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Board OKs program for new vehicles

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Portland is moving forward with a program it hopes will save money in the long run and make its vehicle acquisition process more efficient.

After eight months of considering the option, Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management to move forward with an “open-end lease” program.

The board clarified that the agreement does not commit them to leasing or buying any vehicles through Enterprise, but rather moves forward with the process to allow the company to provide lease quotes when details for the 2023 production year become available. Representative Aaron Stoner said he would work with the city’s department heads when those details are released.

Originally presented in August, the Enterprise process is designed to allow municipalities to acquire vehicles without incurring large up-front costs and eventually save money by lowering maintenance and fuel costs through having newer vehicles. In that original proposal, Enterprise estimated the city would reduce maintenance costs by 69% by the fifth year of the agreement and cut fuel costs by about 20%. It estimated the program would save the city more than \$450,000 over a 10-year period.

Stoner explained that the current lead time for new vehicles is 20 or more weeks, while adding that by using Enterprise’s buying power the city can get better pricing.

“What Enterprise will always guarantee you is invoice cost on the vehicle, less whatever the best government incentive can be,” he said.

Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips again expressed concern about costs and the approval process — a purchase would require city council approval if funding is not available in the budget — and the board asked several questions about cost, timelines and other procedures.

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Change needed



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Construction on a condominium development at this site along county road 75 South near Jay County High School will be delayed a bit after an engineering firm determined that wastewater upgrades will be needed to handle the 35 to 43 planned homes. CB Development plans to return to Portland Plan Commission next month with updated plans, which will include a new lift station.

A new lift station will be needed to accommodate houses in planned condominium development

By RAY COONEY
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A planned housing project will have to wait a bit longer before construction can begin.

Josh Atkinson, the attorney for CB Development, explained to Portland Plan Commission on Thursday that a study showed changes would need to be made to plans for handling wastewater.

The plan commission last month had approved CB Development’s final plans for the condominium development — it would be off the south side of county road 75 South, west of Indiana 67 — contingent on engineering firm Jones and

Henry confirming that the current wastewater infrastructure would be sufficient for the 35 to 43 homes that are planned.

Atkinson told the board Thursday that the firm determined the infrastructure is not sufficient. For that reason, CB Development will need to bring revised plans to the plan commission for approval.

According to Atkinson, CB Development now plans to install a new lift station, likely at the south side of the property. He noted that the company will also need to seek an easement from Jay School Corporation to run a line across the

front of the Jay County Junior-Senior High School property. He said that line would be bored to avoid digging up any part of the school grounds.

He hopes to be back with new plans to be reviewed by plan commission in May. (He noted that CB Development may begin to move dirt at the site, but no construction can start until plan commission has approved the final plans.)

CB Development’s proposal calls for 35 to 43 single-story homes at 1,600 square feet with three bedrooms, two bathrooms and an attached garage. All of the “common ground” in the development

would be owned jointly by the members of the condominium association, which would handle mowing, snow removal, trash pick-up, etc. Homes would be hooked up to Portland’s sewer system. They would each have an individual well for water.

Plan commission president Lee Newman also addressed procedural concerns stemming from the group’s March meeting. City attorney Wes Schemenaur had indicated that the city’s zoning ordinance does not allow for contingent approvals in such situations.

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Washington Post/Bill O’Leary

Regina Langley, center, who traveled from New Jersey, along with members of La Mesa Arts Academy of San Diego, who timed their field trip for this day, gather outside the Supreme Court on Thursday as Vice President Kamala Harris announces the confirmation of Ketanji Brown.

Jackson confirmed

Senate gives approval to new justice on 53-47 vote

By MARY CLARE JALONICK and MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate confirmed Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court on Thursday, shattering a historic barrier by securing her place as the first Black female justice and giving President Joe Biden a bipartisan endorsement for his promised effort to diversify the high court.

Cheers rang out in the Senate chamber as Jackson, a 51 year-old appeals court judge with nine years experience on the federal bench, was confirmed 53-47, mostly along party lines but with three Republican votes. Presiding over the vote

was Vice President Kamala Harris, also the first Black woman to reach her high office.

Biden tweeted afterward that “we’ve taken another step toward making our highest court reflect the diversity of America.” Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer exulted that it was “a wonderful day, a joyous day, an inspiring day — for the Senate, for the Supreme Court and for the United States of America.”

Harris said as she left the Capitol that she was “overjoyed, deeply moved.”

Jackson will take her seat when Justice Stephen Breyer retires this summer, solidifying the liberal wing of

the 6-3 conservative-dominated court. She joined Biden at the White House to watch the vote, embracing as it came in. The two were expected to speak, along with Harris, at the White House today.

During four days of Senate hearings last month, Jackson spoke of her parents’ struggles through racial segregation and said her “path was clearer” than theirs as a Black American after the enactment of civil rights laws. She attended Harvard University, served as a public defender, worked at a private law firm and was appointed as a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

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Deaths

Jesse Steveson, 90, rural Portland
Howard Patterson, 87, Dunkirk
Details on page 2.

Weather

The temperature in Jay County stayed between 39 and 48 degrees Thursday. Tonight’s low will be 32 with rain expected and sleet and snow mixed in through noon Saturday. The high Saturday will be in the low 40s. 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 — Results from tonight’s FRHS softball game against Fort Loramie.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday’s Dunkirk City Council meeting.



Obituaries

Jesse Steveson

Feb. 26, 1932-April 6, 2022
Jesse Dale Steveson, age 90, of rural Portland passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at his residence.

Born in Piqua, Ohio, on Feb. 26, 1932, he was the son of Jess and Mary (Stem) Steveson. He was married on Oct. 26, 1957, to Emilie Leuthold who survives.

He was retired from Westinghouse in Muncie and had a refrigeration and air conditioning business. He served with the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the D.A.V., American Legion Post #211 serving on the honor guard and Immaculate Conception Catholic



Steveson

Church. He received his GED from John Jay Learning Center in 2019 at the age of 87 and was on the Honor Flight in May 2019.

Surviving are his wife Emilie; one son, Mark Steveson of Winchester; three daughters, Patricia Bost of Portland, Julie Steveson of Dayton, Ohio, and Angela Scarduzio (husband: Frank) of Penrose, North Carolina; one brother, Tom Steveson of Gaston; one sister, Mary Ann Rigby (husband: Terry) of Bryant; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by nine siblings.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Fr. Peter Logsdon presiding. Burial with military rites will follow in the Springhill Cemetery in Fort Recovery. Visitation will be Saturday from 9 to 10:45 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Humane Society.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Howard Patterson

Aug. 24, 1934-April 6, 2022
Howard A. Patterson, 87, of Dunkirk, Indiana, passed away early Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at Albany Healthcare of Albany, Indiana.

He was born Aug. 24, 1934, in Salt Lick, Kentucky, the son of John R. and Maude (Traylor) Patterson.

Howard retired from Jay County School Corporation after 21 years as custodian. He was a member of Faith Evangelical Church of Dunkirk, Indiana. He enjoyed spending his leisure time fishing and spending time with his family.

He leaves to cherish his memory a daughter, Marita S. Workman (husband: Ted); four sons, Rocky A Patterson, Monty A Patterson (wife: Deneen), Bradley D. Patterson (wife: Jackie) and B. Shannon Patterson; brothers Charles E. Patterson (Lonnie) and Anderson O Patterson (Kay); a sister, Betty L Zimmerman (Leonard); nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a loving wife, Shirley; two brothers, Kenneth R. Patterson and William H. Patterson; and two sisters, Christine G. Minks and Mary Alice Baumgardner.

A service to celebrate



Patterson

Howard's life will be 2 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2022, at Wilson Shook Funeral Home, Dunkirk Memorial Chapel of Dunkirk, Indiana. Burial will follow in Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember from noon to service time on Monday, April 11, at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed at wilsonshookfh.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

Saturday 4/9	Sunday 4/10	Monday 4/11	Tuesday 4/12	Wednesday 4/13
42/31	58/47	69/54	71/58	72/55
There is a chance of snow early followed by rain and snow until about noon. Skies will be mostly cloudy.	Skies will be sunny with the high climbing into the upper 50s.	There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Otherwise, skies will be partly sunny.	The high will climb to 71 under partly sunny skies. There is a 40% chance of showers.	Showers are likely with a thunderstorm possible. Skies will be cloudy with a high of 72.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$268 million	11-14-17-25-31-32-35-36-38-41-47-52-56-59-60-64-76 Cash 5: 01-07-10-35-36 Estimated jackpot: \$343,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$94 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 0-4-4 Pick 4: 3-7-6-1 Pick 5: 1-5-3-4-4 Evening Pick 3: 3-3-8 Pick 4: 4-7-2-8 Pick 5: 4-0-0-6-1 Rolling Cash: 3-10-18-20-29 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 3-9-9 Daily Four: 7-1-8-7 Quick Draw: 03-04-13-18-23-30-34-43-44-51-54-55-56-57-58-62-66-69-71-79 Evening Daily Three: 9-0-5 Daily Four: 2-6-2-1 Quick Draw: 01-05-09-	

Markets

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POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.65 May corn.....7.75 June corn7.80	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.60 Late April corn.....7.60 Beans16.57 Late April beans16.57 March wheat.....9.18
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....7.50 May corn.....7.50 Beans16.48 May beans16.48	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....7.33 May corn.....7.33 Beans16.00 May beans16.00 Wheat9.27

Today in history

On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

In 1513, Juan Ponce de Leon began exploring the Florida coastline.

In 1864, the United States Senate passed, 38-6, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution abolishing slavery. (The House of Representatives passed it in January 1865; the amendment was adopted in December.)
—Associated Press

Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special meeting, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	6 p.m. — Jay County commissioners and council joint session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Regional Sewer District, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building 131 S. Main St.
Tuesday 5:30 p.m. — Portland Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.	

Change ...

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Plan commission members Bart Darby, Janet Powers, Kent McClung, Don Gillespie, Steve McIntosh, Ron Laux, Kyle Cook, Randy Geesaman and Newman ultimately ignored that advice, unanimously approving CB Development's plans with the contingency of Jones and Henry's approval.

Newman on Thursday asked Jay/Portland Building and Planning director John Hemmel-

garn and Schemenaur to review proper procedures. Hemmelgarn took some blame for the problem, saying the issue should probably not have come before the plan commission because not everything was ready. "Moving forward ... I'm going to make sure everything is lined up before it even gets to a vote here," he said.

Schemenaur expressed his concern that by not following its own ordinance, plan commission

could leave itself vulnerable to legal challenges. Newman urged his fellow plan commission members to work to make sure they follow the city's ordinance and heed legal counsel's advice in the future.

Geesaman, a former two-term Portland mayor, said he feels the ordinance needs to have some flexibility as there is typically the need for some changes with all projects.

"You have limited authority to make changes to the plan after you've

given approval," Schemenaur said.

Pati McLaughlin, assistant director of the building and planning department, noted that work is being done to update and clean up ordinances, some of which have not been addressed since they were initially approved in the 1980s. Schemenaur and Hemmelgarn suggested that plan commission members review ordinances and suggest any changes they feel may need to be made.

Deeds

Andrew J. Bryan to Carly Grieshop and Tyler Melser, warranty deed — Part of Section 13, Jefferson Township, 3.13 acres

Fred Ashcraft to Amy and Zebulon Sutton, quit claim deed — Lots 9, 10 and 11, Cole Addition

CCBCC Operations to Pioneer Warehousing, corporate warranty deed — Part of Section 16, Wayne Township, 20 acres

Kari L. Brotherton to Connie J. Brumbaugh, warranty deed — Part of Section 35, Penn Township, 0.49 acres

Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation to Mellissa Deconza and Anthony Kibler, quit claim deed — Part of Outlot 5, original plat of Dunkirk

Erika E. and Kyle R. Frazee to Deborah Robinson, warranty deed

— Part of Section 14, Knox Township, 2.25 acres

Robert L. Keller to Keller Farms, warranty deed — Part of Sections 14, 24, 26 and 27, Jackson Township, about 250 acres; Part of Section 15, Bearcreek Township, 76.2 acres

Phillip P. Hatfield to Jay Petroleum, easement — Part of Section 8, Richland Township

Program ...

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Ultimately, board members Steve McIntosh, Jerry Leonhard and Portland Mayor John Boggs approved the agreement.

Boggs said he'd plan to talk with city council about the program and the possibility of adjusting its budget for 2023 to account for acquiring vehicles through Enterprise.

In the meantime, the board told Portland Police Chief Mitch Sutton, who said his department is in need of three vehicles this year, to get quotes from dealerships. He had expressed concern that his department might not be able to get new vehicles quickly enough this year as the new process with Enterprise is being implemented.

Sutton also reported at the meeting that the department's K-9 officer, Katja, has been retired because of health issues.

The dog had been with the department for about six years.

The chief said he plans to work on fundraising in order to purchase a new dog.

"I would like to do that sooner rather than later," Sutton said. "The dog has been quite an asset to the department. I really don't want to do without one."

In other business, the board:

- Approved the purchase of a new pump for the Jay County High School lift station at a cost of \$24,051. The estimated cost of rebuilding the current pump was \$22,698.

- OK'd payment of legal fees to move forward with receiving money through a national opioid settlement. The city is expected to receive about \$28,000.

- Approved a water bill adjustment of \$1,561.08 because of a water line issue.

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SERVICES

Today
Franklin, Gregory: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday
Steveson, Jesse: 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Monday
Patterson, Howard: Wilson-Shook Funeral Home, Dunkirk Memorial Chapel, 317 N. Main St., Dunkirk.

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50th anniversary

Carolyn and Harry Scott

The Scotts are celebrating 50 years together today.

Harry and Carolyn (Stivers) Scott of Portland married April 8, 1972, at Olivet Baptist Church in Herndon, Kentucky. They have been members of First Presbyterian Church of Portland since moving to Jay County in 1978. Harry retired from a career of manufacturing at Jay Garment Company and FCC, and Carolyn retired as a kindergarten teacher at Bloomfield Elementary School.

The Scotts have two daughters, Dana Frederick of Marietta, Georgia, and Angie Scott of Bogota, Colombia, a son, Daniel Scott of Indianapolis, and three grandchildren.

Their plans are to celebrate their anniversary with a small family gathering.



Carolyn and Harry Scott -2022



Carolyn and Harry Scott - 1972

Ohio author to share history

An Ohio author will give a presentation on a history figure in Fort Recovery on Sunday.

Robert Kuck II, a former resident of New Bremen, Ohio, will present "The Life and Times of Fur Trader Pierre Louis de Lorimier," at 3 p.m. Sunday in Fort Recovery Nazarene Family Center, 401 E. Boundary Street. Lorimier is the man featured in Kuck's book, "Blood and Honor."

Born in Quebec in 1748, Lorimier established the trading post location that one day became Fort Loramie. His trading post became a source of supply for Native

Taking Note

American communities and British military officials during the Revolutionary War, according to a press release from Fort Recovery State Museum.

The presentation is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

For more information, call (419) 375-4384.

Classes offered

Free adult education classes are available.

John Jay Center for Learning is offering free classes for adults to receive a High School Equivalency diploma.

Classes are available from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

Couple reconnects

DEAR ABBY: I reconnected with an old flame, "Ollie," eight years ago. We would see each other and catch up during a weekly event he hosted. We're both married with kids. We kept it non-physical but connected emotionally. We chatted every day and confessed our attraction to each other while still not engaging in anything more than our weekly encounters among friends.

People often assumed we were husband and wife. At the time, I was going through a horrible period in my marriage. My husband, "Pete," was emotionally abusive and one night even threatened to kill me. Pete and I went to couples counseling, and I went to counseling on my own.

During the first five years of reconnecting with Ollie, he was supportive, accepting and very kind. I fell in love with him, and he with me. We had one quick hug before I left for the holidays. When I returned, we had an intimate kiss. Then COVID hit. Obviously, there was no physical contact after that kiss, but we still talk nearly every day. We have seen each other at business functions among friends twice in three months. Pete has actually changed and has apolo-

Dear Abby



gized for how he treated me. We got along nicely during the quarantine. I am just no longer attracted to him. I no longer trust him. He knows nothing of my friendship with Ollie. I also don't think Ollie will ever give in to his feelings for me. What can I do? — CONFOUNDED IN IOWA

DEAR CONFOUNDED: Go back to your counselor. You have some heavy decisions to make about how you want to live the rest of your life. Remove Ollie from the equation and ask yourself if you really want to stay married to someone to whom you are no longer attracted and no longer completely trust.

Some people are so fearful of the prospect of being alone that they stay in empty or abusive relationships. Figure out whether you have the strength to go it alone, and you will have the answer to your question.

Community Calendar

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

May 14. Honor classes this year are the classes of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1970, 1971 and 1972.

Saturday

JAY COUNTY REPUBLICANS — Will host a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Reunions

Bryant High School will hold its alumni banquet on

April 9, at Richards Restaurant in Portland. State Rep. Matt Lehman of Berne will be the guest speaker.

Monday

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

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.

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.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

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

Sudoku

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	9		1					8
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2					5	9		
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	7		4	5		3	2	
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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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

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To the editor:
The Children's Organ Transplant Association was founded in April 1986 when residents of Bloomington, Indiana, rallied around a toddler who needed a life-saving liver transplant.

Letters to the Editor

In less than eight weeks, the community raised more than \$100,000 to place the boy on the organ waiting list. But he died before an organ was found.

Those community volunteers, along with his parents, turned tragedy into triumph by using those funds to help other transplant families.

For more than 35 years, Children's Organ Transplant Association has assisted thousands of transplant families by helping to raise funds for a lifetime of transplant-related expenses. Children's Organ Transplant Association has built extensive volunteer networks across the nation in an attempt to ensure that no child or young adult needing an organ or tissue transplant is excluded

from a transplant waiting list due to lack of funds.

We need your help today to make sure that tragedies, like the one that was the catalyst in founding Children's Organ Transplant Association, are not repeated.

April is National Donate Life Month.

Every day, 20 people die in the United States waiting for an organ transplant.

Another person is added to the nation's organ transplant waiting list every 10 minutes.

One organ donor can save eight lives.

Please go to RegisterMe.org and register to be a designated organ and/or tissue donor.

Sincerely,
Rick Lofgren

President
Children's Organ Transplant Association



Moderates could emerge

By JONATHAN BERNSTEIN
Bloomberg Opinion

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson was confirmed for a seat on the Supreme Court Thursday, which raised President Joe Biden's total to 59 judicial nominees confirmed.

We learned a bit about the potential lay of the land next year if Republicans gain a Senate majority and Mitch McConnell tries to shut down the process.

Everyone expects McConnell and a Republican majority to simply stop confirming judicial nominees (and executive-branch nominees, for that matter). That's what Republicans did in 2015 and 2016, culminating in a successful effort to ignore a Supreme Court nomination.

The first thing to know about this strategy is that it's in no way normal. McConnell didn't totally shut the door to the courts, but he came close; leaving aside the Supreme Court vacancy, the Senate confirmed only 22 of Barack Obama's nominations in those two years. Eight years before that, when Democrats gained a Senate majority during the last two years of George W. Bush's presidency, the Senate confirmed 68 district and circuit court nominees — more than three times as many. It's true that Democrats in 2007-2008 had a smaller majority (with 51 senators) than Republicans had in 2015-2016 (54), but then again larger Democratic majorities confirmed even more judges during Ronald Reagan's and George H.W. Bush's last two years in office.

Similarly, since 1900, Democratic majorities have confirmed 12 Supreme Court justices nominated by Republican presidents. Although three were defeated, all of them received full consideration and a final full Senate vote. The only time that a Democratic president nominated anyone for the high court while Republicans held a Senate majority was Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland. Republicans didn't give him a hearing, let

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older than the typical judge or both. That's what the relatively moderate Republicans could do. It's not what happened last time around. Obama was willing to compromise; that's why he picked Garland, an older moderate, for the 2016 Supreme Court vacancy. Yet there's no record of any objections to McConnell's blockade. Perhaps things will be different with Romney around. Perhaps not.

The fate of judicial nominations in the next Congress isn't only about ideological balance on the courts. It's likely to be a test of whether Republicans can govern should they win majorities in the House (very likely) and Senate (more likely than not as of now). After all, judicial vacancies as a fallout of partisan battles mean slower justice for all. Vacancies in executive-branch departments and agencies don't just keep presidents from advancing their preferences; they also mean the government doesn't work as well.

And then we'll see whether Congress is able to perform its other basic tasks, such as passing yearly spending bills, emergency disaster appropriations and other must-pass legislation. They'll have to overcome not only a fraction of the Republican conference flat-out opposed to compromise, but another large group terrified of allowing any distance between themselves and the radicals. That combination drove a skilled House Republican leader, John Boehner, to flee the chamber. Things have only gotten less manageable since. If we are in for a Republican Congress, it's going to take impressive abilities to avoid multiple fiascos.

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Is justice for Putin possible?

By JENNIFER RUBIN
The Washington Post

You can read about the numbers of dead people in Bucha, Ukraine. You can hear accounts of Russia shelling civilian targets. But until you see the photos of streets strewn with bodies, some partially buried in the rubble and some with hands bound with bright white cloth, you cannot comprehend the enormity of the evil taking place in Ukraine. The journalists and photographers who are documenting what would be unimaginable if not for their work deserve enormous gratitude. Without them, these horrors would be swept aside or fade with the passage of time.

President Joe Biden, returning to the White House on Monday, repeated his claim that Russian President Vladimir Putin is "a war criminal" and "brutal." He told the reporters, "You saw what happened in Bucha." He went a step further, demanding a war crimes trial.

The images underscore the moral force of Biden's declaration in Poland last month about Putin: "For God's sake, this man cannot remain in power." Even his administration's cringeworthy attempts to walk back the statement acknowledged that Putin "cannot be allowed to exercise power over his neighbors or the region."

Yet even the latter might not be attainable. Putin sits undisturbed in the Kremlin atop a death machine. Russian troops might have pulled back from Kyiv, but they have amassed north and east of the capital city. Unless Russian troops are pushed entirely out of Ukraine (i.e., no territorial compromise to stop the bloodletting), Russia will still occupy its neighbor, and Putin will remain ensconced in his dacha with an arsenal of nuclear weapons under his control.

How, then, are war crimes trials supposed to operate? One supposes that Putin and his military advisers who are accused of carrying out war crimes could be tried and sentenced in absentia. But without rounding them up to exact punishment, the quest for justice will remain unfulfilled. Will world leaders allow Putin and his advisers to

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travel the globe and interact with other nations? Doing so would defy the essence of a war crimes verdict.

We can hope that carrots and sticks will compel Russian elites or military leaders to remove Putin, so as to return Russia to the status of a "normal" country. But we know the hope of loosening fascism's grip on the country while Putin exercises iron control is extremely slim. We'll have a trying enough time extracting any form of reparations out of Russia.

Some will claim outrage toward the idea of rallying the world to punish Russia for the sort of crimes seen in Bucha after failing to do the same to the Syrian government for its atrocities in Aleppo, where the Bashar al-Assad regime killed an estimated 50,000 people and razed much of the city. We can acknowledge that the Syrian dictator, who nominally won the war, has escaped punishment. But when a nation loses a war that it started, allowing the leader who initiated the conflict to remain in power would be an affront to morality.

The world will face this conundrum. Ukraine will decide on what terms it will accept to settle a devastating war not of its making, but the result will likely be Putin's continued occupation of some part of Ukraine. (Imagine allowing a defeated Germany to keep part of Poland after World War II.) We can try Putin in international courts, but there is virtually no chance he will be brought to justice. And we can rightly exclaim, "For God's sake, how can this man remain in power?" But the bitter truth is that we will not risk a third world war to insist Russia fully retreat from all of Ukraine and purge itself of Putin.

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Court weighing emergency law

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A lawyer for Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb urged the state Supreme Court on Thursday to decide the constitutionality of increased power state legislators gave themselves to intervene during public health emergencies, arguing that the state's residents could face great uncertainty in a time of distress.

The state's highest court heard arguments in the lawsuit that Holcomb filed last year against the Republican-dominated Legislature over a law giving legislative leaders authority to call the General Assembly into what it calls an "emergency session" when the governor has declared a statewide emergency. The Republican governor contends that violates a state constitutional provision that says only the governor can call the Legislature back following its annual sessions that begin in early January and adjourn by the end of April.

Richard Blaiklock, one of the private lawyers representing Holcomb, asked the justices to reject arguments from the state attorney general's office that the governor doesn't have the right to challenge the law in court.

Blaiklock said the court shouldn't leave hanging a potential legal dispute over whether differing actions by the governor or Legislature would prevail during a future emergency.

"We are talking about public health and safety," Blaiklock said.

A Marion County judge upheld the law in October, ruling that the constitution gives the General Assembly the authority to determine when and for how long it will meet.

State Solicitor General Tom Fisher, who represented the Legislature, argued the law does not limit the governor's authority to call a special session and that since the new law hasn't been used the Supreme Court has nothing to decide.



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Rallying for election

Marine Le Pen, leader of the National Rally party, waves during a meeting Thursday in Perpignan, France. Le Pen is running against French President Emmanuel Macron in Sunday's election. Bloomberg's polling average calculated on April 8 showed Macron ahead by just 3.5 points in the first round.

Confirmed ...

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She told senators she would apply the law "without fear or favor," and pushed back on Republican attempts to portray her as too lenient on criminals she had sentenced.

Jackson will be just the third Black justice, after Thurgood Marshall and Clarence Thomas, and the sixth woman. She will join three other women, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Amy Coney Barrett — meaning that four of the nine justices will be women for the first time in history.

Her eventual elevation to the court will be a respite for Democrats who fought three bruising battles over former President Donald Trump's nominees and watched Republicans cement a conservative majority in the final days of Trump's term with Barrett's confirmation. While Jackson won't change the balance, she will secure a legacy on the court for Biden and fulfill his 2020 campaign pledge to nominate the first Black female justice.

"This is a tremendously historic day in the White House and in the country," said White House press secretary Jen Psaki after the vote. "And this is a fulfillment of a promise the president made to the country."

The atmosphere was joyful, though the Senate was divided, as Thursday's votes were cast. Senators of both parties sat at their desks and stood to vote, a tradition reserved for the most important matters. The upper galleries were almost full for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic two years ago, and about a dozen House members, part of the Congressional Black caucus, stood at the back of the chamber.

Harris called out the tally, pausing with emotion, and Democrats erupted in loud

applause and cheers, Schumer pumping his fists. A handful of Republicans stayed and clapped, but most by then had left.

Despite Republican criticism of her record, Jackson eventually won three GOP votes. The final tally was far from the overwhelming bipartisan confirmations for Breyer and other justices in decades past, but it was still a significant accomplishment for Biden in the 50-50 split Senate after GOP senators aggressively worked to paint Jackson as too liberal and soft on crime.

Statements from Republican Sens. Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Mitt Romney of Utah all said the same thing — they might not always agree with Jackson, but they found her to be enormously well qualified for the job. Collins and Murkowski both decried increasingly partisan confirmation fights, which only worsened during the battles over Trump's three picks. Collins said the process was "broken" and Murkowski called it "corrosive" and "more detached from reality by the year."

Biden, a veteran of a more bipartisan Senate, said from the day of Breyer's retirement announcement in January that he wanted support from both parties for his history-making nominee, and he invited Republicans to the White House as he made his decision. It was an attempted reset from Trump's presidency, when Democrats vociferously opposed the three nominees, and from the end of President Barack Obama's, when Republicans blocked nominee Merrick Garland from getting a vote.

Once sworn in, Jackson will be the second youngest member of the court after Barrett, 50. She will join a court on which no one is yet 75, the first time that has happened in nearly 30 years.

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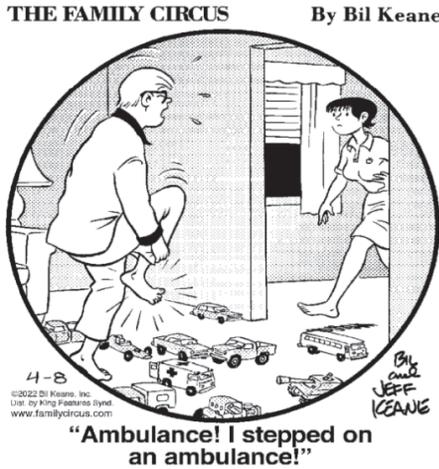
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

Your right-hand opponent opens One Spade, neither side vulnerable. What, if anything, would you bid with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ A62 ♥ J8653 ♦ A8 ♣ A75
2. ♠ A18 ♥ Q5 ♦ KQJ6 ♣ A973
3. ♠ 10 ♥ AKJ974 ♦ A73 ♣ KJ2
4. ♠ 107 ♥ 6 ♦ AJ1082 ♣ AQJ84

1. **Pass.** Passing will prove to be the best action in the long run. To overcall in hearts with such a weak suit is like sitting down on a barrel of gunpowder, since you could get doubled and go for a huge number. Overcalls on the two-level are usually based on how many tricks you can take, not on how many points you have. Safety is the chief consideration. Although your hand qualifies for an opening one-heart bid as dealer — before the strength of any of the other three hands is known, and where you are highly unlikely to be doubled for penalties — it becomes extremely risky to bid with it after your right-hand opponent has opened one spade.

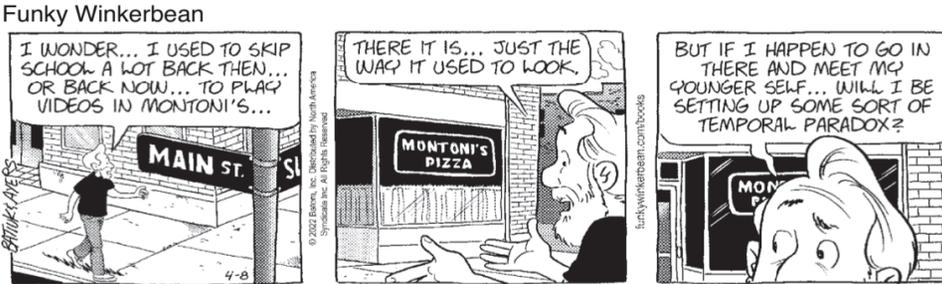
2. **One notrump.** This is the best way to tell your partner the type of hand you hold. A one-notrump overcall indicates approximately the same kind of hand you'd have for an opening notrump bid as dealer — with the added proviso that you must have the opponents' suit stopped. It would be wrong to double instead, since you'd be badly placed if your partner responded two hearts.

3. **Double.** Your hand is a little too strong for a two-heart bid, as partner may pass with a hand good enough to produce a game. Overcalls on the two-level represent good hands, but there's a limit to how powerful they can be. After doubling, you plan to bid hearts at your next turn to show that your hand was too strong for an ordinary overcall.

4. **Two notrump.** This hand provides an illustration of one of the game's more popular conventions, the "unusual notrump." The bid announces that you have at least five cards in each minor suit and asks partner to choose which of them he prefers. Two notrump does not necessarily indicate enough points for an opening bid, but offers the advantage of interfering with the opponents' bidding while making it easier for you to reach your best contract.

Tomorrow: Now you see it, now you don't.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Order restored at Masters as Tiger returns

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Sports Writer
AUGUSTA, Ga. — Of all the 6,576 shots that were officially struck at Augusta National on Day 1 of the Masters, only one truly mattered.

It didn't go in the hole. It wasn't down the center of the fairway. Nothing special about it at all, really.

Except for the fact that it was off a club swung by Tiger Woods.

With his opening tee shot at 11:04 a.m. Thursday, the Masters was truly back to normal. The full allotment of patrons was crammed into Augusta National to watch a tournament round the first time since the pre-pandemic days of 2019, the year in which Woods won the most recent of his five green jackets. They watched a man who could have lost a leg — or his life — in a car crash 15 months ago return to the spot of his past glory, and albeit moving perhaps a bit more slowly than he used to, chase glory again.

"If you would have seen how my leg looked to where it's at

now ... to get from there to here, it was no easy task," Woods said.

The scorecard said Woods shot a 1-under 71 on Thursday. That's basically average for Woods at Augusta National; literally, his career average in 91 tournament rounds at the place is 70.9. It is easy for nobody, not even champions, not even five-time champions, especially five-time champions who needed rods and screws and pins a little over a year ago to reassemble a right leg and right foot that were mangled in a car crash. Yet Woods answered the bell and then some Thursday, probably surprising some by playing at all, surprising even more by looking like someone who could contend.

"Just the fact that, one, he's alive, considering what that accident was about. Two, that he's made a comeback to this point to be able to compete, it's phenomenal," Woods' longtime friend and incoming U.S. Ryder Cup captain Zach Johnson said. "Now, it's also a situation where you're talking about an individual that, I mean, are we really that surprised? ...

He's the best player I've ever played with, and I say that in all aspects. He is the best competitor I've ever witnessed."

Sungjae Im was the first round leader, shooting a 5-under 67. Cameron Smith was second, one shot back with a 68, and four players — Danny Willett, Joaquin Niemann, world No. 1 Scottie Scheffler and past Masters champion Dustin Johnson — were all two shots off the pace after rounds of 3-under 69.

Dustin Johnson won his Masters in 2020. Im and Smith tied for second that year. Thursday, the trio were all on the first page of the leaderboard again, the order slightly adjusted.

"Yes, there is a coincidence there somewhere," Im said, his mind drifting back to that moment.

Ah, nostalgia. No place does it better than the open-air museum of golf that is Augusta National.

The day started with a nod to tradition, of course: Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus extended their run as honorary starters for the tournament, joined this time by

Tom Watson for the ceremonial tee balls off the first tee.

They were all at the Masters Club dinner, one of the many perks for past champions. Woods was there as well, after being unable to attend last year while recovering from his injuries. That was Tuesday night. On Wednesday, Woods — who said the previous day that he intended to play — went through his final practice round and decided there was no need to back out.

And on Thursday, there he was, every step he took surrounded by thousands and thousands of people who left the grounds able to say that they saw Woods' comeback round. The word "roar" might get overused at Augusta National, but that's what the sound from those patrons sure seemed like.

"At the beginning I noticed that there was a lot of people," said Joaquin Niemann, one of Woods' playing partners Thursday along with Louis Oosthuizen. "But then I was trying to talk to my caddie, and I couldn't hear anything that he was saying."

Woods was far from vintage. He kept spraying tee shots off to the left. He played a few times from the pine straw. A half-dozen or so approach shots would barely get to the front of the green, then spin back to the fairway, Woods punctuating one of those bad breaks by shouting a profanity that an on-course microphone caught.

Thing is, he got through it. Three birdies, two bogeys. He gave the patrons a fist pump on No. 16 after making a 30-footer for birdie. He had nothing but smiles walking off the course. A night of ice baths and therapy awaited, just to coax his body into deciding it could walk 18 more holes on Friday. He plays in the afternoon, when it's supposed to be very windy. A course that took about 3 inches of rain on Tuesday and Wednesday will further dry out. It's going to get harder. It's going to get tougher.

The roar was back. So were the patrons. So was Tiger Woods. "This is only one round," Woods said. "We've got three more to go."

Spoil ...

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He left the game with two runners on base before Drury's homer off Collin McHugh, making his Braves debut, landed in the Reds' bullpen behind the left field wall.

Austin Riley hit a two-run homer for Atlanta off right-hander Dauri Moreta in the eighth.

Mahle (1-0) was sharp in his first opening day start, allowing only three hits with two walks and seven strikeouts. Mahle said he wasn't distracted by the

Braves' pregame ceremony. "I didn't really watch any of it, actually," Mahle said. "I kind of heard it, but I was doing my own thing."

Bell said he was impressed by Mahle's perfect fifth inning.

"We've seen him do it a lot where he gets stronger during the game, but today said a lot about him because he hadn't really got that deep in a game in spring training," Bell said.

Tony Santillan pitched a perfect ninth to earn his first career save.

Battle ...

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"She's an unbelievably strong girl," said Cramer. "She has a lot of power. That really helps her."

Seniors Hemmelgarn and Dirksen fought off Bellmont seniors Ella Kintz and Dana Schrack 7-5 in the opening set and then had a 5-4 lead in the second. With Hemmelgarn serving, the Patriot duo built a 40-15 lead and converted their second try to end the match when Dirksen connected on a slam at the net.

"We were aggressive," said Dirksen. "We weren't just volleying it back and forth. We were out to attack."

The victory was a big first step for the new duo.

"Holly and I haven't played that long together," said Dirksen.

"It's our second match together," interjected Hemmelgarn.

"We literally had like three practices together," continued Dirksen. "Just to be able to go out and get a win like that, it felt good. It gave us confidence."

Grace Brewster came back strong to play a competitive second set after dropping the first at No. 1 singles to Olivia Selking. She was down 5-4 in the second set and fought off a couple of match points before her return of a volley sailed wide left as she fell 6-1, 6-4.

At the No. 2 spot, Lilly Hedges dropped her singles debut — she partnered with Hemmelgarn



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Kaylee Zimmerman of the Jay County High School girls tennis team connects on a shot during the second set of her No. 2 doubles match along with her twin and teammate Melana Zimmerman. They battled in the second set against Bellmont's Marisol Jackson and Isabelle Ortiz, but dropped a tiebreaker in a 6-2, 7-6 (7-4) defeat.

at No. 2 doubles last season — 6-3, 6-3 to junior Emy Faurote of the Braves.

In junior varsity action, Kayla Hurt and Chloe

Ruiz knocked off Regan Knous and Sydnee Farmer 10-8. Suffering losses were Heaven Hambrock, Brenna Bailey and Gretchen Link in singles action and

the doubles teams of Zion Beiswanger and Maggie Dillon, Audrey Muhlenkamp and Courtney Harris, and Lucy Raines and Rihanna Hartman.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Fort Recovery — Track at Celina Relays — 4:45 p.m.; Baseball vs. Houston — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Fort Loramie — 5 p.m.; JV softball at Fort Loramie — 5 p.m.

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 vs. 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
3 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: The Masters Tournament — Round 2 (ESPN)

3:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Oakland Athletics at Philadelphia Phillies (NBC)

4 p.m. — College baseball: Indiana at Purdue (BTN)

4:30 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Cup Series — Pain Relief 400 qualifying (FS1)

7:20 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves (BALLY)

7:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Los Angeles FC vs. Los Angeles Galaxy (FOX)

7:30 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Cup Series — Pan Relief 400 (FS1)

8 p.m. — College hockey: NCAA Tournament — Frozen Four Championship (ESPN2)

10:05 p.m. — NHL hockey: Spokane Chiefs at Seattle Thunderbirds (FOX)

Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves (BALLY) 7:30 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Xfinity Series — Call 811 Before You Dig 250 (FS1)

Saturday
2 a.m. — Formula 1 racing: Australian Grand Prix — Qualification (ESPN2)

Noon — College football: Purdue spring game (BTN)

12:30 p.m. — English Premier League Soccer: Tottenham Hotspur vs. Aston Villa (NBC)

1 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Philadelphia 76ers (BALLY)

2 p.m. — College football: Nebraska spring game (BTN)

3 p.m. — NHL hockey: Washington Capitals at Pittsburgh Penguins (ABC)

3 p.m. — Major League Soccer: New England Revolution vs. Inter Milan (ESPN)

3 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: The Masters Tournament — Round 3 (CBS)

4:05 p.m. — College baseball: Rutgers at Nebraska (BTN)

5:30 p.m. — Women's soccer: International friendly — Uzbekistan vs. United States (FOX)

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Sports

Jay just short in battle with Braves



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Jay County High School senior Lilly Hedges made her singles varsity debut Thursday, playing at the No. 2 spot during the Patriots' home match against Belmont. Hedges lost 6-3, 6-3 to Emy Faurote of the Braves as JCHS suffered a 3-2 defeat.

Tennis nearly forces third set in decisive match of 3-2 loss

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The Patriots knew they were facing one of the strongest opponents on their schedule.

They proved they belonged on the same court.

Jay County High School's girls tennis team lost to the visiting Belmont Braves, but were a tiebreaker away from forcing a third set in the deciding match of the 3-2 defeat.

"I'm really happy. They worked us over pretty good last year," said JCHS coach Dave Kramer, whose team lost 4-1 when the teams met last season in Decatur. "We got two wins, almost a third one. We could have won this thing. So I'm really, really happy with the girls. ... I'm really proud of them."

With the Patriots' Brenna Haines (No. 3 singles) and the team of Madison Dirksen and Holly Hemmelgarn (No. 1 doubles) each winning in two sets while Belmont earned points at No. 1 singles and No. 2 singles, the match came down to No. 2 doubles.

Twins Kaylee and Melana Zimmerman dropped their first set 6-2 to

Marisol Jackson and Isabelle Ortiz of the Braves before bouncing back to play a back-and-forth second set. They were down 5-4 before taking the next two games to give themselves a chance to push the match to a third set.

But Belmont won the 12th game of the set to even the score and then took the first four points of the tiebreaker. The Zimmermans rebounded to close to within 5-3 and 6-4 before Ortiz hit a volley winner to end the match and secure the victory for Belmont.

Haines, who played at No. 2 singles when Jay County (1-1) topped Blackford in its season opener Monday, stayed perfect in her varsity career as she topped Leila Sin. She took the opening set 6-4 and then had a 4-3 lead in the second.

The sophomore took control of the match with a baseline winner to push ahead 5-3 and then broke Sin's serve for the win. She had held off a game point, then delivered on her third match point opportunity with a winner to the left corner, which had been her favorite spot to attack throughout the match.

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Patriot softball can't rally again in loss

MUNCIE — The Patriots fought to tie the Eagles.

The hosts took the lead for good in the sixth inning.

Jay County High School's softball team allowed three sixth-inning runs and fell to the host Delta Eagles 10-7 Thursday.

It marks back-to-back losses for the Patriots (1-2) after topping Blackford in the season opener Monday and falling to Belmont on Tuesday.

Delta, one of Jay County's Class 3A sectional rivals, was ahead 5-1 after the first inning before the Patriots trimmed the margin to 5-3 at the end of the second. Two more runs in the fourth gave the Eagles a bit of a

Local roundup

cushion before Jay County answered two two in the fifth.

A two-run sixth for Jay County evened the score at seven apiece, but the tie was short-lived as the Eagles took the lead for good with a three-run home half of the inning.

Mallory Winner was 3-for-3 with an RBI and a stolen base for JCHS in the loss, while Jaelynn Lykins was 2-for-4 with her

team-leading second home run and two RBIs.

Mady Fraley also had two hits and a pair of RBIs.

FR claws Cougars

FORT RECOVERY — Fort Recovery's softball team roughed up the Van Wert Cougars 18-2 in five innings Thursday.

The Indians (3-1), who racked up 20 hits, scored seven runs in the first inning, four in the second, six in the third and one in the fourth. Van Wert scored once in each of the first, second and fifth frames.

Ella Schoen was 3-for-4 with two doubles, four RBIs and two runs. Chloey Grisez doubled, singled twice and knocked in two

runs, while Emma Will had a double, a single and four RBIs.

Sophie Pearson added a double, two singles and three runs. Maddie Guggenbiller, Kensey Gaerke and Kylie Post had multi-hit games as well.

Pearson was credited with the win, allowing one earned run on two hits with two strikeouts and a walk in 3 2/3 innings of relief.

DSJ tops Tribe

FORT RECOVERY — A five-run second inning proved too much to overcome Thursday for the Fort Recovery baseball team in a 7-3 loss to the Delphos St. John's Blue Jays in the Midwest Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

The Blue Jays (3-3, 1-1 MAC) jumped on top with five runs in the top of the second inning and added two more one frame later for a 7-0 lead.

Fort Recovery (2-3, 0-1 MAC) scored runs in each of the third, sixth and seventh frames but wasn't able to capitalize more on five DSJ errors.

Troy Homan led the Indians by going 2-for-2 with a double and two runs. Landon Post went 2-for-3 and scored the team's other run, while Marcus Gaerke contributed a single as well.

Jackson Ervin was charged the loss, allowing seven earned runs on five hits with three strikeouts and two walks in 2 1/3 innings.

Mahle, Reds spoil celebration

ATLANTA (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds watched with admiration as the Atlanta Braves celebrated their championship.

Then the Reds launched a new season by outplaying the champions.

Tyler Mahle allowed only an unearned run in five innings to outpitch Max Fried, Brandon Drury hit a three-run homer and the Reds beat Atlanta 6-3 on Thursday night to spoil the Braves' World Series celebration.

The Braves unveiled their World Series pennant

in right field in a pregame ceremony after two parachutists landed in the outfield carrying championship banners.

"It was great," Reds manager David Bell said. "It was fun to be part of that atmosphere, really."

Fried, the winning pitcher in the World Series-clinching Game 6 win over Houston, couldn't repeat that success in his opening day start.

Fried (0-1) allowed five runs on eight hits in 5 2/3 innings.

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