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Trending up

Jay shifts back to moderate risk level

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The county's COVID-19 numbers are trending in the wrong direction.

Jay County shifted back to "yellow" (moderate risk for the spread of coronavirus) in Wednesday's Indiana State Department of Health update. The county had been "blue" (low risk) for the previous four weeks.

"In the last week, week and a half, we've seen an increase in cases in the county here," said Jay County Health Department environmentalist and administrator Heath Butz. "Our positivity is trending in that direction today. Both of our metrics are heading in a negative direction."

It was Jay County's cases per 100,000 residents that pushed it over the threshold to shift from blue to yellow. That number was 137 this week, up drastically from just 48 the previous week. (County ratings are updated weekly on Wednesday based on Sunday's numbers.)

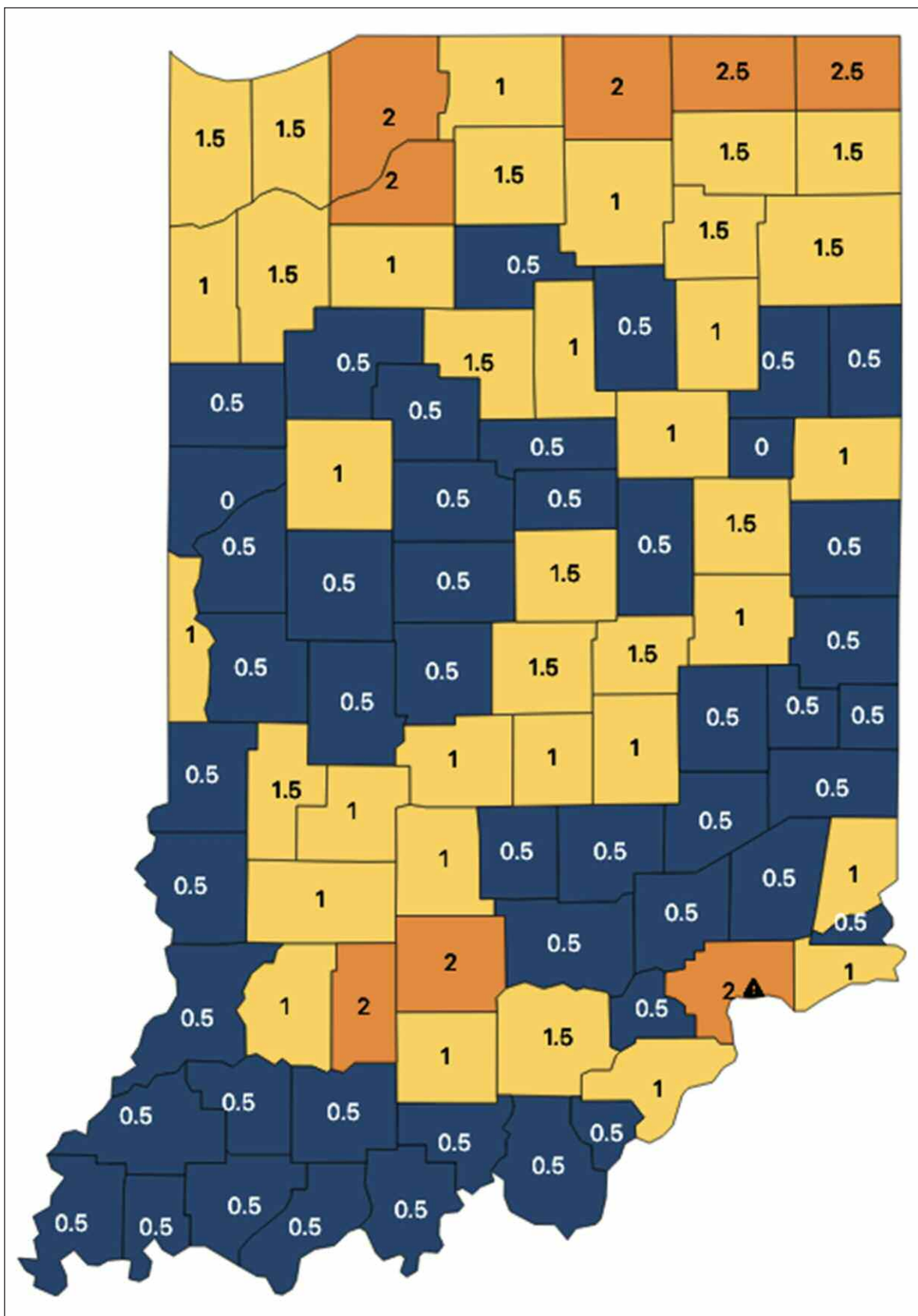
The positivity rate locally also went up to 4.98%. That's up from 3.36% the previous week. (As of Wednesday, the number continued to climb to 7.9%.)

With 21 new cases of COVID-19 reported in Jay County in the final four days of April, the month finished with a total of 68 cases. That's the highest total since January. The county averaged 2.27 new cases of COVID-19 per day in April, up from 1.67 per day in March.

Butz said no individual event or location had been identified as responsible for the recent uptick in cases.

"If you look across the straight, there's a few places that have rolled back in that direction," said Butz. That's especially true in the northern part of Indiana, where every county bordering Michigan and/or Lake Michigan was yellow or orange. "We need to keep trying to do those things that got us to where we're at to help try to mitigate that and slow it down. ... This can turn in the wrong direction fairly quickly."

The state map showed a



Indiana State Department of Health

After Jay County had been "blue" (low risk for the spread of coronavirus) for four consecutive weeks, it moved to "yellow" (moderate risk) in Wednesday's Indiana State Department of Health update. The county's cases per 100,000 residents increased to 137, up from 48 last week.

greater risk for spread of coronavirus, with 37 counties yellow and eight "orange" (high risk). Forty-seven were blue, down from 52 last week.

Delaware County was yellow for the second consecutive week.

Blackford, Adams, Wells and Randolph counties were all blue.

While Jay County's case numbers and positivity rate are both going up, the number of those getting vaccinations is "decreasing steadily," said Butz.

The county's seven-day average of daily doses administered was down to 51.6 as of Wednesday, the lowest since the county's clinics first opened in January.

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Back to the stage

Harmony Players will host Mother's Day event Saturday

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A local group is looking to provide some harmonious, and sometimes hilarious, entertainment for Mother's Day weekend.

Harmony Players will host a Mother's Day Festival at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Hudson Family Park.

The group, led by Linda Rodden of rural Portland, was looking to host an event to raise some money after more than a year away from the stage. (They will be used to help fund its planned fall production of "Young Frankenstein.")

Its last scheduled show — "Charley's Aunt" — was scheduled for three live performances at Arts Place last March, but was cut back to a single live-streamed show as the coronavirus pandemic took hold in Indiana.

"What's the earliest date that would be safe to bet on for outside? Because I didn't want to do anything inside because of the pandemic," said Rodden of her thought process when beginning to plan the show in January. "So, I thought, Mother's Day is probably kind of iffy ..."

As it turns out, she was right. Rain is in the forecast for Sunday. So, the show that was originally planned for Mother's Day was moved up a day. (Harmony Players will reprise the show June 27 at Canan Commons as in association with DWNTWN Muncie.)

The show will feature a variety of local performers, including Rodden and her children.

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Veto vote is next week

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana legislators will return to the Statehouse next week for a possible vote to again override the governor's veto of a bill limiting the broad authority used to impose restrictions around the state during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Senate and House leaders announced Wednesday that the one-day meeting will be held Monday. The announcements said that lawmakers could take up the bill vetoed Tuesday by Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb that would give local elected officials the power to block county or city public health orders issued during emergencies.

Holcomb said in his veto message that he didn't want to jeopardize the flexibility of local health officials as the state recovers from the coronavirus

outbreak and work continues to vaccinate more people.

The bill would require any local public health orders more stringent than ones issued by the governor to go before elected county commissioners or city councils for approval. Holcomb's coronavirus-related executive orders over the past year have allowed local officials to establish tougher regulations — an authority he frequently cited in defending his decisions lifting various statewide travel, crowd size and business restrictions.

Republican state Sen. Chris

Garten of Charlestown, the bill's sponsor, said in a statement Wednesday that the measure would ensure local elected officials have a say in restrictions imposed on their communities.

"When unelected officials are empowered to such a level as to limit religious liberty, shutter houses of worship, choose which businesses may operate and which must close, and impose fines on Hoosiers for living as free men and women, there must be a structural check and balance in place," Garten said.

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Legislators will return to statehouse for one-day meeting



Bloomberg/Anindito Mukherjee

Over 21 million

A health worker takes a swab at a COVID-19 testing site Tuesday in Uttar Pradesh, India. With more than 300,000 new cases for 15 straight days, India's tally has surpassed 21 million. India reported a record 412,262 new infections and 3,980 deaths today.

Deaths

Thurman Hisey, 90, Portland
Verena Goettemoeller, 90, Celina, Ohio
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of the 59 degrees Wednesday. The low was 45. Showers and thunderstorms are expected tonight with a low of 38. There is a chance of rain again Friday. The high will be 58. See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb has vetoed several pieces of legislation passed this year, including a bill that would have limited local health orders. What are your thoughts on the legislation? Send letters to the editor to r.cooney@thecr.com. There is a 700-word maximum.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of tonight's Portland Plan Commission meeting.

Saturday — Results from Friday's JCHS softball game against Adams Central.



Up ...

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Vaccination clinics continue to be open at Jay County Health Department and IU Health Jay, and vaccinations are open to all Hoosiers ages 16 and older. 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. "We'd definitely like to get more people in here and get people vaccinated," said Butz. "We're having walk-ins and we have plenty of appointments available." As of Wednesday, 10,435 doses of coronavirus vaccine had been administered in Jay County. So far, 5,007 individuals have been fully vaccinated.

About 4.4 million doses have been administered statewide with just over 2 million fully vaccinated. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines encourage wearing a mask, avoiding close contact when around others, frequent hand washing and surface cleaning as ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The CDC last week updated its guidance, say-

ing those who are vaccinated are safe to go without a mask at small outdoor gatherings. Indiana is under a "mask advisory," meaning masks are recommended but not required. 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. Older adults and those with pre-existing health problems are susceptible to more severe illnesses

CR almanac

Friday 5/7	Saturday 5/8	Sunday 5/9	Monday 5/10	Tuesday 5/11
58/34	58/42	54/41	57/37	60/39
More potential rain with a 40% chance of showers. Mostly sunny skies and up to 25 mph winds.	A sunny day with a 50% chance of rain late at night. Otherwise moderate temperatures.	Rain will continue with a 70% chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies.	Mostly sunny all day with clouds coming out at night. 30% chance of rain before 8 a.m.	Mostly sunny and clear all day. Temperatures will be in the upper 50s to low 60s.

Lotteries

Powerball 16-23-28-40-63 Power Ball: 1 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$157 million	Cash 5: 5-16-23-41-45 Hoosier Lotto: 6-15-16-17-20-31 Estimated jackpot: \$10.2 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$370 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 5-2-0 Pick 4: 3-2-2-8 Pick 5: 2-4-0-9-5 Evening Pick 3: 7-3-5 Pick 4: 1-8-3-7 Pick 5: 6-1-9-3-9 Rolling Cash: 1-10-22-27-30 Classic Lotto: 10-12-25-36-43-45 Kicker: 7-0-3-5-5-1 Estimated jackpot: \$7.7 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 6-9-1 Daily Four: 0-6-4-3 Evening Daily Three: 9-9-1 Daily Four: 2-7-7-4 Quick Draw: 5-11-12-17-22-23-30-36-37-45-51-54-61-63-64-65-69-72-79-80	

Markets

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Today in history

On May 6, 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in 3:59.4.
In 1527, unpaid troops loyal to Holy Roman Emperor Charles V attacked Rome, forcing Pope Clement VII to flee to safety; some scholars mark the ensuing sack of the city as the end of the Renaissance in Italy.
In 1915, Babe Ruth hit his first major-league home run as a player for the Boston Red Sox.
In 1937, the hydrogen-filled German airship Hindenburg caught fire and crashed while attempting to dock at Lakehurst, New Jersey; 35 of the 97 people on board were killed along with a crewman on the ground.
In 1941, Josef Stalin assumed the Soviet premiership, replacing Vyacheslav M. Molotov.
In 1971, The Commercial Review reported that Patricia Sprague of Portland High School was one of 14 Indiana students to earn the National Merit Scholarship.
In 2013, kidnap-rape victims Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight, who went missing separately about a decade earlier while in their teens or early 20s, were rescued from a house just south of downtown Cleveland. (Their captor, Ariel Castro, hanged himself in prison in September 2013 at the beginning of a life sentence plus 1,000 years.)
—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today
5 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.
5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, auditorium, Jay County Courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting court, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Obituaries

Thurman Hisey
April 29, 1930-May 10, 2020
Memorial services for Thurman G. Hisey, age 90, of Portland will be Saturday, May 8, 2021, at 10 a.m. in the Zion Lutheran Church in Portland (masks required) with Pastor Darrell Borders presiding. Thurman passed away on May 10, 2020. He was born in Portland on April 29, 1930 the son of Thurman A. and Leona S. (Miller) Hisey. He was married on Dec. 1, 1956, to Elizabeth Zimmerman and she passed away on Aug. 25, 2009. He was a 1947 Portland High School graduate and served four years in the US Air Force. He was a meat cutter for over

30 years working at Jim's IGA, Berne Tube and Jay Products. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Jay County Historical Society, Jay Lodge F&AM and Odd Fellows Lodge. Surviving are a daughter Carol Chappell (husband William) of Bluffton and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother Richard Hisey. Memorials can be made to the Zion Lutheran Early Learning Center or Jay County Historical Society.



Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Verena K. Goettemoeller, Celina, Ohio, a relative of local residents, June 1, 1930-May 4, 2021. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m., Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Celina.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

Stage ...

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Tristan, Seth and Lucas Rodden will play guitar and sing, featuring some pieces they used to perform as part of the Fair Winds ensemble as well as others from their Bearcreek Farms days. Emma Rodden will perform several numbers, including Olivia Rodrigo's "Driver's License" and some Disney tunes. And Linda Rodden plans to sing Bette Midler's "P.S. I Love

You" from the movie "For the Boys." Ali McGraw will team up with Emma Rodden to perform "Alone in the Universe" from "Seussical the Musical" and Greg Ashley plans to sing some old standards. The event will also feature story telling with former Jay County High School drama teacher Carol Gebert and will kick off with a sing-along. Ron Freeman will direct traffic as the emcee.

In addition to the entertainment side of things, the event will also feature vendors. Food will be available along with homemade candles, soaps, bird houses and crafts, fresh flowers Mary Kay products and jewelry. Rather than a traditional "sit-down" concert, Rodden said she intends for attendees to be able to wander and enjoy performances while also checking out the various vendor offerings.

"It is just so exciting," said Rodden of the impending return to the stage. "It's just been so hard and sad. When you go from one show to the next and that's really kind of your social life, to have that go away ... It's been an awful year for us, like it's been awful for everyone. It's just so much more exciting than it would be. And it already is. We just love doing this. To do this after so long is just crazy exciting."

Felony court news

Child solicitation
A Portland man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to child solicitation, a Level 5 felony, in Jay Circuit Court. Christopher G.D. Morgan, 33, 912 N. Ben Hawkins St., was sentenced to six years in Indiana Department of Correction with three years suspended and given credit for times served from Jan. 10 through April 23. He was placed on probation, fined \$1, assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay a \$500 sexual assault victims advocate fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge for dissemination of matter harmful to minors was dismissed.
Battery
A Dunkirk man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to battery resulting in bodily injury to a public safety official, a Level 5 felony, in Jay Circuit Court. Michael L. Bechert, 62, 418 E. Center St., was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with one year suspended and given credit for two days served. He was assessed court costs of \$185. Indiana Department of Correction

was directed by the court to provide Bechert with an anger management evaluation and treatment. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor charge for resisting law enforcement was dismissed.
Drunk driving
A Portland man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court. Skyler A. Prescott, 26, 617 W. 2nd St., was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 90 days suspended and given six days credit for three days served. He was placed on probation for 275 days and ordered to serve 80 days of his sentence on house arrest. He was fined \$1, assessed court costs of \$185.50, ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee and ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days of his release for substance abuse counseling. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend Prescott's license for 90 days retroactive to Oct. 22, 2019. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.15 or more

and a Class B misdemeanor for leaving the scene of an accident were dismissed.
Theft
An Ohio man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to theft, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court. Hayden M. Hensel, 28, 115 E. Lower St., Union City, Ohio, was sentenced to 18 months in Jay County Jail with all but nine months suspended and given nine months credit for 4.5 months served. He was placed on probation for nine months and assessed court costs of \$185.
Unlawful firearm
A Portland man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, a Level 4 felony, in Jay Circuit Court. Dustan L. Chapman, 39, 1147 N. US 27, was sentenced to eight years in Indiana Department of Correction with four years suspended and given credit for 60 days served. He was fined \$1 and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Vote ...

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The state Senate voted 37-12 and House members voted 65-29 in favor of the bill two weeks ago, just before wrapping up this year's regular legislative session. Indiana legislators can override Holcomb's veto by a simple

majority vote in each chamber, which would put the measure into effect immediately. Legislative Republicans voted last month to override Holcomb's veto of another bill giving themselves more authority to intervene during statewide emergencies declared by the governor. Holcomb has filed a lawsuit against the Legislature, arguing that new law violates the state constitution.

The Indiana State Medical Association, the state's largest physicians group, said it supported Holcomb's veto of the county health orders bill because of what it called "potentially harmful proposals" included in the measure. The group said the veto "presents a prudent opportunity to await the completion of a comprehensive review of our local health departments and state delivery of public health services."

Some other medical and health organizations also opposed the bill, arguing against shifting authority away from public health professionals to local elected officials who largely don't have such experience. Supporters say it only applies to local actions issued under an emergency and not to orders issued against an individual business or resident over matters such as health code violations.

SERVICES

Friday
Goettemoeller, Verena: 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 224 W. Anthony St., Celina, Ohio.

Saturday
Hisey, Thurman: 10 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland.
Stults, Florence: 10:30 a.m., Sugar Grove United Methodist Church, 11515 W. 600 South, Redkey.

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60th anniversary

Leland and Judy LeMaster



Leland and Judy LeMaster - 1961

Leland and Judy LeMaster of Portland celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Wednesday.

Judy Clevenger and Leland LeMaster were married on May 5, 1961, at their rural Salamonia home with the Rev. Robert Clark officiating.

Leland retired after 35 years of service with the telephone company. Judy served in county government for 34 years.

They are the parents of four children, Rebekah Harris (husband: Rodney), Glendale Heights, Chicago, Illinois, John LeMaster (wife: Kathy), Greenville, Ohio, Beverly Rehrer (husband: Tom), Haiku, Hawaii, and Jeffrey LeMaster (wife: Beth), Portland. They have 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

They plan to take a trip to celebrate this summer.

Boyfriend makes grab for tax credit

DEAR ABBY: My daughter received her tax refund recently. It amounted to \$8,700. Approximately \$5,000 is for overpaying on taxes. Approximately \$3,000 is the child tax credit she receives for her two children. Her boyfriend, the father of the two boys, thinks he's entitled to some of her money.

Now, I understand the child tax credit is given for financial help for the children. My daughter and I agree that the \$5,000 is hers exclusively as she is the one who paid those taxes. As far as the child tax credit is concerned, her boyfriend thinks that he should be entitled to at least half of that because he's the father. We think because she is the one paying for the year's health insurance, doctor copays, prescriptions and most of the diapers, wipes, pullups and other incidentals, it should all be hers.

Don't get me wrong. Her boyfriend does contribute to the household and is a great guy. They split most of the bills. After five years, this is their first big disagreement.

FYI, she pays less for the baby supplies because she works at a well-known warehouse. He contributes when they are low by picking some up at the grocery

Dear Abby



store. What advice do you have? — MONEY WOES IN THE EAST

DEAR MONEY WOES: Watch your daughter's "great" boyfriend closely because his stance is troubling. Because he is the father (!) doesn't mean he has a right to any portion of the child tax credit. If he needs reimbursement for the items he picks up for his children at the grocery store, your daughter should repay him out of her salary, not by forking over half of her tax credit. That money is intended for the kids, not for any one parent. If things aren't clear enough, consider putting the tax credit money in a separate account.

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 Dear-Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Vaccine OK'd for ages 12 through 15

By MIRIAM BERGER and AMANDA COLETTA

The Washington Post

TORONTO — Canada on Wednesday became the first country to authorize the use of Pfizer-BioNTech's coronavirus vaccine for children ages 12 to 15.

This is the first time a coronavirus

vaccine has been greenlighted for use in adolescents by Health Canada, the country's drug regulator. Pfizer also has sought authorization for adolescents in this age group in the United States, and approval from the Food and Drug Administration is expected by early next week.

Canadian adolescents will follow

the same two-dose regimen authorized for adults, Supriya Sharma, chief medical adviser for Health Canada, said at a news conference in Ottawa Wednesday. She said Health Canada reviewed the data from a Pfizer trial in the United States involving more than 2,200 adolescents between 12 and 15 years old.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

Museum will host several events

The museum in Fort Recovery will host several events this month.

Fort Recovery State Museum will be open for free from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in conjunction with the car show on Wayne Street.

The museum will also be involved in a couple of Memorial Day events.

Fort Recovery's Memorial Day service, which will also include the light-

Taking Note

ing of the Fort Recovery Monument, is slated for 7:30 p.m. May 28. The museum will also be open on Memorial day (May 31).

Exhibit open

Minnetrista will host "Leonardo's Lab" and "Jarring Our Memories" this month.

Leonardo's Lab, an opportunity for young artists and inventors to learn about Leonardo DaVinci, opened Saturday. The exhibit provides hands-on activities inspired by DaVinci's ideas and discoveries.

Jarring Our Memories,

which celebrates the history of the Ball Corporation, will open Saturday. It features oral histories, objects and images and is intended as a tribute to Ball Corporation workers.

Both exhibits will be open through Aug. 1. They are free to members. Admission for non-members is \$8.

For more information, visit minnetrista.net.

Community Calendar

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

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.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605

N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

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

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent

Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, May 7, at Harmony Cafe in Portland. Members are encouraged to wear a face mask and practice social distancing.

Saturday

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

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State population growth is lagging

By MORTON J. MARCUS

When new population data concerning Indiana become available, the cry goes out in the Statehouse, "Better call B&P!"

Bluff & Puff is the public relations department for the State. Their latest triumph was to note that Indiana's population growth rate from 2010 to 2020 was greater than that of any of our four neighboring states. B&P would have us think this superiority over our neighbors is something new, something worth a trophy. Yet, for the past three decades (1990 to 2020), Indiana's growth rate has exceeded that of our four neighboring states.

B&P didn't say Indiana's 4.7%

Eye on the Pie



increase in population was well below the nation's 7.4% growth rate. In addition, they were silent about the 2019 data that foreshadows the 2020 results to be released later this year.

Those 2019 numbers show 55 of our 92 counties losing population since 2010. Would we want Hoosiers to know 99.9% of our

2010-2019 population growth was in the 65-plus age group?

Every Indiana county saw an increase in the population 65 and older. Can you say, "Baby boom"?

Indiana gains in the age groups, 18 to 44 totaled 60,180. However, the ages 0 to 17 and 45 to 64 lost 59,861, for a net statewide gain of only 319. That's only our children and most experienced labor force.

The Census Bureau displays age data in six groups.

Only six of Indiana's 92 counties saw each of those age groups grow. Half of those six were in the Indianapolis metro area (Hamilton, Johnson and Boone counties); the other three were

Tippecanoe, Clark and Bartholomew counties.

For 40 counties, that gain in the 65 and older group was the only population growth they enjoyed. In five counties (Steuben, Shelby, Montgomery, Gibson and Carroll), however, despite losses in all other age groups, the 65-plus gains were sufficient to yield a net increase in population.

Thus, for 35 counties, population losses overwhelmed the gains in the 65-plus group. Lake County had the largest loss of population — a 16,132 gain of the 65-plus population was not sufficient to match their 26,586 loss in other age groups. The net result

was a loss of 10,454 persons, equal to a 9.4% population decline for the period 2010 to 2019.

If our future doesn't count for much, this isn't a bad report. Old folks don't demand much from our education system. They keep our health care professionals busy. They don't cause much congestion during the commuting hours. Few of them appear in police and fire reports.

Bluff and Puff, operating from the Statehouse, will keep us smiling, no matter what the future holds.

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Vaccination is the way out

Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

The last thing any Hoosier wants to see is another surge of COVID-19 cases in Indiana.

It should not happen, but it could.

Momentum had been building toward turning the corner on the pandemic, which has entered its second year. And that corner is close. Vaccines are proving effective in keeping people from developing life-threatening cases of coronavirus, and from spreading it to others. Among recently hospitalized Hoosiers, only 2.5% got infected after being vaccinated, Indiana Department of Health officials explained in a news conference Wednesday.

The vaccines' efficacy is the good news. Likewise, it is encouraging to see hospitalizations and deaths from the virus decreasing nationwide. The bad news is that Indiana lags the nation in vaccinating its population.

Nearly 1.8 million residents are now fully vaccinated against the infectious disease. That amounts to about one-third of Indiana's adult population. Conversely, two-thirds of Hoosiers ages 16 and older are not fully vaccinated. Some Indiana counties' rates top 46%.

Indiana ranks 45th in the U.S. in percentage of the population fully vaccinated, according to Friday's numbers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The state is ahead of only five Southern states and Utah.

State Health Commissioner Dr. Kris Box and IDOH Chief Medical Officer Dr. Lindsay Weaver conducted the update to share the latest statistics and more importantly to implore Indiana residents to roll up their sleeves.

Box issued "a plea and an ask that you help everyone that you know — your family, your friends and your community — to get out there and get vaccinated."

Federal public health experts expressed optimism last week that the U.S. could see COVID-19 fade, if the vaccinations continue. They also acknowledged the virus could reemerge and surge, as it did through the brutal fall and winter of 2020, in areas with lots of unvaccinated residents. Indiana does not need to be in that position. Vaccines are readily available and have proven safe.

Vaccination rates among Hoosiers over age 60 are high and range from 55.2% for those 60-64 to 74.9% for

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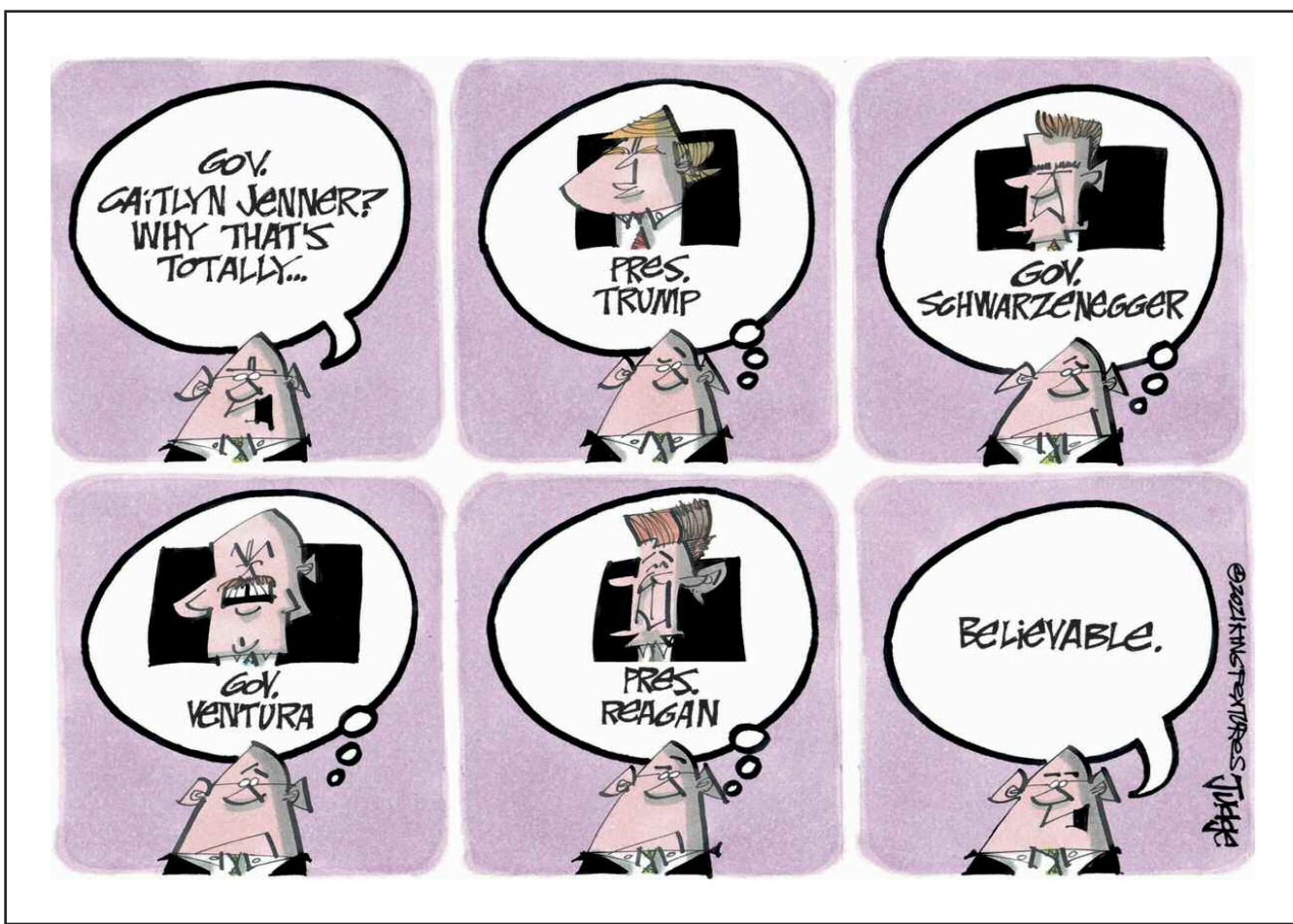
70- to 74-year-olds. Rates for residents younger than 40 are less than half of those for their elders. Indiana's under-40 population includes two groups most reluctant to get vaccinated, Black and conservative Hoosiers, as Brian Dixon — director of Indianapolis research center the Regenstein Institute — told Indiana Public Media this week. Together, they comprise a significant portion of the state's overall population.

Youth does not equal invincibility. New infections are increasing among 20- and 30-somethings in Indiana.

Weaver refuted common rationalizations for avoiding vaccinations.

"Some of the reasons we hear are, 'I've had COVID and I don't need a vaccine.' This isn't true, because we still don't know how long the antibodies from COVID last," Weaver said in Wednesday's news update. "We also hear people say, 'I'm perfectly healthy.' This is a false sense of security — even perfectly healthy people get COVID and it can have severe outcomes. We also, lastly, hear, 'I don't trust the vaccine and more research is needed.' To that, I say that all three vaccines have been shown to be extremely safe and effective."

Encourage friends, family, coworkers, fellow church members and anyone else to get vaccinated this month. They can go online to ourshot.in.gov or phone 211. We all want normalcy, so let us not drag this out. Get vaccinated.



Biden should avoid pitfalls

By MAX BOOT

The Washington Post

President Joe Biden argues that his ambitious domestic agenda — totaling some \$6 trillion — is necessary to keep up with our primary geopolitical rival. As he told Congress last week: "We're in competition with China and other countries to win the 21st century."

In so doing, Biden harked back to the Cold War, when national security was often used as a justification for initiatives that had little to do with the Pentagon. In asking Congress in 1955 to fund a national network of highways, President Dwight D. Eisenhower cited the need, "in case of an atomic attack on our key cities," to have a road network that would "permit quick evacuation of target areas, mobilization of defense forces and maintenance of every essential economic function." In announcing in 1961 his audacious goal "of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to earth," President John F. Kennedy cited the need "to win the battle that is now going on around the world between freedom and tyranny."

Even the struggle for civil rights was often seen as a Cold War imperative. The Justice Department, in asking the Supreme Court to overturn school segregation in the 1954 case of Brown v. Board of Education, wrote: "It is in the context of the present world struggle between freedom and tyranny that the problem of racial discrimination must be viewed."

The Cold War did not just help to get highways built, land a man on the moon and curb racial segregation. It also led to increased spending for scientific and technological research and education along with foreign language study. Technological spinoffs from Cold War defense and space spending include the internet, GPS, solar panels, memory foam and even handheld vacuum cleaners.

The Cold War also produced cultural benefits. To win the competition for "hearts and minds" with the Communist bloc, the U.S. government sponsored global tours by jazz

Max Boot



musicians and international exhibitions of abstract art, smuggled samizdat literature out of the Soviet Union (e.g., "Doctor Zhivago"), and covertly sponsored the highbrow magazine Encounter.

So, too, the competition with China today can pay major dividends if properly managed — but that's a big if. It can be an impetus to advances in quantum computing, artificial intelligence, unmanned systems, semiconductors, biotechnology, and other cutting-edge fields that have both military and civilian applications. It can spur greater investment in building a fairer and more broadly prosperous society at home, as Biden proposes. And it should lead the U.S. government to promote U.S. culture abroad while also helping dissident Chinese writers, artists, activists and filmmakers to get their message out despite Beijing's censorship.

But the dark side of the Cold War should serve as a warning of how such competition, if it runs amok, can threaten our liberties and our lives. Domestically, fear of Communism led to Sen. Joseph McCarthy's witch hunts, unethical CIA experiments involving LSD and illegal letter-opening, and the FBI surveillance and harassment of antiwar activists and civil rights leaders such as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Abroad, fear of communism led the U.S. government to make common cause with brutal regimes from Zaire to Indonesia, to help overthrow democratically elected leaders in Iran and Chile, to become embroiled in costly conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, and even to work with the mafia to assassinate Cuban strongman Fidel Castro. Worst of all, the confrontation with the Soviet Union almost led to

nuclear annihilation in the 1962 Cuban missile crisis and in the 1983 Able Archer crisis (when the Soviets nearly mistook a NATO nuclear exercise for an actual attack).

President Donald Trump often seemed determined to emulate the worst excesses of the Cold War by feeding anti-Chinese hysteria. He called COVID-19 "kung flu," helping to increase anti-Asian animus and hate crimes. He launched a trade war with China that hurt our economy. He rescinded the visas of 1,000 Chinese graduate students and researchers supposedly linked to the Chinese military. He launched prosecutions of researchers who were accused of covert links with China. He expelled Chinese journalists. He imposed visa restrictions on the Chinese Communist Party's 92 million members (most of them ordinary bureaucrats) and their relatives. He closed down the Peace Corps and Fulbright programs in China.

Most of these Trumpian initiatives — from the shuttered Peace Corps to the costly tariffs — remain in place. Biden would be well advised, as veteran Beijing correspondent Ian Johnson argued in the New York Times, to undo many of these counterproductive policies "to reverse the downward spiral in the two countries' relations."

While reducing unnecessary friction, Biden should do far more than Trump to highlight Chinese human rights abuses, just as Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan did with the Soviet Union. Biden also needs to counter Chinese military aggression in the South China Sea and the Taiwan Strait while maintaining open lines of communication with Beijing to avert a war that neither country wants.

While the competition with China is far different from the Cold War with the Soviet Union, it still offers useful lessons in what to do — and what not to do.

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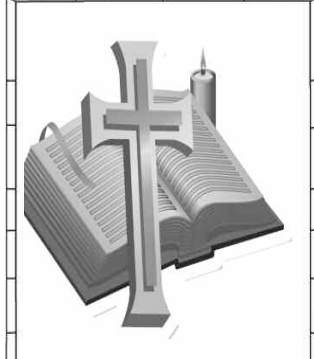
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 asburyministries.org

Banner Christian Assembly of God
 1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
 Michael Burk
 (260) 726-4282
 Services: 10:30 a.m.

Bellefontain United Methodist
 440 S. 600 East
 Gordon Jackson
 Services: 9 a.m.

Bethel United Methodist
 Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk
 Scott McClain
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Bluff Point Friends
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 Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East
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 bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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 susan.duroveyantrim@in.umd.org

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 1209 S. Shank St., Portland
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 Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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 nanybell@yahoo.com

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 Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland
 Kevin McClung
 (260) 729-7295
 Services: 10 a.m.

Church of the Living God
 South Broad Street, Dunkirk
 Rev. Theodore Wagoner
 Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

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 450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27
 Billy Stanton
 (260) 251-2403
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 (260) 726-7714
 Services: 10 a.m.

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 226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
 Tom Fett
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Evangelical Methodist
 930 W. Main St., Portland
 Steve Arnold
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Fairview United Methodist/Jay County
 2875 E. 200 South
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Faith Community
 9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk
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 (260) 251-5254
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Family Worship Center
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 thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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 pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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 Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

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 1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery
 David J. Nicholson
 (419) 375-2860
 Services: 10:30 a.m.
 fcfcrtrecovery.org

First Community Baptist
 341 S. Meridian St., Redkey
 Everett Bilbrey Jr.
 Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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 12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
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 Sunday school: 10 a.m.
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 (260) 726-8462
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 401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
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 (419) 375-4680
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 frnaz@frontier.com

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 309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
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 (419) 678-2071
 Services: 9 a.m.

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 468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
 Robert Thomas
 (765) 348-4620
 Services: 9:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Geneva First United Methodist
 100 W. Line St., Geneva
 Barry McCune
 (260) 368-7655
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Geneva Nazarene
 225 Decatur St., Geneva
 (260) 525-8609
 Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Sunday school: 9 a.m.
 Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

Gilead Church
 County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec
 Services: 10:30 a.m.

Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren
 Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
 Earl Doll
 (260) 731-4477
 Services: 10:30 a.m.

High Street United Methodist
 435 High St., Geneva
 Rev. Joseph Hampton
 (260) 368-7233
 Services: 9 a.m.

Holy Trinity Catholic
 7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant
 Fr. Peter Logsdon
 Services: 8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday
 churchofthemotholytrinity.com

Hopewell of Life Ministries
 County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
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 (260) 251-8581
 Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic
 506 E. Walnut St., Portland
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Mary Help of Christians
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 216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk
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Mount Zion United Methodist
 County roads 600 East and 200 North
 Rev. Darrell Borders
 (260) 726-4786
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New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
 4017 W. 200 South
 Randy Smith
 (260) 251-2406
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 1238 W. 450 South
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New Life Ministries
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 Dr. Kay Fairchild
 (260) 755-6354
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 drkayfairchild.com

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 5905 S. Como Road
 Tim Wallace
 (765) 499-7838
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 1964 N. 800 East
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 Services: 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove United Methodist
 829 S. Indiana 1
 Tricia Williams
 (765) 730-3770
 Services: 10:30 a.m.

Pennville Friends
 Maple Street and Indiana 1, Pennville
 Dee Hartman
 Services: 10:30 a.m.

Pennville United Methodist
 190 W. Main St., Pennville
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 RedkeyFaith.org

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St. Paul Catholic
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 1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery
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Trinity Lutheran
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 Robin Owen
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 pastorrobino@gmail.com

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 Darrell Weaver
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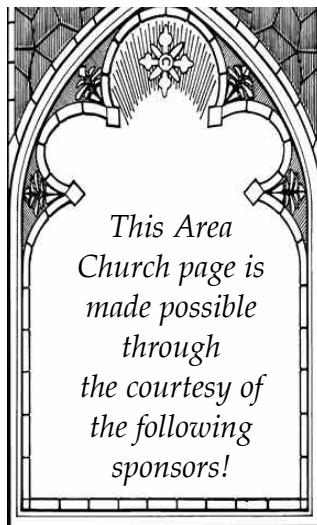
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 Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Westchester United Methodist
 4487 E. 400 North
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 (260) 726-4691
 Services: 10 a.m.
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But Caldwell took to the mound to start the eighth and never gave the Raiders much of a chance. He fanned the first batter he faced, but a dropped third strike allowed the runner to reach base. Then an error on a sacrifice bunt gave the Raiders runners at the corners.
Rolling over to the top of the order, Caldwell recorded three consecutive strikeouts to get out

of the jam. He struck out a pair in the ninth, and allowed a baserunner on an error in the 10th but no other runner got in scoring position.
Caldwell wanted to put the team on his shoulders, and coach obliged.
"I asked him for the ball," Caldwell said. "I was feeling good. I could control my curveball pretty well in the bullpen. I had my changeup down. Fast-

ball was feeling good.
In three innings of relief, he struck out seven batters, including four in the eighth, without issuing a hit or a walk.
"To do what I did today, it was a lot of fun," he said. "It was special. I just felt untouchable up there."
Offensively Caldwell ended with two hits and two RBIs, while Quinn Faulkner, Heniser and Pearson all had singles.

Heniser knocked in a run as part of a two-run third inning that gave Jay County a 3-1 advantage.
Together with starter Sam Dunlavy, Patriot pitchers allowed just three hits and one walk. Dunlavy, however, hit five Raider batters
"Proud of the kids, they battled back," Selvey said. "That's important to me that they did that."

Local schedule

Today
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.
Fort Recovery — Track in Mercer County Meet at Coldwater — 4 p.m.; Baseball vs. New Bremen — 5 p.m.; Softball at New Bremen — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at New Bremen — 5 p.m.
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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: 914 West 7th St, Portland, IN
Saturday, May 8th
10:00 A.M.
HOUSEHOLD GOODS-OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS

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PUBLIC AUCTION
Saturday, May 15, 2021
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: Sapphires Reception Center (1100 W Votaw St, Portland IN)

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PUBLIC AUCTION
Saturday, May 8, 2021
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 2344 E 900 N Ridgeville, IN.

ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-APPLIANCES
Porcelain top cabinet, Duncan Phyfe table, Aunt Rhody glassware, Steel wheel, Galvanized tubs, Old headlights and hub caps, Wooden ladders, Estey spinet piano, Collectible dishware, Figurines and miniatures, Square dining room table with four chairs, Tempus Fugit grandfather clock, Guitar, 3 piece queen size bedroom suite, Full and twin size beds, Pioneer stereo, glass door display cabinet, LP heater, Handicap accessories, GE smooth top stove, GE and Magic Chef refrigerators, GE upright freezer, Kenmore washer and dryer, 2 GE window air conditioners, Bissell sweeper, Small kitchen appliances, 550 gallon LP tank, Sears battery charger, Sears portable air compressor, Log chains, Large lot of shop and hand tools as well as lawn and garden tools.
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PUBLIC AUCTION
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TIME 5:00 P.M.
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2021 TERM
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No. 38C01-2104-EU-000017
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Gloria A. Daugherty was, on the 22nd day of April, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Naomi Ellen Taylor deceased, who died on April 8, 2021.
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Clerk of the Circuit Court, For Jay County, Indiana
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♦ K 10 7 3 2
♣ —
EAST
♠ 8 3
♥ 9 5 4
♦ J 9 4
♣ 10 9 8 7 3
SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 5
♥ A K
♦ 8
♣ A K J 6 2
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4♠ Pass 4♦ Pass
7♣
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The American Contract Bridge League, which conducts all national, international, and regional championships in North America, had about 6,000 members in the 1930s. By 1945, the membership had expanded to 18,000; in 1950, to 22,000; in 1955, to 56,000; in 1960, to 94,000; in 1985, to an astounding 185,000; and today nearly 200,000!
In fact, duplicate bridge is now so popular that, at an ACBL tournament conducted in Texas a couple of years ago, a horse showed up to play!
After paying his entry fee, the horse sat down at his assigned table, and, on the very first bid, found himself with the South hand. Naturally, he opened two spades (the horse was playing strong two-bids). After his partner raised him to three spades, the horse bid four clubs. When his partner then cuebided the ace of diamonds, the horse bid seven spades.
Ordinarily, the grand slam would have been made quite easily, but it turned out that the clubs were divided 5-0. South won the heart lead with the ace, played five rounds of trump, cashed the king of hearts and led a club to the queen, on which West showed out.
The horse shook his head sadly, cashed the ace of diamonds and A-K-J of clubs, and lost a club trick at the end to East, going down one in his maiden effort.
Of course, a great many spectators had been watching the horse play. It's not every day that a horse enters a bridge tournament.
After the deal was over, one of the kibitzers turned to the horse and asked: "Why didn't you take the diamond finesse after West showed out of clubs? It was surely your best chance."
"Don't be ridiculous," replied the horse. "Who ever heard of a horse taking a finesse?"

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Caldwell comes through

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

Having already hit a walk-off home run this season Blake Caldwell had a chance to end the game with one swing in the bottom of the eighth inning.

But he struck out. After shutting down the Raiders for three frames, he got another opportunity in the home half of the 10th.

This time he came through. Caldwell hit a walk-off single to score Sam Myers from second base in lifting the Jay County High School baseball team to a 5-4 victory over the Shenandoah Raiders in 10 innings on Wednesday at Don E. Selvey Field.

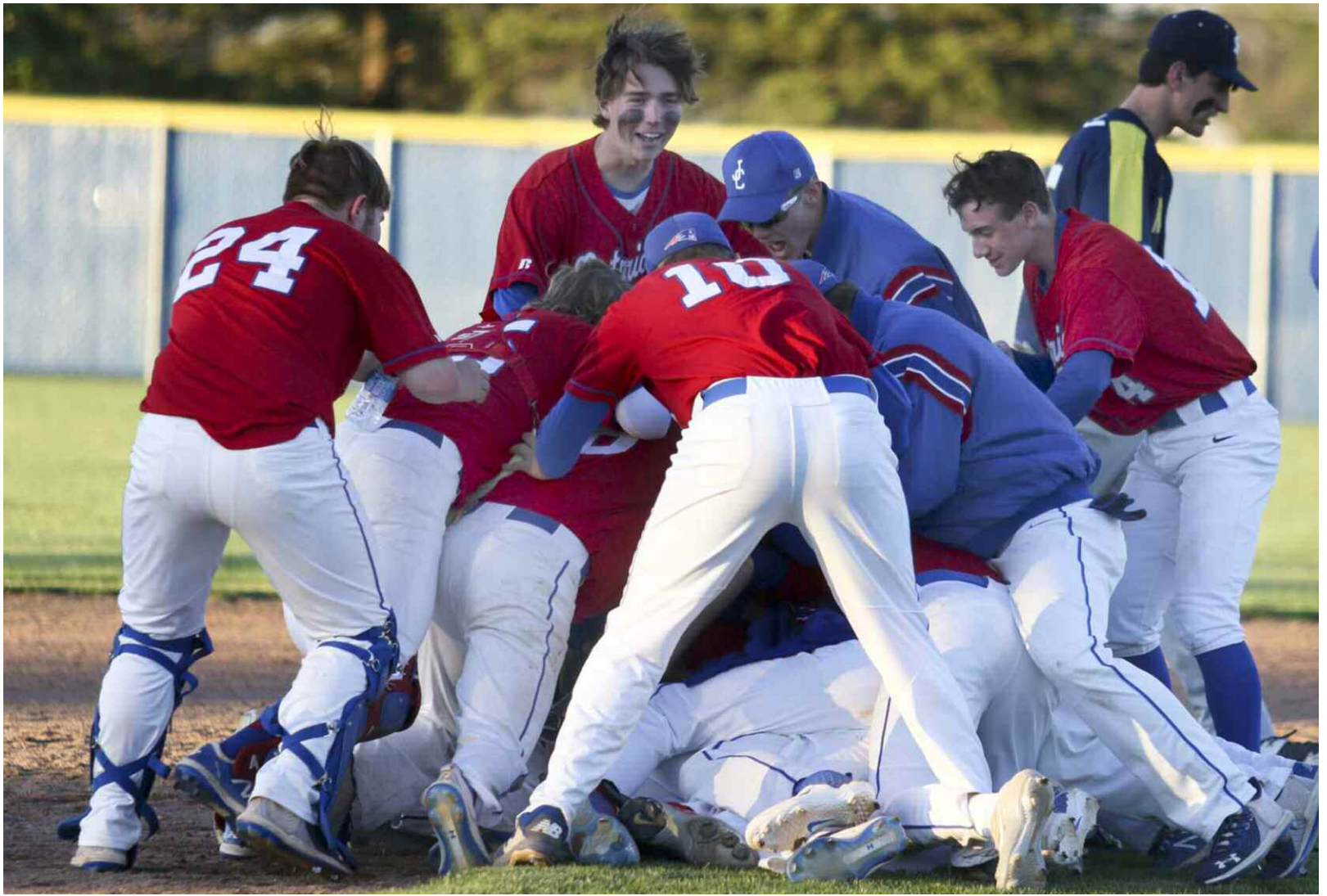
"Not as exciting as the first one," said Caldwell, who blasted a walk-off home run in an upset win over Class 2A No. 1 Monroe Central on April 26. "A little less boring, but I'm so glad we got the win."

"Made a decent amount of errors today. Got to clean it up a little bit, but I'm so proud of my guys again."

The win propels Jay County, which hosts Allen County Athletic Conference rival Bluffton on Thursday, to 6-4 on the season.

After leaving runners at the corners in the bottom of the ninth, Jay County was patient at the plate in the 10th as Sam Myers and Crosby Heniser drew back-to-back walks with one out.

Caldwell, who singled in a run during the first inning and was 1-for-4 up to that point, jumped on the second pitch from Shenandoah reliever Carson Brookbank. Caldwell ripped a 1-0 offering up the middle. Myers



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Members of the Jay County High School baseball team, including Ryne Goldsworthy (24) and Peyton James (10) pile on top of senior Blake Caldwell after he drove in the game-winning run on a walk-off single in the bottom of the 10th inning Wednesday, lifting the Patriots to a 5-4 victory against the Shenandoah Raiders at Don E. Selvey Field. It was the second walk-off hit for Caldwell this season.

never stopped running from second base and scored as the throw from center was off the mark.

The Patriots then mobbed Caldwell and piled on top of him in the infield grass on the third base side of second.

"He's had a day," said JCHS coach Lea Selvey. "He looked

really good. He said he was feeling good. A lot of times we're careful with him because of his back (injury).

"He gave us a huge shot in the arm and the big hit at the end. It was a good day for him."

Jay County saw its 3-1 lead vanish in the top of the sixth as

the Raiders (6-10) struck for three runs, highlighted by a two-run double to deep right center by Wyatt Lowder.

The Raiders threatened again in the top of the seventh with runners on first and second, but JCHS reliever Austin Curts got a strikeout to end the threat.

Down to what could have been their final three outs, the Patriots forced extra innings by tying the game in the bottom of the seventh. Josh Dowlen got hit by a pitch and stole second, then scored on an error off the bat of Dusty Pearson.

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Tennis shuts out MC

MUNCIE — The Patriots are on a bit of a roll.

Jay County High School's girls tennis team shut out the Muncie Central Bearcats on Wednesday for a 5-0 victory.

It marked the second consecutive win for Jay County (7-3), the third in four matches and fourth in its last six.

Lyric Garringer and Kierston Blunk were hardly challenged in their respective singles matches. Garringer got a 6-1, 6-1 victory at No. 2 singles, while Blunk grabbed a 6-0, 6-1 victory at No. 3 singles.

Grace Brewster won the first set of her No. 1 singles contest 6-3 before dropping the second by the same score. She rebounded to win the third, 6-1, for the three-set victory.

Jay County's doubles teams both won by 6-0, 6-1 margins. Madison Dirksen and Rachel Muhlekamp were victorious at No. 1 doubles, while Lilly Hedges and Holly Hemmelgarn came out on top at No. 2 doubles.

In junior varsity action, Brenna Haines (8-0) and Courtney Benter (8-0) both won their respective singles matches. Heaven Hambrock and Chelsea Blankenship teamed for an 8-0 doubles victory, while Kaylee Zimmerman and Melana Zimmerman earned an 8-0 doubles win. Allison Byrum and Paulina Esquivel teamed for an 8-2 win.

Jay County will look for its third straight win as it hosts Allen County Athletic Conference rival Adams Central at 5 p.m. tonight.

Votto breaks hand as Reds beat White Sox

By JEFF WALLNER

Associated Press
CINCINNATI — Cincinnati's Joey Votto fractured his left thumb during a 10-inning, 1-0 win over the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday.

Votto was hit by a Dallas Keuchel pitch in the fourth inning. Votto remained in the game, but in the sixth was replaced at first base by Kyle Farmer.

Votto is not expected to need surgery but could miss up to a month. Hit by a pitch for the 61st time, Votto is hitting .286 on the homestand, which included his 300th home run. He has raised his average to .226 with five homers and 17 RBIs.

Kyle Farmer is among the options at first.

"We'll figure it out," manager David Bell said.

Keuchel expressed regret.

"It's a joy to pitch against him," Keuchel said. "You never want that to happen. I wish him well."

Jesse Winker hit a winning single in the 10th inning after Chicago's Leury Garcia was caught stealing in the top half.

Cincinnati's Sonny Gray and Keuchel both pitched shutout ball, allowing two hits each in seven innings.

Cincy slugger takes pitch off thumb in fourth inning

It was only the fourth scoreless tie through nine innings in Great American Ball Park's history, the first since 2010.

"I knew how this game was going to play out," Gray said. "I just was focused on winning this game. We needed to win this game."

Cincinnati stopped its 18-inning scoreless streak as Liam Hendriks (1-1) lost for the first time since signing a \$54 million, four-year contract with the White Sox as a free agent.

With automatic runner Tucker Barnhart on second, Nick Senzel singled against Hendriks leading off the 10th as Barnhart took third. Jesse Winker fouled off three pitches before lining the eighth offering from Hendriks into center field. Barnhart scored without a throw.

Hendriks got Barnhart to ground into a bases-loaded groundout that ended the ninth, then started the 10th as the automatic runner on second.

Lucas Sims (1-1) walked Yasmani Grandal leading off. Garcia grounded into a forceout that left runners at the corners and, with Billy Hamilton at the plate, Barnhart threw out Garcia trying to steal second.

"We were trying to be aggressive all game long," manager Tony La Russa said.

"That's a big play, right there," Reds manager David Bell said. "It changes a lot."

Hamilton then struck out.

Chicago, trying to contend despite losing outfielders Eloy Jimenez and Luis Robert to injuries this season, lost for the fourth time in its last 12 games.

Gray, making his fourth start after starting the season on the injured list with a muscle strain in his back, struck out eight. He has 19 strikeouts over his last 12 2/3 innings.

Gray extended his major league record of allowing six or fewer hits to 48 consecutive starts.