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## Ready, aim, throw

**Valhalla opened last month in Redkey**

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

REDKEY — Steady your aim. Valhalla Axe Hall, an axe-throwing facility, opened last month in downtown Redkey.

The business at 120 W. High St. offers sessions in half-hour or hour increments for visitors to hone their skills in the sport. It's located in the same building as Redkey Blacksmiths, which opened its doors about two years ago.

Owner Leroy Brown shared that some of his goals with owning both businesses are to draw more people to Redkey and offer more hands-on activities to do in town.

"I think there's a societal need for people to do things with their hands," explained Brown. "I feel like, in the crazy amount of information overload that's coming from (technology), this is something to balance that. And that's what society needs, is balance, so I think there is a real market for this."

Brown explained the sport of axe-throwing has been growing in the past few years.

Valhalla Axe Hall starts its first league, which will span about six months, at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Registration is required. Another league day for second- and third-shift workers is set to begin at noon Wednesday.

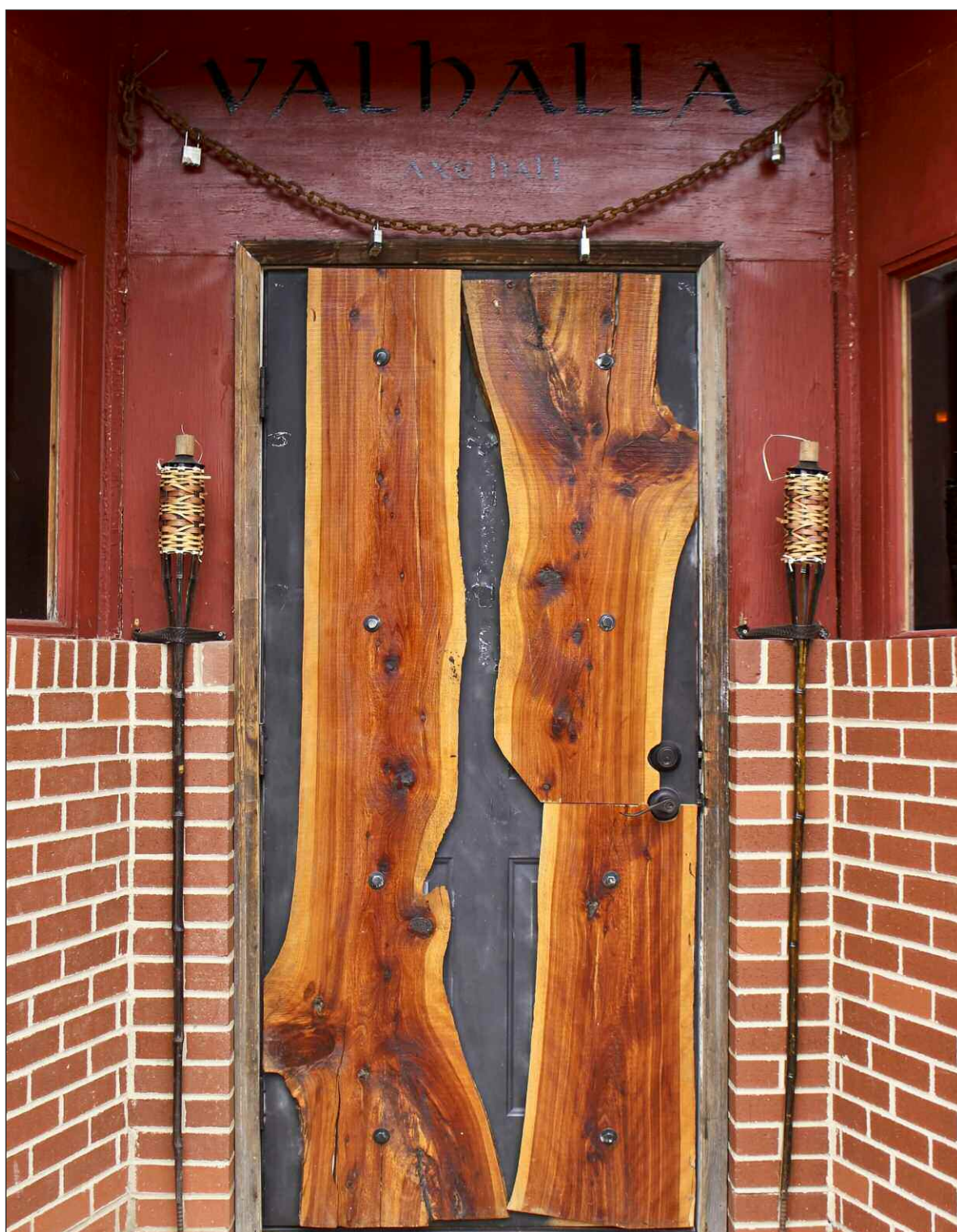
Axe-throwing is also good for the casual visitor looking to let loose, explained manager Shea Fields.

"I like that I can come in here, if I'm having a bad day or anything, I can just let off a little steam by throwing some axes," he said.

A Dunkirk native and resident of Redkey, Brown purchased the storefront about a year ago. It had been previously used as a storage unit, noted Fields. Brown and Fields made repairs and renovations to the space, repairing the floors, walls and ceiling as well as doing electrical work and installing water lines.

Nearly all of the furniture was fashioned with reclaimed wood or repurposed materials. (One exception includes targets, which are recommended by the World Axe Throwing League to be made with specific wood and with specific dimensions.)

Manager Flip Roberts also helped pitch ideas for the viking theme. Brown explained he wanted to take his axe hall in a



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Valhalla Axe Hall (above) opened March 25 in Redkey. The facility offers axe-throwing sessions in half-hour and hour increments during business hours on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. It's starting a six-month league Tuesday. Owner Leroy Brown modifies axes at Redkey Blacksmiths to make them more suitable for axe-throwing and to adhere to sport guidelines. Pictured below, one of the axes is lodged in a target at the axe hall. Brown is planning to offer a two-day event in the near future for visitors to forge their own axe and practice throwing it.

different direction from others he has visited.

"What I realized about these other places ... they're very clean, they're like brand-new constructed warehouses," he said. "I don't feel like they have a soul."

Brown, Fields and Roberts picked decorations they felt would have an impact on visitors. One example is the viking runes engraved in wooden beams and other spots throughout the axe hall. Each represents a different value, such as friendship, bonding, prosperity and family.

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## Court set to consider Purdue deal

*Settlement for opioids hinges on legal question*

By GEOFF MULVIHILL  
Associated Press

A settlement that would allow Purdue Pharma to exit bankruptcy and require its owners to contribute billions of dollars to help combat the opioid crisis in the U.S. hinges on a legal question before a federal appellate panel on Friday.

Lawyers for the company, state and local governments, individual opioid victims and others who would receive payments under the deal will make their case before the 2nd Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in New York City.

At issue is whether a bankruptcy court judge has the authority to grant members of the Sackler family who own the OxyContin maker protection from civil lawsuits over the toll of opioids. Family members have insisted on the legal shield in exchange for providing the money behind the settlement.

Under the deal, they would contribute \$5.5 billion to \$6 billion over time, plus give up ownership of the company. Purdue would then become a new entity known as Knoa Pharma that would dedicate its profits to fighting the nation's opioid epidemic.

Most of the Sacklers' money also would go to fighting the epidemic, but at least \$750 million would be distributed to some individual victims and their families.

Other product-liability cases have been settled through bankruptcy court by using the sort of protections this deal would give the Sacklers. But opponents of the settlement are challenging the strategy based on the fact that a handful of parties still object to the deal.

Almost all the governments and other entities that originally sued Purdue have agreed to the settlement.

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## Braun files bill to block loan forgiveness

By DAN GARDEN  
The Times (Munster)  
Tribune News Service

U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana, filed legislation Thursday aimed at preventing Democratic President Joe Biden from taking unilateral action to forgive any portion of the \$1.6 trillion in student loan debt owed to the federal government by some 43 million Americans.

So far, the president generally has resisted calls to outright cancel student loan obligations. Though Biden has continued a policy begun in 2020 under Republican President Donald

### Proposal would bar president from using emergency as basis to cancel student debt

Trump that temporarily suspended student loan interest accrual and repayment due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In recent days, however, Biden also has hinted he might be open

to some kind of partial student debt cancellation, perhaps up to \$10,000 per borrower.

But White House press secretary Jen Psaki said any decision on student debt forgiveness

won't be made until closer to the Aug. 31 expiration of the current repayment pause.

Braun's proposal would take that decision out of Biden's hands by barring the president from using the COVID-19 national emergency, or any other future emergency, as a basis for a total or partial cancellation of Americans' student loan debt.

It also would limit to 90 days any temporary suspension of student loan repayment due to a national emergency and deny repayment deferral to any borrower whose income is over 400% of the federal poverty level,

or greater than \$54,360 for a single individual.

Braun said postponing student loan interest payments due to the national public health emergency already has "cost" the federal government \$100 billion, with most of the benefits going to doctors who borrowed heavily to complete their medical training.

"The majority of Americans do not have college degrees," Braun said. "Why should they be forced to pick up the tab for college degrees in the name of pandemic relief?"

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### Deaths

Delane Hutchins, 74, Portland

Everett Somers, 58, rural Portland

Charles Lane, 85, Berne  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 53 degrees Thursday. The low was 42.

Tonight's low will be 51, with a chance of showers beginning just before midnight. More showers and a thunderstorm are possible Saturday with a high of 53.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

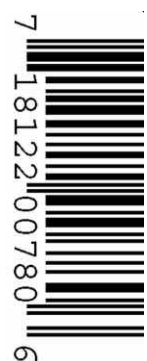
### In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available today. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

### Coming up

**Saturday** — A final look at the ballot ahead of Tuesday's primary election.

**Wednesday** — Results from Tuesday's JCHS softball game against South Adams.



# Obituaries

## Delane Hutchins

Sept. 25, 1947-April 27, 2022  
Delane G. Hutchins, age 74, of Portland passed away Wednesday, April 27, 2022, in Persimmon Ridge Healthcare in Portland.  
She was born in Portland on Sept. 25, 1947, the daughter of William Robert and Mary Louise (Miltahler) Bone. Delane was a 1965 Portland High School graduate and University of Indianapolis graduate. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church. She retired as a nurse working at Jay County Hospital and Persimmon Ridge Healthcare.



Hutchins

Surviving are one son, Tony Hutchins (wife: Shelly) of Charlotte; two daughters, Anjanette Dilley (husband: Tom) of Indianapolis and Andrea Walter

(husband: Jesse) of Pennville; one brother, Gary Bone (wife: Linda) of Portland; three sisters, Ann Kegereis of Venice, Florida, Marilyn Mumby of Hebron, Kentucky, and Lana Koegel (husband: Tom) of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.  
Private graveside services will be held in the Green Park Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society. Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

## Everett Somers

May 16, 1963-April 27, 2022  
Everett Leon Somers, age 58, of rural Portland passed away Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.  
He was born in Portland on May 16, 1963, the son of Gerald and Lois (Bowers) Somers. He worked for Ardagh Glass in

Dunkirk, was a 1981 Jay County High School graduate and was a member of Moose Lodge and Eagles Lodge. Everett enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, arrowhead hunting and riding his Harley-Davidson.  
Surviving are one son, Eric Somers (fiance: Roxana); parents Gerald and Lois Somers of Portland; Eric's mother Cheryl Somers of Huntington; sister Cathy Mock (husband: Lonnie) of Portland; two nephews, Taylor Fugiett and Seth Fugiett; great-niece Charlee Fugiett; and great-nephew Waylon Fugiett.  
Celebration of life services will be Saturday, April 30, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Fort Recovery. Visitation will be Saturday from noon to 2 p.m.



Somers

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## Charles Lane

Sept. 24, 1936-Jan. 29, 2022  
Charles Edward Lane, 85, of Berne passed away Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur.  
He was born Sept. 24, 1936, in Berne to Ella (Gerber) Scare. He was married Sept. 30, 1993, to Connie S. Woodruff-Dressel. They were married for 29 years.  
From the age of 12 until joining the United States Army, he worked on a vegetable farm. While in the army, he was stationed in England. After his service in the military, he took over ownership of a coal company in England. He also worked at Fleetwood Homes for 17 years.  
He enjoyed cars and watching racing, including NASCAR,

IndyCar, Formula 1 and GT. He formerly attended Cross Community Church in Berne.  
He is survived by his wife, two sons, Steve (Jody) Lane and Charles (Vicki) Lane; sister Elmyra Wolf; brother Phil (Theresa) Scare; and sister-in-law Bonnie Flueckiger.  
He was preceded in death by his mother; his daughter Susan; two brothers, the Rev. Jerry Flueckiger and Dave Scare; and wives Molly Lane and Beverly (Reisen) Lane.  
A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

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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.*

# CR almanac

Saturday 4/30	Sunday 5/1	Monday 5/2	Tuesday 5/3	Wednesday 5/4
<b>73/59</b>	<b>71/49</b>	<b>70/56</b>	<b>74/50</b>	<b>64/47</b>
Mostly cloudy skies are expected Saturday with wind gusts reaching as high as 20 mph.	There's a 60% chance of showers and a thunderstorm on Sunday. The high may reach 71.	Mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Monday with a high in the low 70s.	Rain is likely Tuesday with a 90% chance of showers. At night, mostly cloudy.	More showers are possible Wednesday under mostly cloudy skies.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	20-23-24-26-32-36-38-44-49-50-53-59-63-66-70-71-77 Cash 5: 1-9-10-17-18 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$43 million	
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 3-5-1 Daily Four: 6-3-8-9 Quick Draw: 1-4-9-14-20-22-27-28-37-38-53-55-58-59-63-64-71-74-79-80 Evening Daily Three: 1-3-5 Daily Four: 4-9-1-0 Quick Draw: 13-14-18	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 1-9-7 Pick 4: 8-8-7-2 Pick 5: 8-5-9-9-8 Evening Pick 3: 3-9-5 Pick 4: 2-8-1-8 Pick 5: 7-5-0-1-8 Rolling Cash: 2-11-17-18-34 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....8.28 May corn.....8.28 Wheat .....8.71	Wheat ..... 9.75 May wheat ..... 9.75
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....8.29 May corn.....8.29 June corn .....8.35	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....8.10 May corn.....8.12 Beans .....17.00 May beans .....17.00 April wheat .....10.01
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....8.13 May corn.....8.13 Beans .....17.07 May beans .....17.07	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....8.11 May corn.....8.11 Beans .....16.85 May beans .....16.85 Wheat.....10.21

## Today in history

On April 29, 1946, 28 former Japanese officials went on trial in Tokyo as war criminals; seven ended up being sentenced to death.  
In 1429, Joan of Arc entered the besieged city of Orleans to lead a French victory over the English.  
In 1916, the Easter Rising in Dublin collapsed as Irish nationalists surrendered to British authorities.  
In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp. Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun inside his "Führerbunker" and designated Adm. Karl Doenitz president.  
In 1972, Lorne Green of the TV show "Bonanza" visited the annual Democrat Appreciation Dinner in Dunkirk.  
—AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	room, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Jay County EDIT Advisory Committee, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
<b>Wednesday</b> 2:30 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners'	<b>Thursday</b> 2:30 p.m. — Portland Historic Preservation Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

# Deeds

David S. Ashley and Tamara K. Hanlin to Karen J. and Michael E. Bartlett, warranty deed — Part of Section 17, Penn Township, 51.17 acres  
Karen J. and Michael E. Bartlett to David S. Ashley and Tamara K. Hanlin, warranty deed — Part of Section 16, Penn Township, 72 acres  
Anthony W. and Carol A. Limbert to Rodney and Stacy L. Miles, warranty deed — Part of Section 21, Wayne Township  
Francis J. and Patricia M. Laux life estates and Laux Family Farms to Francis J. and Patricia M. Laux, quit claim deed — Part of Section 12, Bearcreek Township, 4 acres  
Marlene A. Minnich (also known as Marlene A. Stevenson) and William F. Steveson (deceased) to Macey S. and Nathaniel M. Schmit, warranty deed — Lot 7 and Part of Lot 8, Coopers Addition  
Joseph M. and Ruthann P. Brockman to themselves, death deed — Parts of Section 22, Wayne Township  
Lanae F. and Timothy A. Smith to Timothy A. Smith, quit claim deed — Part of Section 20, Noble Township, 1 acre

Mary R. Landess (deceased) to Gary E. and Lisa N. Reyes, deed affidavit — Lot 1, Corwin and Jaqua Addition  
Christine and Michael Brown to Summer Brown, quit claim deed — Part of Outlot 1, Woodlawn Park Addition  
Quentin M.A. Phillips and Ricki A. Gustavo Villegas to Molly J. Steed, quit claim deed — Part of Lot 2, Block 18, original plat of Dunkirk; part of Lot 3, Block 18, original plat of Dunkirk  
James L. Garringer (deceased) and Nondis J. Garringer to Nondis J. Garringer, Tonya Fennig, Nathan East and Brian and Leslie Garringer, deed affidavit — Part of Section 15, Jefferson Township  
Susan J. and Wade E. Kohler to Christa and Christopher Robinson, warranty deed — Part of Section 7, Wayne Township, 10.54 acres  
Fredric L. and Elizabeth J. Bailey to Alexis M. and Forrest A. Johnson, warranty deed — Part of Section 6, Pike Township, 31 acres  
David S. Ashley and Tamara K. Hanlin to Kent K. and Kim K. Homan, warranty deed — Part of

Section 16, Penn Township, 72 acres  
McFarland Hall Enterprises to American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 9, Wayne Township, 0.715 acres  
Jason and Kerri Fosnaugh to First Bank of Berne and State of Indiana, deed affidavit — Parts of Section 30, Bearcreek Township  
Katie E. Daniels (also known as Katie E. Snyder) to Maria S. and Seth M. Huelskamp, warranty deed — Parts of Section 18, Noble Township  
Kimbra M. and Michael A. Thomas to themselves, death deed — Lot 8, Southtown Addition  
Eric T. Bowler to Dylan M.R. Bowler, quit claim deed — Section 8, Richland Township  
Darlene D. Strohl (deceased) and Joe B. Strohl to Joe B. Strohl, death deed — Part of Section 11, Richland Township, 2.514 acres  
Krista and Ronney Wine to Daniel P. and Pegan M. Wright, warranty deed — Part of Outlot 27, original plat of Pennville  
Arthur D. Clark (deceased) and Linda S. Clark to Chad S. Hodge, warranty deed — Part of Lots 5 and 6, Sullivans Margaret Addition

# Capsule Reports

### Failed to stop

Two Jay County residents were hospitalized after a Portland man didn't stop at the intersection of Indiana 67 and county road 200 South, causing him to crash his truck into a Redkey woman's car about 2 p.m. Wednesday.  
Richard D. Nixon, 90, was driving his 2019 Ford F-150 west on county road 200 South and failed to yield the right of way at the intersection with Indiana 67, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. He continued into the intersection, where a southbound 2016 Hyundai Accord driven by 71-year-old Karen J. Myers struck

his vehicle. Nixon's truck rolled onto its passenger side.  
Nixon and Myers were taken to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. Their vehicles were towed.

### Deer hit

Deer caused two accidents in Jay County recently.  
Todd M. Miller, 50, Redkey, was driving south on Indiana 1 about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday. As he drove through the intersection with county road 200 North, a deer ran in front of his 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe. He wasn't able to avoid the collision, causing between \$1,000 and \$2,500 in estimated damage.  
Jane A. Prescott, 55, Portland, was driving north on U.S. 27 about 7:13 p.m. Wednesday when a deer ran across the road. Her 2012 Toyota Prius hit the deer, causing between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in estimated damage.

### Pole hit

An Ohio man drove into a pole along county road 500 North about 4 p.m. Wednesday.  
Tyler J. Miller, 18, Coldwater, was driving west in his 2008 GMC Acadia when it went off the road and struck a pole.  
Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

## SERVICES

**Saturday**  
Hill, Nancy: 10 a.m., Apostolic Christian Country Church, 1970 S. 800 East, Bluffton.  
Somers, Everett: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Sunday**  
Lothridge, David: 11 a.m., 2195 S. Boundary Pike, Portland.

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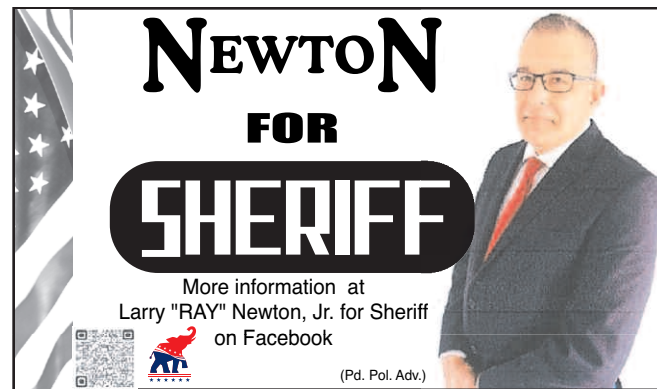


### Swiss Village

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Swiss Village is seeking an individual to work Part-Time as a Healthcare Hostess. This position will be 2-3 days per week, 4pm-7pm, with a weekend rotation. Weekend hours will be 2pm-5pm on Saturdays and Sundays. This position is responsible for assisting the healthcare staff by providing non-medical support services, including passing linens, snacks, and ice waters. Candidates must be at least 15 years old, have an interest in nursing services, and be able to communicate effectively with staff and residents.

Apply online at [www.swissvillage.org](http://www.swissvillage.org) or send Resume to:  
Kayla Reilly, HR Specialist  
Swiss Village  
1350 W. Main St., Berne, IN 46711  
Or e-mail: [careers@swissvillage.org](mailto:careers@swissvillage.org)



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## Five generations

Pictured are five generations of the Young, May, Reed and Lewis family. Front row are great-great-grandmother Betty Young, mother Kaitlin Lewis and Nora. Back row are April May Reed and Roxann (Young) May. Young now has two great-great-grandchildren.

# In-laws offering their own home

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: I am a newlywed. My husband and I are looking for a house to settle down in, but we're struggling to find one we like that we can afford. My in-laws, who are moving, offered to sell us their house for a very generous price. The house is in a great neighborhood, but it's old and outdated and has HVAC and plumbing problems.

I think the house would be the perfect place for my husband and me to raise a family if we had some renovations made. However, we have talked to my in-laws about this, and they are very attached to this house and very against having any renovations made to it. My husband is happy to buy it and not have the renovations made, but I'm not so sure. What should I do? — HOUSE HUNTER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR HOUSE HUNTER: You and your husband should talk with your in-laws together. While I understand their sentimental attachment to the house, they are being unrealistic and controlling. If they were to sell it to strangers, you can bet the first thing that would happen would be renovations. HVAC, plumbing, electrical and roof problems cost a fortune to keep fixing over time if they are not dealt with. Don't they want their grandchildren raised in a nice, safe home in a great neighborhood? If the answer is yes, they need to loosen the reins. If not, then you should keep looking.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a veteran with a nonservice-connected back injury. I need artificial discs between several vertebrae. The hospitals and clinics ignored my condition for the past 25 years. I will have an MRI soon. My fiancée is a nurse and does not have the money for the operation I need. A wealthy female friend has offered to fund it. Should I ask my fiancée for permission

since this friend is a woman? — GETTING A CHANCE IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR GETTING: You should definitely clear it with your fiancée. If she loves you, she will agree that you are fortunate to have such a generous friend. However, if she's insecure, you will then have to decide which is more important — your health or your relationship. I know which one I'd choose.

DEAR ABBY: My college-age daughter who still lives with me is addicted to caffeine. I am considering slowly replacing the regular coffee with decaf without telling her. I don't want to tell her, as this may get in her head, and she may react by having withdrawal symptoms. I don't think she would be angry, because she knows I am always looking out for her. What do you think? — MOM WITH A PLAN

DEAR MOM: Quit being a helicopter barista. Have enough respect for your college-age daughter to tell her the amount of coffee she consumes is a concern for you. Then ask if she would like your help to cut back. Withdrawal symptoms from caffeine are real, and your daughter might wonder what's wrong when she experiences symptoms of withdrawal if you keep her in the dark.

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 [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## Library hosting adult programs

Jay County Public Library has a variety of programs scheduled for next month.

Amanda Bullion of Jay County Purdue Extension will teach a financial literacy class at 1 p.m. Monday. The class will discuss topics such as budgeting, saving money and spending habits.

Bullion is also offering a series of adult self-care events at

the library. A mental health hour for moms is scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday — children will be provided with an activity and snack while their parents spend time relaxing and learning with Bullion. Registration is required.

Other library programs this month include:

- Managing pests in the veg-

etable garden, 6 p.m. May 12

- Making homemade spa products, 6 p.m. May 16

- Beginner crochet, 4:30 p.m. May 19

- Brain break for adults, 5:30-7:30 p.m. May 23

- Indoor adult yoga with goats, 6 p.m. May 24

- "Atomic Habits" book talk, 6:30 p.m. May 31

## Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@theocr.com](mailto:news@theocr.com).

### Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE

SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is [museumofthesoldier.com](http://museumofthesoldier.com).

### Monday

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — Will be

played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday 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.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

### Tuesday

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

### Thursday's Solution

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

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.

## FAMILY DENTISTRY

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# Ronald served as mentor to many

To the editor:  
I first met Jack Ronald in May 1979.  
I was a student at Ball State University, working in the shipping department at Indiana Glass in Dunkirk while finishing my degree. I thought I wanted to be a high school history teacher at the time, but when the editor's job opened at The News and Sun I took a shot and applied. I hoped my journalism minor might be enough to get me out of the hard work in the warehouse and into what I thought would be a soft desk job. Jack was among those who

## Letters to the Editor

interviewed me. He, along with his father, Hugh, then publisher Manon Felts and then general manager Dick Arnold decided to take a chance and hired me. I quickly learned that hard work comes in many versions. Jack provided guidance and encouragement. During my

weekly visit to The Commercial Review office in Portland — these were way before computer days — I not only put together each week's edition of The News and Sun, but also learned invaluable lessons in community journalism. Jack and other staff of The Commercial Review, including Quentin and Libby Imel, put me on a path that led to 40-plus years in journalism. That first job taught me about the importance of accuracy, the necessity of including all voices in a story and how to treat others with respect, no

matter the situation. His commitment to local journalism, to making every effort to inform readers about what was going on in their communities, set a high standard. Those lessons stayed with me as an editor at newspapers in Indiana and Illinois. And I'm sure they are the same lessons shared by dozens of other journalists whose careers started in Jay County under Jack's leadership. Through the years, Jack and I would occasionally trade emails and catch up a bit. I often promised to stop by for a face-to-face visit, but life always

seemed to push us in other directions. I wish now, of course, I had taken the time to make the trip back to Jay County. Evidence of Jack's contributions to journalism can be seen in the many awards he received and in the honors he collected. But his real contributions to the profession continue to shine in communities large and small in the work by those he helped along the way. Jack, you're going to be missed.  
Larry Smith  
Danville, Illinois

## For better or worse, Twitter has influence

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### Guest Editorial

One of the world's most influential social media platforms will soon be under the private ownership of the world's richest person.

What could possibly go wrong?

Elon Musk's \$44 billion purchase of Twitter has prompted speculation about how the mercurial electric car mogul might change things. Republicans are giddy about the prospect that Musk might restore "free speech" to the platform — which, of course is conservative code for allowing right-wing disinformation to flourish.

Speaking of disinformation, one of the most discussed issues out there is whether Musk will reopen Twitter to former President Donald Trump, who was rightly banned for inciting the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol insurrection. (Trump's declaration that he has no interest in returning to Twitter isn't believable, given his past obsession with the site.) But Musk and everyone else should remember the broader stakes of shaking up a platform that, for better or worse, has no real social media equal in its power to immediately impact America's political conversation.

Twitter has more than 350 million users worldwide, more than 70 million of those in the U.S., which makes it far smaller than platforms like Facebook or Instagram. But Twitter has exerted outside influence on American political debate, largely because its bumper-sticker-like brevity makes it the perfect soapbox for politicians and celebrities. Unfortunately, the 280-character limit also encourages sloganeering and insults rather than reasoned discourse. That's good for partisanship and zealotry, but not so much for civility and factual information.

Whether Musk would make that situation better or worse is, like so much of the mega-billionaire's persona, unclear. Musk's politics have always been difficult to pin down — he donates (not much) to both parties and voices opinions that are all over the political map. But his vow to dramatically scale back content moderation falls very much in line with the political right today. Musk has said that, short of outright illegal speech like death threats,

*Twitter's content moderation has never been perfect, but it's hard to imagine that abandoning the effort altogether could do anything but make its too-often-swampy environment swamper.*

he'd be inclined to "let the speech exist."

That sounds nice, but does it include speech that doesn't quite rise to criminality but is clearly harassment? How about spreading deliberate medical disinformation during a deadly pandemic? Or inciting an attack on democracy with disproven election fraud lies?

Today's conservative bromides to "free speech" are cynically situational anyway (as Florida Republicans just demonstrated by bringing the heavy hand of government down on Disney for criticizing their "don't say gay" law). Contrary to some assertions, private companies aren't legally obligated to host toxic lies. Twitter's content moderation has never been perfect, but it's hard to imagine that abandoning the effort altogether could do anything but make its too-often-swampy environment swamper.

More pedestrian but useful changes, like adding editing capability for users and better bot control, could be good for everyone.

Most important is that Musk understands he has taken on a responsibility to society by buying this unparalleled megaphone.



## Mom's mantra touched many

By BUD HERRON

A silver tray hangs on the wall at the top of the stairwell leading to my bedroom.

The tray is now a bit tarnished, but — after 42 years — the inscription on its surface still pops out: "... give them a lot of love and affection."

The "them" in the inscription refers to children — specifically children with speech and hearing disabilities — but, in a larger sense, all children and all people.

The specific children — up to 25 of them at a time — once lived on the campus of Indiana University in a residential program. The dual purpose of the program was therapy for the children and training for a cadre of student clinicians studying in the Department of Speech and Hearing.

The children lived first in a home along Fee Lane near what is now the School of Music, then were moved to a converted dormitory on Seventh Street at the eastern edge of campus. Both residences were called the "Exchange Home" in recognition of funding provided by the Exchange Clubs of Indiana.

My mother, Doris Herron, was the home's "house mother" from 1970 until her retirement in 1980 — watching over both the children and the student clinicians, who also lived in the house.

Mom's academic qualification for the job was a high school diploma from the former Mt. Auburn High School in Shelby County. Her personal qualifications included a loving and compassionate heart, a bright mind and the experience of raising three children of her own.

She was 55 years old, widowed for nearly 10 years, and employed as a clerk at J.C. Penney when she

### Bud Herron



applied for the position. What chance would she have to be hired as a staff member at Indiana University-Bloomington?

She learned of the opening from my father-in-law, a minister in Bloomington, who had only known her a couple of years but was astute enough to see qualities in her that went beyond any academic or employment history.

Dr. Kennon H. Shank, chairman of the Department of Speech and Hearing, saw the same qualities when he interviewed her for the position. Thus, my mother began what was to be a late-life career and an unofficial college education in speech and hearing, psychology, counseling and administration.

Eventually, her work with both the children and the student clinicians gained such attention from the faculty of the department that she was invited to attend staff meetings and encouraged to offer her views on program accomplishments, shortcomings and future directions.

She became known in these meetings for providing the personal observations of a mother, adding new perspectives to the conclusions of therapists and teachers.

Meanwhile, as house mother she continued to provide her greatest skill — that of being a "mom" to the children, the clinicians and occasionally even a professor.

And she became known for a sin-

gle phrase she seemed to work into nearly every conversation and at nearly every staff meeting: "... give them a lot of love and affection." Her mantra was simple when stated, but profound when applied.

When Mom retired in the summer of 1980, the department gave her a retirement reception at Alumni Hall in the Indiana Memorial Union. In addition to the standard 10-year-service pin, Dr. Shank presented her with the inscribed silver tray that now hangs on my stairwell wall.

Mom moved back to a mobile home in Hope after retirement. Her plan was to relax, spend time again with hometown friends and visit with her grandchildren.

But life in retirement proved as unpredictable as all those days she had spent working with children, clinicians and professors in Bloomington. She died from pancreatic cancer on New Year's Day 1983.

Many years later I happened to see Dr. Gladys DeVane, her immediate supervisor at IU, at a play in Brown County. I introduced myself and asked her if she remembered Mom.

Dr. DeVane, then in her 70s and retired, hugged me and said, "Oh, my heavens, Doris Herron. She was a remarkable woman. I loved her."

Remarkable, indeed — for the scores of children, clinicians and staff members she touched and for the lesson she left to the world in general about the gift and the power of love.

*Herron is a retired editor and newspaper publisher who lives in Columbus. He served as publisher of The Republic from 1998 to 2007.*

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## Aim ...

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“I feel like when you take a building like this that hasn’t had anything in it for 50 years, the energy that you manifest, you know, does matter,” said Brown. “When you come in here on a night when it’s busy and everybody’s throwing, and axes are slamming, we have the viking music playing — there’s a special energy here.”

At his core, Brown loves to teach. He received his associate’s degree in business from Vincennes University and operated a karate school while there for about two years. (Brown is a fourth-degree black belt and currently teaches at Backers Taekwondo in rural Dunkirk.)

In relation to his current practice, Brown offers blacksmithing classes, varying in length anywhere from two through four hours to two days. The type of blade created varies on the length of the class.

He plans to coordinate events with Redkey Blacksmiths and has a two-day event in the works for visitors to forge their own axe and test it out at Valhalla Axe Hall. He’s in the midst of repairing equipment to make it happen.

Brown said he’s relatively new to axe-throwing. He’s hopeful to see more people get involved in the upcoming league and gain some reputation in the field.

“Reputation was one of the most important things to (vikings),” said Brown. “This is somewhere new where we’re all amateurs competing against each other, like, come get some reputation, show us what you’re made of.”

Valhalla Axe Hall is open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursdays, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays, 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

## Court ...

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That has left only a small group of objectors: Canadian local governments and First Nations; two mothers of sons who died of opioid overdoses; and the Office of the U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee, an arm of the federal Department of Justice.

A judge called for mediation between Purdue and the two individual plaintiffs to see if they could agree on a settlement.

This week, more than 1,000 families who have lost loved ones to overdoses sent a letter asking the U.S. Justice Depart-

ment to drop its opposition. They said individual victims would not receive payments if the settlement is derailed.

“Moreover, if this plan is not implemented, the states would have to wait years to recover money to be used for abating the opioid crisis,” their letter said. “With drug overdoses occurring at record rates, that is time we cannot afford.”

The federal judge overseeing Purdue’s bankruptcy case approved a settlement last year that was later rejected on an appeal brought primarily by

attorneys general for eight states and the District of Columbia. The sides then went to mediation that ultimately persuaded the Sacklers to increase their contribution by more than \$1 billion.

Purdue is perhaps the highest-profile player in the opioid industry. But several other drug-makers, distribution companies and pharmacies also have been sued by state and local governments. While a handful of cases have gone to trial, many also are being settled.

Earlier this year, drugmaker

Johnson & Johnson and distribution giants AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson finalized deals to provide a total of \$26 billion. Most of the money is required to be used to fight the opioid crisis, which has been linked to more than 500,000 deaths in the U.S. over the last two decades.

No matter how the 2nd Circuit rules on the case, an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court is possible. If Purdue and its allies win, they still must go back to the bankruptcy judge to get the latest version of the deal approved.

## Felony arrests

### Habitual violator

A Redkey man was charged with being a habitual traffic violator Thursday.

John T. Mangus, 49,

4107 S. Younkin Drive, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and

a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

He’s being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

## Loan ...

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“This transfer of wealth is not a move to ‘advance equity,’ but rather a taxpayer handout to appease far-left activists.”

Braun’s proposal is co-sponsored by four Senate Republicans and also supported by U.S. Sen. Todd Young, R-Ind.

“The Biden Administration is once again succumbing to pressure from the far left by asking working Americans to pay for the college education of doctors and lawyers,” Young said.

“Seventy-five percent

of repayment dollars under Joe Biden’s plan to cancel student debt would go to the top 40% of income earners. Asking Hoosiers who didn’t go to college or who have already paid off their debt to foot the bill for others is an egregious mistake that will do nothing to make higher education more affordable, which is what we should really be focused on.”

The legislation likely has little chance of winning approval in the Democratic-controlled Senate, though a shift in party

control following this year’s general elections might improve its odds.

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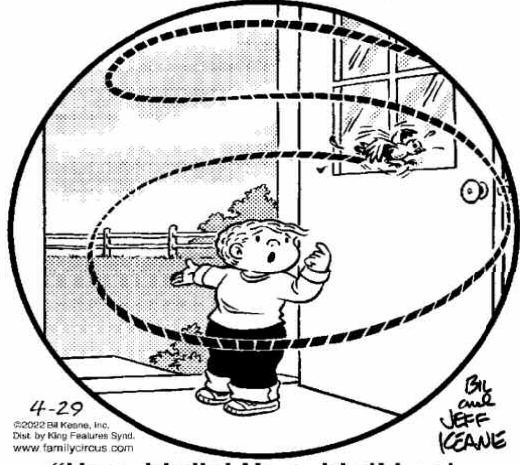
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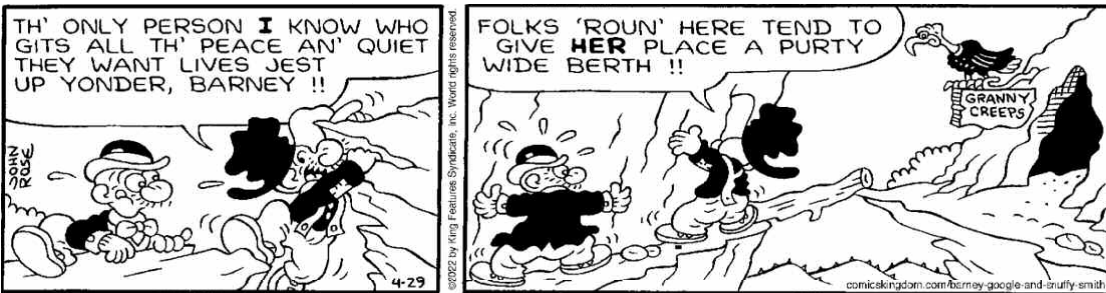
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# Hurt ...

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Adams Central got two runs in the bottom of the third inning and two in the fourth to pull even before getting the solo scoring effort from Currie in the fifth. “The kids did a great job ... Honestly (we) made a little adjustment on our hitting approach,” said Adams Central coach Dave Neuschwander. “And the kids fought back. It was just chipping away. “Our philosophy is always we’re looking fastball and adjusting to curve. We just flip-flopped it.” Jay County loaded the bases with just one out in the top of the sixth inning when Parker Nichols singled, Quinn Faulkner reached on an error and Heniser drew a walk. But Ryan Black struck out Sam Myers for the second out of the inning and then catcher Jaren Hildebrand picked Nichols off of third base to end the threat. A two-out double by McBride followed by a Ryne Goldsworthy walk gave the Patriots a chance in the top of the seventh inning, but Black struck out Nichols looking to secure the one-run win for Adams Central. “We’ve struggled, really, throwing strikes all year,” said Neuschwander. “And we’ve been really, really trying to work on it. But he bulldogged it and did a good job.” Hildebrand, who started and tossed five innings before moving behind the plate, got the win as he struck out five batters in five innings. He gave up five runs — three earned — on four hits and six walks. Black struck out four in two scoreless innings of relief for the save. Currie powered the Jets’ offense, reaching base in all three plate appearances, including a double in the second inning, scoring twice, stealing two bases and driving in a run. Hildebrand had two hits and an RBI, and Blake Heyerly walked twice, scored once and drove in a run with a sacrifice fly. Heniser took the loss as he gave up six runs — five earned — on



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Ryne Goldsworthy of Jay County makes a diving attempt to catch a pop up in foul territory during Thursday's loss to host Adams Central. Goldsworthy had the ball in his glove, but it popped free when he slammed into the ground in foul territory.

seven hits and two walks in 5 1/3 innings. He struck out 10 batters.

Dusty Pearson singled and drove in two runs in the first inning for

the Patriots. Gavin Myers, Faulkner and Nichols each had a single and a run, and Heniser added a single and an RBI.

# FRHS comeback falls short vs. 'Cats

MINSTER, Ohio — The Indians fought back. Their deficit proved to be too large to overcome. Fort Recovery High School's baseball team scored four times in the top of the seventh inning Thursday but still suffered a 7-5 loss to the Minster Wildcats. Minster (11-5, 3-4 Midwest Athletic Conference) grabbed the lead with one run in the first inning and added three more in the third. The Indians (9-6, 3-4 MAC) got one run in the top of the fifth before the Wildcats extended their lead to 7-1. The Tribe rally in the seventh inning fell a couple of runs short. Bo Thien suffered the loss, allowing six runs on six hits and five walks in four-plus innings. Riggs Tobe was 2-for-4 with an RBI, and Marcus Gaerke and Kendrik Wendel each had one hit, one run and one RBI.

## Recovery roundup

in the fifth to take control. Sophie Pearson took the loss as she gave up seven runs — six earned — on 12 hits and two walks in five innings. Kensey Gaerke and Pearson each went 2-for-3 at the plate with an RBI. Jackie Homan singled and scored a run.

**Brunswick wins**  
COLDWATER, Ohio — Parker Brunswick picked up the only win for Fort Recovery in Thursday's Coldwater Junior High Track and Field Invitation. The Indian boys scored 37 points to finish sixth in the nine-team field. The girls had 19 as they finished in last place.

Brunswick was dominant in the boys 1,600-meter run, winning by nearly 20 seconds. He recorded a time of 5 minutes, 6.22 seconds. Isaac Roessner added a fourth-place finish in the long jump. Makenna Huelskamp's runner-up finish in the 800-meter run in 2:30.02 was the top effort for the girls team. Cameron Muhlkamp was among seven athletes who cleared the high jump bar at 4 feet, 4 inches, the second-highest mark of the night.

# Jay Co. ...

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The Patriots (7-1), whose only loss of the season came against Adams Central, also won a three-team match Wednesday at Hickory Hills Golf Course with a 183. Winchester was second at 188 and host Monroe Central shot 206. Caleb DeRome led the JCHS with a score of 40. Kyle Sanders, Brock DeHoff, Ricky Nava and Gage Sims all shot 44. DeRome shot 42 Wednesday to

lead the Patriots to their win. In junior varsity action, JCHS defeated Blackford 211-243 Thursday, with Liam Garringer turning in a team-best 44. **JV softball falls short** Jay County's junior varsity softball team struck first but was unable to hold on Thursday in a 5-4 loss to the visiting Adams Central Jets. The Patriots scored three times in the third inning to take

the lead. Adams Central responded with two runs in the fourth and then tallied three more in the fifth to pull ahead of good. Taylor Brown took the loss for JCHS, giving up five runs on 16 hits in 6 2/3 innings. She struck out seven. Brown led the Patriots at the plate, going 2-for-4. **All-stars go 3-1** Portland's 8-and-younger all-

star softball team has posted a 3-1 record this week, splitting a doubleheader Tuesday against Selma and sweeping a pair of games Thursday against Winchester. Kenzlea Bentz had a big evening Thursday, smacking four hits, including a double, and driving in three runs in the opening 20-0 victory. She had three hits and three RBIs as Portland won the second game 15-0.

Emma Wilhelm and Londyn Lyons each had three RBIs and three hits in the opener, and Wilhelm also had three hits and three RBIs in game two. Ellie Wiggins racked up seven hits and seven RBIs in the games against Selma — an 18-12 win and a 19-14 loss. Keirstyn White had four hits and three RBIs in the opening, and Paisley Day recorded four hits and four RBIs in game two.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Boys track at New Castle — 5 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Jay County — Boys golf at Winchester Invitational — 8 a.m.; Baseball at Wapahani Invitational — 9:30 a.m.; Girls track at Muncie Central Relays — 10 a.m.; JV baseball at Muncie Central — 10 a.m.

## TV schedule

**Today**  
7 p.m. — NFL football: Draft (ESPN)  
8:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Colorado Rockies (Bally Indiana)  
10:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Golden

**Saturday**  
Noon — NFL football: Draft (ESPN)  
Noon — College football: Maryland Spring Game (BTN)  
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Manchester City at Leeds United (NBC)  
2 p.m. — College football: Minnesota Spring Game (BTN)

2:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Arizona Diamondbacks at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)  
3 p.m. — AMA Supercross (NBC)  
4 p.m. — USFL football: Houston Gamblers at Tampa Bay Bandits (FOX)  
7 p.m. — MMA: UFC Fight night (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — USFL football: New Orleans Breakers at Birmingham Stallions (FOX)  
8:10 p.m. — Major League Base-

ball: Cincinnati Reds at Colorado Rockies (Bally Indiana)  
10 p.m. — Boxing: Oscar Valdez vs. Shakur Stevenson (ESPN)

## Local notes

**Boomer registration is open**  
Registration is now open for Jay Community Center's Boomer T-Ball and Coach Pitch. The program is open to boys and

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To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@their.com.

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**Public Notice**  
STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT 2022 TERM In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate of: Brenda Gillum, Deceased No. 38C01-2203-EU-000007 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Pam Best was, on the 24th day of February, 2022, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Brenda Gillum deceased, who died on January 27, 2022. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 20th day of April, 2022. HINKLE, RACSTER & SCHEMENAUR 121 W. High Street Portland, IN 47371 Attorney Jon Eads Clerk of the Circuit Court, For Jay County, Indiana CR 4-22-29-2022 HSPAXLP

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**Public Notice**  
STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO: 38C01-2203-EU-000015 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF: KAREN J. METTLER (Deceased) NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Katherine Faith was appointed as Personal Representative of the estate of Karen J. Mettler, deceased, on the 24th day of March, 2022, who died on the 3rd day of February, 2022. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated this 25th day of March, 2022. Jon Eads CLERK OF THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT COLDREN, FRANTZ & SPRUNGER Attorneys at Law 940 N. Meridian St. Portland, IN 47371 CR 4-22, 29-2022 HSPAXLP

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# Sports

## JCHS breaks through vs. Jets

MONROE — Adams Central had beaten Bellmont by 10, Delta by 10 and Woodlan 6-0. The Patriots had been close but lost to all three. On Thursday, they broke through. Jay County High School's softball team earned a key Allen County Athletic Conference victory Thursday, defeating the host Adams Central Jets 2-1.

The Patriots (5-5, 1-1 ACAC) broke a scoreless tie when Jaelyn Lykins and Jozey Shimp each scored in the fourth inning. Adams Central (8-3, 2-2 ACAC) responded with a run in the bottom of the sixth, but that was all the home team could muster.

Haleigh Clayton scattered six hits in seven innings while allowing the single earned run as she picked up the win. She struck out five batters and did not allow a walk.

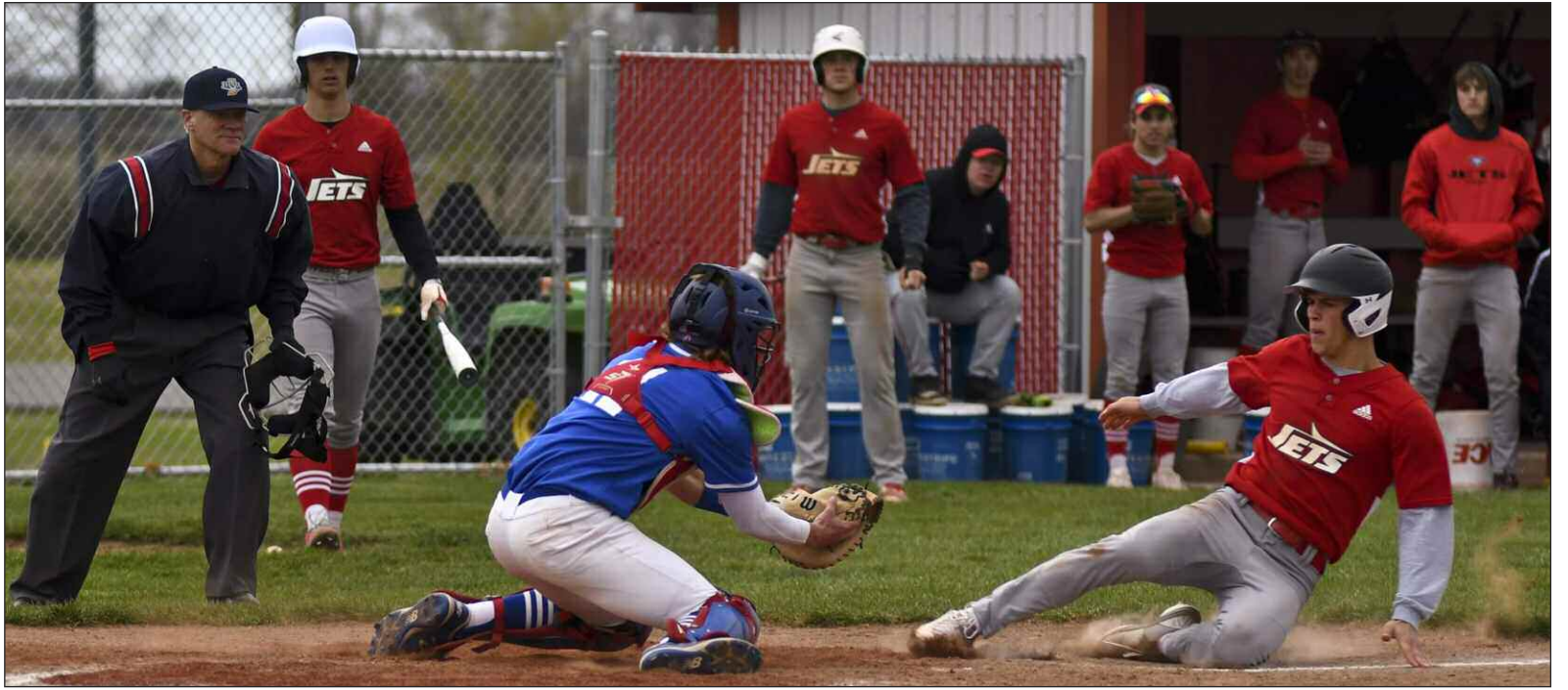
Riah Champ, Lykins and Shimp each finished 2-for-3. Champ had a triple and an RBI, and Olivia Bright doubled and drove in a run.

### Golfers club Bruins

HARTFORD CITY — The Jay County golf team cruised to a 175-223 victory Thursday over the host Blackford Bruins at Blackford Golf Club.

See Jay Co. page 7

# Miscues hurt JC



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School catcher Kess McBride tags out Alex Currie of the Adams Central Jets as he tries to take home plate in the bottom of the sixth inning Thursday.

## Errors allow Adams Central to score game-winner, base-running mistake ends Patriot threat in sixth

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

MONROE — Errors allowed the lead run to cross the plate in the bottom of the fifth inning.

A base-running miscue ended the Patriots' threat in the top of the sixth.

Mistakes and a persistent group of Adams Central Jets left the Jay County High School baseball team with a 6-5 Allen County Athletic Conference loss Thursday night.

"We hurt ourselves. We

played Monroe Central, we hurt ourselves. We played today, we hurt ourselves," said JCHS coach Lea Selvey, whose team lost 5-2 Tuesday at Monroe Central. "You just can hurt yourselves. And we did. ... Base-running kind of let us down today. And called third strikes. ... You've got to battle. You can't let that happen."

Jay County (6-4, 1-1 ACAC) and the Jets (7-4, 2-1 ACAC) were tied at 5-5 heading into the bottom of the fifth inning when Trevor Currie got the home

team started with a single. The Adams Central bats never touched the ball again in the inning, but they still managed to tally what would be the game-winning run.

Currie's single slipped past JCHS left fielder Kess McBride, allowing the Jets sophomore to take second base. He then stole third.

Patriot pitcher Crosby Heniser struck out Braysen Yergler for the first inning, and he sat down Logan Uhlman on strikes as well. But catcher Gavin

Myers dropped the third strike and when he threw down to first base to record the out, Currie scampered home to score. Heniser then struck out Ethan Brown to end the inning.

That run was the completion of a comeback from a 5-1 deficit through two and a half innings. Three of the Patriots' four fielding errors came in the fifth and sixth innings.

"If we could have stopped after four innings, we'd be in a great shape," said Selvey.

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