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City to seek grant for art

Funding would be used for display in Brick Alley

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The city will be seeking a grant to install some public art.

Portland City Council on Monday agreed to be the applicant for a grant to fund the installation of public art along Brick Alley.

Travis Richards of Jay County Development Corporation explained to council that Portland Main Street Connect would like to apply for a \$5,000 Indiana Destination Development Corporation grant. It would be used to purchase and install frames on the north side of Community Resource Center along Brick Alley. The frames would be used to display art from local students that could be rotated on an annual basis.

He noted the Main Street group does not have a mechanism for accepting funds through a grant, so the city makes the most sense as the applicant. The application is due in May.

Arts Place president Mike Medler noted that the organization has been working with JCDC and the Main Street group on a cultural pathway grant and the Brick Alley project would be a positive toward that effort.

"It's something that can improve the city across the board," he said.

City council members Kent McClung, Janet Powers, Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Dave Golden and Mike Aker voted unanimously in favor of the grant application. (Richards will coordinate the effort between the city and the various organizations involved.)

Portland Mayor John Boggs also gave council the following updates:

- On a proposed Indiana Department of Transportation project to pave Meridian Street (U.S. 27) through downtown Portland as well as reduce lanes and install bump-outs in the downtown area, he said there was a Zoom meeting March 23 in which city officials expressed their opinions about the project. He said he expects to hear from INDOT again in the new few weeks regarding a revised plan.

- Regarding the possibility of a Tractor Supply Company store moving into the former Marsh supermarket site at 220 W. Lincoln St., he said a new investor has gotten involved and plans are now being discussed that would involve \$1 million in renovations, including taking down parts of the building and adding a greenhouse. "We're going to have a TSC, but it's going to be a little longer I think than we expected," Boggs said.

- Tiles, which had problems with cracking and breaking, are being removed from the perimeter of the pool at Portland Water Park. He noted that the average temperature will need to be 60 degrees before installation of the new tiles can begin. The opening of the facility will be delayed this year, with Portland Park Board having set July 4 as a goal date. (It typically opens on Memorial Day weekend.) The mayor also noted the city is seeking a new manager for the facility and that applicants should contact park board president Brian Ison, vice president Shauna Runkle or city hall.

- Said WenZak, a firm that has expressed interest in bringing a Wendy's restaurant to the former Ken Kunkle auto dealership lot at the northwest corner of Meridian and Race streets, is awaiting results of soil borings taken at the site. The mayor had previously said the firm would like to have the restaurant complete and open by late August.

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Flying for Allen

Members of Allen Dues' family — Joe, Gail, Jenna, Kevin and Kayla — raise a flag in his honor Monday between the tennis courts and softball field at Jay County High School. The Patriot boys tennis program chose the flag, which was installed by Brooks Fugiett, as a way to remember their former teammate who died in August when the vehicle he was driving went off county road 200 South and struck multiple utility poles. A bench, donated by Cummins and Bricker, was also installed in honor of Dues. "This will be a place where you can always come out and remember Allen," said JCHS boys tennis coach Donald Gillespie.

Concern aired about smelly lagoons

Diller says village is working to resolve issue

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — Odors coming from the wastewater lagoons are becoming a problem.

Hopes are to fix the smell as soon as possible.

About 10 residents who live along Wabash Road visited Fort Recovery Village Council on Monday to voice their frustrations and learn about potential solutions to the stench.

"It seeps around our windows and doors at night, and our basements are filled, our garage is filled," a woman in the crowd said of the smell.

The village has been working on a long-term wastewater system plan with Poggemeyer Design Group since December, village administrator Randy Diller, said. It has also been in discussion with three other companies on how to resolve the issue.

Keith Uccello of Hawkins Water Treatment Group explained the village's problem is the production of hydrogen sulfide, which he confirmed can be hazardous in concentrated amounts.

Diller said those he has spoken to seem to think the problem is resulting from a loading issue. Residents at the meeting suspected Cooper Farms may be contributing a significant amount toward the problem. Jim Westgerdes asked if Cooper Farms is responsible for the hydrogen sulfide and if the village should be paying for the treatment.

"At this point, Cooper's has been paying for most everything that's happened this year," Diller said. "It's not necessarily 100% their issue. Until we do a lot more testing, we don't know that."

He added about 40% of the wastewater treated by the village comes from Cooper Farms.

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Senators reach COVID agreement

By ALAN FRAM and FARNOUSH AMIRI
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate bargainers have reached agreement on a slimmed-down \$10 billion package for countering COVID-19 with treatments, vaccines and other steps, the top Democratic and Republican negotiators said, but ended up dropping all funding to help nations abroad combat the pandemic.

The compromise drew quick support Monday from President Joe Biden, who initially pushed for a \$22.5 billion package. In a setback, he ended up settling for much less despite administration warnings that the government was running out of money to

keep pace with the disease's continued — though diminished — spread in the U.S.

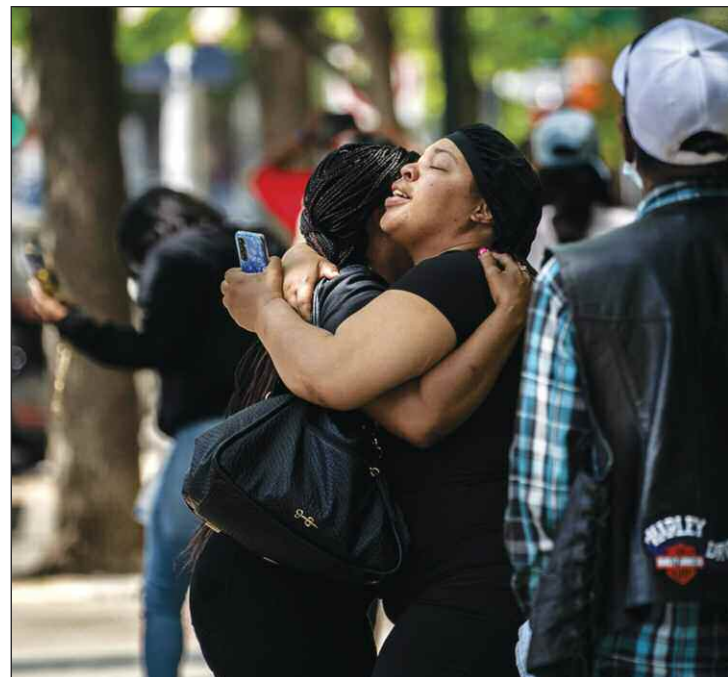
"Every dollar we requested is essential and we will continue to work with Congress to get all of the funding we need," said White House press secretary Jen Psaki. "But time is of the essence. We urge Congress to move promptly on this \$10 billion package because it can begin to fund the most immediate needs."

Biden and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-New York, his party's lead bargainer, abandoned Biden's request to include \$5 billion to help countries — especially poorer ones — where the disease is rampant.

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In grief

Victims' families greet each other near the crime scene at 10th and K streets in downtown Sacramento. Six people were killed and at least 12 were hospitalized after multiple shooters fired in downtown Sacramento early Sunday, police said. The violence broke out shortly after 2 a.m. local time, leaving bodies on the ground and sending people running for cover in this popular nightlife destination lined with bars and clubs a block from the state Capitol.



Washington Post/Melina Mara

Deaths

Audrey Smith, 93, Dunkirk
Timothy Wellman, 60, Decatur
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 61 degrees Monday. The low was 39.

Tonight's low will be 49, and there is a chance of rain beginning early Wednesday. At least a 30% chance of rain is in the forecast through Friday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will partner to host a free food tailgate from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Income verification is not required.

Coming up

Wednesday — Jay County High School spring sports preview section.

Friday — Coverage of Thursday's Portland Board of Works meeting.



Obituaries

Audrey Gaunt

May 10, 1928-April 1, 2022
Audrey O. (Smith) Gaunt, 93, of Dunkirk, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly Friday, April 1, 2022, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana.
Audrey was born in McMinnville, Tennessee, on May 10, 1928, a daughter of the late Sofronia (Bell) and Floyd T. Smith. She was employed by Indiana Glass for 37 years and was a lifetime member of the Women of the Moose Lodge 1352, Senior Regent, and the American Legion Women's Auxiliary Post 227.
Audrey was an extremely caring and hard-working woman. She loved to help people, had



Gaunt

many friends who she enjoyed traveling with and also enjoyed watching soaps, working in her yard and doing crossword puzzles.
Audrey is survived by two sons, Tony Gaunt (wife: Judy) and Bobby Gaunt; one sister, Nonnie; one grandson, Nick Gaunt; one step-granddaughter, Paula Bell; two great-grandchildren, Haden and Taylor; and several nieces and nephews.
She was preceded in death by her parents; special friend Robert Lee Gaunt; three brothers, Charlie Ray, Willy T. and Raymond; five sisters, Anna Lee, Velma, Hilmer, Naomi and Alice; and two grandsons, Rob and Aaron Gaunt.
Friends are invited to call Thursday, April 7, 2022, from noon to 2 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral servic-

es will follow at 2 p.m. Burial will be held in Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery.
In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Mooseheart at mooseheart.org.
Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries.
Timothy Wellman
April 2, 1962-April 3, 2022
Timothy W. Wellman, 60, of Decatur, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, April 3, 2022, at Celebrate Senior Living in Fort Wayne.
Tim was born on April 2, 1962, in Coldwater, Ohio, to Richard and Ruth (Weigel) Wellman. On Feb. 22, 1986, Tim married Jill A. Jackson; she preceded him in death on Nov. 18, 2002.
Tim was a parishioner of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus.
He is survived by his son, Nathan L. (Jamie) Wellman; daughter, Jennifer M. (fiancé: Dave Krul) Wellman, both of Decatur; four brothers, Tom (Mary Lou) Wellman of New Palestine, Indiana, Ken (Karen) Wellman of Portland, Indiana, Ed (Linda) Wellman of Bryant, Indiana, and Rick (Becky) Wellman of Selma, Indiana; sister Patty (Kevin) of Decatur; and eight grandchildren, Delon, Lydea, Ruby, Mallore, Kaylie, Peyton, Gracie and Lily.
Tim was preceded in death by his parents; and three sisters, Kathy Barhorst, Connie Harshman and Becky Wellman.
A public visitation will be from



Wellman

10 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 7, 2022, at Haggard-Sefton-Hirsch & Zelt Funeral Home.
Family private burial will take place in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.
Preferred memorials are to A.C.C.F. Angel Kidney Fund.
Arrangements were handled by Haggard-Sefton-Hirsch & Zelt Funeral Home.
To sign the guest book, visit hshfuneralhome.com.

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

CR almanac

Wednesday 4/6	Thursday 4/7	Friday 4/8	Saturday 4/9	Sunday 4/10
56/40	51/36	45/33	44/32	56/43
Rain is likely throughout the day with wind gusts reaching as high as 20 mph.	There's a 40% chance of showers after 2 p.m. Wind gusts may again reach a high speed of 25 mph.	More rain is in the forecast for Friday, with snow possible early and after midnight.	Mostly cloudy skies are expected Saturday with a high near 44 degrees.	Sunday's weather looks to be mostly sunny with a chance of showers at night.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 2-32-39-46-69 Powerball: 6 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$246 million	55-58-59-61-68-74-75 Cash 5: 4-10-15-17-42 Estimated jackpot: \$306,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$81 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 3-9-6 Pick 4: 4-0-0-7 Pick 5: 7-0-5-8-3 Evening Pick 3: 9-0-6 Pick 4: 2-4-0-4 Pick 5: 3-9-5-7-7 Rolling Cash 5: 12-16-18-22-29 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000 Classic Lotto: 11-14-17-21-38-46 Kicker: 1-2-1-1-8-1 Jackpot: \$25.1 million
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 0-6-4 Daily Four: 4-3-1-8 Evening Daily Three: 8-4-5 Daily Four: 8-5-7-6 Quick Draw: 4-13-15-16-18-22-27-32-33-37-39-43-47-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.53 May corn.....7.54 Wheat8.35	Wheat9.41 May wheat9.41
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Today in history

On April 5, 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death following their conviction in New York on charges of conspiring to commit espionage for the Soviet Union.
In 1614, Indian Chief Powhatan's daughter Pocahontas married Englishman John Rolfe, a widower, in the Virginia Colony.
In 1621, the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth Colony in present-day Massachusetts on a monthlong return trip to England.
In 1887, in Alabama, teacher Anne Sullivan achieved a breakthrough as her 6-year-old deaf-blind pupil, Helen Keller, learned the meaning of the word "water" as spelled out in the Manual Alphabet.
In 2012, 17-year-old Janelle Schwieterman of Fort Recovery was seriously injured when her vehicle was struck by a semi at the intersection of Ohio 49 and Sharpsburg Road. Schwieterman made a full recovery.
—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town	hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonia Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center. Wednesday 7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, courthouse annex, 504 W. Arch St., Portland.
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Concern ...

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Uccello noted the business goes through an egg separation process, and its water does not have solids and appears clear when leaving the plant.
Uccello proposed a three-step plan to alleviate the issue. He suggested first applying calcium nitrate at Cooper Farms' processing plant. Next, the village would add 34% hydrogen peroxide — he noted the byproducts when fed are "essentially water" and commonly used — using a chemical feed drip in both lagoons. The last step would involve bioaugmentation, or the introduction of microorganisms, in order to remove waste from the bottom of the lagoons.
"This ain't snake oil — this is very common practice," said Uccello of the process.
Currently the lagoons have anywhere from 20 to 24 inches of sludge located at the bottom of them. Several residents at the meeting suggested dredging the ponds as a solution.
"I have yet to find someone say that will help (eliminate) the smell," said Diller.
Experts advise for wastewater lagoons to have about a foot or less of sludge in order for the process to work, he added. (However, Diller said the village is keeping its

Intersection will become four-way stop when Ohio 49 is rerouted

options open depending on what it discovers with more testing and guidance from treatment companies.)
Uccello suggested issues may have cropped up in the past with the village's placement in the water of past treatments, which he said can be crucial when applying to wastewater lagoons.
"If chemistries aren't put in the right position, they're bound to fail before they even begin," he said.

Uccello noted his company would be ready to begin today on the process if the village agrees to move forward. Diller said after the meeting he would be speaking with Uccello in the morning about his proposal, which he and village council members received about 5 p.m. Monday.
"We are making as much effort as we can to get rid of that smell as quick as we can," said Diller.
Also Monday, village council heard Ohio Department of Transportation will be changing the intersection of Broadway and Wayne streets to a four-way stop when Ohio 49 is rerouted along Broadway and Elm streets. (The reroute will likely go in effect in the next two weeks.) For safety reasons, council agreed to install a flashing LED lights at the new stop sign for traffic traveling north on Wayne Street.
Council also agreed to look into reconstruction of Milligan Street and replacing water lines along a portion of Gwendolyn and Wiggs streets. Initial engineer's estimates for the reconstruction came in around \$125,000, with the water line replacement expected to cost about \$50,000. The village has about \$225,000 in American Rescue Act Plan funding it could use for the work.

Council ...

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In other business, council:
•Tabled a request from Boggs to seek bid proposals for the Sheller-Globe south building — 510 S. Bridge Street — that has been in limbo for years. McClung requested that the issue be tabled because it was not on the agenda. Council members will revisit the issue at their April 18 meeting.
•Approved road closures for Walnut Street between Meridian and Harrison streets from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for Arts Place's Arts Festival and Main Street between Ship and Commerce streets from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. June 25 for a fundraiser for Alysia Mann, who has cancer.

Capsule Reports

Woman found
A woman missing from Montpelier was found trapped in her vehicle along county road 350 North about 5:10 p.m. Friday.
A silver alert was issued for Virginia A. Crump, 80, around 11 a.m. from Blackford County. Neighbors found Crump in her 2016 Chevrolet Equinox, which was laying on its side in a foot of water off county road 350 North, about 5:10 p.m., according to an accident report from Jay County Sheriff's Office.
She was flown to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne for a variety of injuries. Her vehicle was towed, with damage estimated at more than \$100,000.

Deer hit
A deer ran in front of a

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Years together have gone by quickly

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

Only two more days until our 43rd anniversary. There will be no huge parties, just a trip to a favorite restaurant. We will reminisce about the last years and express surprise at how fast it has gone.

It was cold on our wedding day in 1979. We didn't want to go inside the church ahead of time so that our rings would be easier to get on. It worked. The gold bands fit perfectly on our frostbitten fingers.

The ensuing years were good and bad. There were years where we both had good jobs and other years

As I See It



we struggled to pay the bills. We lost family and welcomed babies. We learned to deal with illnesses that had no cure. Somewhere along the way we grew old. We are surprised to see our parents when we look in the bathroom mirror.

It used to be that I would make an appointment for one thing or another and I could remember the date

and time without writing it down. These days, I have to find the calendar (which could take awhile) then check for conflicts before I can confirm or deny that we have an opening in the schedule.

The worst thing about getting older is not all the aches and pains that pop up. It is the feeling that the world is spinning faster and faster and we are about to fly off into oblivion. This is evidenced by the fact that I am unable to figure out the new phone that daughter Beth got for me. There are days when everything works as it should and I wonder what I was complaining about.

Then the phone emits an evil laugh as I punch it repeatedly and accidentally call someone I've never heard of before.

I long for the days when a phone was a phone. It was used to make and receive phone calls, and that's it. It didn't connect me to the internet probably because the internet hadn't been invented and streamlined yet. It didn't take pictures, it didn't demand to go everywhere its owner did. It made and received phone calls without making me feel like the dumbest person on the planet.

It is not only technology that is changing rapidly.

Our bodies are starting to rebel against us. When we were young we thought it was silly when our folks said they couldn't eat after a certain hour. Now we understand why.

I think that the one thing I miss the most about being young is courage. The last time I went to the neurologist he asked what I wanted to get out of my visits to him. I replied that I wanted my courage back. He didn't answer and I took that as something I was going to have to live without.

The world has changed even quicker than our bodies have. When was the last time the bread man

stopped at your house? Do our children know what a milk man is? It was always a man. How about a party line? If you were very quiet you could learn a lot about your neighbors.

Through all these changes in the world we have traveled through the road together. When I told my husband about the latest cancer, he had the perfect response. He said we would get through this together. We did it once, we can do it again.

We probably won't get another 43 years of marriage but I am grateful for the cold April day that we decided to join our lives together.

Son gradually turned away from his mother

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I divorced when our only son was 3. We had joint custody. Our marriage ended because of his binge drinking, secrecy, verbal abuse and one incident of domestic violence. At 14, my son chose to live with his father.

His dad and stepmother have now alienated him from me. He's 30 now and has had problems abusing alcohol and marijuana. When I see him, there is always underlying hostility. I love and fear for him, as any mother would.

I attend Al-Anon meetings and have made myself geographically available to him over the last eight years. He visits briefly, once or twice every six months. I have offered to go to counseling with him. He has a counselor but never invites me to come. I would pay for one, but

Dear Abby



my son says he's too busy to do more. Should I just give up? I'm afraid of letting go, but emotionally drained from the struggle.

— MOM WITH A BREAKING HEART

DEAR MOM: You have done everything you can to repair the tie that was broken so long ago. You can't fix what's wrong with your son. Whatever problems there were in the past, you have tried to deal with them the best you could. There is a saying in

AA, "Let go and let God." For the sake of your own emotional well-being, it is time to do that.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for a year. We are now making arrangements to move in together. I consider myself lucky because every day my partner tells me I'm beautiful, that I am kind and many wonderful things. I know he adores me.

However, he has not told me he loves me. Nor have I said it to him. Am I old-fashioned in assuming my male partner should tell me he loves me first? I'm getting impatient. — GREAT GIRLFRIEND IN IDAHO

DEAR GIRLFRIEND: I have a suggestion. Before you move in with this man, why

don't you simply ASK him why he hasn't said the words you long to hear? From what you have written, he demonstrates it often. His answer may be enlightening and could affect whether you proceed with your plans.

DEAR ABBY: We live next door to a nice Jewish family, with three precious kids who seem to really like us old retirees. I had planned to make a Passover cake for them and had input on how to prepare kosher. However, I am having second thoughts.

Should I send a card telling them I'd like to prepare something? Or should I go ahead and prepare it anyway? Or should I just send a Passover greeting instead? — WONDERING IN TEXAS

DEAR WONDERING: A card might be the wiser way to go. Before you go to the expense of buying the ingredients, talk with the wife. Tell her what you are planning and find out how "strictly kosher" the family is.

While some families would welcome your generosity, others might prefer not to consume something that wasn't prepared from kosher products AND PREPARED IN A KOSHER KITCHEN.

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 or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352

or (260) 729-7000.

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Well-

ness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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.

Band concert is Sunday

Jay County Patriot Band will host its spring concert and other activities Sunday.

The band will offer a spaghetti lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Freewill donations will be accepted for the meal. There will also be a silent auction.

Patriot concert band, jazz band and Patriot Winter Guard will perform at 2 p.m. Admission to the concert is free.

Senior learning series

John Jay Center for Learning has two events planned in the next month as a part of its senior learning series.

Hannah Moody of Jay County Public Library will be giving a presentation on "Vintage Candy" on Thursday

Taking Note

at the John Jay Center for Learning. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m., with the presentation to begin at noon. Tickets for lunch are \$3 and must be paid in advance.

Colin Good, a doctor from IU Health Jay, will also speak about "Myths in Medicine: Facts vs. Fiction" May 5.

For more information, call (260) 729-5525.

Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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New language deserved the veto

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

It's one of the oldest tricks in the legislative book: insert language from failed bills into other measures that are destined to pass.

Legislators who support the main thrust of the bill but are opposed to the inserted language often swallow hard and let it slide.

Other lawmakers might not even be aware of the insertion when they vote.

While bargaining and compromise, within limits, are important to the political process, this method takes it too far.

It's just a bad way to create laws.

Fortunately, Gov. Eric Holcomb is keeping an eye on these sorts of statehouse shenanigans, even when mem-

Hoosier Editorial

bers of his own Republican Party are the perpetrators.

Most recently, Holcomb vetoed House Enrolled Act 1211, which was riddled with unrelated GOP add-ons.

The bill's original intent was to explore possible state use of blockchain technology to "achieve greater cost efficiency and cost effectiveness; and improve consumer convenience, experience, data security, and data privacy."

Blockchain technology makes the history of a digital

asset transparent and unalterable. Finding new ways to protect the integrity of state data and promote its transparency seems important.

So the bill passed, but not before unrelated language was inserted, including provisions that would have required:

- State agencies to readopt rules every four years instead of every seven.

- The attorney general to be given up to 30 days to review emergency rules — such as those affecting public health, wildlife and livestock — before enactment.

- Broadband infrastructure projects funded by a grant or loan from the state's \$500 million Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative program to satisfy stipulations in the Next Level Con-

nections Broadband Grant Program.

The first requirement surely would have necessitated additional resources to adopt agency rules more often.

In vetoing the bill, Holcomb wrote of the last requirement, "This seemingly innocuous language unfortunately has the practical effect of slowing, if not arresting, approximately \$154 million of broadband projects currently under active consideration as part of the ... program."

The governor also explained his objection to the emergency review rules inserted into HEA 1211.

"This bill is concerning because ... certain state agencies ... often have to act very quickly in adopting emergency rules," Holcomb wrote.

The overarching message of Holcomb's veto was more general: Don't insert new, unrelated language at the last minute into a bill.

"On the last day of the legislative session," he wrote, "there was entirely new and unvetted broadband language inserted into HEA 1211 that was neither introduced in a bill nor ever heard in a committee to allow for comment and debate. ... Accordingly, there was no opportunity for stakeholders to review and testify about its impact or to suggest improvements to such language."

That, precisely, is the problem with one of the oldest tricks in the legislative book.

Kudos to the governor for calling out the legislature on this one.

Love will rebuild when war is over

By IULIA MENDEL

Special To The Washington Post

When Pavlo told me with a cryptic smile that he had news, I thought he was talking about a new shipment of humanitarian aid and the challenges to deliver it. But what he told me made me go numb.

"I can't sit by a woman's skirt when there's a war," he told me, trying to summon as much tenderness as he was capable of. My fiancé was going to the front lines, and all I could do was tearfully ask why.

A few weeks ago, as Russian bombs began to pummel Ukraine, we fled our lives in Kyiv and moved to the western city of Lviv with a few suitcases and our two cats. Pavlo, who worked as an adviser in the ministry of energy before the war, immediately tried to join the war effort. But when he went to a recruitment office, he was told that there were enough soldiers.

So he got busy coordinating humanitarian aid from abroad, overseeing deliveries to the most affected regions. I was sure he would avoid direct hostilities. So when he told he had decided to go to the front lines, I was shocked, devastated.

"I know you'll understand," Pavlo said with a shy grin.

I did and didn't. I didn't want to discourage him, but I couldn't accept his decision for days.

It was as if everything inside me had frozen.

It is the kind of decision that could be impossible to overturn.

We went to Kyiv to see his relatives and get his military gear. The first thing I noticed was how loud it was in the capital. The neighborhoods rumbled — it was as if the sound of shelling and bombing was all around us, close and far away at the same time. We saw cars blown up by rockets on main roads and drove by a shopping mall that was attacked and where eight people were killed.

One night, we gathered with friends at a house and, since a curfew had been announced in Kyiv, we all stayed there for the night. Explosions rang out in the distance. "It's the air defense working,"

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explained our friend Vitaly, a veteran of the war in the Donbas region.

We calmed down and went to bed, only to be woken up a couple hours later. The house was shaking. Grad rockets were falling about 500 feet from us. Everything around us was on fire: the forest and the buildings; there was no phone signal. We went downstairs and spent the night in a bomb shelter, and in the morning we blew a tire after hitting a piece of shrapnel. A local member of the territorial defense units who happened to be driving by helped us put the spare on the car.

The scenes in Kyiv were disorienting. The streets were empty, but some small stores and coffee shops were open. The capital seemed determined to stay alive, but something inside me was doing the opposite — it was like a light was extinguishing, fading away.

I had turned to stone, heavy, impenetrable.

I'm in Ukraine, and I have to stay strong, I told myself. I am in the rear. I can create life — life for which hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian soldiers are now risking their lives on the front lines.

We spent the night in another town. In the morning, Pavlo met a truck of humanitarian aid that was going to the front line. That's when we said our goodbyes.

Pavlo texts me almost every day, but he doesn't say much. It is what he keeps from me that worries me. "I was at the firing range. Everything is fine."

But he ends each conversation with "I love you."

And suddenly I feel alive again. When we win this war, our love will rebuild our country.

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Mendel is a journalist and former press secretary for Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.



Frugality only goes so far

By TERESA GHILARDUCCI

Bloomberg Opinion

I have spent most of my career communicating about personal finance, income insecurity and embedded inequality.

Given the viral reaction on social media, it's clear that a recent column of mine focused on specific ways households could combat rising prices did not fully convey my thinking on two of those broader issues. In trying to offer suggestions for people coping with inflation, I left readers with a "let them eat cake" (or lentils) impression, for which I and Bloomberg Opinion were lampooned (and worse).

I feel I should offer more context on why I spoke of eating lentils and deciding against pet chemotherapy — and, more important, of the bigger challenges facing the American working class.

Both those suggestions arose from my own experience. In the financially straitened house where I grew up, higher inflation meant less to eat and the need to find cheaper nutritious foods. More recently, it was my own family that had to weigh all the costs of treating an aging and beloved dog.

More generally, in writing specifically about ways for families at or below the national mean income of \$50,000 to save money here and there, I was not forgetting the more fundamental challenge facing American workers: People need raises, and greater wherewithal to get them.

Spiking prices shine a spotlight on persistently low incomes. The problem is easily seen in the national wage and price data.

The federal minimum wage of \$7.25 is, in real terms, at its very low-

Teresa Ghilarducci



est, because it has fallen so far behind inflation. Last year, earnings rose 5.4% but inflation hit 7.9%. In 10 out of 12 sectors, raises failed to keep up with price increases. (The exceptions were construction and leisure and hospitality.)

With profits up and quit rates at near record levels, this would seem to be a good time to boost worker pay. But employers rarely do that voluntarily.

And while this may seem like a good time for a worker to ask for a raise, most can't credibly threaten to leave their jobs if they don't get one. Very often, depending on the location, there is only one employer that makes sense for a worker. What's more, corporate concentration has enabled employers to keep wages down, according to a Treasury Department report. Combined with the decline in unionization, employers' greater bargaining power has held American workers' pay 20% lower than it otherwise would be.

While others, including my fellow Bloomberg Opinion columnist Allison Schrager, would disagree, being in a union is the best way for workers to get a wage increase or an adjustment in hours and other benefits.

In mid-March, for example, 500 unionized workers at a Chevron

refinery in the San Francisco Bay Area successfully struck to improve workplace safety and to push salaries up in line with inflation. In 2021, assisted by soaring pandemic-related demand, unionized Frito Lay workers negotiated an end to forced overtime and "suicide shifts" and an increase in pay. And in January, unionized nurses in Vermont received a 10% raise.

As a labor economist for the past 38 years — 13 at the New School in New York and 25 at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana — I have learned the ways in which social justice, shared prosperity and worker power are interconnected, and I have sought pathways to shared prosperity. I have looked for strategies to ensure that everyone has a decent retirement.

I worry that Congress will fail to see the need to index the federal minimum wage to inflation. I fear that the Federal Reserve will fail to see that today's inflation is caused by supply problems and try to fight it by crushing demand.

The current conversation about how to address rising prices must extend far beyond the need for frugal budgeting. Taming inflation in the long run calls for supply-side reforms significant enough to sustainably boost productivity. At the moment, though, workers face rising prices everywhere they look. They'll need to cut back, yes. And they also urgently need a raise.

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Purdue welcoming refugee scholars

Journal and Courier (Lafayette)
WEST LAFAYETTE — Purdue University wants to become a refuge to scholars fleeing war-torn Ukraine, through a new program that will help them resume their academic pursuits.

Through Purdue's Ukraine Scholars Initiative, individuals with faculty positions at Ukrainian universities and engaged in academic research could continue their academic lives at Purdue, according to a

release. Ukrainian doctoral students at the dissertation research stage would also be welcomed.

"Our aim is to make at least one small contribution to help the Ukrainian people in this moment of peril," Purdue President Mitch Daniels said in the announcement. "Our hope is that we can offer refuge to these scholars and a chance to continue pursuing their work, and then see them return to a safe and free Ukraine. But while

they are with us, I don't doubt that they will personify and perhaps share with our students the precious value of freedom and the constant need to defend it from its enemies."

Up to 20 visiting scholars and their dependents (spouse or children) from Ukraine will be welcomed into the program, intended to last one calendar year with the possibility of an extension, depending on conditions in Ukraine.

Once in the program, the

release stated, each visiting scholar would be assigned a tenure-track faculty sponsor; the visiting scholars will hold J-1 visa status but would not be eligible to enroll in any degree-granting program.

"Our goal here is to help Ukrainian scholars whose research has been disrupted by the invasion," said Mike Brzezinski, dean of international programs, in the announcement. "Our faculty and deans have already been in contact

with their academic colleagues in Ukraine and have identified scholars interested in continuing their scholarly pursuits in America at Purdue University."

According to Purdue, visiting scholars would receive monthly stipends, plus financial assistance for dependents (spouse or child under age 21). Visa expenses and round-trip transportation costs would be covered, and scholars would be offered health insurance through Purdue's benefits program.

Rights group: Mali killed 300

By CARLEY PETESCH
Associated Press

DAKAR, Senegal — Mali's army and foreign soldiers suspected to be Russian recently killed an estimated 300 men — some of them suspected Islamic extremist fighters but most civilians — in Moura in central Mali, Human Rights Watch said today.

It is the worst single atrocity reported in Mali's 10-year armed conflict against Islamic extremists, according to the rights group which said it interviewed several witnesses about the killings.

Russian fighters are believed to have shot dead most of those killed in Moura in late March, according to witnesses who identified the killers as white soldiers who did not speak French. Several hundred Russian mercenaries have been deployed in Mali to help fight the extremist rebels, the U.S. military confirmed in January.

In the Moura incident, Malian army troops and foreign soldiers in late March rounded up several hundred men and shot dead about 300 of them, burying many in mass graves and burning others, according to Human Rights Watch.

Mali's defense ministry reported a similar incident, saying that in the last week of March it had killed 203 "terrorists" and arrested 51 others, acting on intelligence that armed extremists were meeting in Moura.

"Abuses by armed Islamist groups is no justification at all for the military's deliberate slaughter of people in custody," said Corinne Dufka, Sahel director at Human Rights Watch. "The Malian government is responsible for this atrocity, the worst in Mali in a decade, whether carried about by Malian forces or associated foreign soldiers."

Most of those killed in Moura were from the Peul ethnic group, according to the rights group. Moura had been largely controlled by extremists linked to al-Qaida who taxed villagers and imposed strict Shariah law, according to residents.

"The Malian government should urgently and impartially investigate these mass killings, including the role of foreign soldiers," Dufka said. "For such investigations to be sufficiently independent and credible, the authorities should seek assistance from the African Union and the United Nations."

In its investigation of the killings in Moura, Human Rights Watch said its researchers spoke with 27 people including witnesses, traders, community leaders, foreign diplomats and security analysts.

Moura, a town of about 10,000 residents in the Djenné administrative area of central Mali, has since 2015 been at the center of the conflict with extremist rebels and has seen widespread violence, abuses by all sides and the displacement of large numbers of civilians.



The Washington Post/Craig Hudson

Memorial dedicated

Sara Jefferson, a student in the Native American and Indigenous Alliance, pours Potomac River water into the memorial's fountain to commemorate those who lived near the river. The Enslaved People of George Mason Memorial was dedicated during a Monday ceremony at George Mason University as part of the school's efforts to reckon with its past. George Mason IV, the namesake of Virginia's largest public research university, was a prominent figure in the state's history, known for lending a hand in the creation in the U.S. Constitution but was also an enslaver of more than 100 people.

COVID ...

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The inability of Biden and top Democrats to protect the additional spending they wanted came after the two parties gridlocked over GOP demands to pay for it by pulling back unspent aid from earlier pandemic measures. It also reflected the diminished political force that battling COVID-19 has this election year, two years into a pandemic that began with bipartisan support for throwing trillions of dollars at it.

Sen. Mitt Romney of Utah, the lead GOP bargainer, hailed the accord as one that would address "urgent COVID needs." He also trumpeted the measure's savings, which he said meant it "will not cost the American people a single additional dollar."

Still uncertain Monday was whether objections by some Republicans might prevent the Senate from considering the bill this week, as Biden wants, before Congress begins a

two-week spring recess. It was also not yet certain there would be the minimum 10 GOP votes needed for passage in the 50-50 chamber.

In the House, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and many liberals have criticized the ejection of global assistance. But leaders signaled they were ready to accept compromise.

While short of Biden's agreement full request, "this package will fulfill immediate needs to secure more vaccines, boosters, testing and therapeutics to keep the pandemic at bay — and it must be enacted as quickly as possible," Pelosi set on a statement released overnight.

Schumer said the agreement would provide "the tools we need" to help the country recover from the economic and public health blows that COVID-19 has inflicted. But he said while the \$10 billion "is absolutely necessary, it is well short of what is truly needed to keep us safe" over time.

Felony arrests

Drug possession

Two Portland residents were arrested recently for possessing drugs.

Luis Perez, 23, 109 S. Munson Ave., Portland, was arrested Sunday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug. He's being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Cassandra R. Myers, 44, 4802 S. 850 East, Portland, was arrested this morning and preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for obstruction of justice and possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug. She was also charged with a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. Myers is being held

on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Drunk driving

A Portland man was arrested Monday for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Jake D. Boolman, 22, 1610 E. Division Road, was preliminarily charged with a level 6 felony.

He was released on a \$3,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

Probation violation

A Whitestown man was arrested Monday for violating his probation.

Neal E. Fields, 44, 6007 Perryworth Road, has two original Level 6 felony charges for residential entry and dealing in methamphetamine.

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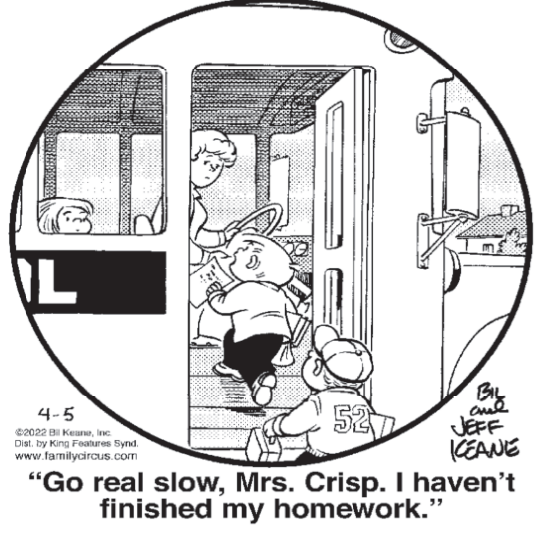
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Declarer attacks the problem indirectly. He realizes, because West has shown up with six diamonds and East with two, that East probably has more spades than West. But since the trump division is far from certain, South postpones the critical guess in order to assemble some vital additional information.

He starts by cashing the K-A of clubs, then ruffs the jack. When West follows to all three clubs, South can account for nine of West's original 13 cards.

Declarer next leads a heart to the ace and returns a heart to dummy's king. When West follows to both hearts, 11 of his cards become known.

The contract is now assured, whether West has one spade or two. Declarer cashes the ace of spades and finesses the jack on the return. If East has the queen (the actual case), the finesse wins, and South is home. He later loses a heart trick.

If West has the Q-x of spades, the contract is still certain. This is because West, having started with two spades, two hearts, six diamonds and three clubs, will have to return a diamond after winning the spade queen, allowing South to ruff in dummy as he discards his heart loser.

Tomorrow: The percentage play.
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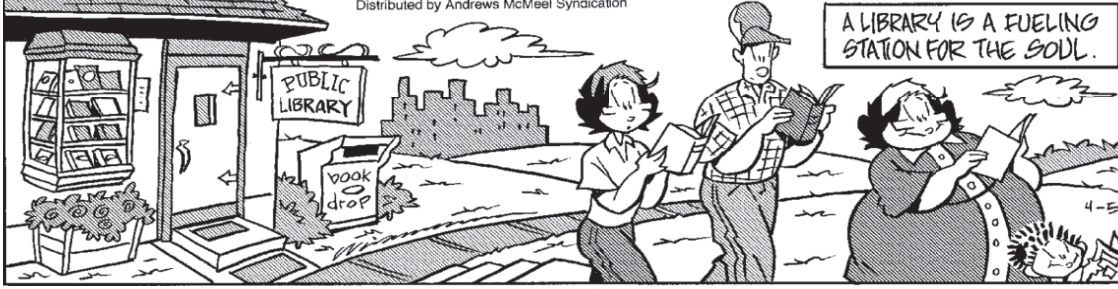
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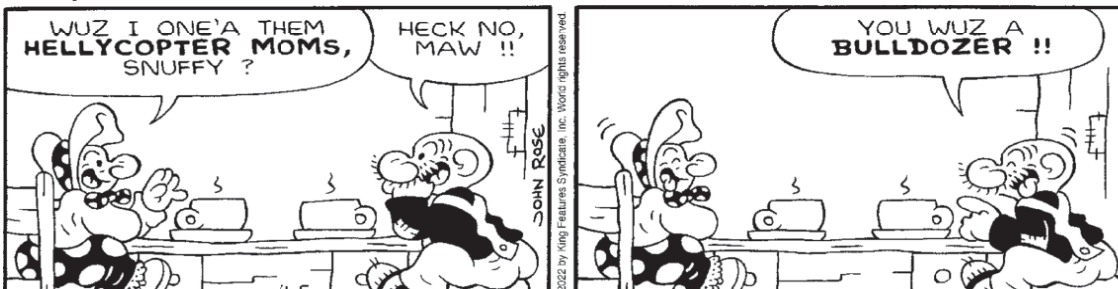
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Thwaits ...

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 "I thought I learned a ton," he said of his first full season as a professional. "You've got to stay focused on the right things. I think I fell into the trap of worrying about the things that are outside of my control."
 He mentioned the earned run average and hits as a few things not always in his control.
 "I think I really learned to stay locked in for an entire season and take that into this year."

'I'm really trying to hold myself to a high standard.'

—Nick Thwaits

Thwaits said he expects to be a piggyback pitcher, which is a traditional starting pitcher who "piggybacks" a game with another starting pitcher. The second pitcher may throw the

middle innings once the starter reaches a predetermined pitch count and finish the game.
 "I'm really trying to hold myself to a high standard," he said of his expectations

for this season. "Controlling the mental side of the game. It goes in flows through the year. If you can do your best to stay in that mindset things will be fine."
 Thwaits, who chose 30 for his uniform number, joins a 17-member pitching staff that includes lefty Robert Gasser, the Padres' No. 9 prospect who was drafted in July.
 The TinCaps' roster has two other top-30 prospects for the Padres: outfielder

Joshua Mears (No. 10) and catcher Brandon Venezuela (No. 21).
 Should Thwaits get promoted, the next rungs on the ladder are Double-A San Antonio Missions and Triple-A El Paso Chihuahuas.
 Fort Wayne will be managed by Brian Esposito, a former Major League catcher who previously was the manager of the Triple-A Indianapolis Indians, an affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Cruises ...

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 Brenna Haines, a sophomore, made her varsity debut for the Patriots at the No. 2 singles spot. She earned her victory by a 6-1, 6-2 score over Bruin senior Vanessa Carroll.
 Like Blackford, JCHS had some lineup shifts in its opening match of the season.
 Melana and Haylee Zimmerman are slated to play the No. 2 doubles spot but did not have enough practices in to be eligible for the lineup Monday. (Hedges, who is shifting to singles this year, also could not be in the lineup for the same reason.)
 Instead, Cramer went with senior Kayla Hurt and sophomore Chloe Ruiz at No. 2 doubles.

They came through, giving up a couple of games in the first set before turning in a perfect second for a 6-2, 6-0 triumph over freshmen Allyson Henderson and Jaelyn McCaffery of the Bruins.
 The Patriots, who finished 11-6 last season and won their first sectional title since 2015, will be back at home Thursday as they host Bellmont. They lost 5-0 to the Braves when they met in Decatur in 2021.
 "When you start playing against club players, it's really, really hard," said Cramer. "I'm pretty sure all of their singles (players) are sophomores. They were really good. ...
 "We're stronger this year than we were last year."



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Holly Hemmelgarn, a Jay County High School senior, connects with a shot Monday during the Patriots' 5-0 sweep of visiting Blackford. Hemmelgarn and No. 1 doubles partner Madison Dirksen rolled to a 6-0, 6-0 victory to open the season.

Homer ...

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 Riggs Tobe's double was the only extra-base hit for the Tribe. Kendrick Wendel and Jackson Ervin each had singles, with Troy Homan accounting for the team's only run.
 Bo Thien and Marcus Gaerke were both 2-for-4 in the win over Lehman Catholic. Thien knocked in three runs and Gaerke drove in two.
 Homan pitched the Indians to the win, allowing just one hit while striking out eight and walking two over six innings of work.

Bobcats, Wolves both 1-1
WESTFIELD—Two Jay County Special Olympics basketball teams went 1-1 Saturday in the state tournament at Pacer Athletic Center.
 The Bobcats lost to the Monroe County Hornets 31-19, then defeated the Delaware County Cyclones 30-25.
 The Wolves beat the Wabash County Hornets 20-4 before suffering a 20-4 defeat to the Shelby County Vipers.
 Mark Knipp led the Bobcats by scoring seven points against the

Hornets and 15 points against the Cyclones. Sam Glessner added nine total points, and Ron Smith finished with six total points.
 Martha Loper led the Wolves with 10 points in the win over the Wildcats. Natalie VanSkyock, who scored the team's only points in the loss to the Vipers, ended with 12 total points.
Blue sweeps twin bill
FARMLAND—The Portland All-Stars 10-and-younger Blue team swept a doubleheader Saturday against Monroe Central, 6-2 and 12-5.
 Eli Westgerdes led the squad in the game one win with two hits and two runs. Tanner Day hit a double and knocked in a pair of runs, while Beckham Hough, Kohen Stephen and Kellen Trout each had hits.
 Eli Homan smacked a triple and racked up three RBIs in the game two victory. Karson Schilling doubled and scored three times, with Day adding two runs.
 Finn Hemmelgarn and Homan were credited with wins pitching.

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Kansas rallies to win title

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Best. Comeback. Ever. Sounds pretty good next to Rock Chalk, Jayhawk.
 What looked like a lost cause turned into one of the sweetest wins ever for Kansas.
 The Jayhawks brought their fourth NCAA title back to Allen Fieldhouse on Monday thanks to a second-half flurry that erased a 16-point deficit and eventually overcame North Carolina 72-69 in an epic battle of power programs.
 It was the largest comeback in national championship history, surpassing the 1963 title game when Loyola overcame a 15-point deficit to beat Cincinnati at the buzzer, 60-58.
 "We just locked in as a family, as a team, and that's what we do," said Kansas big man David McCormack, after making the last two baskets of the game.
 "We overcome the odds. We overcome adversity. We're just built for this."
 McCormack scored the go-ahead bucket from close range with 1:21 left, then another at the 22-second mark to put the Jayhawks ahead by three.
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Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
 Jay County — Track vs. Blackford - 5:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Bellmont - 5:30 p.m.; JV softball at South Adams - 5 p.m.
 Fort Recovery — Track at Parkway - 4:30 p.m.; Softball at Anna - 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. St. Henry - 5 p.m.
Thursday
 Jay County — Softball at Delta - 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Bellmont - 5 p.m.; Track at Adams Central - 5:30 p.m.; Baseball at Elwood - 5:30 p.m.; JV softball at Delta - 6:30 p.m.
 Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Delphos St. John's - 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Delphos St. John's - 5:30 p.m.
Friday
 Fort Recovery — Track at Celina Relays - 4:45 p.m.; Baseball vs. Houston - 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Fort Loramie - 5 p.m.

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Saturday
 Jay County — Boys golf in Yorktown Invitational - 9 a.m.; Girls tennis vs. Hagerstown - 10 a.m.; Baseball vs. Mississinewa - 10 a.m.; JV baseball vs. Mississinewa - noon
 Fort Recovery — Baseball at Ansonia - 11 a.m.; Softball at Franklin-Monroe - 3 p.m.
Monday
 Jay County — Boys golf at Richmond - 5 p.m.; Baseball at Coldwater - 5 p.m.; Softball at Huntington North - 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Coldwater - 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Southern Wells - 5:30 p.m.
 Fort Recovery — Baseball at Tri-Village - 5 p.m.; Softball at St. Marys Memorial - 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Versailles - 4:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
 1:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Detroit Tigers vs. New York Mets (MLBN)
 3 p.m. — UEFA Champions League Soccer: Atletico Madrid vs. Manchester City (CBS)
 4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cleveland Guardians vs. Colorado Rockies (MLBN)
 7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Indiana Pacers (BALLY)
 8 p.m. — NBA basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Chicago Bulls (ESPN)
Wednesday
 12:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies vs. Tampa Bay Rays (MLBN)
 3 p.m. — UEFA Champions League Soccer: Real Madrid vs. Chelsea FC (CBS)
 3 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: Masters Par-3 Contest (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyn Nets at New York Knicks (ESPN)
 7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Tampa Bay Lightning at Washington Capitals (TNT)
 8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Seattle Kraken at St. Louis Blues (BALLY)
 10 p.m. — NHL hockey: Calgary Flames at Anaheim Ducks (TNT)
 10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN)
Thursday
 3 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: The Masters - Round 1 (ESPN)
 3 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Camping World Truck Series - Martinsville qualifying (FS1)
 5 p.m. — Men's college hockey: NCAA Tournament Frozen Four - Denver vs. Michigan (ESPN2)
 5:30 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Xfinity Series - Call 811 Before You Dig 250 qualifying (FS1)

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 8 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Camping World Truck Series - Martinsville (FS1)
 8:08 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves (ESPN2)
 10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors (TNT)
Local notes
Race is moved to April 23
 Jay Community Center's Sprint to Spring 5K has been moved to April 23. It will kick off the annual Jay County 5K Circuit.
 Registration is \$20. A tech t-shirt is a \$10 add on, while a cotton t-shirt is a \$5 add on.
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Sports

Thwaits assigned to Fort Wayne

Former Tribe standout to play close to home

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

Nick Thwaits has a full season of professional baseball under his belt.

His second will be much closer to home.

Thwaits, a 2018 Fort Recovery High School graduate, was one of 29 players assigned to the initial roster of the Fort Wayne TinCaps on April 2 by its parent organization, the San Diego Padres.

"We had about two days left in (Spring Training), everybody was starting to stress out: 'Where am I going?'" he said. "They posted the rosters on the white board. I went to Fort Wayne right away and found my name. I texted my family, my girlfriend."

"I was so pumped to be able to play close to home."

Thwaits and the rest of the TinCaps' opening-day roster arrived at Parkview Field on Sunday night. The TinCaps start the season with a three-game series Friday at Dayton. The team's home opener is April 12, the first of a six-game set against the South Bend Cubs.

Thwaits, the Midwest Athletic Conference player of the year in 2017 and '18 who had committed to Kent State before being drafted in the 15th round (477th overall) by the Padres in the 2018 MLB First Year Player Draft, spent the fall of 2018 year in the Rookie League in Arizona.

In 2019, he pitched for the Tri-City Dust Devils as part of the Northwest League. While there, he posted a 4-3 record with a 4.66 ERA. He made 13 starts, including games one and five of the Northwest League Championship Series. In 58 innings, he struck out 47 batters to 18 walks.

The 2020 season was lost to the coronavirus pandemic, and after Minor League Baseball reformatted its system, Thwaits was sent to Lake Elsinore, California, to the Lake Elsinore Storm, the Padres' Low-A affiliate.

(Previously, the TinCaps were the Low-A team, and Lake Elsinore was High-A, but they were flipped for the 2021 season.)

For the Storm, Thwaits made 22 appearances with 18 starts. He finished with 87 strikeouts, 35 walks and a 7.03 ERA in a career-high 87 innings.

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Jay County High School sophomore Brenna Haines eyes her toss as she prepares to serve Monday during her 6-1, 6-2 victory at No. 2 singles over Vanessa Carroll of Blackford. It marked her first varsity victory after playing on the junior varsity squad last season.

Dominating the opener

Patriot tennis team cruises past Blackford to begin its season

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The Patriots were ahead before they even started.

Their victory was never in much doubt.

Jay County High School's girls tennis team opened its season in dominant fashion Monday as it rolled over the visiting Blackford Bruins 5-0.

"They had three freshmen out there, three seniors," said JCHS coach Dave Cramer, adding that it was good to start with a victory. "That's all they have is six players. They're short-handed. ... They were very, very inexperienced."

The Patriots (1-0) had a lead from the start because the Bruins did not have enough players to fill out a full starting lineup. That gave Maggie Dillon a forfeit win at the No. 3 singles spot.

Jay County dropped just eight games across the four matches, with seniors Madison Dirksen and Holly Hemmelgarn setting the tone at the No. 1 doubles spot.

They went to deuce in their opening game against Blackford's Anya

Uggen and Emily Ellison but were able to get the win. The Bruin pair was never able to break through, as Hemmelgarn and Dirksen rolled to a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

It marked their first win as a doubles duo. Dirksen played in the No. 1 doubles spot last season with Rachel Muhlenkamp while Hemmelgarn was at the No. 2 spot with Lilly Hedges.

"I felt sorry for those girls," said Cramer of Uggen and Ellison. "They kept blasting. Madison couldn't wait to get one up in the air so she could blast it."

The closest matches of the night came in singles, where Patriot No. 1 player Grace Brewster had the strongest challenge from senior Sissy McNeal of Blackford. McNeal was able to snag two games in the opening set, but Brewster never gave up control of the match in a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

"She adjusted well," said Cramer. "That was the best player they had. Grace had to exert a little bit."

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Lykins, Ison homer in win

HARTFORD CITY — Jaelynn Lykins was making her varsity debut as a freshman.

Tricia Ison's came as a senior.

Both went yard in the Patriots' season-opening win.

Lykins and Ison each hit home runs in helping the Jay County High School softball team to a 7-0 victory against the host Blackford Bruins on Monday.

The Patriots (1-0), who hit 35 home runs (1.25 per game) last year, appeared to pick up where they left off.

Ison finished 2-for-3 with three RBIs and her first career round-tripper, while Lykins was 1-for-4 with two RBIs and her first dinger.

Renna Schwieterman was 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Mady Fraley finished 2-for-4 with a stolen base. Olivia Bright, Mallorey Winner and Riah Champ also contributed hits in the win, with Bright and Winner each swiping two bases.

Haleigh Clayton earned the win pitching. She

Local roundup

allowed two hits with eight strikeouts.

Winner tossed three innings, allowing one hit and striking out four.

The Patriots are back in action at 5:30 p.m. tonight against Bellmont.

Back to .500

After dipping below .500 with a loss Saturday, Fort Recovery High School's baseball team evened its record with a win Monday.

Fort Recovery (2-2) fell to Crestview on a walk-off hit Saturday in Convoy, Ohio, then bounced back to beat Lehman Catholic 8-0 Monday at home.

The Indians scored once in the fourth inning to lead Crestview, but surrendered the game-tying run in the home half of the sixth before the Knights got the win in the ninth.

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FR softball goes 2-1

Fort Recovery High School's softball team went 2-1 in recent games.

The Indians (3-1) pulled away for a 13-2 victory Friday against the Mississinawa Valley Blackhawks in Union City, Ohio. The following day, they suffered a 9-8 defeat to the Bath Wildcats in Lima, then topped Celina 8-6 at home Monday.

Sophie Pearson led the Tribe in the win over Mississinawa Valley with a home run. She also walked twice and drove in a pair of runs.

Maddie Guggenbiller was 2-for-3 with two doubles and two runs. Kensey Gaerke chipped in two doubles and knocked in four runs.

Pearson also got the win in relief, tossing four scoreless innings while allowing just two hits. She also struck out three batters.

On Saturday, Fort Recovery was leading Bath 8-7 before the Wildcats scored

twice in the bottom of the ninth for the walk-off win.

Chloey Grisez and Abby Knapke each had doubles for the Indians, who tied the Wildcats with 15 hits each. Jackie Homan led the way with four singles. Sophie Pearson, Cali Wendel and Emma Will had two singles each. Grisez also had a team-best three RBIs.

In Monday's win over Celina, the Tribe scored four runs in the second inning and never trailed the rest of the way. Wendel was 2-for-3 with two doubles and two RBIs. Emma Will smacked three singles and knocked in three runs, and Guggenbiller had a solo home run.

Homan earned the win, allowing six runs — four earned — on eight hits. She struck out eight and walked three in 6 1/3 innings of work.

Pearson came in to strike out the final two batters for the save.

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