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Senator visits



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U.S. Sen. Mike Braun of Indiana chats with Jay County Republican chair Jenae Blasdel prior to a roundtable discussion with local officials Tuesday afternoon. Braun spent most of his about 40 minutes discussing issues facing rural communities, including the need for broadband internet access and workforce development.

Braun stopped by in Jay County and discussed rural community issues with local officials Tuesday

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

One of Indiana's senators spent part of the Easter recess visiting Jay County.

Mike Braun met with a handful of local officials for about 45 minutes Tuesday afternoon, mostly discussing issues for rural communities including workforce development and access to broadband internet.

The roundtable meeting — included Portland Mayor John Boggs, The Portland Foundation

executive director Doug Inman, Jay School Corporation assistant superintendent Trent Paxson, Jay County Republicans chair Jenae Blasdel, Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards and Jay County Community Development director Christy Shauver — was part of Braun's effort to visit all 92 counties in Indiana every year.

Sparked by Richards sharing that Jay County took part in its second Flipping Finance Chal-

lenge this weekend — the event led by Indiana Bond Bank offers communities the opportunity to present local challenges to innovators in an effort to partner on creative solutions — Braun spoke on topics including entrepreneurship, quality of place, rural broadband, downtown revitalization and workforce development. He often referenced his home city of Jasper, which also participated in the event.

One of the challenges Jay

County presented at Flipping Finance involved creating an entrepreneurial ecosystem.

"That's the key element I think to energize how you start to rebuild," said Braun. "It's tough to lure companies in."

He used the Toyota plant in Gibson County as a rare example of success.

"That's like hitting a couple grand slams in the bottom of the ninth," he said. "It just doesn't happen very often."

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Animal control is a work in progress

Challenges discussed during meeting Monday

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Animal control is an ongoing issue in the county. Jay County Humane Society representatives and local law enforcement met with Jay County Commissioners on Monday to discuss some of the problems they've been having.

Law enforcement is having difficulties reaching the shelter to pick up stray animals. On one occasion, the facility also refused to take a dog because it was aggressive.

Portland Police Chief Mitch Sutton referenced police logs from the last year. Of 29 calls made to the police department regarding animals, he said, Jay County Humane Society turned down taking 12 calls — 11 times because the shelter was full and one because the animal was aggressive. Nine other times the police were unable to reach anyone with the organization and left messages.

"In 35 years law enforcement, I never once heard before, 'We can't make it,' until recently," he said. "And now I'm stuck with officers when we do have an aggressive dog. I can't just let it run free and chew up kids."

Jay County Humane Society took over animal control services at the beginning of 2021 following the retirement of the Fields family, which had handled the job for decades.

Mindy Weaver, treasurer of the humane society and co-chair of the organization's fundraising campaign, noted the shelter is down one employee and has not been able to find a replacement. It is also completely overloaded with animals.

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Man named suspect

By MICHAEL GARTLAND
New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — Almost 24 hours after a crazed gunman sprayed a subway car with bullets, wounding more than two dozen straphangers in Brooklyn, Mayor Eric Adams said Wednesday that Frank James is now considered "a suspect" in the shooting, that the national manhunt to find him is "still active" and that "we are going to continue to close the loop around and bring him in."

For the first time since the attack, Adams said James is a "suspect" rather than "a person of interest," as police officials described him Tuesday evening, after a shooter let off at least 33 rounds during the morning commute on a Manhattan-bound N train in Sunset Park.

N.Y. subway car was sprayed with bullets

Adams was speaking on several radio and TV talk shows Wednesday morning about the incident. During an appearance on WNYC, Adams thanked the NYPD, as well as state and federal agencies, for helping "in apprehending this person," but minutes later during an appearance on Bloomberg TV, he said he could not confirm whether James had been apprehended.

"He purchased the van in Philadelphia and brought the van here and started to

get on the subway system, and you know, took just a terrible, terrible action against innocent New Yorkers," Adams said during an interview Wednesday morning on MSNBC's Morning Joe. "There's no evidence that indicates at this time that there was an accomplice. It appears as though he was operating alone."

Adams said during an earlier TV spot that it was clear the shooter was intent on creating "terror and violence."



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That's the ticket

Madi Schweigel (left), Isaiah Weekley (center) and Chloe Ruiz of the Jay County High School Winter Guard perform Sunday at the conclusion of the school band program's spring concert. The winter guard finished 10th in the state in Regional A Class this year.

Deaths

M. Jean Hollingsworth, 84, Muncie
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 68 degrees Tuesday. The low was 41. Showers and thunderstorms are expected tonight with winds gusting to 35 miles per hour and a low of 42. Expect a windy Thursday with a high of 57 under sunny skies. See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

A Better Life - Brianna's Hope is hosting a forum for candidates for the Republican nomination for Jay County Sheriff at 6:30 p.m. April 20 in the Jay County High School auditorium. Candidates will be asked questions about their thoughts on how to fight addiction from their desired position.

Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of tonight's Jay County Council meeting.

Saturday — Results from Friday's JCHS softball game at Norwell.



Obituaries

M. Jean Hollingsworth

Sept. 19, 1937-March 25, 2022
M. Jean Hollingsworth, 84, Muncie, passed away on Friday evening, March 25, 2022, at the Waters of Muncie.

She was born on Sept. 19, 1937, in Urbana, Ohio, the daughter of Lawrence Edwin and Clara Lucille (Thomas) Hiler and graduated from Pennville High School in 1955 and later earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Ball State University. Jean served her

country honorably in the Women's Army Corps/U.S. Army from 1956 until her discharge in 1959.

She was a long-time resident of Muncie and was an avid animal lover. She enjoyed drawing, painting, crocheting and reading.

Surviving are three children, Linda Wright and her children and grandchildren of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Wendy



Hollingsworth

Glascok (husband: Brian) of Bossier City, Louisiana, and Brett Hollingsworth of Muncie; five grandchildren, Joshua, Jason, Jocelyn, Denice and Jayden; two great-grandchildren, Luke and Ava; two brothers, Daniel Joe McNeil (wife: Judy) of Indianapolis and Keith Hiler (wife: Kelly) of Clovis, California; and one sister, Carol Schoos of Muncie.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Arthur "Gary" Garrison Hollingsworth on Jan. 6, 1971; and one brother, Jimmy McNeil.

Cremation will take place and Graveside Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at Beech Grove Cemetery with Chaplain Abbie Guthrie officiating. Military honors will be provided by the Veterans of Delaware County.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to A.R.F. (Animal Rescue Fund), 1209 W. Riggin Road, Muncie, IN 47303, or at munciearf.com.

The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street

Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be directed to the family at meeksmortuary.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city, 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

Thursday 4/14	Friday 4/15	Saturday 4/16	Sunday 4/17	Monday 4/18
57/41	63/39	53/30	51/37	55/35
Sunny skies are expected with wind gusts reaching up to 30 mph. The high will be in the upper 50s.	There's a chance of showers in the evening. Otherwise, wind gusts may reach as high as 25 mph.	More rain is possible early Saturday. Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast.	Another day of mostly sunny skies is expected Sunday, with rain possible late.	Monday has a 50% chance of showers under mostly cloudy skies. The low may be 35.

Lotteries

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$302 million

Mega Millions

2-8-14-20-31
Mega Ball: 17
Megaplier: 2
Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Hoosier

Midday
Daily Three: 4-9-8
Daily Four: 5-3-4-0
Quick Draw: 2-8-12-14-16-19-22-24-36-41-46-49-50-51-53-57-58-68-75-76
Evening
Daily Three: 0-6-6
Daily Four: 2-0-3-5

Quick Draw: 3-7-12-15-18-23-25-28-33-35-40-41-42-54-57-58-62-69-70-71

Cash 5: 4-25-35-37-44
Estimated jackpot: \$459,000

Ohio

Midday
Pick 3: 6-4-0
Pick 4: 3-1-9-5
Pick 5: 5-4-0-3-7
Evening
Pick 3: 8-9-8
Pick 4: 2-2-7-2
Pick 5: 9-1-7-8-3
Rolling Cash: 3-9-12-20-23
Estimated jackpot: \$100,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery

Corn.....7.68
May corn.....7.69
Wheat.....9.09

POET Biorefining Portland

Corn.....7.72
May corn.....7.82
June corn.....7.87

The Andersons Richland Township

Corn.....7.58
May corn.....7.58
Beans.....16.40
May beans.....16.40

Wheat.....10.13
May wheat.....10.13

Central States Montpelier

Corn.....7.57
Late April corn.....7.59
Beans.....16.42
Late April beans.....16.42
Wheat.....10.38

Heartland St. Anthony

Corn.....7.57
May corn.....7.57
Beans.....16.23
May beans.....16.23
Wheat.....10.01

Today in history

On April 13, 1970, Apollo 13, four-fifths of the way to the moon, was crippled when a tank containing liquid oxygen burst. (The astronauts managed to return safely.)

In 1743, the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson, was born in Shadwell in the Virginia Colony.

In 1861, at the start of the Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina fell to Confederate forces.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C., on the 200th anniversary of the third American president's birth.

In 1953, "Casino Royale," Ian Fleming's first book as well as the first James Bond novel, was published in London by Jonathan Cape Ltd.

In 1964, Sidney Poitier became the first Black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award for his performance in "Lilies of the Field."

In 1972, the Redkey High School boys track team edged Wes-Del 62-56 with Greg Bales winning the 100-yard dash, 220 dash and long jump.

In 1997, Tiger Woods became the youngest person to win the Masters Tournament and the first player of partly African heritage to claim a major golf title.

In 1999, right-to-die advocate Dr. Jack Kevorkian was sentenced in Pontiac, Michigan, to 10 to 25 years in prison for second-degree murder in the lethal injection of a Lou Gehrig's disease patient. (Kevorkian ended up serving eight years.)

—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today
6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Thursday
8 a.m. — Upper

Wabash River Basin Commission, Wells County Government Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton.

6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Visits ...

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Broadband internet access is key to creating an environment that encourages development, said the founder and former CEO of Meyer Distributing in Jasper.

"Rural broadband is the most important thing that anybody that's young, wanting to move back, is going to have as a key consideration," he said, adding that it's impossible to think about starting a business in a rural area without high-speed internet access.

He noted that he believes local rural electric cooperatives need to get involved in the expansion of fiberoptic broadband service, saying he would encourage the state to continue to provide matching funds for such efforts.

The other major topic of discussion regarding workforce development was the need for a focus on training for jobs that don't require a two-year or four-year college degree. Braun said he's an advocate of using PELL grants to help incentivize that education. (PELL grants currently are awarded only to undergraduate students who display exceptional financial need and have not earned a bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree.)

Paxson explained some of the local workforce development education efforts, including classes at Jay County High School and the industrial maintenance training program at John Jay Center for Learning. He added that

the school corporation is in the process of identifying goals for the next three to five years and that education in the trades has been one of the focuses of that discussion. One of the challenges, he said, is incorporating those traditional "shop classes" while maintaining the requirements needed for graduation.

Overall, Braun said the key to success for any community is to continue working toward its goals because often progress does not happen quickly.

"A lot of it is to just keep pushing," said Braun.

"It looks like you've got a lot to work with," he added. "But you're fighting the same challenge that I see across the state."

"Whenever a communi-

ty is taking a bull by its horns, just not expecting things to come their way, you're doing at least minimum that needs to be done, like engaging in the way you have. It looks like you're going above and beyond."

Braun also spent a few minutes talking about the federal government. He was critical of the federal government's response to COVID-19, saying that shutdowns were unnecessary and that spending went too far. He also criticized Democratic policies regarding immigration.

He expressed concern about the national debt, acknowledging that overspending has been a problem for both parties but also saying that Republicans have recently had an "epiphany" on the issue.

Control ...

Continued from page 1
"We have dogs in every outdoor space, every corner, every kennel, every back kennel that we can put a dog. And we have doubled up some dogs," she said.

County attorney Bill Hinkle noted the proposed new animal control ordinance describes an animal control officer, but that the county has been holding off on it until the humane society's new facility is finished.

Jay County Humane Society purchased the former Fastenal building at 1376 W. Votaw St., Portland, in March. Plans are to retrofit the structure — it is about 50% bigger than the current facility — to the group's needs. Commissioners gave the humane society about \$137,500,

or roughly half of its previously allocated funding from the county, to purchase the building. (The humane society paid about \$225,000 for the structure.) Currently, the organization is undergoing a fundraising campaign to raise funds for the estimated \$1 million project.

Jay County Sheriff Dwane Ford gave Weaver a couple connections for possible kennels to board animals when the shelter is at capacity as well as a contact who may be able to take care of aggressive animals. Commissioners suggested the organization subcontract with these individuals.

The humane society also needs to answer their calls for animal control, said Sutton. Weaver noted the police may have an outdated list of

phone numbers and that she would get them a new list of volunteers to call.

Mike Medler of the animal control task force noted both parties are new to the transition and that it will be a learning process.

"Before, the Fields just handled it all," he said. "That model is gone ... you're transitioning to a different system, and you're going to have these hiccups."

Jay County Commissioner Brian McGalliard said if the situation doesn't improve, the county will need to look elsewhere for animal control.

"They have to have some place to take (animals), no matter what the excuse is. We have to figure out something," McGalliard said.

Deeds

Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation to Melissa Deconza and Anthony Kibler, quit claim deed — Part of Lot 4, Block 26, original plat of Dunkirk

Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation to Melissa Deconza and Anthony Kibler, quit claim deed — Parts of Lot 14, Block 40, original plat of Dunkirk

Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation to Larry M. Nuckols, quit claim deed — Lot 24, Block 37, original plat of Dunkirk

Lee Ann Pitman to Linda J. and Michael G. Ulrey, warranty deed — Parts of Section 17, Richland Township

Jal Poultry and Swine Farms to itself and Jal Grain Farms, warranty deed — Section 26, Madison Township, 25.27 acres

Shawn A. Bowman, warranty deed — Parts of Section 36, Tracts A and B, Greene Township, about 8 acres

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SERVICES

Wednesday

Lanning, Larry: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Thursday

Burk, James: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Hollingsworth, M. Jean: 1 p.m., Beech Grove Cemetery, Muncie.

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Mother's love is everlasting

By KWAME DAWES

In the first century apostle Luke's epistle, (the Bible, Luke 3:5), he quotes John the Baptist's announcement of himself as the prophet who will, among other things, make smooth the "rough ways."

If Nate Marshall was not conscious of this allusion in "my mother's hands," his tender praise song to his mother, he certainly would not mind the connection. In the end, this unabashedly senti-

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mental poem (poets are allowed), is offered as a balm for the vividly expressed hardships against which this mother's love is a bulwark: "we survive/ every fire without becoming/ ash."

my mother's hands

would moisturize
my face from jaw inward
the days she had too
much on her hands
when what needed
to come through
did or didn't show.
she still shone, still made
smooth her every rough
edge, heel to brow.
hugged my temples
with slick hands,
as if to say son be mine
as if to say this i give you
as if to say we are people
color of good oak but we
will not burn, we survive
every fire without becoming
ash.

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Husband makes connection

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 17 years with three great kids. My wife and I have struggled on and off during those 17 years. I often feel like maybe I don't love her. We are complete opposites. I'm adventurous, daring and extroverted. She denies me sex a lot. This last time was for four months.

During that time, I met someone who has the same adventurous spirit as I do. We have hung out and we text often. She's currently getting a divorce. I'm falling for her and I have expressed it to her. She likes me, but she doesn't want a relationship right now because she isn't sure what she really wants. She's also afraid we both won't really leave our spouses if we start something.

I stopped texting her, but she said she will wait for me. How do I manage this because I'm hurting in my marriage and hurting by not texting her? — TORN IN OHIO

DEAR TORN: Inform your wife that the current status of your marriage is no longer acceptable. Denying marital relations appears to be her way of punishing you, which is unfair, so offer her the option of marriage counsel-

Dear Abby



forgiven everyone involved, over and over. But I've lived with depression, PTSD, etc., all these years and I cry about it still. The older I get, the more loss I feel.

I found my adult child 15 years ago. It started out OK and went downhill from there. My heart aches so much to have a connection with this child of mine. I'm shutting down inside while still waiting. I'm too tired to keep going on. My dreams are gone. My hopes are shattered. I'm ready to curl up and die. What can I do? — DESTROYED IN WASHINGTON

DEAR DESTROYED: I am sorry for your overwhelming pain. What you need to do — and quickly, before you shut down further — is summon the strength to seek help from a licensed mental health professional.

Forty-five years ago, attitudes about out-of-wedlock births were far different than they are today. Neither you nor the father of that child were equipped to properly care for the baby. Because you have forgiven everyone else over and over, it is time to find a way to forgive yourself and put a stop to your endless grieving.

ing. If she refuses, I hope you will go alone to help you decide rationally which, if any, next steps you want to take.

If you decide to leave your marriage, there is no guarantee the woman you have been seeing will follow through with her divorce, but let her know what your plans are. I should add that for many people, the first relationship after a divorce does not lead to marriage, if you're contemplating jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

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DEAR ABBY: I was a birth mom 45 years ago. My mother forced me to give up my child at birth. Not one person supported my wish to keep my child. My heart and mind screamed, "No, don't do it!" Now, the birth father says he's sorry because he's having serious health problems and thinks he could be dying. I have

United Way will receive funding

A local organization will be receiving funds to help provide services to those in need.

United Way of Jay County has been awarded an estimated \$20,305 in federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds through the United States Department of Homeland Security.

A local board will determine how the funds are distributed among agencies that provide food, shelter and other emergency programs.

Those interested should

Taking Note

contact United Way of Jay County executive director Jane Ann Runyon at (260) 726-7010 or unitedwayofjay-county@gmail.com. The deadline is April 25.

Congressional art

Submissions are being accepted for the 2022 Con-

gressional Art Competi-

tion. Rep. Jim Banks announced recently his office is accepting submissions for the annual contest, which is open to all high school students in Indiana's 3rd District. The winning artwork will be displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol, and the winner will receive two tickets to Washington, D.C., to attend a reception.

This year's contest theme is Indiana.

"Indiana is the feeling of Hoosier satisfaction, devo-

tion and attachment to the United States," a press release from Banks' office says. "Students should try to think outside of the box when deciding what Indiana means — and looks like — and show that in their artwork submission."

Submissions are due April 22. Participants may email their submissions to RepBanks.Art@mail.house.gov, or schools may call the office to arrange for entries to be picked up before the deadline.

For more information, visit banks.house.gov.

Births

Schwartz

Levi R. Schwartz, a son, was born Feb. 25 to Christie S.C. and Ruby Schwartz.

He weighed 7 pounds, 12

ounces. Paternal grandparents are Christie and Elizabeth Schwartz of Bryant.

Maternal grandparents are Levi and Melinda Eichler of Monroe. Great-grand-

parents are John and Esther Schwartz of Monroe, Jacob and Freida Shetler of Monroe and Pete and Ruby Eicher of Berne.

Community Calendar

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

Reunions

Bryant High School will hold its alumni banquet on May 14. Honor classes this year are the classes of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1970, 1971 and 1972.

Portland High School

will celebrate its 50th anniversary from June 17 to June 19. For more information, email alicemiley23@gmail.com or wsanders317@gmail.com.

Today

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m.

the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

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 (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

Thursday

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. April 14 at Richards Restaurant in Portland.

PTSD SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Portland American Legion Post, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

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.

Sudoku

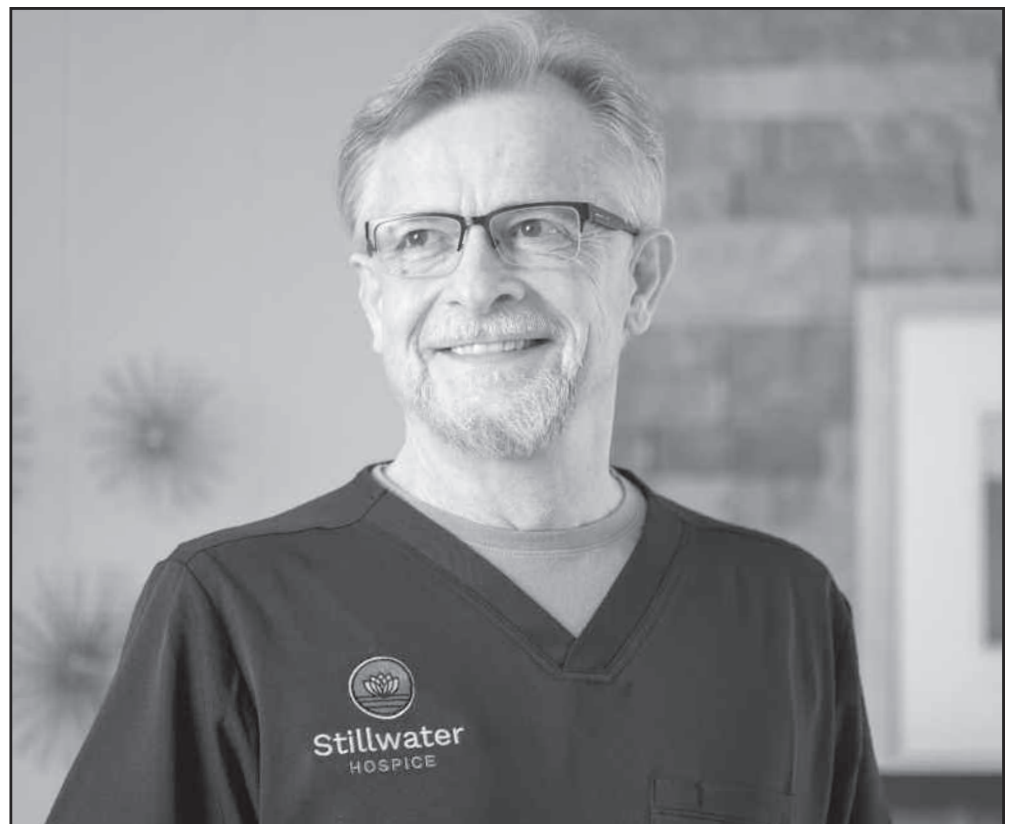
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		6	5	2				1

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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

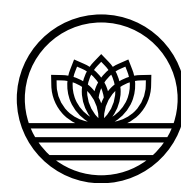


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Party system is now broken

To the editor:
George Washington warned of the party system of government.

And now here we are, two parties split down the middle.

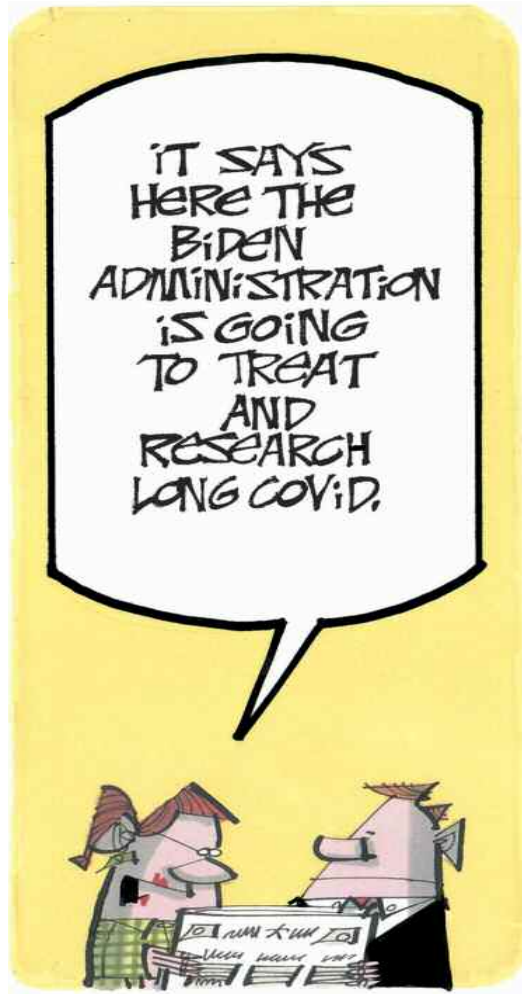
Letters to the Editor

Left and right. Black and white. Anything my side does is right. Anything your side does is wrong.

Maybe we could vote for president just as a survey, but alternate every four years, Donkey and Elephant.

Mr. Washington didn't want to be president. He just wanted to get back to his farm.

Me too, George.
Jerry Lee Eglan
Pennville



Volunteering taught lessons

(Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from April 19, 2017.)

By JACK RONALD

The News and Sun

It was Christmas vacation, and I was looking forward to a break from college. It would be good to get home and hang out with friends and just goof off.

My father had other ideas. The family had moved to Richmond so Dad could take on duties as the vice president for development for Earlham College. I was a student there, but my connections were still mostly in Jay County.

The family had relocated, but home had not.

In that era, roughly an hour after the last Ice Age, the college had a nice long Christmas break. I figured on spending it in the least productive way possible.

The economy was experiencing one of its periodic recessions, so there wasn't much available in terms of short-term, holiday season employment opportunities.

That worked to my benefit as a slacker college student, but my father wasn't having any of it.

Word came down from the mountaintop that if I was going to be hanging around for three weeks and there were no jobs available, then there was a ready alternative: Volunteer.

That, in summary, is how I found myself at Richmond State Hospital.

I hasten to point out that I was not a patient. I wasn't even sent there for observation, though that might not have been a bad idea at the time. Instead, I was there as a volunteer.

If you have three weeks, you give three weeks. That was my dad's thinking.

And while I chafed at it at the time, I know now he was right.

Just the same, being a volunteer in a state mental hospital isn't quite the same as being a volunteer for Meals on Wheels or the Boys Club.

It's different. Sometimes it's very different.

I can't remember who was in charge of handling sudden volunteers like me. All I know is that they gave me a singular task.

It seemed that many of the patients at the mental hospital had a problem misplacing things. (No, that is not a straight line. Let's move on.)

Eyeglasses often got lost, and

Back in the Saddle



it was tough to get the right pair of glasses back to the right patient.

The solution, the coordinator of volunteers decided, was to have me visit every ward in the hospital, gather up the glasses under professional supervision, then use a little vibrating engraving tool to mark the patient's number into the inside of the part of the eyeglasses that rested over the ear.

The fact that this would be a permanent and humiliating reminder of the patients' time at Richmond didn't seem to occur to anyone. It certainly didn't occur to me.

I was too busy encountering the reality of a state mental institution in Indiana in the late 1960s.

Sent from ward to ward, I encountered humanity at every level imaginable, all within the course of a little over a week.

Sometimes it was easy; the patients could have been anyone you'd meet on the street.

Sometimes it was heart-breaking; individuals who today might be living in group homes or even independently had obviously been warehoused by the state.

That was the norm. That was the policy.

The fact that it was wrong or dehumanizing never seemed to occur to anyone.

And sometimes the wards were scary.

Most of the time I'd do my little job with the engraving tool out in the ward itself. Not so in the ward for violent patients. There, I'd be sequestered in a small space and the glasses would be passed out to me. I'd do the engraving while listening to the shrieks and cries within the ward.

Eyeglasses done, I moved on to dentures.

Yes, mental patients often lose their dentures.

For that task, I didn't make the round of the wards. Instead, they were brought to me at a little table in the corner of a dental lab. My chore was to grind out a little groove in the part of

The economy was experiencing one of its periodic recessions, so there wasn't much available in terms of short-term, holiday season employment opportunities. ... Word came down from the mountaintop that if I was going to be hanging around for three weeks and there were no jobs available, then there was a ready alternative: Volunteer.

the denture that was hidden from view, then insert a little piece of paper on which I had typed the patient's number, then use a clear chemical bonding agent to fill in the groove, and finally to smooth everything down so that my work didn't irritate the patient's mouth for the rest of his or her life.

To say it was not fun would be an understatement.

To say it was not educational would be an understatement as well.

Still I made it through Christmas break, and though I never thanked my father I will always be grateful for the lessons learned that winter.

Extending pause made little sense

The Washington Post

President Joe Biden blundered this week with his extension of the pause on student loan payments through Aug. 31. What was a needed emergency measure at the start of the pandemic is no longer justified.

It is hard to make an argument that college graduates are struggling right now. The unemployment rate for Americans with a bachelor's degree or higher is a mere 2%. There is a near-record number of job openings. It's a similar story for Americans who took a few college courses but either didn't graduate or left with an associate's degree. The unemployment rate for Americans with "some college" is 3%. That's down dramatically from an unemployment rate of more than 15% in April 2020 for people with some college and more than 6% when Biden was sworn in as president.

They were in a far different situation in the spring of 2020 and even early 2021, as Americans of many walks of life struggled to find work or had to stay home for health reasons or to care for children or other relatives. Suspending student loan payments then was a way to get extra cash into people's hands quickly. That need, thankfully, is no longer pressing.

As Biden himself said last week: "Americans are back to work. And that's good news for millions of families who have a little more breathing room and the dignity that comes from earning a paycheck."

The White House tried to cast this latest extension as necessary, given how inflation is burdening families. Rising prices of gas, rent, food and cars are a hardship, but forgiving interest on student loans for four more months offers the biggest benefits to people who have earned degrees in medicine and law. These people go on to have lucrative careers.

Guest Editorial

Meanwhile, the 64% of Americans who do not have a college degree don't benefit at all from Biden's pause on loan repayments. It would be far more equitable and effective to give rebates to low- and moderate-income households.

This extension also comes with a substantial price tag: about \$20 billion, according to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. That's nearly the entire budget of the Pell Grant program that specifically aids the neediest students with paying for college.

It's telling that it wasn't just Republicans blasting Biden for this move. Prominent Democratic economists also expressed exasperation.

"Wherever one stands on student debt relief, this approach is regressive, uncertainty creating, untargeted and inappropriate at a time when the economy is overheated," tweeted former U.S. treasury secretary Lawrence Summers, a Democrat.

This extension was about the politics of an election year when control of both houses of Congress is up for grabs. Democrats, including Biden, campaigned in 2020 on helping to make college more affordable and canceling at least \$10,000 in student loan debt per borrower. With Biden's domestic agenda largely stalled, many of his fellow Democrats urged the president to extend loan payment forbearance that is expected to impact about 41 million adults ahead of the midterm elections.

The political calculation was an obvious one. But it did little to help the stressed-out Americans who need aid the most.

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Worship Guide

The meaning of Good Friday

Good Friday is a Christian holiday that is celebrated every year on the Friday preceding Easter Sunday. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary, the location outside of Jerusalem's walls where the crucifixion took place.

Though Good Friday is considered a holiday, and is a legal holiday in many countries across the globe, the commemoration is not

characterized by the festive atmosphere many holidays inspire. In fact, in the fourth century, the Apostolic Constitutions described Good Friday as a day of mourning and prayer. In addition, many Christians fast on Good Friday, eating only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal.

Christians believe that commemorating the death of Christ helps to remind them of the sacrifices that Christ made and the

human sin that contributed to his death.

The observance of Good Friday has existed for centuries. According to Catholic Online, the Catholic Church does not celebrate Mass on Good Friday, though church services held on Good Friday correspond to the divisions of a traditional Mass. These services include the Liturgy of the Word, during which the Passion of Jesus Christ is read; the intercessory prayers for all people, including non-Christians; the Veneration of the Cross, during which the crucifix is unveiled to the congregation; and the Holy Communion. During these services, the church organ and bells are silent.

Good Friday is one of the holiest days of the year for Christians across the globe. This year Good Friday is celebrated on April 15.

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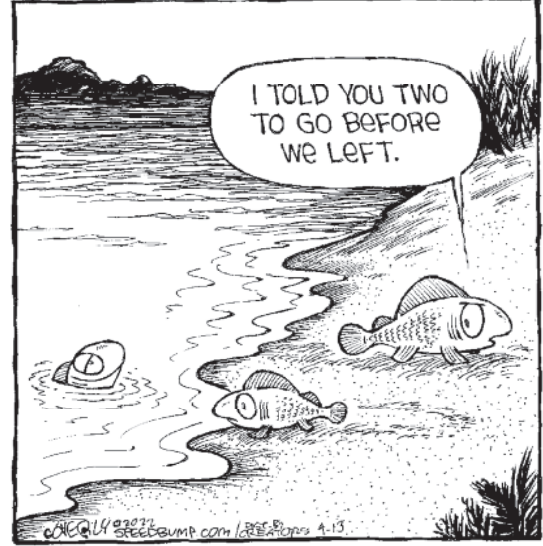


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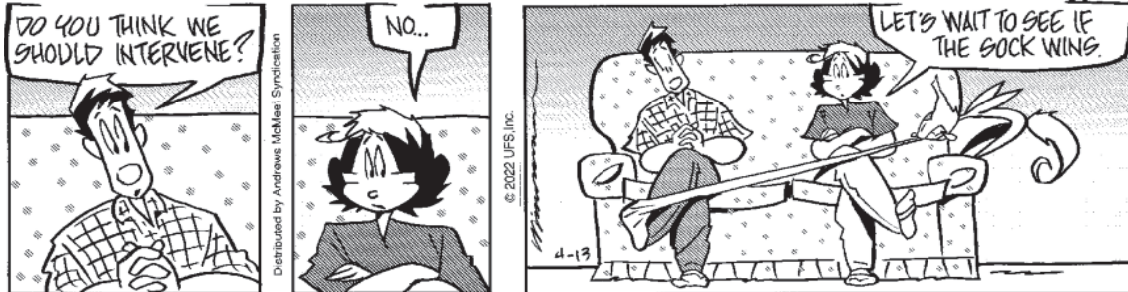
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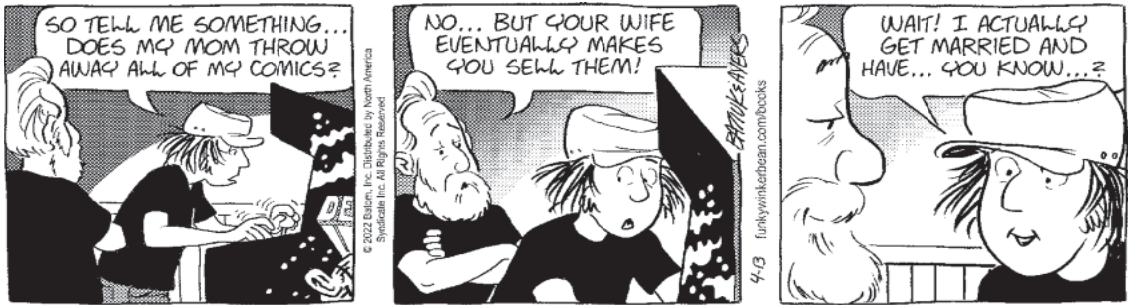
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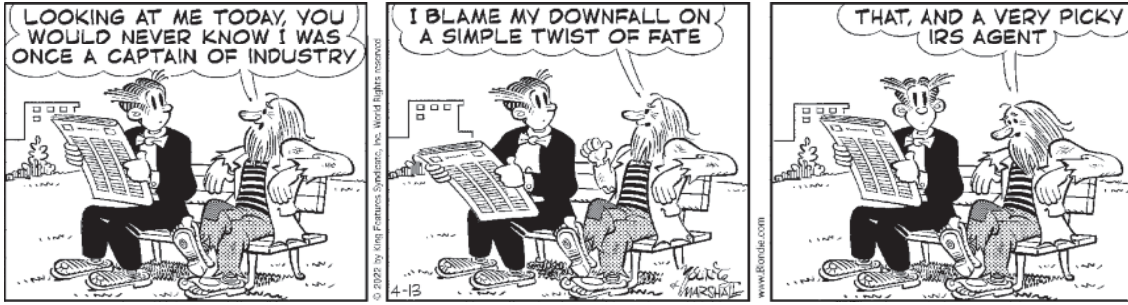
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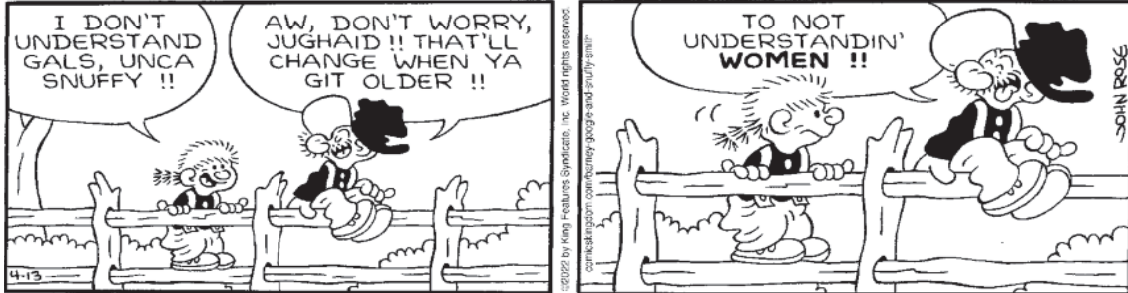
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By Steve Becker

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type of defense or the other. Each deal has its own particular set of circumstances, with the bidding, the dummy, the early play and many other considerations determining which form of defense to adopt. In the final analysis, good judgment is the critical factor. Assume you're East in today's deal, defending against four hearts. West leads a diamond, which you win with the ace. What should you return? If you opt for the passive approach, you lead a trump. This does not turn out well after declarer wins, draws trump and forces out your ace of clubs. He loses only a spade, a diamond and a club, and so makes the contract. But if you lead a spade at trick two - either a low one or the ace followed by another spade - you beat the contract, ultimately scoring two spades, a diamond and a club. For this method of defense to succeed, declarer must have at least three spades and your partner must have the jack, which is certainly not an impossibility. If he doesn't have it, you're fighting a losing cause whatever you do, and your active defense will have cost you nothing.

In many deals, the best method of defense is to play possum and simply wait to collect the tricks declarer must inevitably lose. This is called passive defense. In other deals, it is necessary to be more aggressive in order to establish your side's tricks before declarer can establish his. These deals require active defense. There is no hard-and-fast rule that tells you when to adopt one

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Her toss of 111 feet, 7.5 inches came just a half-inch short of beating the second-place Tyo by 25 feet. And in the high jump, she cleared the bar at 5 feet, 3 inches, to win by 5 inches over runner-up Brooke Briscoe of Versailles.

Mara Pearson made it a near sweep of the field events as she won the long jump by more than a foot. The sophomore turned in a leap of 16 feet, 8 inches, while Ashley Jones of Versailles had a distance of 15 feet, 5.5 inches for second place. (The only field event the Tribe didn't win was the pole vault, in which Brynn Briscoe of Versailles cleared the bar at 9 feet to surpass Abbie Francis of Fort Recovery by 6 inches.)

The Indian girls also won three out of four relays, with Allysen Fullenkamp and Anna Roessner joining Pearson and Francis in the sprints. That group took the 4x100-meter relay in 53.09 seconds and then won the 4x200 relay by more than 3 seconds in 1 minute, 51.88 seconds.

Ellie Will, Natalie Brunswick, Joelle Kaup and Megan Diller cruised to victory by more than 30

seconds in the 4x800 relay in 10:37.35.

Will and Brunswick also won the two longest individual races of the night, with the former posting a time of 12:42.43 in the 3,200 run. The latter was first in the 1,600 run in 5:40.98.

Trevor Heitkamp earned two of the three victories Tuesday for the Fort Recovery boys team. He was the top distance runner at the event, winning the 1,600 run by more than 30 seconds and the 3,200 run by more than a minute with his times of 4:43.23 and 10:14.65. He also staked the Indians to a sizable lead on the first leg of the 4x800 relay before Versailles rallied back for the victory.

The only other victory for the Indians in the boys competition came from Ross Pearson, who took the top spot with a leap of 5 feet, 4 inches, in the high jump.

Adding runner-up efforts in individual events for Fort Recovery's girls were Paige Guggenbiller in the 100 hurdles, Roessner in the 400 run, Diller in the 800 run.

The Tribe boys team of Connor Kaikala, Reece Guggenbiller, Lucas Acheson and Chase Kaiser was second in the 4x200 relay.



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Trevor Heitkamp of Fort Recovery runs the opening leg of the 4x800-meter relay Tuesday during the Indians' meet at home against Versailles and St. John's. Heitkamp went on to win the 1,600 run and 3,200 run for the Tribe.

Minnesota earns a berth

By MIRJAM SWANSON
The Orange County Register
Tribune News Service

MINNEAPOLIS — Chippy, tense, physical, sticky — everything you might expect from an NBA play-in game, apparently.

The Clippers' first stab at the play-in — and the Minnesota Timberwolves' first taste of post-regular-season competition since 2004-05 — pitted the teams in a 7-vs.-8 play-in game that felt a lot like a playoff game.

Patrick Beverley, for four seasons a beloved member of the Clippers, flexed and crowed and shed a few tears after he set the tenor on Tuesday night, when his Minnesota Timberwolves got their bearings and pushed past their guests for a 109-104 victory at the Target Center.

"I wanted this so bad," Beverley said afterward, referencing his preseason proclamation that the Wolves would make the playoffs. "Another goal scratched off. Going to the playoffs, some of y'all looked at me like I was crazy. I (freaking) told y'all."

By winning the pre-playoff test, Minnesota (46-36

in the regular season) advances to the Western Conference playoffs and will face the second-seeded Memphis Grizzlies in a best-of-seven first-round series that will begin Saturday.

The Clippers get a second chance to advance Friday night when they host either New Orleans or San Antonio to gain entry into the playoffs — against top-seeded Phoenix in a series that will begin Sunday.

The Wolves won despite Karl-Anthony Towns' quiet night — in accordance with the Clippers' game plan: The three-time All-Star fouled out after scoring just 11 points in 24 minutes, fewer than he'd scored in all but two games in 74 regular-season games.

And they won despite Paul George's game-high 34 points, 17 of which came in the third quarter when the Clippers took an 84-75 lead with 6.4 seconds left.

They won largely because the Clippers couldn't keep up to end either half, including getting outscored 26-11 run to finish a game that was, from the start, tense and intense.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

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Jay County — Boys golf vs. Wapahani — 4:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Fort Recovery — 5 p.m.; Track vs. Delta and Yorktown — 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Yorktown — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Bluffton — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Junior high golf vs. Winchester Driver — 4:30 p.m.; Junior high track three-team meet at Monroe Central — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. New Knoxville — 5 p.m.; Softball at Jay County — 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
12:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cleveland Guardians at Cincinnati Reds (BALLY)
3:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Diego Padres at San Francisco Giants or Houston Astros at Arizona Diamondbacks (MLBN)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Charlotte Hornets at Atlanta Hawks (ESPN)
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Rangers at Philadelphia Flyers (TNT)
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball:

Toronto Blue Jays at New York Yankees or Seattle Mariners at Chicago White Sox (MLBN)
9 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Seattle Sounders at New York City FC (FS1)
9:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: San Antonio Spurs at New Orleans Hornets (ESPN)
9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Los Angeles Kings at Colorado Avalanche (TNT)

Thursday

5:14 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Milwaukee

Brewers (BALLY)
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Toronto Blue Jays at New York Yankees or Los Angeles Angels at Texas Rangers (MLBN)
8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Minnesota Wild at Dallas Stars (ESPN)
10:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Los Angeles Dodgers (BALLY)

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Indian girls 2nd at home



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Rammel wins three, FR also strong in distance and relays

FORT RECOVERY — Whitley Rammel won three times.

The Indians were strong in the field events, the distance races and the relays.

But those efforts were not enough to overcome the Tigers.

Fort Recovery High School's girls track team finished as the runner-up to Versailles in a three-team meet Tuesday.

The Tigers scored 92 points to outpace FRHS by 25. The St. John's Blue Jays were a distant third with 16.

Versailles dominated the boys meet with 112 points. Fort Recovery and St. John's each scored 27.

Rammel, a senior and 2021 state medalist in the shot put, was unchallenged in her signature event. She launched the shot put 39 feet, 6 inches, to win by nearly 9 feet. The runner-up was Tori Tyo of Versailles at 30 feet, 8 inches.

The competition wasn't close in other of Rammel's other events either.

Fort Recovery High School senior Whitley Rammel clears the bar Wednesday during the high jump competition in the Indians' meet at home against Versailles and St. John's. Rammel finished first in the high jump, shot put and discus to help the Tribe to a runner-up finish.

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Jay finally wins opener

MARION — When the Patriots finally got on the field, they were ready.

After having its first three games of the season washed out, the Jay County High School baseball team topped the host Eastbrook Panthers 6-2 in their opener Tuesday.

Sam Myers came up big for the Patriots (1-0), hitting a home run as part of a three-run fifth inning that broke a 2-2 tie. JCHS added another run in the top of the sixth inning for the final margin.

Dusty Pearson picked up the win, striking out seven while giving up two runs on three hits in three innings. Crosby Heniser and Sam Dunlavy closed out the game in relief.

Pearson was also 2-for-4 at the plate to help lead the Patriot offense.

Eastbrook took the early lead with a solo home run in the second inning and scored again in the third but could not muster any offense the rest of the way.

Lykins leads

MARION — Jaelynn Lykins racked up five RBIs on Tuesday to lead another strong effort by the Jay County softball team's offense in a 12-5 victory over the host Eastbrook Panthers.

Lykins finished 2-for-3, including a triple, and scored once for the Patriots (2-2), who were down 2-0 early. They took the lead for good with four runs in the top of the fourth inning and broke the game open with four more in the seventh. She also walked twice.

Renna Scwhieterman hit a home run for the powerful JCHS squad, and Jozey Shimp, Haleigh Clayton and Olivia Bright each recorded a double.

Clayton went the distance for the win, giving up five runs — four earned — on eight hits and two walks. She struck out six.

Funkhouser first

MONROE — Aaron

Local roundup

Funkhouser's sprint wins led the way for the Jay County High School boys track team as it finished first Tuesday in a three-team meet against host Adams Central and South Adams.

The girls team finished second. (Team scores were not provided.)

Funkhouser's victories came in the 100-meter dash and 200 dash. He was also part of the winning 4x100 relay team along with Skyler Bee, Isaac Kunkler and Cristian Marentes.

Kunkler added a win in the high jump, and Flint Schmiesing, Dustin Harris, Dylan Marentes and Brayden Collins were first in the 4x800 relay.

Gabi Bilbrey powered the Patriot girls with first-place finishes in the shot put and discus. Natalie Wehrly was first in the 200 dash.

Tribe wins in MAC

ROCKFORD, Ohio — The Fort Recovery baseball team climbed above .500 and earned its first conference win of the season Tuesday as it topped the host Parkway Panthers 8-3.

The Indians (4-3, 1-1 Midwest Athletic Conference) were up 2-1 through three innings before taking control with a three-run fourth. They scored one run each in the fifth, sixth and seventh to match their highest offensive output of the season.

Riggs Tobe powered FRHS, going 3-for-4 with a double and a pair of runs. Landon Post had a hit, three walks, two runs and an RBI, and Troy Homan added two hits, an RBI and a run.

Homan earned the win, allowing three runs — two earned — on four hits and a walk while striking out five.