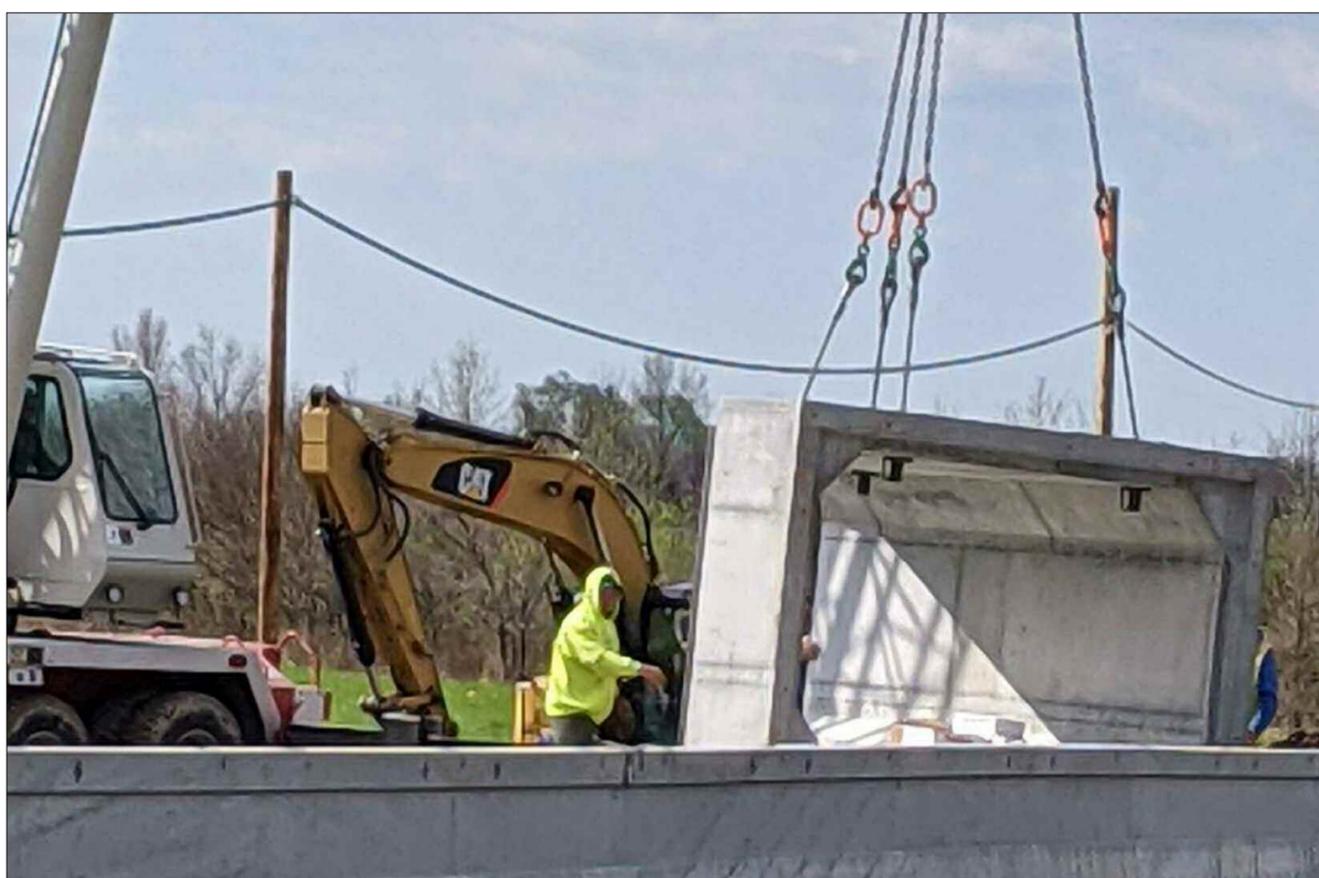


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Boxing in

A box culvert is moved last week on U.S. 27 north of Portland. The culvert is part of an ongoing Indiana Department of Transportation project to replace a bridge and level the highway near county road 400 North.

FCC plans to add again

Industry requests abatement on new equipment

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

One local industry is ready to grow again and many will be working with Jay County High School to offer opportunities to soon-to-be graduates.

Representatives from FCC visited Portland City Council's meeting Monday to request a tax abatement on new equipment and Jay County High School teacher Kyle Love shared plans for a "Signing Day" event this month.

Also Monday, council learned about plans for this year's Indiana Run for the Fallen.

Travis Richards, executive director of Jay County Development Corporation, presented FCC's tax abatement request. It is seeking a three-year abatement on \$1.4 million in new manufacturing equipment.

The abatement would save FCC about \$35,000 in taxes. The new equipment is expected to help create 11 new jobs.

Council sent the request to the city's tax abatement advisory committee for its review.

Love told council about "Signing Day," an event designed to bring representatives from local industries to JCHS to talk about job, internship and summer work opportunities. Fourteen companies have committed to being part of the event May 18 and 19, with about 200 interviews scheduled over the two days.

See Council page 2

FR awarded grant for road work

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The village has been approved for a \$1 million grant.

Fort Recovery village administrator Randy Diller told village council members Monday the Ohio Department of Transportation grant will contribute \$1,026,000 toward Butler Street (Ohio 119) reconstruction in 2024.

Work on the street will include a new water line, sidewalks, curbs and street, as well as replacing the traffic light at Wayne Street. Diller estimated the project will cost just over \$3 million.

"That \$1.026 is a great start," he said.

The project will need to be started — defined by at least having opened bids and decided on a contractor — by July 2024.

Other potential funding

ODOT approves \$1 million for Butler Street improvements

for the multi-million dollar project includes grants from the Ohio Public Works Commission and the County Engineers Association of Ohio.

Village council also established a fund for incoming American Rescue Plan dollars. Diller and Fort Recovery fiscal officer Roberta Staugler said they didn't yet know the exact amount coming in from the state, but the village should be receiving half of it within the next month and the rest next year.

Also Monday, council members discussed

improvements to the odor coming from the villages lagoons at its wastewater treatment plant.

"Last week, I drove out there a couple times, and I felt like it was better every day," said Mayor Dave Kaup.

Diller said the water department is making progress on reducing the smell. The last few weeks, they have been trying different tests to resolve the issue.

"We're going to get it narrowed down and we'll get it so we understand what the cause was and what we

need to do to prevent that from happening again," Diller added.

He noted the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency visited the lagoons April 23, although the village has yet to be informed of the reason for its visit.

In other business, council members Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson, Erik Fiely, Al Post and Cliff Wendel:

•Heard new signs reducing the speed limit to 35 mph have been installed by ODOT on Ohio 119 (Boundary Street) from its intersection with John Street to

eastern village limits. The village will be installing a flashing light on the signs to draw attention to the new speed limit.

•OK'd a \$110,397.33 pay request for the Broadway and Elm streets reconstruction projects.

•Approved an amendment to the tax ordinance. Nothing was changed except clearing up some wording — the section edited details for Fort Recovery residents working in Indiana — for better understanding, Diller explained.

•Heard from Diller a group has requested closing off a public street for a private party. "That's something, to my knowledge, we've never done for a private party," he commented at the meeting. He told council he has asked the group to put in a formal request and receive the OK from each individual living on the street.

Collapse kills 23 in Mexico

By E. EDUARDO CASTILLO

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — An elevated section of the Mexico City metro collapsed and sent the train plunging toward a busy boulevard late Monday, killing at least 23 people and injuring at least 79, city officials said.

Rescuers found four bodies trapped inside a rail car that was dangling from the overpass but were unable to remove them. It was not clear if those dead were included among the 23. A crane was brought in Tuesday to lower the car down.

Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum said one of the concrete beams collapsed as a subway train passed over it in one of the deadliest episodes in the history of the city's subway system, which is among the busiest in the world.

Mexican Foreign Relations Secretary Marcelo Ebrard called the collapse "the most terrible accident we have ever had in mass transportation." Ebrard was Mexico City's mayor from 2006 to 2012, when the line in

Elevated section of metro plunged to boulevard below

question was built, and the collapse could represent a major blow for him.

"The cause of the collapse of the beam must be established through an expert investigation," Sheinbaum said.

Earlier she said someone had been pulled alive from a car that was trapped on the road below. She said 77 of the injured were hospitalized. She also said children were among the dead.

The overpass was about 5 meters (16 feet) above the road in the borough of Tlahuac, but the train ran above a concrete median strip, which apparently lessened the casualties among motorists on the road below.

The Mexico City Metro — which is among the world's cheapest with tickets costing about 25 cents — has had at least two serious accidents since its inauguration half a century ago. In March of last year, a collision between two trains at the Tacubaya station left one passenger dead and injured 41 people. In 2015, a train that did not stop on time crashed into another at the Oceania station, injuring 12.

Hundreds of police officers and firefighters cordoned off the scene overnight as desperate friends and relatives of people believed to be on the train gathered outside the security perimeter.



Bloomberg/Nina Westervelt

Returning in NYC

Customers sit at the bar Monday at Blooms Tavern in New York. New York City will be free from pandemic restrictions in two weeks. More than a year into the pandemic, the city's jobs recovery lags behind the rest of the U.S. in part because the city saw its number of tourists drop by nearly 45 million in 2020.

Deaths

Florence Stults, 93, Dunkirk
Claudia Ann Hodson, 78, St. Petersburg, Florida
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 70 degrees Monday and there was about 0.8 inches of rain. The low was 55. More rain is expected tonight with a low of 44. Wednesday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies and a high of 57.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

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

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of Tuesday's Portland Park Board meeting.

Friday — Results from JCHS home competitions against Belmont, Bluffton and Adams Central.



Obituaries

Florence Stults

May 10, 1927-Dec. 2, 2020
Florence G. (Linn) Stults, age 93, Dunkirk, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor, Dunkirk, following an illness.



Stults

Born May 10, 1927, in Blackford County, she was a graduate of Pennville High School. Florence was a self-employed beautician for over 70 years before retiring. She was a member of Sugar Grove United Methodist Church where she served as treasurer for several years. She was a volunteer reader at Redkey Elementary School, enjoyed playing cards and had her own bowling team known as "Flo's Five."

Survivors include her sons Richard L. Stults (wife: Janel), Albany, and Ralph P. Stults (wife: Linda), Dunkirk; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her parents Ralph Sr. and Cora I. (Macon) Linn; daughter Ann Quakenbush; granddaughter Ashley Renee Stults; brother Ralph Linn Jr.; and sister Ida D. Glattli.

A service to celebrate Florence's life will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sugar Grove United Methodist Church, 11515 W. 600 South, Redkey. Pastor Scott McClain will officiate.

Memorials may be sent to Sugar Grove United Methodist Church, c/o Lucy Mickler, 13101 E. 1100 North, Dunkirk, IN 47336.

Condolences and other expressions of sympathy may be given at MeachamFuneralService.com.

Claudia Ann Hodson

Feb. 14, 1943-April 11, 2021
In the late afternoon on Sunday, April 11, 2021, Claudia Ann Frank Hodson passed away at Northside Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida.



Hodson

Ann always balanced strength and grace, whether it was playing cards with her friends or serving at church. Ann was warmly enveloped in the love of her family and many friends.

Ann was born Feb. 14, 1943, the second of three children, to

Betty and Don Frank in Portland, Indiana. Ann graduated from high school with the Portland High School Class of 1961. Following high school, Ann attended Indiana University and graduated as a nurse from St. Joseph School of Nursing in 1968.

After marriage to Loren Hodson in August 1968, Ann and Loren lived in the Toledo, Ohio, area where Loren was an electrical engineer with Columbia Gas of Ohio.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Don (2005) and Betty (2018), and her 11-year-old niece, Susan Michelle Conley (1979).

Ann will be missed by her husband, Loren Hodson; their two daughters Holly (Greg) and Heather (Robert); grandchildren Angel and Zac; a sister,

Sue (Bob) Kendig; a brother, Neil Frank; and cousins Kay Bixler and Jane Whitenack Gulick.

A celebration of Ann's life was held at the Hodson's Florida home on Friday, April 16. A second celebration of Ann's life is being planned for sometime in the future to include Ann's friends, neighbors and family in the area of the Hodson home in Maumee, Ohio.

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

Wednesday 5/5	Thursday 5/6	Friday 5/7	Saturday 5/8	Sunday 5/9
57/40	62/38	61/39	63/48	65/48
Mostly sunny with high winds as high as 20 mph. Winds will likely settle after midnight.	There is a 40% chance of afternoon rain. Otherwise mostly cloudy with light winds possible.	More potential rain with a 30% chance of afternoon showers. Skies will be mostly sunny all day.	Another rainy day with a 40% chance of rain after 2 p.m. and a 70% chance after 8 p.m.	Rain will continue with a 60% chance rain under mostly cloudy skies.

Lotteries

Powerball Saturday 35-36-47-61-63 Powerball: 3 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$142 million	Estimated jackpot: \$726,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$345 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 0-5-2 Pick 4: 1-9-0-6 Pick 5: 8-2-9-1-3 Evening Pick 3: 9-6-0 Pick 4: 0-7-2-4 Pick 5: 4-6-6-6-9 Rolling Cash 5: 9-13-14-16-23
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 4-9-5 Daily Four: 6-3-8-6 Evening Daily Three: 2-5-7 Daily Four: 7-0-3-5 Quick Draw: 7-8-18-24-26-29-31-32-36-39-45-47-54-61-62-64-65-72-74-75 Cash 5: 12-22-27-30-35	Estimated jackpot: \$167,000 Classic Lotto: 3-15-34-39-40-49 Kicker: 2-0-3-8-9-0 Jackpot: \$7.9 million

Markets

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Today in history

On May 4, 1961, the first group of "Freedom Riders" left Washington, D.C. to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses and in bus terminals.

In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an 8-hour work day turned into a deadly riot when a bomb exploded.

In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta.

In 1945, during World War II, German forces in the Netherlands, Denmark and northwest Germany agreed to surrender.

In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire during an anti-war protest at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

In 1971, it was a quiet primary election day in Jay County as Democrat Jack E. White defeated Mearl L. Betts 146-73 for a seat on Dunkirk City Council in the county's only contested race.

—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 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 Meridian St.	Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.
Thursday 10 a.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.	

Council ...

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Donald Gillespie told council members about Indiana's Run for the Fallen, a three-day from Fort Wayne to Indianapolis in honor of those who have lost their lives in military service. Gillespie, who coordinates the run, noted that it is scheduled to enter Jay County at 3:42 p.m. and end its first day at Freedom Park in Portland about 5:30 p.m. There will be a ceremony at Freedom Park to present an Honor and Sacrifice flag to the family of Paul Prater, a Jay County Sheriff's Office deputy who died in the line of duty on Jan. 4, 1983.

Council members Kent McClung, Janet Powers, Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Mike Aker, Matt Goldsworthy and Dave Golden also approved an ordinance to create a new budget line

item to accept federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. The city is expected to receive about \$1.8 million in COVID-19 relief funds.

They also approved requesting money from the state revolving loan fund for the first phase of planned upgrades at the city's wastewater treatment plant. The first phase, at a cost of \$6.9 million, involves building a new equalization basin at the facility. The second phase, estimated at \$8.1 million, will include creating a new oxidation ditch.

Portland Mayor John Boggs also reported the city will likely be putting the former Sheller-Globe south building at 510 S. Bridge St. on the market again. Boggs explained the city's agreement to sell the building to John Goodhew of Goodhew's Roofing and Metals

allowed the buyer an out if the city could not provide a clean environmental study. (Portland Board of Works is expected to address the issue at its meeting Thursday.) The city has been in the process of trying to sell the building for several years, first opening bids in December 2018 and finally choosing Goodhew's offer in summer 2019.

Boggs also reminded council that Portland Redevelopment Commission at its meeting April 23 approved \$350,000 for the planned Meridian Street storm sewer project to mitigate downtown flooding. He said a meeting with Wessler Engineering, accounting advisory firm Baker Tilly and Jay County Development Corporation representatives is scheduled for Wednesday to review additional funding

options for the estimated \$1.2 million project.

In other business, council:

• Heard the following from Boggs: a groundbreaking for the Portland Municipal Airport runway extension project is scheduled for 3 p.m. June 2; the city's clean-up week — large items will be accepted for regular trash pick-up — will be May 24 through 28; and reverse-angle parking lines are scheduled to be removed from Main Street between Commerce and Pleasant streets during the first week of June.

• Agreed to close Ship Street between Main and Walnut streets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 to 6 p.m. May 22 for an American Legion benefit ride for Skyler Esparza, an 11-year-old Portland boy who is battling leukemia.

Felony arrests

Battery

A Portland man was arrested Friday for battery.

Edgar J. Serna, 19, 113 E. Washington St., was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for battery on law enforcement, two Class A misdemeanors for criminal mischief and resisting an officer and a Class B misdemeanor for disorderly conduct. He was booked into Jay County Jail on \$4,500 bond.

Unlawful possession

A Ridgeville woman was arrested Monday for unlawful possession of a syringe and failing to appear in court.

Ashley L. Yates, 29, 512 Gangster Court, was preliminarily charged a

Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe. (She also has an original Level 6 felony charge for the same crime.) Yates is being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

Theft

An Ohio man was arrested Monday for theft and drug possession.

Mark W. Kitchen, 57, 340 Walnut St., Circleville, was preliminarily charged two Level 6 felonies. He was booked into Jay County Jail on \$12,000 bond.

Drug possession

A Montpelier man and an Eaton woman were arrested Tuesday morning for drug possession.

Doug L. Carter, 41, 326 W. High

St., and Cassandra L. Odom, 39, 312 N. Long St., were preliminarily charged two Level 6 felonies for possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs and unlawful possession of a syringe. Both Carter and Odom were booked into Jay County Jail on \$4,500 bond.

Also, a Portland man was arrested Saturday for drug possession.

Brian M. Ferner, 31, 1085 N. 600 E., was preliminarily charged two Level 6 felonies for possession or use of a legend drug and unlawful possession of a syringe and two Class A misdemeanors for possession of paraphernalia and domestic battery. He was booked into Jay County Jail on \$4,500 bond.

Jay Superior Court

Judge Gail Dues Fined and sentenced

Michael D. Hamilton, 31, 24 E. 650 S., Portland, pleaded guilty to possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 20 days in Jay County Jail and given six days credit for three days served. He was ordered to serve the remaining 14 days of his sentence on house arrest and assessed court costs of \$185.

Keatan I. Tharp, 18, 4901 E. 1000 N., Union City, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all of his sentence suspended. Tharp was placed on probation

for 180 days, assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. Tharp was also ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor charge for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Pedro A. Serna, 26, 113 E. Washington St., Portland, pleaded guilty to criminal mischief, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all of his sentence suspended. Serna was placed on probation for 180 days and assessed court costs of \$185.

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SERVICES

Saturday

Stults, Florence: 10:30 a.m., Sugar Grove United Methodist Church, 11515 W. 600 South, Redkey.

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Learning series will feature parks

Senior citizens will have the opportunity to learn about state parks this week.

John Jay Center for Learning's Senior Learning Series will feature volunteer and Indiana master naturalist coordinator Jody Heaston at 1 p.m. Thursday. The virtual event will be live streamed on the John Jay Facebook page.

Heaston, who is based at Ouabache State Park east of Bluffton, will focus on what state parks have to offer for senior citizens.

Library hosting

Jay County Public Library will host a series of activities this month, including interactive learning activities in partnership with Jay County Farm Bureau.

The library and

Taking Note

Farm Bureau will partner for a hands-on event about sunflower seeds at 4:15 p.m. Thursday. Participants will hear stories, plant sunflower seeds, make a bird seed feeder and create a craft.

Also, the library will offer take-and-make crafts May 10. There is a limit of one per visitor and they are available as supplies last.

The library will also continue to host story time for children in preschool and younger at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays. It will host Mother Goose at noon May 14 and 11:30 a.m. May 21 and 28.

Take time to thank moms

By DIANA DOLECKI
Special to The Commercial Review

Mother's Day is fast approaching. It has been five years since I have had to buy a Mother's Day present. It has been that long since I have baked cookies or a cake for her. It has been that long since I have chanted to her doctors, nurses and other medical personnel, "She can't hear you. She reads lips. If she can't see your mouth she has no idea what you are saying."

On one of her last days a team of medical people came into her hospital room and tried to turn her so that she didn't get bed sores. The guy in charge was behind her. He softly called her name. He tried several times to get her attention. I finally left the room. I wanted to tell him to speak up and go around the bed so she could see his mouth. It wouldn't have made a difference because she wasn't in the room. Her body was there but her soul was not.

On one hand I am glad she is gone. All this mask wearing would have prevented her from knowing what people say. She didn't know sign language and as far as I know nobody else in the family knows it either.

I miss her. I miss all the mothers I have had through the years. Mom, Grandma, assorted teachers and caregivers, two mothers-in-law, neighbors, and even an aunt or two filled the role.

As I See It



They all had their own problems to deal with and they all contributed to the woman I have become.

Then there are the daughters. We often don't know what kind of mother we are until we watch our children with their children. That is one thing I wish my mothers-in-law could see. I think they would be so happy to see how well their grands and great-grands have turned out.

Those of us whose mothers have died have a duty to pass on tidbits of their lives. Our children and grandchildren need to hear the stories of what our lives were like before they were born. They need to hear the tales of when their grandmother lined up her grandchildren and squirted whipped cream into their mouths.

Children need to hear about when a great-grandmother re-roofed the barn by herself. They need to hear about hitching up a buggy to go to the neighbor's house to use the phone. One of the kids was sick and they needed to call a doctor. They need to hear about visiting Ella

Maude. Ella Maude was my first mother-in-law's sister. Kids need to hear about the time their mom tried to pick up a bee and had been stung. All those stories that the older generation related until we could repeat them word for word need to be preserved.

Even the unhappy stories should be kept. They provide a balance to the tales of happier times and let us know that not every story has a happy fairy tale ending.

The older we get the faster time flies. We think that there is always tomorrow. Whatever is going on in our lives seems more important than spending time with our parents and other elders.

I can assure you that spending time with your mothers, grandmothers and any other maternal figures is far more appreciated than any gift you can buy.

Yes, Mother's Day is fast approaching. If your mother is still alive take some time to go see her even if you two are not getting along at the moment. If she has passed on then take a moment or so to think of her.

Good or bad, our moms have shaped our lives. Mother's Day has been set aside to pause and remember all the things they have done for us. Take time to visit them if possible or make a phone call if you can't be there in person. The holiday will be here before you know it.

Overbearing boyfriend ruins family events

DEAR ABBY: We get our children and grandchildren together twice a year.

Our oldest daughter is divorced and, unfortunately, has a significant other the rest of our family cannot stand. He's an arrogant, competitive know-it-all.

We have been around him only twice — the last two times the family got together. The second time was a disaster for the rest of us. Should we tell her we don't want to invite him this year, and how do we say it? Or should we not tell her? — TENTATIVE IN FLORIDA

DEAR TENTATIVE: Talk to your daughter about this. When you do, have handy a list of the ways he offended your family members at the

gathering. Her significant other may be so self-centered he doesn't realize he's being obnoxious.

Ask her to ask him to dial back his need to compete, impress, cover for his own insecurity — whatever drives him. Then give him one more chance. If that fails, do not invite him again, and tell her why. You can always see your daughter separately. I

Dear Abby



assume, and so can her siblings.

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine has a 70-pound dog that behaves badly. When I visit her, it sprints out of the front door, barking, and jumps on my car. It has left 3 1/2-inch-long scratches on two of my vehicles. She yells at it, and eventually the dog stops, but not before jumping on me and leaving me muddled and snagged.

This friend is due to have a baby, and I am sure she will be inviting me over to meet the baby soon. How can I avoid further damage to my car and clothing without damaging my friendship? — ASSAULTED IN AUSTIN

DEAR ASSAULTED: The

obvious answer is to find the courage to tell your friend you are willing to visit only if she confines her dog so it won't cause further damage to you and your property.

DEAR ABBY: I had a relationship with a wonderful woman for almost six years. During the course of our relationship, I purchased a rather expensive precious stone — exactly what she wanted — with the intent of giving it to her as a promise ring. (Neither of us are fans of the institution of marriage.) We have since gone our separate ways, but we still communicate.

Because it was purchased for her, I am tempted to give her the stone. At the same time, I have

entertained the notion of keeping it and giving it to my future life partner, should I meet someone I care for that deeply. Your guidance would be greatly appreciated. — ROMANCING THE STONE

DEAR ROMANCING: Promise rings symbolize the promise of a proposal of marriage. In the case of your former girlfriend, it didn't pan out. Because the two of you still communicate, why not mention to her that you have the stone and ask if she would like to have it. If she says no, you can always offer it to someone else, although I can't promise the lady will be eager to receive a souvenir of a failed relationship.

Community Calendar

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

Today

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the

Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

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

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes

activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (206) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

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

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

Thursday

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

Sudoku

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Gap is more than just connectivity

The Washington Post

The internet is no longer a luxury but a necessity, and President Joe Biden's infrastructure plan reflects that reality. Lawmakers generally understand that to get the whole country connected, they'll have to make service more available as well as more affordable. But other areas that receive less notice deserve the same attention.

The National Urban League's Lewis Latimer Plan for Digital Equity and Inclusion wants to ensure that everyone can fully participate in the world the web has created — from their education as children to their employment as adults to their health all along the way. The proposal,

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which emphasizes how historically marginalized groups have seen inequities compounded by a disproportionate lack of access to the web, is chock full of recommendations for bringing broadband to those whose homes aren't served or for whom service is too expensive. Yet the plan is most helpful in pointing out two additional gaps to bridge.

The first of these is what the report's authors call digital readiness. There is little point in paying for an internet plan if you don't know how to use the internet. The same goes for understanding how to operate a computer or tablet. But as many as half of Americans remain reluctant to explore online education because they are concerned they lack the technological skill; more than one-third of older adults have missed out of video visits with medical professionals this past year for similar reasons; workers unstudied in navigating the web can't fill plenty of good jobs.

Then there's the so-called uti-

lization gap, jargon for the gulf between what we could be doing with the networks we already have and what we're actually doing. Government services are poorly digitized: The report recalls governors scrambling at the beginning of the pandemic to find retired programmers who could rescue antiquated and overwhelmed benefit systems. When Florida's unemployment site crashed, citizens put their health at risk to stand line in person for paper forms. Industry and policymakers don't take advantage of jobs data that could help them pair some citizens with openings and train others; schools don't take

advantage of the possibility for expanded curriculums and individualized learning. Telehealth, too, can't reach its full potential under outdated restrictions on providers.

The Lewis Latimer Plan's recommendations are ambitious, including a new office of digital equity, a national digital literacy program with a workforce of "digital navigators" and more. Congress ought to study whether those are the right answers — but these questions are certainly the right ones to ask. Treating broadband as infrastructure is the right approach, yet for the investment to pay off, we must build more than wires.

Washington must face facts

By H.A. HELLYER

Special To The Washington Post

On Tuesday, the international organization Human Rights Watch released a 213-page report declaring, for the first time in its history, that the Israeli government is committing two crimes against humanity for its treatment of the Palestinians: the crimes of persecution and apartheid.

Some may think Human Rights Watch is going too far, but actually it is behind the curve. Last year, I convened a panel with veterans of the South African anti-apartheid struggle who certainly know what apartheid looks like, including the former South African ambassador to the United States. They were in no doubt that what is happening in the occupied territories is apartheid. Other human rights organizations, including Israeli ones such as B'tselem, have also reached the same conclusion.

But the report adds to the urgent calls to change the policy discussion in Washington and beyond. As a joint report released last week by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the U.S./Middle East Project stipulated, the only way forward for resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has to be based on fundamental human rights.

The discussion surrounding Israel's crimes is happening as its leaders are keen to push against coming to a final and just reckoning with the Palestinians before normalizing ties with governments in the region. They point to the normalization deals with the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, described as the Abraham Accords, and to less significant arrangements with Morocco and Sudan, as evidence that the conflict with the Palestinians is not an insurmountable obstacle to stability.

That doesn't really hold up. After all, Israel has had peace deals with Egypt for 40 years; with Jordan for more than 20 years; and yet, no Egyptian or Jordanian would say their countries' relations with Israel are "normal." Indeed, the very word "normalization" is anathema in Egyptian and Jordanian civil society when it comes to Israel.

The Sudanese, suffering from a crushing economic crisis, were essentially blackmailed into the move, which may or may not last after the establishment of a Sudanese national assembly. The Moroccans exchanged limited diplomatic ties for a big coup: U.S. recognition of Moroc-

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can sovereignty over Western Sahara. Even with Emirati and Bahraini participation in the accords, Arab civil society writ large is adamantly opposed to normalization because the Palestine question remains unresolved.

On the other hand, American public opinion is much more balanced than the policy discussion, with voices critical of Israel gaining more acceptance. Perhaps social media has strengthened an exchange of views that has led to that shift — these two recent reports also reflect that.

The Black Lives Matter movement and the calls for a more entrenched form of equality among Americans have captured the attention and energy of many Americans, and that has had an impact. It is hard to make the argument that civil rights matter at home while rejecting the option of a rights-based approach for resolving the conflict between the Palestinians and the Israelis abroad.

For years, American foreign policy has provided unconditional support for Israeli leaders, shielding them even from the censure of most Western allies. Israel's actions in the occupied territories, and the continuation of the occupation itself, was treated like a third rail in politics — but not anymore. This American approach is being eroded, including in Congress.

It may be years before the resounding evidence against Israel produces new U.S. policies to address the undeniable reality on the ground. But a decade ago I could not have dreamed of any such report being published from a reputable D.C.-based institution.

In 2021, from the heart of Washington's policymaking community, one of the world's most influential think tanks, not only platformed such a report but promoted it vigorously. The direction of policy discussions is changing — it's simply a question of how long it will take for the rest of D.C.'s policy establishment to catch up.

Hellyer is a Carnegie Endowment for International Peace scholar in Washington and senior associate fellow at the Royal United Services Institute in London.



Congress ends some surprises

By TRUDY LIEBERMAN

At its core the American health system is not about health. It's all about money. Nothing illustrates that better than the years' long fight over surprise medical bills that finally ended when Congress passed the Omnibus Appropriations and Emergency Coronavirus Relief Act as 2020 came to a close. You know those are the bills both small and large that would show up unexpectedly after you and your insurance company had paid for your care.

Too often patients found they owed hundreds, sometimes thousands of dollars, after they had thought insurance payments along with their cost-sharing obligations — deductibles, copays, and coinsurance — had taken care of the bill. Many times those bills came from emergency room doctors and anesthesiologists when patients suffered medical emergencies. — not an ideal time to be asking about billing practices.

A case in point a few years ago was the story of a 44-year old Texas high school teacher who found himself with a \$108,957 bill after suffering a heart attack. Some of the doctors who treated him during his emergency were not in his insurer's network. Widespread publicity including a story on NPR prompted the hospital to reduce the bill to \$332.

Other families haven't been as lucky, and over the years the problem worsened. One study in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that more than 20 percent of 350,000 patients received out-of-network charges averaging over \$2,000 more than their insurers would pay. Another report from the Federal Reserve Board found that 40 percent of Americans could not easily cover an unexpected emergency expense.

Legislation put into the Omnibus bill to solve the billing problem did not come easily.

For several years doctors, hedge funds that own physician practices,

Trudy Lieberman



and hospitals fought against employers and insurance companies in state and Congressional battles to end surprise billing. In the December legislation the doctors' won when Congress agreed to take patients out of the picture and called for disputes to be settled by arbitration favored by doctors who thought that method would result in higher fees for them.

Insurers and employers, argued for a different payment mechanism — a set of pre-set benchmarks that doctors argued would reduce their incomes. Tom Nickels, a vice president of the American Hospital Association, argued benchmarks "would reduce what hospitals and doctors were paid for in-network services and out-of-network services too." Health insurers predicted "increased costs and high premiums as private equity firms exploit the arbitration process."

"The law is not everything we wanted," says Chuck Bell, program director for advocacy at Consumer Reports. "We got consumers out of the middle of billing disputes making providers and payers to work it out. We wanted to make sure premiums wouldn't go up, but the jury is still out on that."

Bell warned that some doctors like anesthesiologists and radiologists who were "very aggressive in balance billing may become quite active in bringing arbitrations and that may push rates up."

Time will tell, but medical prices are hardly likely to go down. One other big improvement for patients is that the new law covers

health plans from their employers that are considered self-insured plans under ERISA, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act passed in 1974. Billing disputes of employees covered by these plans will also be eligible for arbitration. That provision will be a big help to millions of Americans who receive health insurance under an ERISA plan.

Disputes with air ambulances will also be covered. In recent years, balance billing disputes by air ambulance companies have plagued many people living in remote rural areas.

Ground ambulance companies whose services often generate surprise bills were not included. We can only guess at the legislative deals that kept them free from regulation.

If any sector needs new regulations governing their billing practices, it's the ambulances. What person with a serious medical event is going to look for their insurance papers to find out whether the ambulance that arrives is in or out of your insurer's network?

Still, there are a few things that you can do. If there's time, find out if an ambulance is in your insurer's network, which might be the case in a non-emergency like going to a rehab center. You can try to negotiate with the ambulance company to lower its bill. Also ask your insurer for a review of your claim. Contact your state insurance department and outline the specifics of your problem.

Of course, contact your representatives in Congress. Continuing complaints about ground ambulances just might make them address this huge omission in an otherwise decent law to protect consumers.

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Jay Superior Court

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Kyle R. Mendenhall, 30, 17730 Village Brooke Drive, Noblesville, pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended license, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 30 days suspended. Mendenhall was placed on probation for 335 days, fined \$25 and assessed court costs of \$185.50.

Darrian C. Bechtol, 25, 10821 S. 600 W., Geneva, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 90 days suspended and given four days credit for two days served. He was fined \$25, assessed court costs of \$185.50 and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. He was also placed on probation for 275 days and ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor charge of operating a vehicle with an alcohol concentration equivalent to .15 or more and a Class B misdemeanor charge of leaving the scene of an accident were dismissed.

Spencer T. Hobbs, 30, 1835 E. 21st St., Muncie, pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended license, a Class A misdemeanor — He was

sentenced to 90 days in Jay County Jail and given 52 days credit for 26 days served. Hobbs was assessed court costs of \$185.50.

Matt J. Gilbert, 41, 421 S. Meridian St., Redkey, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 60 days in Jay County Jail with all of his sentence suspended, placed on probation for six months and ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days for substance abuse counseling. Gilbert was assessed court costs of \$185.50 and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee.

Cases filed

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Indiana v. Amanda M. Adams, criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Hunter J. Selvey, criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Cory A. Bowen, criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Nicholas P. Cassel, criminal misdemeanor
Synchro Bank v. Debbie James, civil collection
Indiana v. Andrew M. Jessup, level 6 felony
Indiana v. Jordan K. Gilbert, criminal misdemeanor
Indiana v. Chaz M. Tiller, Level 6 felony
Indiana v. Alissa L.

Bunch, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Joshua T. Smock-Roser, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Juan Encarnacion Chacon, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Anthony T.J. Gregory, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Cody J. Bargier, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Courtney A.C. Bryan, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Kyle C. Hunt, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Zachary Combs, Level 6 felony

Heights Finance Corporation v. Christian Limbert and Mark Limbert, civil collection

Indiana v. Austin M. George, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Matthew R. Jinks, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Ashley L. Yates, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Davion O. Woods, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Jerrod D. Corn, Level 6 felony

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Indiana v. William S. Albersson, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Thomas M. Dornberger, criminal misdemeanor

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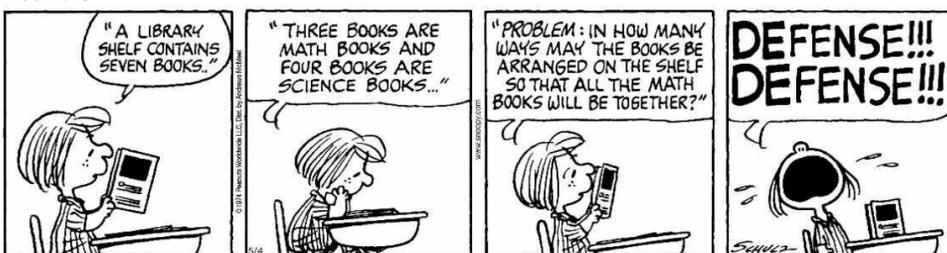


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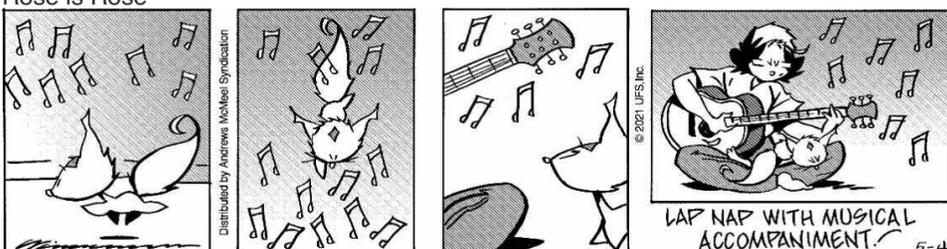
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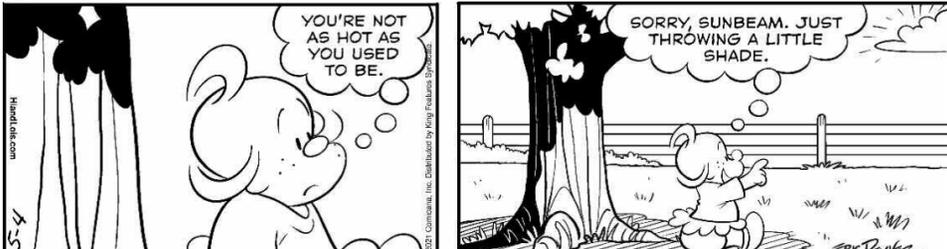
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Takes ...

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Madison Dirksen and Rachel Muhlenkamp got a 2-6, 7-6 (7-2) 6-2 victory in their No. 1 doubles match, while the No. 1 doubles team of Lilly Hedges and Holly Hemmelgarn fell 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.
At No. 1 singles, Grace Brewster lost 6-1, 6-3, Lyric Garringer dropped a 6-4, 6-2 match at No. 2 singles, and Brenna Haines made her varsity debut and fell 6-2, 6-0 at No. 3 singles.
Courtney Benter (8-4), Kierston

Blunk (8-0) and Heaven Hambrook (8-0) all had junior varsity singles wins.

Patriots walk off

A wild pitch and an error gave the Patriots a walk-off win, 13-12, over the Southern Wells Raiders on Friday night.

After Southern Wells scored three runs in the top of the seventh to tie the score, Dominick Newsome reached on a fielder's choice in the

home half of the seventh inning for the Patriots (4-4). Christian Runkle got hit by a pitch. Then with Kenny Carducci at the plate, a passed ball and an error allowed Newsome to score the game-winning run.

Ryne Goldsworthy led the Patriot offense with two hits, including a double, and an RBI. Conner Specht also doubled and knocked in a run. Tavin Wasson finished with a single and three RBIs, as Runkle and Carducci each had a hit.

Host ...

Continued from page 8
"We are very excited to host the state tournaments at UD Arena," Scott DeBolt, senior associate athletics director at University of Dayton and UD Arena's executive director, said in a statement. "In addition to our love of the Dayton Flyers, we are so proud to host many great events here, including the NCAA First

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Begins ...

Continued from page 8
FR hosts opener
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Fort Recovery's softball team earned a No. 5 seed in the OHSAA softball sectional tournament draw held Sunday.

The Indians (12-9) will begin Division IV Wapakoneta District tournament play at 5 p.m. Monday as they host the seventh-seeded Ridgmont Golden Gophers (9-7) in the sectional semifinal.

The winner advances to the sectional final at 5 p.m. Thursday at Lin-

colnview against the No. 3 seed Lancers (17-2-1).

The other sectional semifinal in the Indians' half of the district pits No. 10 seed Marion Local (3-14) at Midwest Athletic Conference rival and No. 8 seed St. Henry (8-13) at 5 p.m. Monday. No. 2 Crestview (15-6) will host the winner in the 5 p.m. May 13 sectional final.

Sectional champions advance to the district semifinal at 6 p.m. May 18 at Wapakoneta.

The top half of the district field has

top-seeded Minster (14-5) awaiting either No. 9 seed Upper Scioto Valley (6-15) or No. 12 seed Spencerville (4-13).

Third-seeded Parkway (14-5) hosts No. 13 seed Perry (1-13) in a sectional semifinal, with the winner advancing to face either No. 6 seed New Bremen (11-11) or No. 11 seed Waynesfield-Goshen (5-6).

The district semifinal for the top half of the bracket is set for 4 p.m. May 18 at Wapakoneta. The district championship will be 5 p.m. May 21.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Softball at South Adams — 5 p.m.; Baseball at South Adams — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Boys golf at Woodlan — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Track in Mercer County Meet at Coldwater — 4 p.m.; Baseball at Versailles — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Versailles — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Versailles — 5 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. West Michigan Whitecaps — 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday
Jay County — Baseball vs. Shenandoah — 5 p.m.; Junior high girls track at Adams Central Relays — 5 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. West Michigan Whitecaps — 7:05 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Boys golf vs. Bellmont and Bluffton — 4:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Adams Central — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Bluffton — 5 p.m.; JV softball at Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Monroe Central — 4:30 p.m.; Junior high track at Adams Central Relays — 5:30 p.m.

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To beat the contract, you must therefore develop a diamond trick before your A-K of clubs are dislodged. True, your partner must have the ten of diamonds and South must have at least three diamonds, but that is something you are forced to assume.

Of course, it is also possible for your partner to have a doubleton club, in which case playing the K-A and another club would defeat the contract. However, there is a much better chance of finding South with either three or four diamonds than with precisely four clubs.

Besides, you can't garner any accolades by making a routine return such as the king of clubs at trick two, when the spectacular return of a low diamond is sure to get you a few pats on the back if it proves to be the only way to beat the contract.

Tomorrow: Multiplying your chances.
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5-4 CRYPTOQUIP

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Sports

Patriot boys golf home on Thursday, see Sports on tap



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Fort Recovery High School sophomore Wyatt Bihn delivers a pitch during the first inning against the Arcanum Trojans on Monday. Bihn allowed two earned runs on five hits while striking out two and walking four in three innings, and the Indians went on to win, 5-2.

Hot start snaps losing skid

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians had been struggling recently. They had lost eight straight, including three shutouts, and scored more than one run just once during that span. The offense finally got going Monday night, and it put an end to their losing streak. Fort Recovery High School's baseball team scored four runs in the first inning and rode the lead to a 5-2 victory against the Arcanum Trojans on Monday. It's the Tribe's first win since April 15, and moves their record to 5-12 on the season. The Indians came out swinging

Monday, with Ryne Post starting the home half of the first inning with a double and Cobe Wendel following with a single. Riley Will singled to score Post, and two batters later Daniel Patch hit an RBI single with one out. Will then scored on an error before Dillan Evers singled home Patch as the Tribe suddenly led 4-0. After Arcanum scored in the top of the third, Fort Recovery answered in the bottom of the frame to make it 5-1. The Trojans scored again in the fourth but mustered nothing else the rest of the way. Landon Post and Ryne Post each had two hits to lead the Tribe offensively,

with the latter also knocking in a run. Sophomore Wyatt Bihn pitched the Indians to victory, the first win of his career. He allowed two earned runs on five hits while striking out two and walking four in three innings. On Saturday, Fort Recovery lost a pair of games to the Russia Raiders, 2-0 and 7-5. Wendel singled twice as the Tribe's only two hits in the shutout loss. Ryne Post, Landon Post, Patch and Will all had two hits, with Landon Post and Patch also recording two RBIs in the 7-5 defeat.

Girls track takes third

MUNCIE — Kinsey Shannon had two first-place finishes. Elisa Parazzi had one. Together they helped the Patriots take third. Jay County High School's girls track team placed third in the Muncie Central Relays on Saturday.

Yorktown scored 147.5 points for first place, with Delta totaling 128 points for second. Jay County ended with 118.5 points. Shannon got a pair of sprint wins, finishing with a time of 12.81 seconds for the top spot in the 100-meter dash. She crossed the line in 1 minute, 2.32 seconds, for first place in the 400 dash. Parazzi cleared 5 feet, 4 inches, to win high jump. Bralee VanSkyock, Natalie Wehrly, Makinsey Murphy and Cash Hollowell were runners-up in the 4x100 dash, while Shea Bailey, Natalie Miles, Murphy and Shannon took second in the 4x400 relay. Wehrly (200 dash) and Miles (800 run) also finished in second place.

Local roundup

Castle, Hamilton Heights and Burris. In volleyball, Class 2A state runner-up Wapahani moves up to Class 3A and joins the Sectional 24 field which includes Bellmont, Delta, Heritage, Burris and Norwell. The sectional fields for boys basketball, football, boys soccer and girls soccer remain unchanged. Patriots place fourth WINCHESTER — The Jay County boys golf team placed fourth Saturday in the Winchester Invitational at Winchester Golf Club. Noblesville won the 13-team tournament with its score of 307. Jay County totaled 352 points for fourth. Griffin Mann, a senior, was the Patriots' top golfer with his round of 86, edging teammate Caleb DeRome by one stroke. Kyle Sanders shot 89 for third on the team, and Brock DeHoff completed the team score with a score of 90. Simon Pryor also competed, but his 95 did not factor into the team score.

Girls fall, 4-1 FRANKTON — The No. 1 doubles team picked up the only win for the Jay County girls tennis team as it fell 4-1 to the Frankton Eagles on Monday. See Takes page 7

Assignments announced

INDIANAPOLIS — The IHSAA on Monday announced sectional alignments for six sports for the 2021-22 seasons. The Patriots' lose an opponent in one sport and gain one in another. The Class 3A Sectional 24 girls basketball field will no longer have Winchester, which drops back down to Class 2A after its tournament success factor has run out. Sectional 24 will go back to a six-team sectional with Yorktown, Delta, New

Jay begins opening night

INDIANAPOLIS — Both Patriot teams will start the postseason on the opening night of the tournament. The IHSAA on Sunday held its sectional tournament draws for baseball and softball, setting the path to the state finals for the Jay County High School squads. Jay County's baseball team, which won the Class 3A Sectional 23 tournament in both 2018 and 2019, was moved south into the Class 3A Sectional 24 tournament, set for May 26 through 31 at Yorktown. The Hamilton Heights Huskies (8-6) and Delta Eagles (5-10) meet in the first game of the tournament, with Jay County (5-3) squaring off against the Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles (6-12) later that same night. The New Castle Trojans (7-10) meet three-time defending sectional champion and 2019 regional champion Yorktown Tigers (10-6) in the second semifinal. York-

town defeated Jay County on a walk-off single, 7-6, in the 2019 regional championship. The sectional semifinals will be May 31. In the Class 3A Sectional 23 softball tournament set for May 24 through 29 at Hamilton Heights, the host Huskies (1-8) meet the Delta Eagles (8-11) in the first game, with Jay County (7-4) and Yorktown No. 4 (9-2) set to square off later the same night. Winners advance to the sectional semifinal. The other sectional semifinal pits third-ranked Guerin Catholic (11-0) against New Castle (3-13). Yorktown won sectional titles in both 2018 and '19, along with the 2019 regional championship. Dates and times for both tournaments will be announced at a later date. See Begins page 7

Dayton to host state finals

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Dayton will be home for hoops for the next three seasons. The OHSAA on Monday announced the boys and girls state championships will be held at the UD Arena on the campus of the University of Dayton. "We are very excited that our student-athletes will get to play at UD Arena," OHSAA executive director Doug Ute said in a release. "Even with the pandemic limiting what all could take

place at the state tournaments last March, our schools still had a great experience at UD Arena, and UD made it very clear that they wanted to host both the girls and boys state tournaments moving forward. "We know that the support for basketball in southwest Ohio is very strong and UD wants to be the home of the state tournaments." Prior to this season, the boys and girls state tournaments have been held at Ohio State University's Schottenstein Center in Columbus. But

because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the March state tournaments were moved to UD Arena, which had already been announced as the site of the girls basketball state finals for the 2021, 2022 and 2023 seasons. This new agreement replaces the previous contract. UD Arena, the site of the NCAA men's basketball tournament's First Four play-in games, has hosted 125 NCAA tournament games, more than any other facility in the country. See Host page 7

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