipeline.

Pipeline companies, which until now operated under volun-

tary guidelines, could face financial penalties that start at \$7,000 per day if they fail to comply with a security directive that reflects an administration focus on cybersecurity that predates the May attack on Colonial, senior Department of Homeland Security officials said.

"The evolution of ransomware attacks in the last 12-18 months has gotten to a point that it poses a national security risk and that we are concerned about the

impact on national critical functions," one of the officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss details of the regulation ahead of the formal release.

Criminal syndicates, often based in Russia or elsewhere in Eastern Europe, have unleashed a wave of ransomware attacks in which they scramble a target's data with encryption and demand a ransom.

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Pipeline operators ordered to conduct cybersecurity assessment

Deaths

Nancy Gillespie, 70, Upland
Leda Mock-Axe, 74, Redkey
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County's high temperature was 77 degrees Wednesday. The low was 63.

Tonight's low will be 58 with showers and thunderstorms expected beginning about 11 p.m. More rain is in the forecast for Friday with a high of 67.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

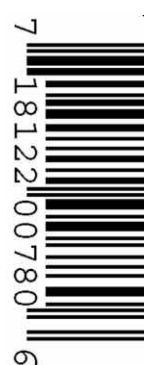
Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita in court documents this week argued that Gov. Eric Holcomb overstepped in filing suit against the state legislature. What are your thoughts on the issue?

Send letters to the editor to r.cooney@thecr.com. There is a 700-word maximum.

Coming up

Friday — Results from the JCHS boys in tonight's regional track meet.

Tuesday — Photos from Monday's Memorial Day services.



Obituaries

Nancy J. Gillespie

Jan. 27, 1951-May 22, 2021
Nancy J. Gillespie, 70, of Upland went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 22, 2021, in Morrison Woods, Muncie.

She was born in Portland on Jan. 27, 1951, the daughter of the late Harold and Rachel (Heidegger) Stultz.

She graduated from Portland High School in 1969 and earned her bachelor's degree in social work from Ball State University in 1973.

Nancy married the love of her

life, Jan Gillespie, on Aug. 13, 1976, in Portland.

Mrs. Gillespie moved to Upland with her husband in 1978 and was the secretary at Jones Middle School, Marion, from 1978 to 1979 and 1982 to 1983. She was then employed with the Taylor University business department as the program assistant and student advisor and thoroughly enjoyed working with the students until her retirement in 2019. She was a



Gillespie

member of the Upland Community Church, where she enjoyed singing in the choir. She also loved gardening and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband of 44 years, Jan, Upland; two daughters, Heather (Rodney) Miles, Bradenton, Florida; and Lisa Gillespie, Sarasota, Florida; two grandchildren, Archer and Piper Miles; a brother, Thomas (Becky) Stultz, Pickerington, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021, at Upland Community

Church, 439 W. Berry Ave., Upland, Indiana. The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. at the church, with Pastor Mark Biehl officiating. Burial will follow in Jefferson Cemetery, Upland.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Jones-Smith Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 259 N. Main St., Upland.

Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Foundation, 7202 E. 87th St., #102, Indianapolis, IN 46256.

Condolences and memories may be shared at armeshuntfuneralhome.com.

Leda Mock-Axe, Redkey, Dec. 7, 1946-May 24, 2021. Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge.

They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

CR almanac

Friday 5/28	Saturday 5/29	Sunday 5/30	Monday 5/31	Tuesday 6/1
67/46	59/46	69/48	74/55	76/56
Shows and thunderstorms are possible throughout the day. The high will be 67 degrees.	Expect partly sunny skies with a high temperature of 59. There is a 20% chance of showers.	The high will be 69 under mostly sunny skies.	The forecast for Memorial Day calls for a high of 74 degrees under mostly sunny skies.	Expect a high of 76 under partly cloudy skies.

Lotteries

Powerball 02-08-21-34-62 Power Ball: 16 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$236 million	59-61-62-63-67-68-75-76 Cash 5: 13-15-28-42-45 Hoosier Lotto: 01-19-21-31-37-38 Estimated jackpot: \$11.2 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$22 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 4-2-5 Pick 4: 3-6-1-0 Pick 5: 5-9-9-1-7 Evening Pick 3: 5-5-0 Pick 4: 7-8-1-7 Pick 5: 2-1-6-9-6 Rolling Cash: 6-7-13-19-32 Classic Lotto: 8-12-15-36-42-46 Kicker: 7-7-3-4-5-8 Estimated jackpot: \$8.9 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 3-1-7 Daily Four: 7-2-4-7 Quick Draw: 10-12-14-21-25-26-27-28-33-37-39-40-46-54-55-61-66-69-74-78 Evening Daily Three: 9-3-6 Daily Four: 0-6-2-5 Quick Draw: 04-21-22-27-31-32-33-35-45-48-49-52-	

Markets

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Today in history

On May 27, 1941, the British Royal Navy sank the German battleship Bismarck off France with a loss of some 2,000 lives, three days after the Bismarck sank the HMS Hood with the loss of more than 1,400 lives. Amid rising world tensions, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency" during a radio address from the White House.

In 1861, Chief Justice Roger Taney, sitting as a federal circuit court judge in Baltimore, ruled that President Abraham Lincoln

lacked the authority to suspend the writ of habeas corpus (Lincoln disregarded the ruling).

In 1942, Doris "Dorie" Miller, a cook aboard the USS West Virginia, became the first African-American to receive the Navy Cross for displaying "extraordinary courage and disregard for his own personal safety" during Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

In 1971, the Portland High School boys golf team clobbered visiting Blackford 305-373 at Portland Country Club.

—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 7 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, School-	house Community Center. Wednesday 2 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special meeting, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council joint special session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
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Felony arrests

Failure to appear

A Muncie man and a Portland man were arrested Wednesday for failing to appear in court.

Aaron L. Sheffer, 32, 2211 W. 11th St., Muncie, is charged with possession of methamphetamines, a Level 6 felony, and driving while suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. He is being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

Jason W. Hensley, 46, 3562 E. 300 North, Portland, is charged with obstruction of justice, a Level 6 felony, resisting law enforcement, a

Class A misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B misdemeanor; and possession of marijuana/hashish, a Class B misdemeanor. He is being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

Battery

A Portland man was arrested Wednesday on two felony charges.

Adam J. Stephen, 35, 8720 E. 50 North, was preliminarily charged with Level 5 felonies domestic battery

and neglect of a dependent. He is being held in the Jay County Jail on a \$15,000 bond.

Possession

A Portland man was arrested Wednesday for unlawful possession of a syringe.

Travis J. Borgerding, 32, 216 E. Walnut St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe. He is being held in the Jay County Jail on a \$6,000 bond.



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Stopping action

An official waves a red flag to bring a halt to the action Saturday during a demolition derby in support of the McLaughlin and Barnett families.

Capsule Reports

Failed to yield

A Portland woman was injured Wednesday when a Winchester teen's vehicle struck the side of her car at a Portland intersection.

Brea A. Mantz, 17, was driving her 2016 Kia Optima on Hayes Street approaching its intersection with Main Street. According to a Portland Police Department report, Mantz failed to yield at the stop sign and strike the dri-

ver's side of a 1999 Buick Park Avenue driven by Karen L. Smith, 62.

Smith was transported to IU Health Jay by ambulance for a treatment of a head injury.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Backing crash

A Mendenhall man backed his vehicle into a Portland man's vehicle at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Lonnie D. Ihrke, 65, Mendenhall, was driving his 1995 Chevrolet when he drove too far into the intersection of Meridian and Votaw streets. Ihrke attempted to back out of the intersection and struck a 2006 Toyota 4Runner SR5 driven by Wesley A. Watson, 65, Portland, who was behind Ihrke in traffic.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Defenses ...

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Victims have included state and local governments, hospitals and medical researchers and businesses large and small, leaving some victims unable to perform even routine operations.

The hack that targeted Colonial Pipeline prompted the company to shut down a system that delivers about 45% of the gasoline consumed on the East Coast for about a week. It led to panic-buying and shortages at gas stations from Washington, D.C., to Florida.

It came up in Congress on Wednesday as DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas outlined the agency's budget next year

to the House Appropriations Committee's subcommittee for homeland security.

"The Colonial Pipeline breach, in particular, was a wake-up call to many Americans about how malicious cyber actors, often backed by foreign states, can disrupt the U.S. economy and all of our lives," said Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-California, the panel's chair.

Colonial Pipeline, based in Alpharetta, Georgia, later disclosed it paid a ransom of \$4.4 million to retrieve access to its data from the gang of hackers, linked by the FBI to a Russian-speaking criminal syndicate known as DarkSide.

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Yellow ...

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Vaccination clinics continue to be open at Jay County Health Department and IU Health Jay. Appointments can be made online at ourshot.in.gov or by calling the state's 2-1-1 telephone assistance service.

The health department has also opened its vaccination clinic to walk-ins from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

As of Wednesday, 11,157 doses of coronavirus vaccine had been administered in Jay County. So far, 5,425 individuals — about 31% of those 12-and-older who are eligible — have been fully vaccinated.

About 5.1 million doses have been administered statewide with nearly 2.5 million fully vaccinated.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines encourage wearing a mask indoors, avoiding close contact when around others, frequent hand washing and surface cleaning as ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19. They say those who have been vaccinated do not need to wear a mask except for in close-contact group settings such as airports and theaters.

Most coronavirus-related restrictions have been lifted in Indiana, with the exception of those regarding schools. Those guidelines expire Monday, and Jay School Corporation has announced that masks will no longer be required in schools beginning Tuesday.

Coronavirus is mainly spread through respiratory droplets or small particles from an infected person coughing, sneezing, talking or breathing. The CDC reports that it may be possible those particles and droplets remain suspended in the air for an unknown period of time and travel beyond 6 feet, especially indoors.

The virus causes a range of symptoms, including fever and shortness of breath, which can appear two to 14 days after exposure.

SERVICES

Friday

Gillespie, Nancy: 2 p.m., Upland Community Church, 439 W. Berry Ave., Upland.

Moore, Todd: 6 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Wednesday

Mock-Axe, Leda: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Dubbleds playing

Bryant Wesleyan Church will host the Mark Dubbeld Family in concert at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The family from Moneta, Virginia, seeks to communicate the Gospel through music and testimony. The church is located at 209 S. Hendricks St., Bryant. The group has had multiple songs reach No. 1 on the Christian Voice Southern Gospel Music Chart as well as a No. 1 on the Affirm Southern Gospel Radio Chart.

Library hosting nature event

The library and the Limberlost are teaming up this month.

Jay County Public Library and Limberlost State Historic Site will team to host a nature event at 10 a.m. June 14 at Loblolly Marsh Nature Preserve.

The event led by Limberlost naturalist Curt Burnette will include opportunities for participants to see and touch a variety of biofacts and hike through the Loblolly.

It is open to all ages, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Attendees should wear closed-toed shoes and bring bug spray and sunscreen. Masks may be required for part of the event.

The preserve is located at 8323 N 250 West, Bryant.

To sign up, visit the library or call (260) 726-7890.

Registration open

John Jay Center for Learning is now accepting registrations for its VEX Robotics summer camps and clinics.

John Jay will host camps for all levels of robotics participants from June 21 through 25 and June 28 through July 2. Morning and afternoon sessions will be available.

The registration fee is \$50. To sign up, stop in at John Jay at 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Fair scheduled

Minnetrista will host a two-day garden fair next month with vendors offering a variety of plants, landscaping tools and other items.

The event is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 5 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 6. The Minnetrista Farmers Market will also be open from 8 a.m. to noon June 5.

For more information, visit minnetrista.net.

Everyday forgetfulness leads to anxiety

DEAR ABBY: While I am excited for new opportunities in my life, I cannot shake the feeling I am losing something. I am always losing something, whether it be my phone, my keys or my wallet. Once I lost my retainers and had to pay \$300 for new ones.

I have trouble keeping track of things. I'm afraid it will create serious problems when I begin a career and lose something, which could cost me my job. I'm also worried that I'll inherit important items from my family and lose them. I'm nervous about being in charge of my own life when I can't even keep track of the \$5 in my pocket. I urgently need this bad habit to change. Is there anything that will help me? — LOSING IT IN GEORGIA

DEAR LOSING IT: Your problem may not be as uncommon as you fear. Have you ever heard the adage, "A place for everything and everything in its place"? It's good advice. Choose one loca-

Dear Abby



to stay in the present may help. If none of these techniques works for you, discuss your fears with a licensed psychotherapist, who can help you determine what's at the root of your problem and help lessen your anxiety about the future.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend/best friend for about six years now. We moved in together a little over a year ago and have discussed marriage. The issue is, one of his sisters has an alcohol problem. She becomes rude and tries to bully others when she drinks. When she does that to me, I return the treatment, and she turns to her brother and attempts to make him side with her.

I know how important family is. Because I'm not related, I am left feeling vulnerable — like she may disrupt my relationship with her brother. I love him, and I really try with her. I think she would be happy if her brother

were more available to hang out with her. She's a tomboy and often hung out with him prior to us moving in together. Please help me figure out a solution. — COMPETING IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR COMPETING: One option might be for you and your boyfriend to leave when his sister starts drinking. Discuss this with your boyfriend/best friend. If you haven't done that, please do. His sister may be trying to divide and conquer, but enlisting him to her side will be much more difficult if he simply responds by telling her, "I don't want to be involved in this, Sis. Leave me out of it, and stop picking on my girlfriend."

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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

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

251-8792.

A BETTER LIFE – BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May

27, at the Jay County Historical Society. Chapter treasurer Judy Crull will speak about Phillip Reiff, a Pennsylvania lieutenant. Any woman over the age of 18 years of age may join the National Society of the American Revolution if she has an ancestor who gave patriotic service during the American Revolution.

Saturday

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

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

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be 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 Community Center in Dunkirk.

PREGNANCY CARE 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.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

8	4	7	9	6	5	3	2	1
3	1	5	8	2	7	9	4	6
9	2	6	3	1	4	7	8	5
6	9	1	4	5	3	2	7	8
7	8	4	2	9	6	5	1	3
5	3	2	1	7	8	6	9	4
4	6	8	7	3	9	1	5	2
1	5	9	6	8	2	4	3	7
2	7	3	5	4	1	8	6	9

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

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Upon the successful completion of the physical agility an interview process, background check, and a pre-employment voice stress will be conducted.

Benefits include a starting base salary of \$46,391, an excellent insurance plan of 90/10 coverage, a \$500 deductible single and \$750 deductible for family coverage, excellent dental coverage, and a Police/Fire 1977 Retirement Fund pension.

Applications can be picked up at the Portland Police Department located at 319 N Meridian Street anytime or online at

<https://thecityofportland.net/Police-Department-Opening>

Taxes are favorable to businesses

By MOROTN J. MARCUS

"Facts and Figures 2021: How Does Your State Compare?" is an annual publication of the Tax Foundation.

It is mailed to every state legislator and governor.

Many Hoosier legislators and administrators quote the foundation's State Business Tax Climate Index.

As of July 1, Indiana ranked No. 9 among the 50 states. That places us in the top quintile of favorable states. Such eminence! We're up there with Wyoming (No. 1), South Dakota (No. 2) and Alaska (No. 3).

How do we get to be No. 9? For that index, we rank No. 13 in corporate income tax, No. 15 in individual income tax, No. 20

Eye on the Pie



in sales tax and No. 27 in unemployment insurance tax.

There must be something that propels us up to No. 9.

Turns out, we are No. 2 in property taxes on business and that offsets all those other taxes.

In the early 1970s, Indiana got about a third of its state and local tax revenues from property taxes. Today, about a quarter

of our tax collections come from property taxes.

On a per capita basis, including every infant, our property taxes are \$1,033 and we rank 39th behind the highest state, New Jersey (\$3,378 per capita), with Alabama 50th at \$598 per capita.

Alternatively, Indiana ranks 30th with property tax paid at 0.81% of owner-occupied housing value. By this measure, Alabama is lowest (at 0.37%) among the 48 continental states, while New Jersey is again in first place at 2.13% of value.

While Indiana is low on property taxes, we make it up on sales taxes. Our 7% statewide sales tax rate is the highest in the nation (tied with Mississippi, Rhode Island and Tennessee).

Unlike most states, we don't permit local sales taxes or have a statewide sales tax earmarked for local governments.

Indiana has the lowest statewide flat tax (3.23%) on individual income. Most states have graduated income tax rates as incomes rise, in addition to local income taxes. Indiana's state income tax raises \$900 per capita, the 10th lowest amount in the nation among the 43 states with income taxes.

Our gasoline tax rate at 42.16 cents per gallon is the 10th highest in the nation, lower by 10 cents from Illinois, but higher than neighboring Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio.

Indiana's gasoline taxes and license fees pay for 68.7% of our

state and local road spending, the highest level in the nation. As crossroads of the nation, with heavy truck traffic, we might ask, "Do we get our fair share of federal highway funds?"

Before any action by the current Indiana legislature, we had the 13th lowest cigarette tax rate. No vaping or marijuana tax. The seventh lowest tax on spirits, the 15th lowest tax on wine and the eighth lowest tax on beer.

Thus, Indiana's low taxes are favorable for both business and unhealthy choices.

Marcus is an economist. Email him at mortonjmarcus@yahoo.com.

Hitting net zero will not be easy

The Washington Post

Scientists warn that humanity must eliminate greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 or risk devastating consequences.

The International Energy Agency (IEA), a reputable international outfit of energy wonks, released last week a wide-ranging report arguing that such a transition is possible. It would just be very hard.

The agency rejects fantasies that everyone will suddenly eschew air conditioning and walk to work, figuring that behavioral change will drive only 4 percent of emissions cuts. Moreover, some 785 million people lack access to electricity. For them, the priority is getting this essential service, not how that happens. The goal must be to advance living standards everywhere while cutting the environmental impact.

This would require "a singular, unwavering focus from all governments — working together with one another, and with businesses, investors and citizens," the report declares. An efficiency drive — changing the technology people use to build buildings, heat homes, produce goods and do practically everything else — would reduce overall global energy demand by 2050 while serving an economy more than twice as large. A massive renewables ramp-up would make solar the largest energy source, with photovoltaic capacity jumping twentyfold between now and mid-century. By 2030, the envisioned solar boom would require installing every day the generation capacity of what is currently the world's biggest solar farm. Wind would leap elevenfold. Emissions-free nuclear power would continue to play a big role.

Electric vehicle sales would vault from 5 percent of the car market today to 60 percent in 2030. This would require building the equivalent of 20 of Tesla's massive "gigafactories" every year this decade. Oil demand would drop so rapidly that companies would stop exploring for more, focusing instead on extracting oil from existing wells. While natural gas would play a large role in the transition, drillers and transporters of the fuel would slash emissions from leaky equipment.

All that is the easy part,

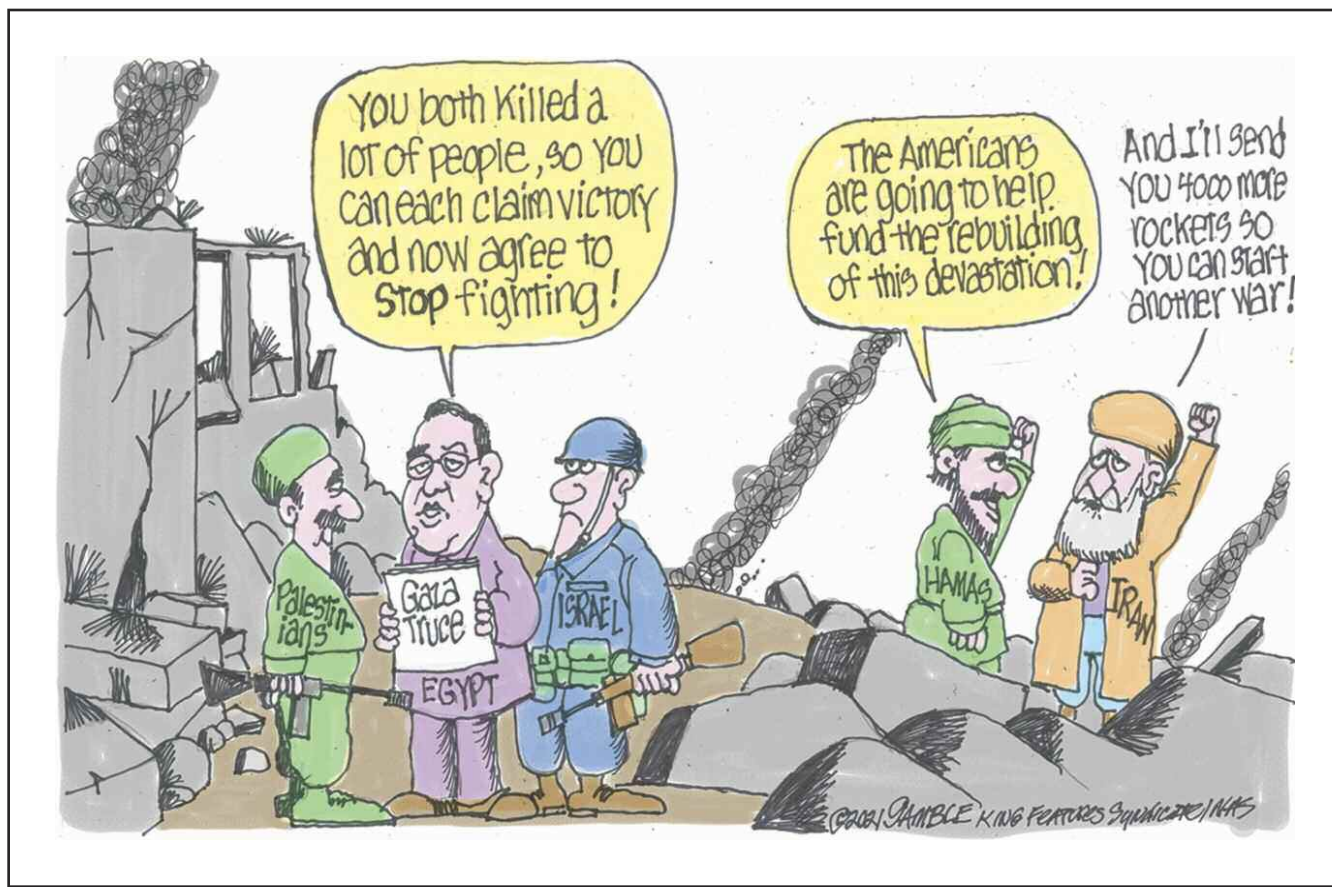
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relying on known technology that already exists at scale. Greening industry, shipping and aviation would require massive new investment in research and deployment. For example, not-ready-for-prime-time hydrogen technology could fuel power plants, trucks and ships, and biofuels could power planes. Much of this would happen after 2030, but only if concerted effort began now.

If every country followed the script, the IEA and the International Monetary Fund reckon that massive energy-sector investment would boost global GDP by 0.4 percentage points per year, and people's total energy costs would rise only modestly as efficiency drove down how much energy they needed to maintain their lifestyles. Governments would need to spend a lot on research, power lines and efficiency programs, but they could not direct all the needed spending; market signals such as carbon taxes would be crucial to mobilize the massive private investment needed.

Of course, few governments, if any, are likely to follow the script as closely as necessary. The agency found that the Earth would warm 2.1 degrees Celsius by 2100 if every nation met its current commitments. That is much higher than the 1.5 degrees scientists recommend. On the other hand, it is also far better than if governments had done nothing. The world must not shy from the challenge.



Community colleges need attention

By GLENN HUBBARD

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President Joe Biden's proposed American Families Plan calls for two years of free community college education for every American interested in attending. The federal government would spend an estimated \$109 billion to cover the tuition.

Given their role in boosting workplace skills, community colleges rightly deserve more attention from policymakers. But offering free tuition is the wrong answer. Lawmakers should instead offer block-grant funding so that these schools can better prepare workers to join our dynamic 21st-century economy.

Community colleges are the logical workhorses of skill development, and their local presence in regional economies makes them attractive partners for employers. Economists have found that two-year associate degrees (or high-quality certification programs) are enough to generate a large premium over the wages of workers with only a high school degree.

Yet community colleges have not proved to be a ready-made solution to economic decline. Many towns where major employers shut down initially had high hopes that local community colleges (or technical institutes) would quickly retrain steel, car or other factory workers in new occupations. But too often those workers dropped out midway, or if they did finish, had no better outcomes than those who never went back to school. Community colleges as presently constituted might work well for kids right out of high school, but we need more creative collaboration between faculty and local employers to meet the needs of mid-career individuals, too.

Free tuition won't change this dynamic. In fact, it is likely to lead to extra class sections and larger class sizes just when state-level public support withers. It also means little if institutions lack the services to support a student's education toward better performance and completion. This observation is especially true for the many community colleges

that serve economically vulnerable students.

Instead of focusing on the demand side of the education equation, a better approach would focus on the supply side — that is, on how colleges can provide better education that allows students to gain skills and complete degree programs. Such an approach can be found in a 2019 paper that I co-authored for the Aspen Institute's Economic Strategy Group, which proposes a program of federal grants to strengthen community colleges, contingent on improved degree completion rates and labor market outcomes.

Inspired by Abraham Lincoln's Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862, the plan sets the ambitious goal by 2030 of raising community college completion rates (or transfer to four-year colleges) to 60 percent (the approximate graduation rate for students seeking bachelor's degrees). We also aim to increase the share of Americans aged 25 to 64 with postsecondary credentials from 47 percent to 65 percent, the level projected to meet the economy's skill needs by 2030.

This effort isn't wishful thinking. Economists have found that increased state funding of community colleges leads to increases in educational attainment and completion, along with increases in credit scores and car and home ownership. We just need the federal grants to have the flexibility to work like state funding.

It's true that Biden's American Families Plan includes \$62 billion to strengthen completion and retention rates at community colleges. His American Jobs Plan also calls for a \$12 billion federal investment in community colleges. But unlike our block grants, this spending comes with a lot of strings attached. The

White House has made clear that states would be able to access these funds only if they adopt specific programs, such as child care for students or improved energy efficiency. The administration has also spent far more energy trumpeting free tuition than in promoting this investment, so it's easy to see which would be jettisoned if needed.

The plan I described earlier, by contrast, would cost \$20 billion annually but free up colleges to innovate according to their local context, especially for mid-career students. That's much less than Biden's proposed \$109 billion and better targeted. Students who can afford the tuition would still be paying it, instead of giving everyone a free ride. These block grants would be a far better investment for our future, as they would pay off in a more productive economy (as well as a stronger society) for many years to come.

The Morrill Act is instructive here. By focusing on the supply side, it broadened access to higher education by increasing the capacity for educating and training students in emerging skills. Through the equivalent of a federal block grant, the act allowed for variation across states in carrying out colleges' educational missions. And land-grant colleges were positive for local economies beyond training, providing know-how in agriculture and manufacturing.

Community colleges occupy a central role in any successful effort to build a bridge for many more Americans to promising work. But we won't get there by telling community colleges to do more of the same. We need to empower them to experiment and collaborate with local businesses. Free tuition will just flood the colleges with students and make them less inclined to experiment or collaborate. We can build back better than that.

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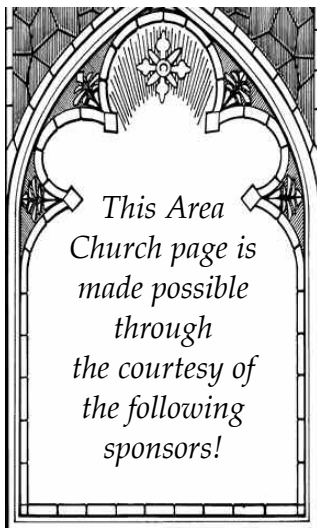
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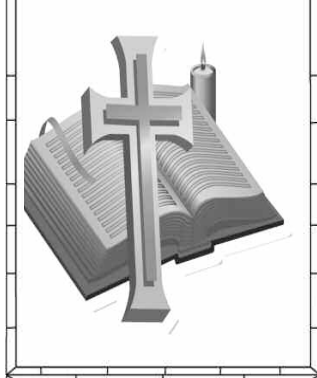


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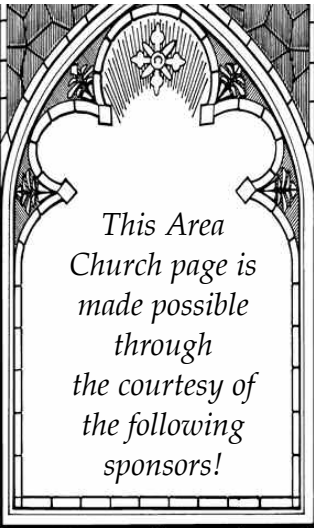
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The lefty had struck out nine, including all three batters in the second inning, and aside from a hit by pitch in the first he was perfect through six innings.

With one out in the top of the seventh and the Golden Eagles up 6-0, Wilt started to lose control a bit. He walked Crosby Heniser on six pitches, then hit Blake Caldwell in the foot. Austin Curts drew a walk as well before Wilt plunked Dusty Pearson to break the shutout.

"We knew the kid could bring it a little bit," Selvey said. "His curve is a little bit better than I thought. He kept us off speed and utilized that."

"We battled. We knew eventually he would get wild but I was hoping it would be the third our fourth inning, not the last inning."

The Pearson hit by pitch ended Wilt's night at 6 1/3 innings of no-hit ball with two walks.

"He has been trending upwards all year," Guerin Catholic coach Tony Meyer said. "He has been throwing well probably for the last month, month and a half. He's one of the few seniors we have playing regularly. Today, all his hard work came to fruition and it was outstanding."

Freshman Cuinn Morrow then took the hill and struck out Gavin Myers with the bases loaded. Emotions flared after the



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Sam Myers, a Jay County High School freshman, slides back into first base on a pickoff attempt as Guerin Catholic's Aidan Morse awaits the throw from pitcher Spencer Wilt during the first inning of the Class 3A Sectional 24 quarterfinal on Wednesday at Yorktown. The Patriots lost, 6-4.

punch out, and Myers was ejected by the home plate umpire after slamming his bat twice.

Down 0-2 in the count, Josh Dowlen lofted a ball to right that GCHS freshman Davis Wagner tracked toward the foul line. Wagner, running in stride, had the ball tip off the toe of his glove, allowing two Patriots to score.

The play was ruled an error, keeping the Golden Eagles' combined no-hit bid intact.

Morrow struck out Sam Dunlavy — the Patriots' 11th of the game — to com-

plete the combined no-hitter.

"Cuinn has been our closer and probably our No. 2 reliever all year," Meyer said. "He throws the ball hard and he hits the zone, so honestly when he came in I wasn't all that worried."

Guerin Catholic scored the game's first run in the home half off the first inning as Will Fremion, who singled, reached home on an error. In the second, the Golden Eagles got a two-run single from Adam Novelen before an error brought in another run for

a 4-0 advantage. Then in the sixth, Guerin Catholic plated two more, one on another JCHS error and the other on a Braden Reel sacrifice fly.

"Our motto is, 'Put the ball in play and good things will happen,'" Meyer said. "We were fortunate. Couple errors here, there, guys were putting the ball in play and it works."

JCHS starter Austin Curts lasted five innings, gave up five runs — two earned — on four hits while walking three and striking out four.

Box score

Jay County Patriots vs. Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles

Class 3A Sectional 24 quarterfinal at Yorktown

Jay County (13-11)				
	ab	r	h	bi
Faulkner ss	3	0	0	0
Myers 3b	2	0	0	0
Heniser lf	2	1	0	0
Caldwell 1b	2	0	0	0
McBride pr	0	1	0	0
Curts p	2	0	0	0
Chapman cr	0	1	0	0
Pearson rf	2	1	0	1
Dowlen cf	3	0	0	0
Dunlavy dh	3	0	0	0
Nichols 2b	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	4	0	1

Guerin Catholic (10-18)				
	ab	r	h	bi
Reel 3b	3	1	1	1
Novelen cf	3	1	1	2
Fremion 2b	3	1	1	0
Wagner rf	3	0	0	0
Ferrucci ss	1	0	0	0
Morse 1b	3	0	0	0
Tabor dh	3	1	0	0
Witt p	0	0	0	0
Morrow pr	0	0	0	0
Schaff lf	2	2	0	0
Dorsey c	2	0	0	0
Donahue ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	24	6	3	3

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LOB — Jay County 2. Guerin Catholic 6. 2B — Guerin Catholic 1 (Reel), SB — Guerin Catholic 3 (Ferrucci 2, Novelen).

Jay County	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Curts, L	5.0	3	5	3	3	4
Heniser	1.0	0	1	0	1	0

Guerin Catholic	W	L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Witt	6.1	0	4	1	2	9		
Morrow	0.2	0	0	0	0	2		

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Paisley Day and Savannah Hudson each had four hits and scored four runs, while Claire Schmiesing scored twice in her 4-for-4 effort. Ava Noles and Keirstyn White each had three hits.

Channa Bulter was 3-for-3 with three runs for The Rock, which also got three hits and two runs from Journi Dalrymple. Kenzlea Bentz and Elli Wiggins both had three hits and scored once.

Optimist tops REMC

In a Rookie softball matchup, Portland Optimist got by Jay County REMC by a 14-8 margin on Wednesday.

Alyssa Wendel tripled twice, doubled and scored three runs, while Gabi Miller and Lilah Hudson each had a double, two singles and three runs. Emma Wilhelm contributed three singles in the winning effort.

Aleah McIntire led REMC with three singles and one run, as Maggie Westgerdes and Evie Skirvin both singled twice and scored twice. Kennedy Newell and Hazel Skirvin had two singles apiece.

"He is competitive more than people think," Selvey said. "We had a couple errors behind him that hurt us. That always adds to your pitch total, but he sucked it up and got after it."

"Proud of his efforts he gave us all year long."

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♥A Q
♦K Q 10 6 2
♣K 7

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♦K 10 6
♥9 5
♦9 8 3
♣10 9 8 6 3

EAST
♦—
♥J 10 8 6 3 2
♦A J 5 4
♣5 4 2

SOUTH
♦Q 9 7 5 3 2
♥K 7 4
♦7
♣A Q J

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 3 ♦ Pass
3 ♦ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♦ Pass 6 ♦

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

Bridge is hard to play flawlessly, as almost all of us would readily concede. However, the nature of the game is such that the great majority of mistakes go unpunished — and this is as it should be, because most mistakes are minor and the good Lord is generally forgiving in such cases.

Even so, the fact remains that a player must occasionally pay for

even a minor mistake. That's exactly what happened in this deal where South failed to make a slam he should have made.

He won the club lead and played a low spade to the jack, winning the finesse. But he eventually went down one since he now had to lose a trump trick as well as a diamond.

South would have made the slam had he led the queen of spades instead of the deuce when he took the finesse at trick two. In the actual case, if West covers with the king, declarer wins with the ace and, after East shows out, later finesses against West's ten. The only trick declarer loses is a diamond.

The queen is technically the right play, as it wins not only when West has the singleton or doubleton king, but also when he has the tripleton king.

Ordinarily, leading the deuce to the jack would not be a fatal error, because it costs a trick only in those hands where West has all three trumps — only an 11% probability. Nevertheless, assuming that South plays to finesse in spades, which is the proper play, the queen lead never costs a trick. But because the deuce lead sometimes will, it is better to start out by leading the queen.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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Sports

Rammel throws her way to state

TROY, Ohio — Another week, another new record.

But this time, she's got a state berth to go with it.

Whitley Rammel, a Fort Recovery High School junior, improved her own school record in shot put and advanced to the state finals by placing second in the OHSAA Division III Regional track and field championships Wednesday.

The Indians advanced to Friday's regional final in five events from the preliminaries on Wednesday.

Tribe junior improves own school record shot put, finishes second

Rammel, who was also fifth in high jump with a height of 5 feet, 3 inches, had a put of 41 feet, 1.25 inches, besting her mark of 40 feet, 2.5 inches, she set on her way to the district championship last week. She

was runner-up in the event, behind Madeira's Yvonne Colson, who threw 41 feet, 10.5 inches.

The top eight from preliminaries advance to the finals Friday, and the top four in each

finals event qualify for state June 4 and 5 at Westerville North.

Abbie Francis had a time of 12.9 seconds in the 100-meter dash, and she'll be the No. 3 seed Friday. Lehman Catholic teammates Kiersten Franklin (12.56 seconds) and Lindsey Magoteaux (12.69) are seeded first and second, respectively.

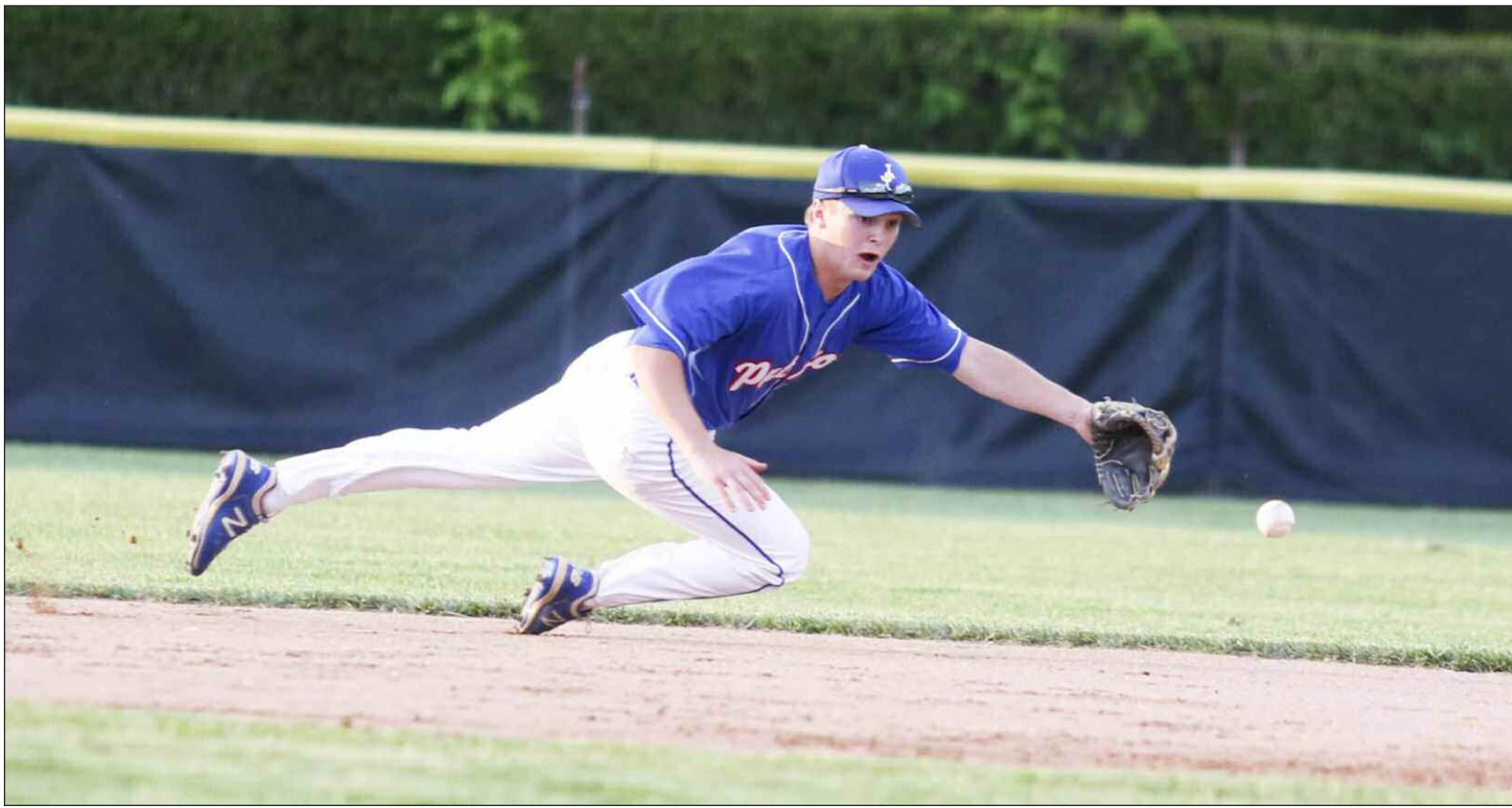
Francis joined Kierra Wendel, Allysen Fullenkamp and Mara Pearson to earn the fourth seed in the 4x200 relay. The 4x400 relay of Megan Diller, Natalie

Brunswick, Wendel and Francis is seeded seventh, while Marie Nachtsheim, Fullenkamp, Pearson and Francis will be seeded eighth in the 4x100 relay.

The FRHS boys' 4x200 relay team of Owen Morman, Derek Jutte, Reece Guggenbiller and Gavin Thobe earned the No. 5 seed Friday.

With three events scored, Fort Recovery's girls are currently in first place with 14 points. Madeira and defending state champion West Liberty-Salem are in second with 12 points.

Uh oh, no-no



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Jay County High School junior shortstop Quinn Faulkner lays out in an attempt to make a play on a hit up the middle in the first inning of the Class 3A Sectional 24 quarterfinal game against the Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles on Wednesday at Yorktown. The Patriots weren't able to manage a hit but still put up a four-run rally in the seventh inning of a 6-4 loss to the Golden Eagles.

Patriots put up seventh-inning rally despite not registering a hit in a season-ending loss

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

YORKTOWN — Despite a goose egg in the hit column, the Patriots nearly pulled off the unthinkable.

Jay County High School's baseball team scored four runs in the top of the seventh inning, all while not recording a hit,

but had their rally fall short in a 6-4 loss to the Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles on Wednesday in the Class 3A Sectional 24 quarterfinal.

"First off, let me say how proud I am of these guys for staying in and battling," said JCHS coach Lea Selvey, whose team ended the season 13-11.

"I'm just very proud of them.

"We're not there yet. At times we've been there, but we've got to get a little better. Almost found a way to get it done. Hats off to those guys. Hats off to my seniors. Just a great bunch of kids to be around."

Guerin Catholic, which benefited from four Patriot errors,

advances to the sectional semifinal Friday against Hamilton Heights. The Huskies topped Delta 2-0 earlier Wednesday.

Jay County, sectional champions in both 2018 and '19, simply could not break through against Guerin Catholic senior Spencer Wilt.

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Wenks help Loy's

Bryce Wenk used the long ball. Silas Wenk kept it in the park.

Together they helped lead Loy's Realty to a 12-6 victory against Local 1620 on Wednesday in Portland Junior League's Sandy Koufax division.

Bryce Wenk hit a home run, and Silas Wenk doubled, singled and knocked in two runs.

Gavin Young, Isaac Scott and Jayden Novak each singled in the victory.

Corey Lennington did his best to keep Local in the game with a home run and a double while collecting three RBIs. Isaac Miller also doubled and drove in two runs.

Lions wins 15-4

Lions Club earned a 15-4 triumph against Kiwanis on Wednesday in their Willie Mays contest.

Logan Wendel paced Lions with two triples and an RBI. Irik Donathan had a double, a single and an RBI, while Andrew Day singled with an RBI. Eli Westgerdes and Finn Hemmelgarn both contributed a pair of hits and two RBIs.

Jace Vance led Kiwanis with a triple and an RBI. Brady Millsbaugh and Caleb Sibray both doubled in the defeat.

Trio leads Homestead

Three players each went 4-for-4 on Wednesday, guiding Homestead Quality Bedding to a 15-9 win over The Rock Church in a Rookie softball tilt.

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