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## Hankins hired to lead EMA

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

There's a new director taking over Jay County Emergency Management.

Jay County Commissioners hired Portland resident John Hankins on Monday to take over the role from Amy Blakely, who announced her resignation in March. (She had been filling in the position until the county hired a new director.)

"For most of my adult life, I've been responding to emergency situations," said Hankins.

His experience in law enforce-

### Longtime officer will take over director's role from Blakely

ment dates back to 2001, when he started as a reserve deputy at Jay County Sheriff's Office. Hankins served as a sheriff's deputy from 2005 to 2009. He moved to Texas shortly after

and worked as a canine handler and deputy at Wheeler County Sheriff's Department for about 10 years. In July 2020, he returned to Portland. He's been serving as an officer at IU

Health Jay since October 2020 and has also worked part-time at Portland Police Department. On the side, Hankins offers custom engraving and design work through his business, Johnny Lazer.

He complimented Blakely — she's led the office since January 2021 — for her time as director and said she will be missed.

Hankins expressed his excitement to get started. His connections with emergency personnel, he added, will be helpful moving forward.

"(Emergency management is)

a little bit different from what I'm used to, but we're gonna do the best we can and get prepared for whatever the future may hold," he said.

He will take over as director May 16.

Jay County highway superintendent Donnie Corn noted his department will begin chip and seal work June 6. Approximately 9 miles of stone road will be converted this year.

One of the department's dump trucks is out of commission, he added.

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### Dancing shoes

The cast of Jay County High School's production of "All Shook Up" dances to "Blue Suede Shoes" during rehearsal Saturday. The show, which features Elvis Presley music, opens Friday night at JCHS. For a story on the production, see Wednesday's edition of The Commercial Review.

## Manhunt for escapee ends in Evansville

By THERESA BRAINE  
and DAVID MATTHEWS  
New York Daily News  
Tribune News Service

Former corrections officer Vicky White died Monday night after she and Casey White, the Alabama inmate whose escape she aided, were apprehended.

"We've captured them," Vanderburgh County, Indiana, Sheriff Dave Wedding said Monday evening.

Wedding said the pair crashed their car during a pursuit by officers after they were found at an Evansville, Indiana, hotel.

Casey White is in custody and Vicky White had been hospitalized after she shot herself.

She is in "pretty serious shape," Wedding said when

they were apprehended.

Vicky White died of her wounds at 7 p.m. at Evansville's Deaconess Midtown Hospital, WHNT-TV reported, citing Vanderburgh

County Coroner Steven W. Lockyear. Lockyear said she would be autopsied Tuesday.

No other shots were fired as the two were arrested.

One witness described the scene as "crazy."

"These cats came flying by me followed by every cop in Evansville!" Cory Bradley wrote on Facebook.

News of their apprehension comes shortly after the fugitive White may have been seen at an Evansville car wash, according to the U.S. Marshals.

Vicky White, the corrections officer believed to be with Casey White, was not shown in the photos.

The 2006 Ford F-150 was

seen Sunday night about 175 miles from Williamson County, Tennessee, where the pair previously abandoned a 2007 Ford Edge.

The pickup truck is now believed to be abandoned, as well.

Casey White is facing murder charges and is believed to be armed and the pair may have a number of weapons, including an AR-15 rifle, handguns and a shotgun.

Additional charges were also filed against Vicky White on Monday.

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### Former corrections officer who aided inmate died from self-inflicted gunshot

## Dunkirk approves loan

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — The city's bowling alley will be reopening this summer.

Dunkirk City Council agreed Monday to move forward with a \$25,000, five-year loan agreement through its Downtown Revitalization Program to help with renovations the new owners are making at Crown City Lanes.

Duane Marcum and Tim Ritchie are currently working on renovations to the facility at 115 Eaton Pike. Tentative plans are to open the bowling alley in August, noted mayor Jack Robbins.

Marcum and Ritchie will pay off the loan in increments of \$5,000 a year, with the first installment due June 1, 2023.

The building is legally owned

### Funds will go toward bowling alley renovations

by another person, city attorney Wes Schemenaur noted, meaning a mortgage to help secure the loan may or may not be possible. He suggested the city create a personal guarantee agreement with Ritchie and Marcum — it would hold the owners responsible for the corporation's debt — in the event the corporation defaults. (The city has had issues in the past with similar loans not

being repaid, although council previously expressed they do not think it will be an issue with Marcum and Ritchie.)

He noted documentation still needs a few tweaks, such as adding Ritchie's name and language about the mortgage. He said council could approve the agreement on the condition that there may not be a mortgage.

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The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Crown City Lanes of Dunkirk will be reopening its doors in August. New owners Duane Marcum and Tim Ritchie have been renovating the facility (pictured) at 115 Eaton Pike. To help with renovation costs, the business will be receiving a \$25,000, five-year loan from the city's Downtown Revitalization Program.

#### Deaths

Ronald Krieg, 76, Portland  
Staci Williams, 43, Hartford City  
Barbara Geesaman, 83, Bluffton  
Details on page 2.

#### Weather

Jay County's high temperature reached 77 degrees Monday. The low was 60.  
Tonight's low will be 62. There is a slight chance of showers Wednesday. Otherwise, skies will be sunny with a high in the mid 80s.  
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

#### Coming up

**Wednesday** — Results from tonight's JCHS baseball game against Southern Wells.

**Friday** — Coverage of Thursday's Portland Park Board meeting.





# Obituaries

## Ronald Krieg

Sept. 18, 1945-May 8, 2022  
Ronald "Ron" Krieg, age 76, a resident of Portland, passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at his home in Portland.

Ron was born on Sept. 18, 1945, in Anderson, Indiana, the son of Robert Krieg Sr. and Dora (Kaufman) Krieg. Ron graduated from Governor I.P. Gray High School in 1963. He married Betty Bailey on June 20, 1964.

Ron worked for Sheller Globe, Portland Electric and Jay Petroleum, and served as facility director for Jay School Corpora-

tion and wastewater department superintendent for the City of Portland.

Ron served on the Jay County Fair Association for over 37 years, where he spent time as treasurer and secretary. He coached Junior League Baseball and played men's softball.

Survivors include: His wife of 57 years — Betty Krieg, Portland

Three children — Chris Krieg (wife: Beth), Portland, Pat Krieg



Krieg

(wife: Chrissy), Portland, and LeAnn Krieg, Anderson, Indiana

His siblings — Linda Leonard (husband: Jerry), Portland, Karen Bricker (husband: Paul), Portland, Denise McKee, Spring, Texas, Teresa Weesner (husband: Lloyd), Portland, Bob Krieg (wife: Char), Portland, and Dan Krieg, Portland, Indiana

Four grandchildren — Garrett Krieg (wife: Tiffany), Brennen Krieg, Lauren Krieg and Alex Krieg (wife: Malarie)

One great-granddaughter — Emma Krieg

Several aunts, uncles and cousins

Visitation will be held on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Graveside services will be held at a later date at IOOF Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville.

Memorials may be directed towards the Jay County Heart Fund or Jay County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Barbara A. Geesaman, Bluffton, April 8, 1939-May 7, 2022. Services will be held at a later date.

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 5/11	Thursday 5/12	Friday 5/13	Saturday 5/14	Sunday 5/15
<b>83/58</b>	<b>84/58</b>	<b>84/61</b>	<b>82/63</b>	<b>78/55</b>
There's a 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Sunny skies are in the forecast for Thursday, with a cool 5 to 10 mph southeast wind.	Another day of sun is expected Friday. At night, mostly clear skies.	Saturday looks like rain with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms.	More rain is on the horizon Sunday with another 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Monday 18-30-35-52-56 Powerball: 5 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$68 million	60-61-63-64-71-73-75 Cash 5: 13-14-16-20-22 Estimated jackpot: \$300,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$86 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 4-5-6 Pick 4: 0-7-6-3 Pick 5: 5-5-0-8-9 Evening Pick 3: 5-9-0 Pick 4: 9-9-1-5 Pick 5: 1-5-9-9-5 Rolling Cash 5: 8-13-19-32-38 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000 Classic Lotto: 2-11-15-18-28-33 Kicker: 6-3-8-2-5-2 Jackpot: \$27.3 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 1-0-9 Daily Four: 7-4-9-4 Evening Daily Three: 5-8-5 Daily Four: 0-9-5-0 Quick Draw: 4-6-11-17-19-22-25-30-39-52-56-57-58-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.83 June corn .....7.84 Wheat .....8.96	Wheat ..... 10.00 June wheat..... 10.00
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.89 June corn .....7.92 July corn.....7.91	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.70 Late May corn .....7.70 Beans.....16.02 Late May beans.....15.98 Wheat.....10.40
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....7.68 June corn .....7.78 Beans .....16.05 June beans .....16.10	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....7.44 June corn .....7.51 Beans .....15.89 June beans .....15.94 Wheat.....10.53

## Today in history

In 1774, Louis XVI became king of France.  
In 1775, Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold led the Green Mountain Boys in capturing Fort Ticonderoga, which had been controlled by the British.  
In 1796, Napoleon Bonaparte's French troops won a victory over the Austrians at Lodi bridge in Italy.  
In 1869, the first coast-to-coast railroad in the United States was completed when the Central Pacific and Union Pacific were joined at Promontory Summit in Utah.  
In 1899, American dancer and singer Fred Astaire was born in Omaha, Nebraska.  
In 1933, Nazis of the German Student Union burned 25,000 books for being "un-German."  
In 1940, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned.  
Winston Churchill took over the office.  
In 1954, musician and Benedict Arnold led the song "Rock Around the Clock."  
In 1962, Marvel Comics released the first issue of The Incredible Hulk.  
In 1970, Bobby Orr scored the game-winning goal in overtime to finish off the Boston Bruins' sweep of the St. Louis Blues in the Stanley Cup Finals for their first title since 1941.  
In 1972, Lee Hall was elected president of Jay County Hospital board.  
In 1994, Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as president of South Africa.  
In 2021, Jay County Commissioners approved contributing \$70,000 to a project to remodel 4-H buildings at Jay County Fairgrounds. —The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Wednesday</b> 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	<b>Thursday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.
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## Hired ...

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His hope is to allot funds to replace the 13-year-old vehicle, which has been having issues for years, in the upcoming budget cycle for 2023. Two new dump trucks ordered last year are scheduled to arrive by the end of this month.

Also, Commissioner Brian McGalliard suggested they contribute just under \$10,000 toward a new parking lot for American Legion Post 227 in Dunkirk. McGalliard noted the lot at 118 W. Commerce St. is in need of repair, and the legion has requested about 50% of the funds necessary for construction. Commissioners Rex Journay and Aker said they would like to speak with Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins and Jay County Development

Corporation executive director Travis Richards before making a decision.

Commissioners also heard from Jay/Portland Building and Planning director John Hemmelgarn, who shared a report detailing the last four months, showing that approximately 81 permits/applications have been issued so far. That includes seven new home permits. In addition, three confined feeding operations have filed intent to build applications: Zach Louck Farms, Mulenkamp Brothers and Arrowhead Poultry.

In other business, commissioners McGalliard, Aker and Journay:  
•Agreed to move the next commissioners meeting to May 31. (Aker will be out of

town the fourth Monday of the month when commissioners regularly meet.)  
•Recommended Jay County Council contribute \$18,000 to A Better Life – Brianna's Hope. The recommendation was forwarded to commissioners from Jay County Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Advisory Committee. Funds will be used to expand the organization's new podcast, "Faith In Your Recovery."  
•Agreed to give \$200 toward mental health training for John McFarland of Jay Emergency Medical Service. Commissioners previously agreed to give \$2,000 toward the director's training. The additional \$200 will cover books and other related costs. (Jay County Drug

Coalition will also be contributing funds to pay for another individual to go through the training and become an instructor, noted Aker.)  
•Agreed to give Jay County 4th of July Committee its annual allotment of \$5,000  
•Accepted an annual permit for Jay County Landfill at \$35,000, a permit from Indiana Michigan Power to work on power lines along a portion of county road 1150 West and county road 400 South and a \$3,180 bid for paper from Progressive Office Products of Portland  
•Paid a quarterly claim of \$346,248 from Lifestream Services. (The funding comes through an Indiana Department of Transportation grant.)

## Loan ...

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"I think we're doing the best we can and doing more than we ever did, so this is a good thing for us," said council member Jesse Bivens.

Council then agreed to move forward with the loan agreement.

Bivens asked how soon the council could provide funds to Ritchie and Marcum, who are planning to put in new carpet at the facility soon.

Schemenaur noted both owners could visit the city office in the morning and sign the documentation to make it official.

Also Monday, council approved an update to the city's COVID-19

policy to allow employees to take five days of paid leave in one calendar year if required to isolate or quarantine. (If the employee is required to isolate or quarantine for more than five days, they will be required to use accrued sick days or their absence will be excused but unpaid, according to the ordinance.)

The ordinance previously called for 14 days of paid sick leave for employees who contracted the coronavirus. Schemenaur noted it had not been updated since 2020. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention currently suggests five days of quarantine for indi-

viduals who test positive for the virus.

Clerk-treasurer Tina Elliott noted the city office is offering free COVID tests while supplies last. Each pack comes with two tests.

"Please come up and get those and have them so you can check yourself," she said.

Also, council OK'd Robbins to apply for another Community Crossings grant. His hopes are to receive funding to pave streets around Quincy Place — Hart Drive, Merry Court and Shrack Lane — along with Mount Auburn Street from Main Street to Dunkirk City Park.

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## Felony arrests

**Domestic battery**  
A Portland man was arrested Saturday for domestic battery.  
Tyler J. Hough, 33, 6693 S. U.S. 27, was preliminari-

ly charged with a Level 5 felony.  
He was released on his own recognizance this morning from Jay County Jail.

## Capsule Reports

**Drunk driving**  
A Portland man was arrested for drunk driving after his truck struck a Portland woman's car on county road 700 East about 10:48 p.m. Saturday.  
Emma E. Lairson, 19, was driving her 2006 Kia

Rio south on the road just north of county road 300 North. At the same time, Frederick G. Braun, 56, was driving his 2006 Chevrolet Silverado north on the road.  
Lairson and witnesses told Jay County Sheriff's Office that Braun was driving in the center of the road and struck Lairson's vehicle, then continued driving to his residence. Braun later returned to the scene.

Braun was booked into Jay County Jail and preliminarily charged with a Class C misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class B misdemeanor for leaving the scene of an accident and a Class A misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person.  
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**SERVICES**

Thursday

**Staci, Williams:** 6 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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**HELP Dashboard:** Updates regarding the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program. Links to many of the Jay County communities, organizations, and businesses

The Jay Community calendar lists events and meeting dates that are occurring in Jay County.

**Attend the Community Forum on June 13th at 3:00 at the John Jay Center.**

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# Being someone's 'favorite' is reassuring

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review  
"I'm your favorite," grandson Nicky told me. I stumbled a little before telling him that he was right. He is my favorite. So are his siblings and my family up north. They are all my favorite people.

## As I See It



I asked about his baseball games. He is a catcher. I told him that I couldn't play baseball. He immediately said that I could, too, I just had to try. I let it drop.  
He doesn't realize that I could try my best and practice until the cows come home and I still couldn't catch, throw, run or hit a ball with the swing of a bat.

The only team that would welcome me would be Charlie Brown's baseball team featured in the comic strip, "Peanuts."

Saturday I received a box in the mail from my daughter. It was my Mother's Day present. There was a recyclable grocery bag, some hand cream, a couple of small embroidery projects and a couple of great Mother's Day cards.

The best thing of all was a handful of pictures. There are photos of grandson, Jacob, on his way to a band concert. There are pictures of granddaughter, Emma, holding two white

chickens upside down by their feet. She is wearing her FFA jacket with her name embroidered on it.

I am surprised that she has embraced the FFA because she has never lived on a farm. The closest she has come to farm life is the house where she lives now. The chickens in the backyard and the occasional horse are the closest she has come to being responsible for livestock. Oh, I also learned that a couple of ducks have moved in. They look like male mallards. I don't know how long they will last.

There is also a print of Emma and her boyfriend.

He is a good looking boy but how could she be old enough to have a boyfriend?

There are pictures of Jacob giving Nicky a boost as he climbs a tree. There are pictures of the boys holding the fish they had just caught. There were two or three photos of the boys letting a praying mantis crawl on their faces. I know praying mantises are the good guys of the garden. I know that the big bugs are mostly harmless. Still, it gives me the willies to see them posing on their faces.

A day or so later I was talking with my daughter.

I didn't realize she was driving at the time, or that Nicky was in the backseat. She was almost to where she was going. As we were saying our goodbyes, I heard a voice say, "I'm your favorite."

I smiled and answered that he was indeed my favorite. I am glad that he has that kind of self esteem. He also tells his mom that he is her favorite.

Being someone's favorite is a good thing. It means that you will always have someone's back and they will have yours. I hope that you, reader, are someone's favorite.

## Old flame isn't rekindling

DEAR ABBY: I met a man, "Gabe," 30 years ago. We had a very good time together. We dated some and even traveled occasionally. I liked him a lot but, when we met, I was divorced and looking for marriage. He was not. I moved for my job, and met and married someone else. Gabe did call to keep in touch for several years, but the calls stopped. I never forgot him.

My husband passed away four years ago, and then COVID hit. Feeling the loneliness of lockdown, I wrote letters to people I hadn't heard from in years. Gabe's was one such letter. He called me after he received it, and we reconnected. We have enjoyed each other's company off and on since then.

I would love to have a deeper relationship with him. Unfortunately, he regards me as nothing more than a friend. He is intelligent, quick-witted, well-traveled and still very handsome. I enjoy his company very much. I've wanted to tell him how I feel, but I don't want to jeopardize what we have together. So here I am, now in my 60s, feeling lost and not knowing how to handle my desire to be with

## Dear Abby



him. What do you think? — LONG HISTORY IN FLORIDA

DEAR HISTORY: If you are looking for more than you already have with Gabe, you are wasting your time. Gabe is satisfied with the relationship just as it is. If he wasn't, believe me, he would have mentioned it. If what you need is someone to "nest" with, you will have to look elsewhere. Sorry, he isn't it.

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DEAR ABBY: I am contemplating asking my wife for a divorce. Her 86-year-old mother lives with us. After she moved in, I quickly realized that her mother is a bigot, nosy and has little to no respect for my wife. I could go on and on. Agreeing to her mother moving in was the worst mistake of my life. I

avoid her like the plague now. I can work from home full time, but prefer to drive 75 miles a day to get out of the house. Her mother needs more care now than can be provided at home. However, my wife wants to bring someone in a few days a week, since I no longer work from home. She's just delaying the inevitable.

I believe her mother is more important to her than I am and, if that's the case, I can't change her mind. Aside from this, we have a great marriage. I don't want to lose what I have, but I am prepared to walk away. Advice? — HATES THE HOUSEGUEST

DEAR HATES: I do have some. If assisted living is in your mother-in-law's future, it would be kinder to have her take up residency soon, while she's capable of adjusting to it rather than postponing it until there is an emergency. You are long overdue for a frank and not very pleasant conversation with your wife about how you feel you rank on her list of priorities. Feeling as you do, it may be your only chance of saving your marriage.

## Portland High alumni banquet set for June 18

Reservations are open for Portland High School's annual alumni banquet.

Portland High School Alumni Association will host its annual banquet on June 18. It will be held in the commons area of Jay County High School, 2072 W. Indiana 67, Portland.

Social hour will be from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., with dinner to follow.

All alumni from Portland High School are welcome to attend. Honored classes this year are 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967 and 1972.

Dinner costs \$15 per person. Checks may be made out to Portland Alumni Association. Reservations are due by June 1.

For more information, call Judy or Neil Medler at (260) 726-7209.

## Marriage licenses

Britney N. Mullins, 20, Portland, and Michael D. Stevens, 21, Portland  
Teresa L. Blankenship, 50, Portland, to Stephen D. Fouch, 53, Portland  
Vickie L. Arnold, 64, Salamonina, Indiana, and

Harry T. Hiday, 68, Salamonina, Indiana  
Jenna L. Lewis, 32, Portland, and Kevin M. Pugh, 53, Portland  
Dakota J. Hunt, 25, Portland, and Haley A. Tungate, 22, Portland

## 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.

**JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE** — Holds its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Room at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

**A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'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.

**BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS** — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

**PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB** — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.  
**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** — For caregivers

of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City.

**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.

**A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

### Saturday's Solution

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

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# Trash ordinance lacked transparency

To the editor:  
As a resident of Portland, we have too much hiding and not enough transparency on important issues.

The example I'm using is with the new trash ordinance.

This ordinance was brought up without citizen input, which you didn't want. (No input, no hassle.)

We had more transparency after the fact — radio, newspaper — than before the fact. (Where was the people's voice?) You're elected to represent all the people of Portland, not one's own self-agenda — mayor and street department head.

We paid \$5 a month to have all trash picked up. Now we pay \$5.50 a month and an additional fee for sofas, chairs and mattresses. And one free day we haul to the street department.

What happened to a fair wage for a fair day's work?

Maybe we need to have a

## Letters to the Editor

vote on the ballot so the residents have a say.  
Terry Robbins Sr.  
Portland

### Quality story

To the editor:  
I was pleasantly surprised by the article on the leak of the Supreme Court decision.

I expected to read insane left wing ranting similar to that coming from the Biden administration, the liberal media and Democratic leadership.

What I read was a fair and balanced rendering of both sides of the issue.

Quality articles like this provide the best service to CR readers on both sides of the aisle.

Stephen Erwin  
Portland



# Indiana competes poorly

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

David Ricks, CEO of Eli Lilly & Co., recently told members of the Economic Club of Indiana that state policymakers need to address poor educational attainment and high healthcare costs. These topics will sound familiar to faithful readers of this column, but it is refreshing to hear these points made publicly by a business leader.

In a future column I'll detail comprehensive policy options for reducing healthcare costs. As difficult as it will be to remedy this important issue, it is easy compared to our educational challenges. To fix our low levels of educational attainment, Indiana must better educate a higher share of its young adults and make more communities into places they'd like to live. This may sound easy, but any progress here requires that almost everyone set aside some long-held, mistaken opinions. The two most misunderstood issues are about what ails education and how taxes factor in to the location decisions of people and businesses.

Indiana's comprehensive school reforms are not the problem. In fact, the success of broad school choice masked other problems. The evidence from several high-quality studies makes clear that school choice mostly benefited students in local public schools. That should be unsurprising because the largest share of students who take advantage of school choice in Indiana move to another local public school, not to a charter or private school.

At the same time, a number of policy decisions other than school choice have reversed the state's pathway to a better-educated workforce. Indiana's "go to college" rate peaked right at the moment the state began de-emphasizing college to both middle and high school students. That wasn't an accident.

Gov. Mitch Daniels' vision for educational attainment was replaced by a career focus that saw sixth graders being pushed into truck driving careers. Those decisions were uninformed by any understanding of labor markets, disproportionately hurt children from poor families and constituted raw negligence at best, but it wasn't the only problem.

While we began de-emphasizing college preparation, we also cut funding for K-12 and colleges. Had Indiana kept our education spending at the same level of state Gross Domestic Product that we did in 2010, we'd be spending close to \$1.5 billion more today. In inflation-adjusted terms, we spent 17.5%

Michael J. Hicks



less per student in the 2019-20 school year than in the 2009-10 school year.

The reductions to higher education funding were even deeper. As a result of the de-emphasis of college and funding cuts, the "go to college" rate of Hoosier kids plummeted from 65% in 2015 to 59% in 2019. COVID made the situation worse. By my count, that's roughly 40,000 "missing" college graduates in Indiana. To put in context, Indiana created 64,000 jobs for college graduates between 2010 and 2019. That was dismal.

In contrast, from 2009 to 2019, the nation as a whole created 14.1 million jobs for college graduates. Had we been growing at the national average, Indiana would've captured almost 275,000 jobs for college graduates during that period. As a matter of policy, Indiana has chosen not to supply the college graduates that the modern economy requires.

To be clear, not every person needs a college degree. However, 100% of the job growth over the past 30 years went to people who have been to college, and 81% of that growth went to those who graduated with a four-year degree. Individual people can make ends meet in many occupations that do not require a four-year degree, but there will be fewer jobs for them in the decades to come. Thus, cities and states cannot thrive without a high (and growing) share of college graduates. Indiana has chosen not to compete in that realm, and no amount of speechifying about "talent attraction" can overcome that blunt fact.

The debate about school funding and aspirational education must take center stage in Indiana. This debate will involve many domains, most especially taxes. Among policymakers in Indiana, it is a widely held belief that tax rates are important influences on the location of firms and families. I'm sympathetic to that view and even shared it when I was a young economist. The problem with that opinion is that there's very little evidence that it is true.

I have seen no credible study published in the past 40 years that finds state or local tax rates playing more than a very modest role

in firm or family location decisions. Instead, let me simply compare manufacturing between a low-tax and high-tax state — Indiana and California.

Hoosier policymakers like to tout Indiana's low taxes and large manufacturing industry. California taxes its manufacturing firms at almost exactly a 50% higher rate than does Indiana, but California's manufacturing industry today is four times bigger than Indiana's, and it has grown 75% faster than Indiana's over the 21st century. Here's the real rub. Between 2000 and 2019, California raised taxes on manufacturing by almost one full percentage point, while Indiana cut taxes for manufacturing.

More telling perhaps is that the average Hoosier factory worker produces \$219,100 per year in goods, while the average California factory worker produces \$337,900 per year. That is a stunning difference. The reason California's factories are more productive is because they employ a 51% higher share of college graduates than do Indiana factories.

There's no way to sugarcoat it; Indiana's low educational attainment leaves us unprepared for the start of the 21st century. Since 2000, and more importantly since the end of the Great Recession, Indiana's economy has underperformed in every important measure when compared to the nation. We are well behind in productivity, educational attainment, population growth and personal income. Sadly, we are getting relatively worse in all these categories.

Indiana's strategy of cutting taxes may have been desirable in 1975, but the needs of families and businesses have changed. Today, the type of employers Indiana desperately needs are choosing places with dense numbers of college graduates and a strong pipeline of educated workers. In turn, those desirable workers overwhelmingly locate in communities with a high quality of life, which above all else means high-performing, well-funded schools.

It's time we all have the intellectual courage to admit that Indiana competes poorly on the factors that drive population and employment growth in the 21st century. We also need the courage not to accept it.

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# Leaked ruling contradicts itself

St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
Tribune News Service

The Supreme Court draft ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade* raises just as many arguments and counterarguments as the original ruling that Justice Samuel Alito excoriated in his opinion, leaked this week to Politico. Alito's assertion that abortion rights don't fall under the 14th Amendment, and that the Constitution makes no mention of abortion as a right, calls into question a wide range of other supposed rights for which no mention appears in the Constitution.

Alito basically would establish an entirely new bar for basic rights that cannot be met under a strict reading of the Constitution — not just including divisive issues such as gay marriage but also whether there is a right for gun owners to possess ammunition. The Constitution doesn't specifically spell out a right for interracial couples to marry. Under Alito's rationale, all those supposedly settled issues, widely accepted as basic rights, now could be subject to challenge.

Alito argues the opposite, saying that this draft ruling applies only to the rights of the unborn. But under his rationale, the Constitution offers no spelled-out rights to the unborn. In fact, it specifically excludes the unborn from having rights under the very 14th Amendment that Alito dissects as the basis for the conservative majority's opinion.

Consider the amendment's opening phrase: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof ..." followed by the stipulation that no state shall "deprive any person of life, liberty, or property," without due legal process and equal protection.

That opening paragraph specifically applies to women as a subset of all people who qualify as having been born — and it specifically does not apply to those who have not yet been born.

These are painful words to parse in such a literal way when talking about humans' lives, but that's

## Guest Editorial

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the standard Alito himself is setting.

Yet Alito and the conservative majority have decided that the rights of the unborn supersede those of women even though no wording in the Constitution specifies any such distinction.

This ruling, if it survives, could force an impregnated woman in 33 states to give birth, in some cases like Missouri regardless of whether she is the victim of rape or incest.

Let the states decide without court intervention, Alito says. Yet court conservatives do favor taking away states' rights on other divisive issues.

It appears that the majority only seeks a literal interpretation of the Constitution when it suits conservative justices' political or religious beliefs. But when the wording doesn't suit them, they simply ignore it.

A court whose politics overshadow reasoned constitutional interpretation is a court whose legitimacy deserves all the public scrutiny it's now receiving.

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# Russian missiles pound Odesa

By LAURA KING  
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Los Angeles Times  
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ZHYTOMYR, Ukraine — Russia's ambitions to overtake southern Ukraine appeared to grow Tuesday as authorities reported the use of hypersonic missiles on the Black Sea city of Odesa and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called on world powers to break a Russian blockade of his nation's ports.

Ukraine said firefighters were battling blazes in Odesa early Tuesday after seven missiles struck targets including a shopping center and a warehouse, killing at least one person and injuring five. Video posted on Facebook by the Ukrainian army showed rescue groups surrounded by smoking rubble.

Sergey Bratchuk, a spokesman for the Odesa regional military, said in an update that a separate strike by three Kinzhal hypersonic missiles had also hit "tourism" locations in Odesa.

The Kinzhal is more destructive than conventional missiles because its speed — several

## Zelenskyy calls for world powers to break blockade of Ukrainian ports

times that of sound — enables it to better evade anti-missile systems. Its use on Odesa could not be verified, though Russia first claimed to unleash the new weapons in March on targets in western Ukraine.

Citing the key role that Odesa, in the southwest near Moldova, plays in the global agricultural trade, Zelenskyy said in a video address that shortages of grain exports were bound to get worse if attacks continued and Western powers did not put an end to the Russian blockade of Ukrainian ports. Nations around the world depend heavily on grain from the fertile Black Sea region, which some call the "breadbasket of Europe."

"For the first time in decades there is no usual movement of the merchant fleet, no usual port functioning in Odesa. Probably this has never happened in Odesa since World War II," Zelenskyy said.

"Without our agricultural exports, dozens of countries in different parts of the world are already on the brink of food shortages. And over time, the situation can become downright terrible."

On the other side of Ukraine, in the southeast, officials said today that Russian attacks continued to hit the port city of Mariupol, where dramatic scenes have unfolded in the last week of civilians rescued from a

vast steelworks where they and a group of fighters were sheltering.

Petro Andryushchenko, an adviser to the mayor, said on Telegram that he believed 100 people remained in the Azovstal steel complex's underground tunnels. Andryushchenko said that the area was still under fire today.

The situation in the plant has been hard to ascertain even for Ukrainian authorities, who in earlier days said they believed all or most civilians had been evacuated.

Mariupol, under near-total Russian control, was the site Monday of a Russian military observation of Victory Day, a Russian holiday marking the Soviet triumph over Nazis during World War II.

Some analysts had predicted that Russian President Vladimir Putin, who presided over a highly orchestrated celebration in Moscow complete with military marches and music, would use the occasion to declare all-out war on Ukraine. Instead, he lashed out against the North Atlantic

Treaty Organization and the U.S., saying Russia was responding to "aggression" by Western powers.

In Mariupol, Andryushchenko said that while Russian troops held celebratory exercises in the city, "no excitement or joy on the street was particularly noticeable. ... Something went wrong with the holiday because Mariupol is Ukraine, not Moscow."

With Moscow having declared victory over Mariupol — which would give it one piece of a desired land corridor linking Russian, Crimea and western Ukraine — and military gains somewhat stalled along the eastern Donbas battlefield, American and British military analysts say attacks on Odesa and the west could increase as a way to lure Ukrainian firepower from the east.

In the nation's northeast around Kharkiv, which has been under near-daily assault since the beginning of the war but remains in Ukrainian control, a local leader said today that bodies were still being recovered from attacks in March.



AFP/Getty Images/Tribune News Service/Ishara S. Kodikara

## Demonstration clash

Demonstrators and government supporters clash outside the official residence of Sri Lanka's Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, in Colombo on Monday.

## Loan ...

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In other business, council members Bivens, Tom Johnson, Kevin Hamilton and Christy Curts, absent Bryan Jes-sup:

•Heard council will have an executive session at 6 p.m. May 23 with Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation, with its regularly scheduled meeting to follow at 7 p.m.

•Again discussed that the city will need to pass a resolution addressing the alley that splits property owned by Tammy Uhrick at 368 E. High St. He learned there was an ordinance passed in 1984 that vacated a non-existing alley nearby — it was likely meant to vacate the alley splitting Uhrick's property — and attributed it to a scrivener's error.

•Heard from multiple members of the public, including: Kenci Grayson of Live in Joy, who expressed that she and Bizzy Dips owner Hannah Long's interest to get involved with the community; Randy Murphy, who was recently appointed to Dunkirk Park Board; and rural Hartford City resident John Bartlett, who is running for District 33 state representative in the general election against Incumbent J.D. Prescott.

•Were notified by Robbins that work on six streets scheduled to be paved — they were paid for through a Community Crossings grant — will be finished by the end of the week.

•Heard from water department superintendent Dace Mumbower the city will be flushing hydrants between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. the week of May 23 to 27.

## Escapee ...

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The woman is accused of forgery and identity theft after she allegedly used an alias to purchase the 2007 Ford Edge.

She had previously been accused of permitting or facilitating escape in the first degree.

Vicky White, who was an assistant director of corrections

for Lauderdale County, allegedly helped Casey White escape April 29 when she said she was taking him to a mental health evaluation.

She then claimed to have dropped White off and was taking the rest of the day because she was not feeling well.

Investigators later learned

that no mental health evaluation had been scheduled.

Marshals said that if White was using a second — or third or fourth — alias, it would hamper their ability to track the two down. She is also believed to have a large amount of money after she sold her house shortly before the escape.

"She had two false IDs that we're aware of, and I wouldn't be shocked if she had additional or new ones now," Lauderdale County Sheriff Rick Singleton told CNN on Monday.

Vicky White, 56, and Casey White, 38, had developed a romantic relationship around 2020, the sheriff said.

## Capsule Reports

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Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Both vehicles were towed.

### Pole hit

A Pennville teen struck a pole with the vehicle she was driving on Indiana 1 about 1:50 p.m. Sunday.

Zoey L. Shaneyfelt, 16, told Jay County Sheriff's Office she was driving south on Indiana 1 when she noticed another car

cross the center line. She told police she had to leave the road to avoid a collision. The 2003 Chadillac Escalade she was driving went off the west side of the road and struck a utility pole. The pole snapped and fell over, and the vehicle stopped on its side.

Damage is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

### Lost control

A Bryant man lost con-

trol of his vehicle while driving on county road 50 West and went into a ditch about 11:13 p.m. Thursday.

Andrew N. Brinkerhoff, 19, was driving south on the road just south of county road 900 North when his vehicle drove through a patch of high water, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. He lost control of his 2015 Ford Fusion, and it spun into a ditch.

His vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

### Intersection collision

A Portland man turned his vehicle into the car a Pennville woman was driving at the intersection of county roads 200 West and 200 North about 7:15 p.m. Friday.

Zavier A. Lee, 25, Portland, was stopped at the

intersection. Lee told Jay County Sheriff's Office he didn't look both ways and turned the 2018 Chevrolet Malibu he was driving south onto county road 200 West, crashing into a southbound 2012 Nissan Altima driven by 18-year-old Kya L. Staton of Pennville.

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Both vehicles were towed.

### Deer hit

A Portland man's vehicle struck a deer on Indiana 67 about 10:22 p.m. Saturday.

Ricky W. Dennis, 63, was driving southwest on the highway just north of county road 125 South when a deer ran in front of his 2007 Dodge Caliber. He couldn't avoid hitting the animal, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage.

## Roundup ...

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The winner of the FRHS/St. John's game will advance to play the winner of a semifinal game between No. 4 seed Perry and No. 7 seed New Bremen for the sectional championship at 5 p.m. May 19. (Fort Recovery would be on the road regardless of its opponent.)  
Champions advance to the district tournament at Coldwater.

### Hemmelgarn wins two

WINCHESTER — Maria Hemmelgarn earned a pair of victories Monday, but the Jay County junior high track teams each lost to host Driver.

Hemmelgarn led the way for the Patriot girls as she won the 100-meter hurdles and 200 hurdles. Also adding victories were Alexis Sibray in the 800 run, Ariel Beiswanger in the 100

dash, Ava Raines in the shot put and Amelia Heath in the discus.

Two of the three victories for the Jay County boys came in field events, with Austin Carter winning the shot put and Kaiden Castillo the shot discus. Creed Beiswanger added a win for the Patriots in the 100 dash.

### PJL plays ball

Portland Junior League got

its season underway Monday with several games, including an 8-5 win for Portland Optimist over Homestead Bedding in Rookie softball. Also, All Circuit Electrical defeated Jay County Monuments 12-4 in Major softball and Portland Kiwanis defeated Lions Club 10-9 in baseball.

Brinley Steed's three hits, including a double, and three

runs led the win for Portland Optimists. Lizzie Miller added two doubles and two runs.

Carley Trinidad pitched All Circuit to its win with eight strikeouts and she also had a triple, a double and two singles.

Benson Armstrong hit a home run and a triple for Kiwanis as he drove in five runs and scored once.



### SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



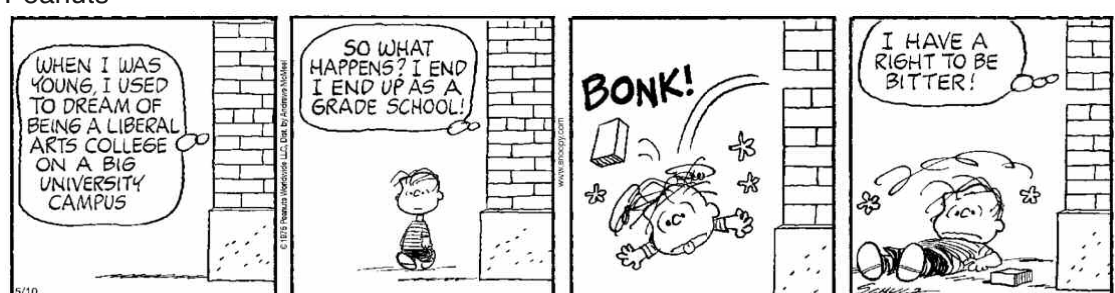
### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

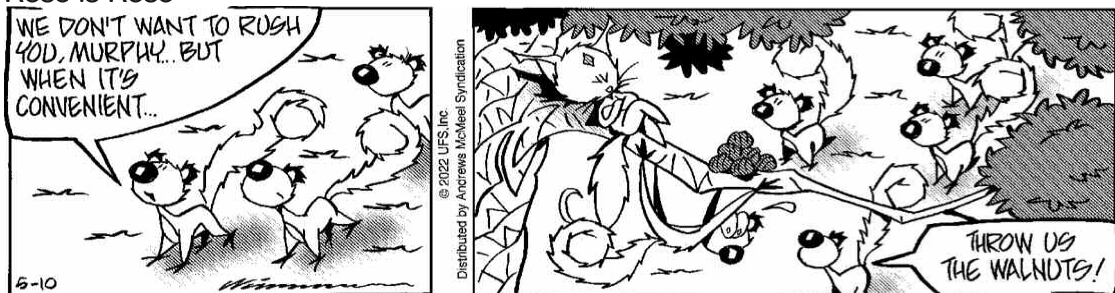


"While Daddy and Mommy are away I'll be drawin' the cartoons. So do somethin' funny."

### Peanuts



### Rose is Rose



### Agnes



### Hi and Lois



### Funky Winkerbean



### Blondie



### Snuffy Smith



### Beetle Bailey



### Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

#### Haste makes waste

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 6  
♥ 4  
♦ A K 9 3  
♣ A 9 7 6 5 2

**WEST**  
♠ Q 8 7 2  
♥ 10 8 5 2  
♦ 6  
♣ K J 3

**EAST**  
♠ K 9 4  
♥ 10 9 6 3  
♦ Q 8 7 4  
♣ Q 10

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 10 5 3  
♥ A K Q  
♦ J 10 5 2  
♣ 8 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♦ Pass 2♣ Pass  
2NT Pass 3♦ Pass  
3NT

Opening lead—five of hearts.  
Bridge is, first and foremost, a game of probabilities. Certain bids are made rather than other bids because they figure to produce the best results in the long run. A certain line of play is adopted because it has a greater chance of success than an alternative approach.

Today's deal provides a case in point. North-South arrived at three notrump, and West led a heart. Declarer won and could count seven sure tricks—a spade, three hearts, two diamonds and a club.

A finesse was available in dia-

monds, and if West had the queen, nine tricks would be there for the taking. So South led the jack of diamonds at trick two and let it ride. East won with the queen and returned a heart, and declarer was now in deep trouble. He had no way of establishing a ninth trick before the opponents could collect five, and he finished down one.

In effect, South gave himself about a 50% chance—the probability that West had the diamond queen. But before attempting the diamond finesse, he should have asked himself whether another approach was available that might improve his chances. This might have led him to consider the possibility of trying to establish dummy's clubs, a move that was, percentage-wise, far better than the one he chose.

All that is needed to establish three extra club tricks is a 3-2 division of the missing clubs—a 68% probability. Furthermore, if the clubs fail to divide, he still has the diamond finesse in reserve, giving him better than an 80% chance of success all told.

In the actual deal, South would duck a club at trick two, win the presumed heart return and lead a club to the ace. When the suit broke normally, he would concede a club to West's king and finish with 10 tricks without breaking a sweat.

Tomorrow: It pays to be pessimistic.  
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### 5-10 CRYPTOQUIP

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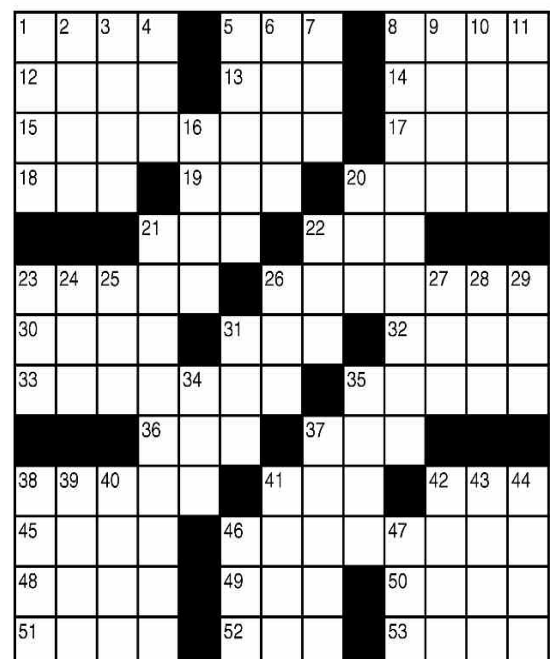
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## No rust ...

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Ridgmont (9-8) would come up with single tallies in the second and fourth innings, but Homan silenced them otherwise. She retired the side in order in the odd-numbered innings and got some help on a 4-6 putout from shallow right field when Brooke Nelson tried to stretch a leadoff single into a double.

Meanwhile, Ava Grisez singled, stole second base, advanced to third on a ground out and took home on a dropped

third strike in the second inning. A couple of walks and a Cali Wendel single led to two runs for the Tribe in the third and Wendel singled and scored in the sixth before Chloey Grisez provided the exclamation point. The shortstop obliterated a pitch from Ridgmont's Hallie Howard, smashing a no-doubt home run just to the left of the Tribe fans sitting on the hill beyond the fence in left-center field.

"Chloey Grisez, she came up big tonight," said Thien. "She

had ... a big home run to kind of seal the game for us there at the end."

Grisez finished 3-for-4 with two runs and an RBI while Guggenbiller was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and a run.

Wendel also finished 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run.

"We've been working with her on her swing, just kind of hitting right back up the middle, just to cut down on the strikeouts," said Thien. "I'm really glad to see her bouncing back after that first one. She hit two

line drives right back up the middle."

Homan, who handled the last out on her own on a bouncer back up the middle, went the distance while striking out two and not allowing a walk. Only one of the two runs against her was earned.

Fort Recovery's last sectional title came in 2018 with a 10-2 win over Perry. The Indians lost 9-2 to Lincolnview last season and 8-6 in 2019 to Marion Local, both in sectional title games. (The 2020 season was canceled

because of the coronavirus pandemic.)

The Tribe is hoping to end that drought Thursday, having edged Marion Local 6-5 in their Midwest Athletic Conference meeting April 19.

"Our approach is going to be just to try to lay off that rise ball ... play small ball again and hope our pitchers can come through and the defense can hold them to a low-scoring game," said Thien. "I don't foresee it being a high-scoring game."

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
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Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Versailles — 5 p.m.; Softball at Versailles — 5

p.m.; Track in Midwest Athletic Conference Championships at Minster — 4:30 p.m.; JV baseball at Versailles — 5 p.m.; JV softball at Minster — 5 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
Jay County — Girls tennis vs. Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Baseball at Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Softball at Bluffton — 5 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Softball vs. New Bremen — 5 p.m.

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10 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Western Conference semifinals — Dallas Mavericks at Phoenix Suns (TNT)

**Wednesday**  
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7 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Washington Capitals at Florida Panthers (ESPN2)

9:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Western Conference semifinals — Golden State Warriors at Memphis Grizzlies (TNT)  
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# Sports

## No rust despite rest

*After week off, delayed start, Fort Recovery jumps on top early en route to earning a berth in Thursday's sectional championship*

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

**FORT RECOVERY** — The Indians had not been on the field in a week. A late arrival by their opponent pushed their sectional semifinal start time back by about 40 minutes.

When they finally got on the field, they were ready.

Jackie Homan sat down the Ridgemont Golden Gophers in order in the first inning and Emma Will's bunt single to lead off the bottom of the frame started a streak of seven consecutive batters reaching base.

Fort Recovery High School's softball team jumped out to a 3-0 lead Monday and stayed in control throughout an 8-2 victory over Ridgemont to earn a sectional championship berth.

"It wasn't just being off for a week, it was then we get out here and they push the game back," said FRHS coach Ryan Thien, whose team hung out around the dugout waiting for Ridgemont to arrive. "I did not know what to expect. ...

"They were loose. But sometimes when we play loose we play good and sometimes when we play loose we don't play so good.

"I'm real proud of the girls, just their dedication to it this week."

The fourth-seeded Tribe advances to host Thursday's sectional championship game against Mari-



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Brooke Nelson of Ridgemont loses her helmet after Fort Recovery High School shortstop Chloey Grisez tagged her out in the sixth inning of Monday's sectional semifinal game. Nelson was trying to stretch her fly-ball single into a double, but Tribe second baseman Cali Wendel threw her out from shallow right field.

on Local. The No. 7 seed Flyers blanked fifth-seeded St. Henry 4-0 in their sectional semifinal game Monday.

Because of inclement weather that canceled a visit to Versailles, a home game against New Bremen and the Strikeout of Cancer Tournament at Cold-

water, the Indians had not played since their 11-0 loss to Arcanum a week earlier. They had not won a game since their 16-1 clobbering of Jackson Center on April 23.

But after the quick top of the first inning, Will dropped a bunt down the third base line and sprint-

ed to beat out the throw from third baseman Whitney Bailey by half a step. Chloey Grisez followed with a single to center field.

After a Sophie Pearson grounder led to Will being retired at third base, Homan singled to right field and Grisez came

around to score on an errant throw. Maddie Guggenbiller then smacked a two-run single to center that gave the Indians the only runs they would need.

"I was very proud of them after the first inning because generally it's hard to come up off that when

you're down," said Ridgemont coach Kim Bailey, whose team lost 11-2 to FRHS in last season's sectional opener. "They pulled it together and defense looked good the second inning on. I just wish it would have started out that way."

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## Patriots pound NC

NEW CASTLE — The Patriots got a look at their first-round sectional opponent.

They walked away feeling good about their chances for a tournament victory.

Jay County High School's softball team racked up seven second-inning runs as they dominated the New Castle Trojans 16-5 in five innings Monday.

The teams will meet again in the opening round of the Class 3A Sectional 24 tournament at Delta. (The Patriots' last tournament win came in 2015.)

JCHS also split games Saturday in tournament action at Elwood, defeating Southwood 12-1 in five innings and losing 5-1 to the host Panthers.

Jay County (8-6) never trailed, scoring twice in its first at-bat before its big second inning. It tallied three runs in the fifth to end the game early.

Tricia Ison smacked a pair of doubles as she drove in six runs and scored twice for the Patriots. Jaelynn Lykins and Olivia Bright both went deep for JCHS while also scoring three times and driving in two runs.

Lykins was 4-for-4 with four runs and an RBI in Saturday's win over Southwood. Jozey Shimp drove in three runs and Mady Fraley scored three times.

### Pearson strong

Dusty Pearson kept the Muncie Central bats quiet Monday as the Jay County baseball team picked up a 5-1 victory over the Bearcats.

Pearson gave up an unearned run in the top of the first inning before silencing Muncie Central over the next five frames as he struck out six batters en route to the win. The Patriots pulled even in the third inning and

### Local roundup

took the lead with four runs in the fifth.

Gavin Myers, who closed the game on the mound with a pair of strikeouts in the seventh inning, hit a solo home run for JCHS (8-5). Sam Myers had a single, two walks, a run and an RBI.

### FR tops Cards

NEW BREMEN, Ohio — Landon Post and Marcus Gaerke each had two hits Monday as the Fort Recovery baseball team knocked off the New Bremen Cardinals 5-3.

The victory came a day after the tournament pairings were announced, with FRHS and New Bremen as potential sectional championship opponents.

Post was 2-for-3 with a double, two RBIs and a run to lead the Indians (9-8, 4-4 Midwest Athletic Conference) on Monday. Gaerke had two hits, a run and an RBI.

Troy Homan got the win as he gave up three runs in 5 2/3 innings. Fort Recovery scored all of its five runs before New Bremen got on the board with three in the bottom of the sixth inning.

### Bilbrey 2nd twice

BLUFFTON — Gabi Bilbrey finished second in both throwing events as the Jay County track teams competed in the delayed Allen County Athletic Conference Championships on Monday at Bluffton.

The Bluffton girls finished fifth in the seven-team field at the meet that was originally scheduled for Friday but was postponed because

of inclement weather. The boys placed sixth.

Bilbrey paced the JCHS girls as she was the runner-up in the discus and shot put. The team of Natalie Wehrly, Makinsey Murphy, Jenna Dues and Kylie Klopfenstein was second in the 4x100-meter relay.

Freshman Morgan DeHoff was third in the long jump.

Isaac Kunkler was the top athlete for the boys team, placing third in the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles.

### JC dates released

The schedule for the Class 3A Sectional 24 baseball tournament, in which Jay County opens against host Yorktown, has been announced.

The Patriots will play the second of a pair of opening-round games at 7:30 p.m. May 25. The other opening-round game will pit New Castle against Hamilton Heights at 5:30 p.m.

The winners of those games will move on to play each other in the semifinal round at 5:30 p.m. May 27. The other semifinal game between Delta and Guerin Catholic, which both drew first-round byes, will follow.

Teams will then get a couple of days off before returning for the championship at 5:30 p.m. May 30.

### Tribe draw set

Fort Recovery's baseball team will be on the road for the sectional tournament as it was slated as the No. 8 seed in the Coldwater District when the brackets were set Sunday.

The Indians will open sectional play on the road against sixth-seeded St. John's at 5 p.m. May 17. They lost 7-3 to the Blue Jays in their regular-season meeting last month.

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