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## Elvis arrives



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Elsria Goodman (right) and Caleb Darnell (left) of Jay County High School perform as Natalie and Chad during Saturday's rehearsal for "All Shook Up." The musical that features Elvis Presley songs is scheduled for performances at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at JCHS.

### Jay County High School production features Presley music, various couples falling in love

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Elvis will be in the building this weekend.

Jay County High School will present its production of "All Shook Up" with performances at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday as well as 2 p.m. Sunday in the school's auditorium. The show is loosely based on William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and built around the music of Elvis Presley.

The show fit the bill in terms of what director Susan Denney looks for when selecting something for the chorale department to perform.

"It has to have a humongous cast," said Denney. "It's got to have a huge chorus. It's got to have a lot of lead opportu-



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nities. Because I want to showcase every kid."

"This is one of those that has a big cast. It has a lot of lead opportunity. And I wanted to try to

find something that the community would enjoy and everybody seems to enjoy Elvis Presley's music."

Leading that huge cast

Taryn Caldwell, performing as Sandra, puts the brakes on a suitor during Saturday's rehearsal for "All Shook Up." Caldwell is one of a litany of characters involved in falling in love or being fallen for in the show.

mechanic who falls for Darnell's Elvis-based ex-con character Chad.

While both Goodman and Darnell have had big duties in show choir before, this is the first time either has had a major speaking role in a musical.

"I threw them into the world, especially Caleb ... Caleb just has a beautiful voice," said Denney, also noting Phil Hartman and Logan Zimmerman playing Jim Haller and Dennis, respectively. "He can sing really well. ... It's been a lot for him to learn. ...

"I have a really strong senior class of girl singers. They're just amazing. Elli Goodman's voice is just incredible."

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are two newcomers to lead roles in Elsria Goodman and Caleb Darnell.

Goodman plays Natalie Haller, a young, female

## White quiet in return to prison

*Escapee was captured Monday in Evansville*

By CAROL ROBINSON

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Tribune News Service

Capital murder suspect Casey Cole White was returned to Alabama Tuesday night, saying nothing to a gaggle of shouting reporters as he entered, and later exited, the Lauderdale County courthouse.

The 38-year-old escaped inmate, on the run for 11 days with 56-year-old jail supervisor Vicky White who took her own life as law enforcement closed in on them in Indiana, had a brief arraignment on his escape charge once he returned to Alabama.

He was then quickly sent on his way to William E. Donaldson Correctional Facility in Jefferson County.

Sheriff Rick Singleton said he is relieved to see Casey White sent back to the Alabama Department of Corrections.

"County jails are not designed to house these kinds of inmates on a long-term basis," Singleton said Tuesday night. "The shorter period of time we can have someone like Casey White in there, the better off we are."

The sheriff said Casey White was mum during the brief court appearance on his new escape charge.

"He didn't say a word and I didn't really say anything to him," Singleton said late Tuesday. "He seemed blank. No emotion. No remorse. Nothing."

Here is full coverage of the search for Vicky White and Casey White:

Casey White and Vicky White, who authorities said had a "jailhouse romance" for up to two years, left the Lauderdale County courthouse on April 29 under the guise that Vicky White was taking the inmate to a mental health court appearance that officials later learned was never scheduled.

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## Ukraine retakes territory

By LAURA KING

and NABIH BULOS

Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service

LVIV, Ukraine — Ukraine pressed its counteroffensive against Russian troops today, pushing them back from the northeastern city of Kharkiv in what observers say could bring a new phase to the conflict even as U.S. intelligence officials warned that Moscow was preparing for a protracted war.

The Ukrainian military said it was able to claw back a constellation of settlements north of Kharkiv, driving back Russian troops to less than a dozen miles from the Russian border.

The move, said Kharkiv regional Gov. Oleh Sinegubov, reduces pressure on Kharkiv city, Ukraine's second-largest and a primary target of the

### Russian troops pushed back from northeastern city of Kharkiv

Russian invasion since the beginning of the war.

"The occupiers had even less opportunity to fire on the regional center," Sinegubov said on his channel on the Telegram messaging app Wednesday.

In his nightly address, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy lauded his troops' advance, saying that they demonstrated "superhuman strength." But he cautioned his

compatriots not to "spread excessive emotions" or expect a quick victory.

"It is not necessary to create such an atmosphere of specific moral pressure, when certain victories are expected weekly and even daily," he said.

Zelenskyy's words appeared to dovetail with the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency director's characterization of the conflict as deadlocked.

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### Celebration ceremony

Magan Douglass of Wildflower Beauty Lounge accepts an award Tuesday at John Jay Center for Learning. Graduates of the "Learn to Earn" program celebrated at the facility with a dinner and awards ceremony.

#### Deaths

**Clark Anderson, 68, Red-key**  
Details on page 2.

#### Weather

Jay County's high temperature climbed to 86 degrees Tuesday. The low was 67.

Tonight's low will be 58. Expect sunny skies Thursday with a high in the low 80s again. Highs are expected to stay in the 80s through Saturday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

Portland Park Board is scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in council chambers at the fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. The meeting was delayed this month because the regular date fell on election day.

#### Coming up

**Thursday** — Results from tonight's JCHS girls tennis match against Bluffton.

**Saturday** — Photos from Indiana Run for the Fallen's visit to Jay County.





# Obituaries

## Clark Anderson

Aug. 9, 1953-May 9, 2022  
Clark Duane Anderson, 68, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away at 4:04 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022, at IU Health-Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana. He was born on Sunday, August 9, 1953, in New York City. He married Mary (DiBattiste) Anderson on Friday, October 19, 2001, in Hartford City, Indiana. Clark was a 1971 graduate of Dunkirk High School. He was a lifetime resident of Dunkirk and Redkey, Indiana. He had worked at Indiana Glass for 31



Anderson

years and was the Indiana Glass Union President. He had worked at Werner Enterprise trucking until retirement. Clark was a little league coach in Redkey, Indiana, loved going to Canada where he enjoyed boating and fishing, and enjoyed being with his OJIBWA family in Canada, watching westerns, and was known to be an avid Democrat.

Loving survivors are wife Mary (DiBattiste) Anderson, Redkey, Indiana; sons Zeb (Neesha) Anderson, Portland, Indiana, Scottie (Paula) Gunckel, Farmland, Indiana, and Damien (Carrie) Younger, Portland, Indiana; daughters Molly (Evan) Twigg, Portland, Indiana, Candace (Chad) Muhlenkamp, Port-

land, Indiana, Nicci Littler, Dunkirk, Indiana; sister Lori Bender, Uniondale, Indiana; step-sisters Jackie (Eric) Clevenger, Muncie, Indiana, Faith (John) Clawson, Yorktown, Indiana, Dara Veazey, Lake Wales, Florida; sister-in-law Toni Anderson, Albany, Indiana; grandchildren Davis Anderson, Kyanne Anderson, Levi Moyer, Wyatt Twigg, Austin Twigg, Caitlynn Muhlenkamp, Clark Muhlenkamp, Chailey Muhlenkamp, Caden Muhlenkamp, Cienna Muhlenkamp, Joseph Littler, Hannah Littler, Ella Littler, Austin Fields, Jordan Gunckel, Andrew Gunckel, Matthew Gunckel, Molly Oldham, Summer Younger, Ashtyn Younger and Madison Younger;

and great grandchildren Lily Fields, Mia Fields and Elaina Fields.

He was preceded in death by father Lloyd D. Anderson; mother, Anna Mae (Clark) Collins; step-mother Annabelle W. Anderson; brothers Mark Anderson and Chris Anderson; and step-brother Richard E. Wade Jr.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, on Friday, May 13, 2022, from 3 to 8 p.m. and from 11 a.m. to noon at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

A service to celebrate his life will be at Walker & Glancy

Funeral Home at noon on Saturday, May 14, 2022, with Pastor Kyle Holt officiating. Interment will follow in the Dunkirk I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Dunkirk.

Arrangements are being handled by his cousins, Jeff Glancy and Harry "Bud" Whetsel.

Condolences may be made at glancyfuneralhomes.com.

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*The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.*

*There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

## CR almanac

Thursday 5/12	Friday 5/13	Saturday 5/14	Sunday 5/15	Monday 5/16
<b>82/59</b>	<b>81/60</b>	<b>82/61</b>	<b>79/55</b>	<b>76/55</b>
Sunny skies are on the horizon for Thursday with a high of 82 degrees.	More sun is in the forecast for Friday, with a cool southeast wind. Highs should be in the low 80s.	There's a 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms Saturday.	Sunday's weather calls for mostly sunny skies, with a 30% chance of rain.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Monday, with a high near 76.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$68 million	Quick Draw: 6-13-14-16-23-30-31-33-34-37-43-48-49-59-60-64-70-73-75-79 Cash 5: 14-15-22-24-28 Estimated jackpot: \$265,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> 15-19-20-61-70 Mega Ball: 9 Megaplier: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$99 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 3-2-3 Pick 4: 9-2-7-1 Pick 5: 0-7-3-7-8 Evening Pick 3: 3-0-1 Pick 4: 3-5-1-4 Pick 5: 5-7-0-1-7 Rolling Cash: 5-6-13-15-34 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 9-7-4 Daily Four: 0-1-9-0 Quick Draw: 2-3-7-15-16-18-19-23-27-29-30-33-37-43-46-59-60-62-66-75 Evening Daily Three: 0-6-4 Daily Four: 1-6-7-8	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.98 May corn.....7.98 Wheat .....9.21	Wheat ..... 10.26 June wheat .....10.26
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....8.01 June corn .....8.04 July corn.....8.03	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.81 Late May corn .....7.81 Beans .....16.13 Late May beans.....16.09 Wheat.....10.65
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....7.79 June corn .....7.89 Beans .....16.17 June beans .....16.22	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....7.54 June corn .....7.61 Beans .....16.00 June beans .....16.05 Wheat.....10.76

## Today in history

In 330, "New Rome" was established by Constantine I as he dedicated Byzantium as the new capital of the Eastern Roman Empire. The city later became Constantinople and is now Istanbul.

In 1846, President James K. Polk asked Congress to declare war on Mexico.

In 1858, Minnesota was admitted to the Union as the 32nd state. The application had been submitted to President James Buchanan in January but was delayed several months because of controversy over the statehood of Kansas.

In 1888, American composer Irving Berlin was born.

In 1904, artist Salvador Dali was born in Figueras, Spain.

In 1910, Glacier National Park was established in the Rocky Mountain wilderness in northwestern Montana.

In 1972, the Jay United Fund For You board of special agencies met to budget for requests for 1973.

In 1981, Jamaican reggae star Bob Marly died of cancer at the age of 36.

In 1997, IBM's chess-playing computer Deep Blue beat Garry Kasparov in the last game of a six-game match.

In 1998, India executed a series of nuclear weapons tests, sparking fear of a nuclear conflict in the area and sparking international protests.

In 2010, Gordon Brown resigned as prime minister of the United Kingdom.

—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</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.
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## Capsule Reports

### Walmart crash

A Portland woman backed the vehicle she was driving into a Redkey woman's car about 1:12 p.m. Tuesday.

Dakota Wilhelm, 19, was backing a 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan out of a parking spot at 950 W. Votaw St. She didn't notice the 2002 Dodge Caravan, driven by 33-year-old Gavin Grady, and backed into it.

### Deer collision

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500. Wilhelm's vehicle is registered to Jay-Randolph Developmental Services of Portland.

A deer ran into a Redkey man's vehicle on Indiana 67 about 6:20 a.m. Tuesday.

Brent A. Walker, Redkey, was driving his 2017

Chevrolet Cruze east on the highway near the intersection with county road 400 South when the animal ran into Walker's side door. His airbags deployed.

Walker's vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

### Backing accident

Damage is estimated

between \$2,500 and \$5,000 after a Portland woman backed into a Portland man's truck at Portland Water Park about 6:20 p.m. Tuesday.

Teresa A. Reynolds, 59, was backing her 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe out of a parking spot at 304 S. Hayes St. when her vehicle struck a 2021 Ram 1500 registered to Travis K. Hodgson of Portland.

## Production ...

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While Natalie falls for Chad, she is unaware that her friend Dennis has a crush on her. Dean and Lorraine, played by Hunter Young and Aubri Hatzell, share a flirtation. Chad ignores Natalie and immediately is infatuated with glamorous museum owner Sandra, played by Taryn Caldwell. (Natalie then hatches a not-so-brilliant scheme to get Chad's attention.)

Jim, Natalie's widow father, is also looking for love, which leads to a scene in which ladies man Chad attempts to give him a few tips.

"It's basically where I take Natalie's dad and show him how to get the love of his life," said Darnell of his favorite moment of the show. "I'm showing him how I pick up girls. And it's a really funny scene."

In "All Shook Up," just about everyone — the cast also features Abigail Gillum as Sylvia, Gracelyn Maitlen as Mayor Matilda Hyde, Quinton Pacheco as Sheriff Earl and Rachel Heitkamp as Henrietta — is looking for love.

The result is "a lot of confusion, a lot of silliness," said Goodman.

"Everybody basically falls in love with everybody," she added.

And it happens in a hurry.

"This only happens in a 24-hour period, which makes it even more absolutely ridiculous," said Denney. "Because you have all these people that instantaneously, within a second, love at first sight happening. ... It's so ludicrous. It's hilarious."

The show is loaded with Presley's music, leading off with "Jailhouse Rock." Other numbers include "Heartbreak Hotel," "Hound Dog," "Blue Suede Shoes," "It's Now or Never" and "Can't Help Falling in Love."

Of all of them, Goodman's favorite is "A Little Less Conversation," which features the moment her character makes the shift from a shy girl to a confident woman, even if the other characters don't quite realize it.

"It's when I totally take control," Goodman said. "And I have the most fun with it. I just feel more out of my box than I usually would be."

Eventually, the show set in the Midwest in the 1950s comes to a head at the local fairgrounds, with the various love interests and other conflicts all coming together in a final confrontation.

"This is just a show that's fun," said Denney. "It's silly and fun and entertaining."

*'This is just a show that's fun. It's silly and fun and entertaining.'*  
—Susan Denney

## Portland City Court

### Judge Donald Gillespie

#### Fined and sentenced

Elizabeth A. Reynard, Hartford City, driving without insurance, \$160.50; Hannah K. Rust, Winchester, driving with a suspended license; Justin E. Straley, Winchester, improper headlights, \$135.50; Christina M. DeVoe, operating a vehicle with false plates, \$160.50; Lacreasha K. Stoner, Portland, driving without insurance, \$135.50; Jamie N. Badgett, Redkey, driving with a suspended license, \$160.50; Michelle L. Leivas, Portland, driving with a suspended license, \$160.50; Paige T. Yoder, Portland, speeding 46 mph in a 45 mph zone, \$136.50; Janet L. Cross, Dunkirk, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$195.50

#### Dismissed

Christina A. Hathaway, expired plates; Lisa A. Hedington, Portland, animal running at large ordi-

### nance violation; Lacreasha K. Stoner, Portland, driving without a valid license; Christina M. DeVoe, driving without insurance; Jamie N. Badgett, Redkey, speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph zone; Shaun J. Cox, Redkey, expired plates; Michelle L. Leivas, Portland, driving without insurance; Shawn P. Southworth, Bryant, driving without insurance; Kaleb M. Hartzell, driving with a suspended license

#### Failed to appear

Ryan A. Clark, Dunkirk, parking in a handicapped space without a placard; Megan A. Eicher, Portland, speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph zone; Shea D. Hill, Muncie, speeding 39 mph in a 30 mph zone; Erica L. McIntire, Portland, expired plates; Aaliyah T. Oneal, Bloomington, speeding 41 mph in a 30 mph zone, speeding 48 mph in a 30 mph zone and two counts of expired

plates; Matthew W. Snyder, Dunkirk, driving without a valid license; Terry M. Snyder, Dunkirk, expired plates; Kyle A. Adam, Lorain, Ohio, expired plates; Roman M. Troyer, Shipshewana, expired plates

#### Trials scheduled

Anthony M. Burke, Portage, speeding 60 mph in a 30 mph zone, July 6; Drema D. Weiss, Muncie, driving with a suspended license; Jai P. Singh, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, unsafe lane change, July 6

## SERVICES

### Thursday

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

### Saturday

**Anderson, Clark:** noon, Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

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**Jay Region is a "go-to" source of information for residents, businesses, tourists, and future community members.**

**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.**

**Visit Jay Region at [www.jayregion.com](http://www.jayregion.com)**



# Warmer days are on the way

By KWAME DAWES

Though born and raised in Jamaica, Stacy Ann Chin has lived in the United States for many years, long enough to have become naturalized to the seasonal patterns of the temperate climates of the northeast. In "First Green" she uses words to paint a surrealist study of the changing season. Her images present like the speckling of a painting, each new image

## American Life in Poetry

morphing into another fresh and distinctive image, ending with the promise of warmer days. No doubt, Chin's body still hungers for her warmer beginnings.

### First Green

Earmark me images  
speckles pretty  
with the tears of a child

open windows and summer  
approaching  
ominous air-marked with the first green

leaf  
over-turned poems  
forgotten  
mouths tinkling humor

pages rustling  
soft  
sensible shoes  
cushion/support/words

they unwind me  
orange and gray laces

you/me entwined/separate  
swirled  
ice cream hinting the weather

may soon be  
warmer

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# Tournament is Thursday

Local responders are hosting a charity basketball tournament.

The tournament begins at 6 p.m. Thursday in Jay Community Center, 115 E. Water St., Portland.

Jay County Sheriff's Office will face off against Portland Police Department, and Portland Fire Department will square up against Pennville Fire Department.

Admission is free. All donations will go toward Special Olympics of Jay County.

## Taking Note

### Free senior meal

Seniors will be offered a free breakfast later this week.

Swiss Village and the Berne Rotary Club will be co-sponsor-

ing their 31st annual Senior Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 8 a.m. Friday. The free meal will be served via drive-thru at the Front Circle Drive entrance at Swiss Village, 1350 W. Main St., Berne.

Food on the menu will include egg casserole, gourmet muffin, fruit cup and juice. All seniors are welcome.

For more information, contact Michelle McIntosh of Swiss Village at (260) 589-3173.

# Widow eager to continue affair

DEAR ABBY: I am widowed after 45 years of marriage. A male work friend of 20 of those years wants to have a relationship with me but he's still married. We have already had incredible phone sex because he said he's in a sexless marriage. I enjoy our long conversations. He lives up north and I reside in Florida, so we won't meet in person. Since his wife refuses him sex and because he has been attracted to me from the day we met at work 20 years ago, what do you think about our continued phone sex? — GOOD CALL IN FLORIDA

DEAR GOOD CALL: To paraphrase William Shakespeare, "A rose is a rose by any other name." So is adultery. If, after having had 45 years of a presumably happy marriage, your goal might be to form a relationship that possibly leads to cohabitation, I would urge you to find someone who's available, rather than settle for phone sex that will lead nowhere with someone who's unavailable. ....

DEAR ABBY: Is there a polite way to ask my neighbor where his wife is? I've lived in a neighborhood for four years where most people keep to

themselves. During COVID, I noticed this female neighbor taking multiple walks each day. I introduced myself and sometimes came across her on my walk. She was ALWAYS on her phone every time she left the house. They have a young, teenage daughter who sometimes walked with her.

I haven't seen the woman in more than a year. The daughter and dad sometimes walk together with the dog. My reason for wanting to know is to understand their circumstance — did she pass away, did she leave her husband? It's like she simply vanished. — CONCERNED NEIGHBOR IN A SMALL TOWN

DEAR CONCERNED: The next time you see the husband say, "I used to see your wife walking so often. I haven't seen her in about a year. How is she?"



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: For the last 14 months, I've been in a relationship with a man I adore. Things have been great. There's just one problem, though, that really bothers me. He rents a room (his living room, actually) to his ex-girlfriend.

In the beginning, I didn't feel I had the right to say anything about it, and he assured me she would eventually move. Well, now we can't even discuss the issue without getting upset. He says it's financial. I say he could find another roommate. I suspect he's just making excuses. I don't think we can move forward in our relationship with this baggage in our way. I need some advice. — THIRD WHEEL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WHEEL: Actually, I'm not sure you need my advice because your thinking is crystal clear. This man COULD find another "roommate" if he was so inclined. My intuition tells me he may be getting more from his "ex"-girlfriend than rent money. I completely agree that your relationship won't move forward with that "baggage" in the way. That's why it's time to ... move on.

# Community Calendar

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

Jay County High School Class of 1997 will hold its 25th reunion at 7 p.m. June 11 at Jay County Event Center.

### Reunions

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

Madison High School's alumni banquet is scheduled for May 14 at Asbury United Methodist Church. To register, call Dennis Theurer at (317) 999-0429 or (317) 654-5184, or send mail to 14429 E. 196th St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

Graduates of Portland High School will host an alumni banquet on June 18 at Jay County High School. Honor classes are from the years 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967 and 1972. All Portland High School graduates are welcome. For more information, call Judy or Neil Medler at (260) 726-7209.

### Today

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions,

will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

### Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 211 — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at the American Legion Post, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

### Saturday

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

# Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday's Solution

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

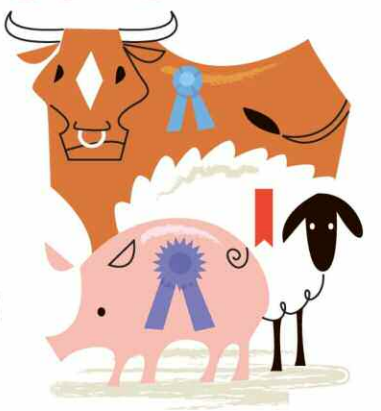
The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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# Baseball made it feel like spring

*(Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from May 16, 2012. One of Jack's favorite things every spring was making plans for he and Connie to attend their first baseball game of a new season. This column followed a later, and warmer, first visit to the ballpark.)*

By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

There. That's better. This has been an odd, somewhat out of kilter spring. That early burst of warm weather confused not only plants but humans. And I was even more confused by the early blooming than most folks because it happened while I was in Burma, halfway around the world and dealing with daily highs in the 101 degrees Fahrenheit range.

## Back in the Saddle



When I came home at the end of March, everything looked the way it normally does at the end of April.

That was unsettling enough, but then there was a death in the family, and that was followed by having my car totaled in a traffic accident.

On top of all that, we hadn't been able to get to a baseball game yet this spring.

Most years find us at an Indi-

anapolis Indians or Fort Wayne Tincaps or Cincinnati Reds game the first few weeks of the season, bundled up in fleece and hoping that our pilgrimage to the ballpark will hasten the advent of warmer days.

But not this year. Our calendar never seemed to coincide with the home game schedule for any of the teams we would normally go to see.

And baseball's not really baseball on television. You have to be at the ballpark now and then to truly experience the game.

Finally, on Sunday we made it happen, zipping up to Parkview Field for an afternoon game in Fort Wayne.

Mothers' Day at the ballpark is a family tradition at our

house, and some years that's been a chilly tradition.

But this Sunday was picture perfect. The skies were blue. The temperature was in the mid 70s. And the grass at the ballpark couldn't have been greener.

I was grumpy on the drive up. Truth to tell, I've been pretty grumpy ever since the accident.

At the ballpark, though, this spring finally began to feel normal.

Kids and families were everywhere.

Players who were little more than kids themselves were signing autographs. Dads and Moms were explaining the game to little ones. And most of the kids had mitts, including one little girl whose mitt was a madras pastel design.

The game played out in its usual minor league fashion. There were moments of talent and promise, and moments of boneheadedness.

Two or three doubles, a home run, and some great throws from the outfield were offset by three recorded errors. There could have been more, but the scorekeepers were kind.

It was, in other words, everything you'd expect in a day at the ballpark.

Did the home team win? It didn't matter.

What mattered was that spring began to feel like spring again, that some of the things that had been out of kilter now clicked back into place where they belong, and that a summer full of games still lies ahead.

# Putin hollows 'Victory Day'

Star Tribune (Minneapolis)  
Tribune News Service

The annual "Victory Day" holiday to mark the Soviet Union's role in defeating Nazi Germany took on opposite meanings in Russia and Ukraine.

In Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin used the occasion to rally Russians to his Orwellian-named "special military operation" (it's illegal to call it a war) in Ukraine, which has disturbing parallels to the one Germany triggered. In fact, echoes of the same methods are being deployed on the killing fields of Ukraine. That includes brutality, which has led many global leaders and anyone observing in an environment of media freedom to accuse Putin's troops of war crimes and even genocide.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy can see it, too. "Darkness has returned to Ukraine," he said Sunday, "and it has become black and white again. Evil has returned, in a different uniform, under different slogans, but for the same purpose."

The accurate allusion to Russians reprising Nazism in a land that lost about 8 million people fighting it during World War II also wasn't lost on leaders of the G-7, which held an online meeting with Zelenskyy as the guest of honor. The cohort, which beyond the U.S. includes Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United Kingdom, said that it would not only continue its military aid to Ukraine but also announced a ban or phase-out of Russian oil, reducing the revenue for Putin's war machine. Independently the U.S. sanctioned three Russian state TV entities.

Beyond the virtual meeting, there's been on-the-ground diplomatic support, including a trip to Kyiv by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and even first lady Jill Biden crossing the border to meet with her counterpart, Olena Zelenska.

In a statement, the group of industrialized democracies said that "President Putin must not win this war in Ukraine," explaining that they owed it to "the memory of all those who fought for freedom in the second world war." Putin's actions, it

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said, "bring shame on Russia and the historic sacrifices of its people."

Putin embodied that shame by equating Ukrainians with Nazis. As notable, however, was what Putin didn't do. He didn't declare the conflict a war. He didn't call for a mass mobilization of Russian society. And he didn't declare a military "victory" even as Russian forces tried to tighten their grip on significant swaths of eastern Ukraine.

Putin did declare the conflict as "necessary, timely and the only right solution" and a "pre-emptive pushback" to what he said were Western intentions to attack eastern Ukraine. All are obscene, lethal lies in a war of choice by Russia's ruler.

Victory Day brought mixed feelings, Ivan Kurilla, a professor of history and international relations at St. Petersburg, Russia, said during a Wilson Center virtual event on Monday. The "catastrophe" of the war in Ukraine "has already started to influence or to destroy the whole building, the entire set of references we had acquired about (World War II) and the meaning of the war for Russians."

The meaning in Ukraine, however, is quite clear, Zelenskyy said. Ukrainians "fought for freedom for us and won. We are fighting for freedom for our children, and therefore we will win."

If that indeed happens, it would re-establish the authentic value of "Victory Day," if not create a reason for an additional one.



# Issue has not been a priority

By KELLY HAWES  
Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

Late last year, Amelia Thomson-DeVeaux wrote an article for the website FiveThirtyEight titled "What Americans really think about abortion."

The answer, she discovered, is not much.

"Given the longstanding, intractable division on abortion, one might think that Americans hold murky views because they're actively, even painfully, wrestling with the matter," she wrote. "But that's not what I found when I dug into the issue. The truth is that many Americans just don't like talking or thinking about abortion."

That might soon change. The U.S. Supreme Court seems poised to overturn a 49-year-old precedent in Roe vs. Wade, and at least some voters are mad about it.

Listening to the noise, you might get the idea that America is split down the middle. The reality is significantly more complicated.

The folks who care deeply about this issue make up less than half of the U.S. population.

Gallup has been polling on the issue since 1975, and it has found consistently that most Americans fall into an ill-defined middle. Most support restrictions on abortion but never an outright ban.

In 2018, pollsters asked whether abortion should be legal if a woman's life were in danger, and almost everyone said yes. The number was 83% if the procedure were carried out during the first three months of pregnancy.

It dropped to 75% for an abortion carried out in the late stages.

Asked if abortion should be legal for a child conceived through rape or incest, 77% of respondents said yes for an abortion performed in the first three months. The

number dropped to 52% for an abortion carried out during the final three months. Gallup found 56% of respondents saying abortion should be legal in the first trimester if doctors found the child would be born with a mental disability, but the number fell to 35% if an abortion were carried out for that reason in the final three months of pregnancy.

Results were similar for a child with a life-threatening illness. Gallup found 67% supporting an abortion in the first three months, but the number fell to 48% for an abortion carried out in the final three months of pregnancy.

In 2021, Gallup asked respondents if they favored a ban on abortions after the 18th week of pregnancy, and 56% said no. Asked if they supported a ban after detection of a fetal heartbeat, 58% said no. Asked if they supported a ban after detection of a genetic disease or disorder, 57% said no.

Gallup has been asking since 1989 whether respondents would like to see the precedent in Roe vs. Wade overturned, and the answer has consistently been no. Support for overturning the precedent has never been higher than the 36% recorded in 2002. It dropped as low as 25% in 2006.

What those in the middle really want, Thomson-DeVeaux wrote, is for the combatants to find a compromise.

"Clearly identifying an acceptable middle ground on abortion

## Kelly Hawes



*Until now, most Americans haven't paid much attention to this issue. Abortion doesn't usually rank all that high on the priority list for most voters.*

isn't easy for most people to do, though," she wrote. "That's in part because many Americans don't know much about abortion to begin with, and perhaps as a result, their views aren't usually more specific than a belief that the procedure should be available in at least some cases."

Until now, most Americans haven't paid much attention to this issue. Abortion doesn't usually rank all that high on the priority list for most voters.

The question now is how moderate voters will react when the Supreme Court issues what will likely be an unpopular opinion. What will those folks in the middle do when legislatures across the country start imposing total bans on abortion?

Will they take to the streets? Will they turn out to vote?

We'll find out soon enough.

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# Patriots obliterate Southern Wells

The Patriots have hit their stride.

In doing so, they stomped on the Raiders.

Jay County High School's softball team made quick work of Southern Wells, rolling to a 19-7 win in five innings Tuesday.

The Patriots (8-6, 3-1 Allen County Athletic Conference), who have won six of their last eight, broke the game open with seven runs in the second inning and eight in the third. Southern Wells tried to rally, but its three runs in the top of the fifth inning were not enough to extend the game.

Olivia Bright and Mady Fraley led the Jay County offensive explosion, each finishing with two hits, four RBIs and two runs. Riah Champ blasted her first career home run. Jaelyn Lykins scored four

## Jay County roundup

times, Janae Jacobs tallied three runs and Mattie Ardizzone had two runs.

Haleigh Clayton picked up the win as she went the distance.

### Golfers earn win

WARREN — The Jay County boys golf team kept its strong season going Tuesday with a 177-184 victory over the host Southern Wells Raiders at Dogwood Glen Golf Course.

Caleb DeRome was the match medalist as he shot an even-par 36 for the Patriots, who improved their record to 8-1. (Their

lone loss came against conference rival Adams Central.)

Senior Kyle Sanders followed DeRome with a 41. Gage Sims shot 44, and Liam Garringer rounded out the team score with a 56.

Ricky Nava's 57 did not factor in the Patriots' total.

### Tennis tops RS

Doubles duos were key for the Jay County girls tennis team Tuesday as it knocked off another sectional opponent, topping the visiting Randolph Southern Rebels 3-2.

Madison Dirksen and Holly Hemmelgarn made quick work of their No. 1 doubles opponents, rolling to a 6-0, 6-0 victory to stay unbeaten. Twins Kaylee and Melana Zimmerman won 6-3, 6-2 at No. 2 doubles for the Patriots, who

are now 6-1 overall and undefeated against their three sectional opponents.

Brenna Haines continued her undefeated streak at No. 3 singles, winning by a 6-2, 6-2 margin.

JCHS No. 1 singles player Grace Brester fell 6-1, 6-2 and No. 2 singles player Lilly Hedges lost 7-5, 6-3.

### JV softball rolls

Jay County's junior varsity softball team clobbered visiting Southern Wells for a 23-3 victory Tuesday in five innings.

The Patriots were in control throughout after scoring six times in the first inning. They added five runs in the second inning and nine in the third in the blowout.

Madison Reier led the effort as she racked up three hits and four RBIs. Paige Mumbower, Daysha Mumbower, Makaylah

Brainerd and Taylor Brown all had multiple hits for Jay County.

Brown earned the victory as she went 3 1/3 innings without allowing a run. She struck out three batters and did not allow a walk.

### JH tops Driver

The Jay County junior high golf team defeated Driver (Winchester) 140-147 Tuesday in a six-hole match at Portland Golf Club.

Cody DeHoff earned medalist honors as he led the Patriots with a 32. Jacob Monroe was just one stroke behind him.

Sylas Wenk followed with a 37, and Dawson Goldsworthy came in with a 38. Jacob Weitzel's 41 did not factor in the team score.

### All-stars fall

Portland Junior League baseball was in full-swing Tuesday with the 12-and-

younger all-stars dropping a pair of games to Monroe Central 3-2 and 5-3. In other action, Barnett's defeated Pak-a-Sak 11-3 in PJJ Rookie baseball, Pioneer Packaging topped Williams Auto Parts 9-2 in Rookie softball and CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union knocked off Fisher Meats 12-8 in Minor softball.

Cooper Reynolds had a double and an RBI in game one for the all-stars and a single in game two. Grant Fennig and Brayden O'Brian took the pitching losses, both taking the mound in relief.

Tuck Hemmelgarn, Madden Barnett, Sawyer Hemmelgarn and Zayden Jester were all 3-for-3 to lead Barnett's to its win.

Khoden Bentz and Maverick Hudson each had three hits for Pioneer.

## Territory ...

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"The Russians aren't winning, and the Ukrainians aren't winning, and we're at a bit of a stalemate here," Lt. Gen. Scott D. Berrier told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday, shortly before the House resoundingly approved \$40 billion in additional weapons and other aid for Kyiv.

Ukrainian forces' reported breakthrough near Kharkiv comes as fighting rages in other parts of the country, including around Zmiinyi Island, also known as Snake Island, an outcrop in the Black Sea roughly 90 miles south of the coastal city of Odesa. Ukrainian forces struck Russian air defenses and resupply vessels, according to a British Defense Ministry intelligence update Wednesday.

The island gained outsize symbolic importance early in the war, when Ukrainian soldiers stationed in a garrison there rebuffed a Russian warship's demand to surrender with a colorful rejoinder.

The British Defense Ministry said that if Moscow can consolidate its position on the island with enhanced defenses, the outcrop could be used to "dominate the northwestern Black Sea." But a redoubt there would also "offer Ukraine more opportunities to engage Russian troops" and destroy materiel.

In the beleaguered port city of Mariupol, Russian forces continued their attack on Ukrainian defenders bunkered in the sprawling Azovstal steelworks plant.

Those defenders issued an

urgent plea Tuesday, publishing a series of photos on the Telegram channel of the Azov Regiment paramilitary group, calling on the United Nations and the Red Cross to help rescue hundreds of servicemen now living "without necessary medication and even food."

"The servicemen you see in the photo and hundreds more at the Azovstal plant defended Ukraine and the entire civilized world with serious injuries at the cost of their own health," the fighters' statement said. "Are Ukraine and the world community now unable to protect and take care of them?"

Meanwhile, Ukraine announced that it would suspend gas shipments through a transit point that handles about one-third of the gas delivered from Russia to Europe.

In a statement Tuesday, Ukraine's state-owned Naftogaz company declared "force majeure," saying it would stop deliveries through Sokhranivka as of today because of interference by Russian and separatist troops now in control of the area.

Naftogaz said that "occupying authorities" had disrupted communications and interfered in the operation of the pipeline and that it was "no longer able to carry out uninterrupted and effective operational and technological control" over its facilities. The company said it asked Gazprom, Russia's state-owned gas company, to transfer the relevant volumes to another connection located in Ukrainian-controlled area.

Gazprom declined, according to the Reuters news agency.

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### Softball rolls

FORT RECOVERY — The Fort Recovery High School softball team scored four times in the first inning and cruised to an 11-3 victory over the Versailles Tigers.

The Tribe (12-7, 3-3 Midwest Athletic Conference) unloaded on the host Tigers early as it also tallied three runs in the second and one in the third for an 8-1 lead.

Maddie Guggenbiller had a home run and a double as she drove in five of Fort Recovery's 11 runs. Jackie Homan was 3-for-4 with three RBIs and three runs, and Chloey Grisez had three hits, two runs and an RBI.

Sophie Pearson earned the win as she struck out eight batters in six innings.

### Baseball edges

VERSAILLES, Ohio — Fort Recovery's baseball team got a stellar outing on the mound from Bo Thien and scraped together the only run it would need Tuesday in a 1-0 victory over the Versailles Tigers.

Thien tossed a gem for the Indian baseball team, shutting out the Tigers (9-9, 4-4 Midwest Athletic Conference) on just two hits and two walks. He struck out four batters as he went the distance.

The game was a scoreless tie before Landon Post singled and came around to score for Fort Recovery (10-8, 5-4 MAC) in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Marcus Gaerke had two hits for the Tribe, and Wyatt Bihn and Riggs Tobe added one hit apiece.

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They remained on the run and the subjects of a nationwide manhunt until Monday afternoon when U.S. Marshals and law enforcement officers in Evansville located the couple at a motel, followed them and eventually became involved in a short vehicle pursuit that ended with the suspects involved in a rollover crash.

It was then, authorities said, that Vicky White shot herself in the head. She was taken to the hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Video released by Indiana

authorities on Tuesday showed the arrest of Casey White, and showed as law enforcement officers pulled Vicky White from the crashed vehicle, where she was unresponsive and still clutching a handgun.

At a press conference earlier Tuesday, Vanderburgh County, Ind. Sheriff Dave Wedding said had the pair not crashed, Casey White planned to "engage in a shootout" with law enforcement "at the stake of both of them losing their lives."

Wedding said the two arrived in Indiana six days prior to being apprehended and paid to

stay 14 days at an Evansville motel.

"They thought they'd driven long enough. They wanted to stop for a while, get their bearings straight and then figure out the next place to travel," the sheriff said.

After the crash, authorities found \$29,000 in cash, four handguns and an AR-15 rifle. They also found extra magazines for each weapon, and a duty belt (equipped with handcuffs, a TASER, and handcuffs, and camping/survival gear.

"During the interview with investigators, Casey White indicated that he envisioned a

"suicide by cop" style shootout with police; however, that plan was foiled when the law enforcement vehicle made contact with the Cadillac," a sheriff's office statement read.

Lauderdale County sheriff's deputies left Alabama at 11 a.m. Tuesday, almost immediately after Casey White waived extradition in Indiana, to bring him back to Alabama.

Singleton said he had already made prior arrangements to have him taken immediately back to Donaldson prison where he will continue to serve his 75-year sentence on a 2015 crime spree.

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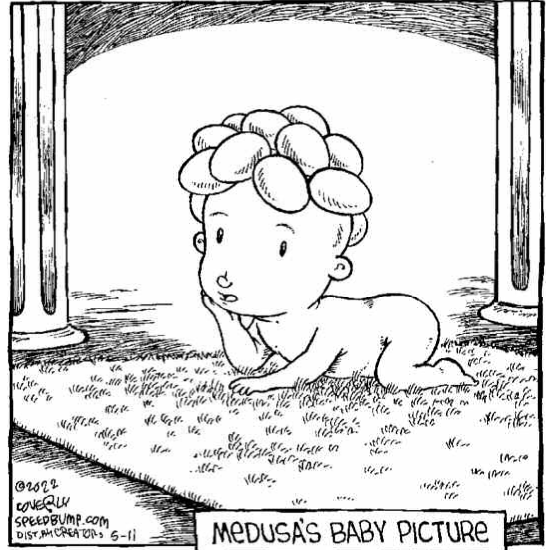
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♠ K 7 4  
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♦ 7  
♣ Q J 10 9 3  
**EAST**  
♠ Q J 9 6 2  
♥ K 10 8 3  
♦ 8 5 4  
♣ 7  
**SOUTH**  
♠ A  
♥ —  
♦ A Q J 10 9 6 3  
♣ A K 8 5 2

The bidding:  
South 2♠ Pass  
West Pass  
North 2♥ Pass  
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Declarer was very unlucky to run into a 5-1 club division, but if he had taken this possibility into account and sought a means to deal with it, he might have found the way to assure the contract.  
South can see that the slam is sure to make if the adverse clubs are divided 3-3 or 4-2. He can ruff a club with the diamond king in either case, guaranteeing at least 12 tricks.  
However, he should also think about the possibility of a 5-1 club split. Should that exist, the contract is in danger. If South tries to cash a second high club prior to ruffing a club in dummy, an opponent might ruff, as in the actual deal.  
To cater to this possibility, as well as the normal 3-3 and 4-2 breaks, declarer should invoke a safety play. Rather than try to cash his second high club, he should lead a low one instead!  
West wins the trick but cannot do anything to stop the contract. South has only two small clubs left, one of which can be trumped with dummy's king while the other can be discarded on the ace of hearts.

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28 Looks after  
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35 Chimney grime  
36 Omens  
38 Wall St. deal  
40 Kid's question

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7 Clinch  
8 Guarantees  
9 "This is the time to say something"  
10 Blue shade  
11 Puncturing tools  
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20 "Game, —, match!"  
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23 Director Craven  
24 "Exodus" hero  
25 Pronto  
27 Erie Canal mule  
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30 Pigs' digs  
32 In a tangle  
34 Capital east of the Black Sea  
37 Actress Phillipa  
39 Theater award  
42 Chef's hat  
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50 Woolly moms  
53 Diamond arbiter

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A.J. Myers, a Jay County High School freshman, prepares to toss a pitch during the Patriots' 8-5 victory Tuesday over Southern Wells. Myers tossed three scoreless innings of relief, giving up just a walk.

## Win ...

Continued from page 8  
The only blemish for A.J. Myers would be a two-out walk in the sixth inning as he tossed three hitless frames of relief to help the Patriots preserve the win.

"You don't have to throw real fast," said Myers. "You've just got to throw strikes and get us out of an inning and let our bats do the work."

Myers never let the baseball get out of the infield, and he struck out Vickrey a second time for the final out of the game.

"He came in and just threw strikes," said Selvey. "And our defense took over: It's amazing how that works, you throw strikes and the defense makes plays."

While the freshman handled the late work on the hill to earn the save, Faulkner keyed the offense in the first four innings.

The senior led off the bottom of the first inning with a solo home run to get the Patriots going after falling behind in the top of the frame. He followed with a two-run single to bring home Kess McBride and Parker Nichols in the second inning and then came around to score himself on a two-run single from Crosby Heniser. He added another leadoff hit, this time a single, in the fourth inning,

stole second base, tagged up on a fly ball from Sam Myers and scored on a wild pitch.

"We kind of go how Quinn goes," said Selvey of Faulkner, who finished 3-for-4 with three RBIs, three runs and a stolen base. "He is our offensive leader."

Nichols was 2-for-3 with a run and an RBI, and Heniser had two hits and two RBIs.

Exchange student Masahiro Mitsuishi earned the win as he started and allowed four runs — two earned — on four hits and two walks in 3 1/3 innings.

Evan Reynolds suffered the loss for Southern Wells, giving up six runs — four earned — on six hits and a walk in three innings.

In addition to the efforts from Faulkner and Heniser, fellow seniors McBride singled and scored a run and Gavin Myers walked and scored a run.

"The one thing I've noticed is they are very resilient," said Selvey in complimenting the group of seniors that also includes Sam Dunlavy, who has missed the bulk of the season with a knee injury. "They battle back. They like to have fun. They like playing."

"I couldn't ask for a better group of kids. ... They give you everything they have."

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
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.

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Boys golf four-team

match at South Adams — 4:30 p.m.; Softball at Heritage — 6 p.m.; Baseball at Heritage — 6 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Heritage — 6 p.m.; JV softball vs. Heritage — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Wapakoneta — 5 p.m.; Softball sectional championship vs. Marion Local — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at St. Marys Memorial — 5 p.m.; Junior high track in Midwest Ath-

ic Conference Championships at New Bremen — 4:30 p.m.

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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)  
9:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Nashville Predators at Colorado Avalanche (ESPN)

**Thursday**  
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2:45 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Arsenal at Tottenham Hotspur (USA)  
6:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Pittsburgh Pirates (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinals — Miami Heat at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Carolina Hurricanes at Boston Bruins (TNT)  
9:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Western Conference semifinals — Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks (ESPN)  
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# Sports

## Pearson, Rammel break records

MINSTER, Ohio — Day one of the conference championships was a record-breaker for the Indians.

Whitley Rammel and Mara Pearson each set new school records for the Fort Recovery High School girls track team Tuesday during the Midwest Athletic Conference Championships.

The effort from the record-breakers help stake the Indian girls to 24 points, which currently has them fifth out of nine teams in the meet. The Tribe boys have six points for eighth place in the meet, which resumes Friday.

Pearson, a sophomore, broke her own school record of 17 feet, 2 inches, set in the first meet of the season by soaring 17 feet, 6 1/4 inches in the long jump. She won by 9 inches over runner-up Izzy Zahn of Coldwater.

Rammel's record effort came with a toss of 41 feet, 2 inches in the shot put. It gave her second place behind Marion Local's Molly Winner.

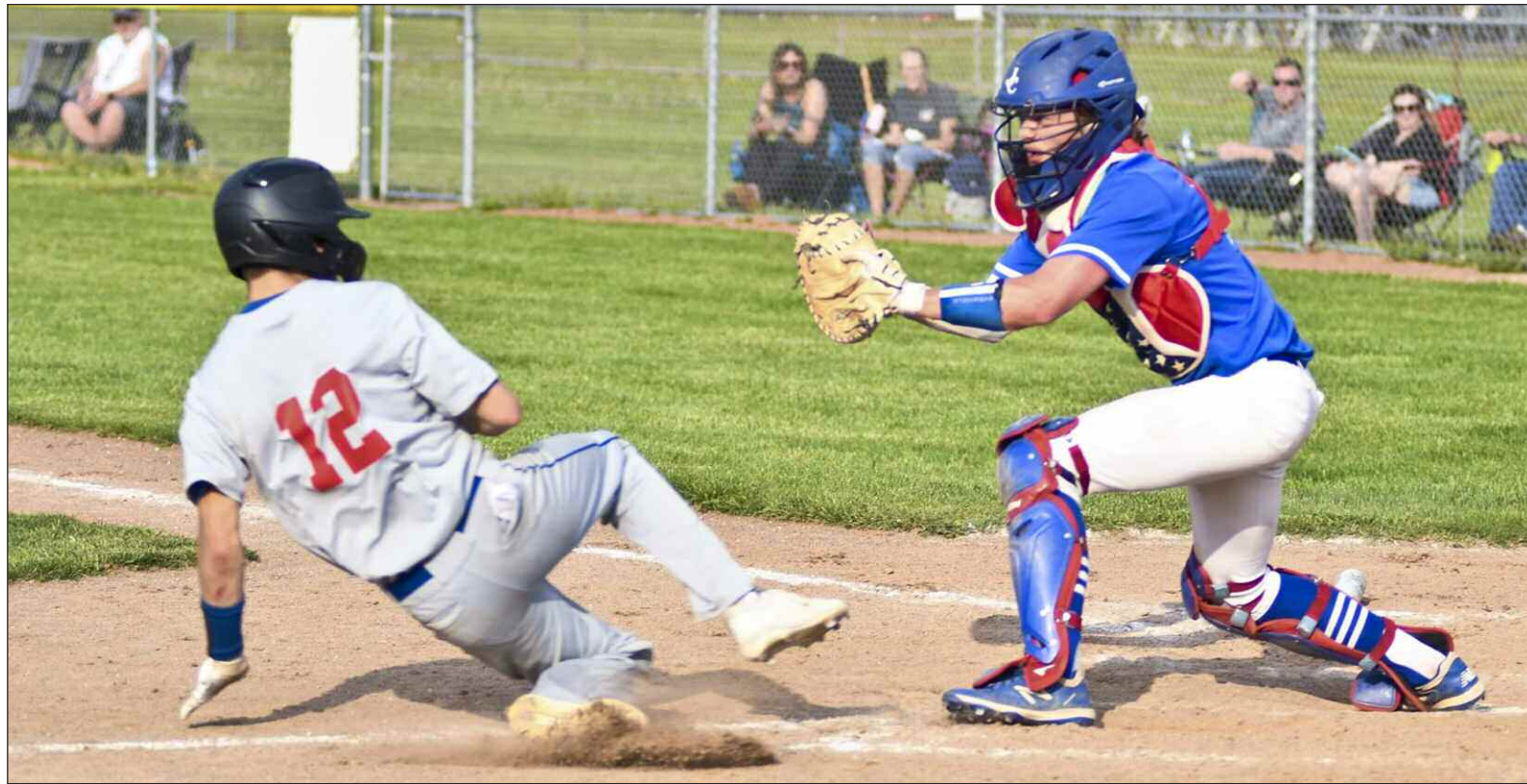
Connor Kaikala led the boys team, placing fourth in the long jump at 19 feet, 4.5 inches.

Top qualifiers for Friday's finish for the girls team were Abbie Francis (second - 200 dash, fourth - 100 dash), the 4x400 relay team (third) and the 4x100 relay team (fourth).

See **FRHS** page 5

### FRHS roundup

# Spark and calm



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Jay County High School senior Kess McBride puts the tag on Bryar Gearheart of Southern Wells on an outfield assist from fellow senior Gavin Myers in the fourth inning of the Patriots' 8-5 Senior Night victory Tuesday.

## Faulkner, Myers key in Senior Night win

By **RAY COONEY**

The Commercial Review

A senior served as the spark.

A freshman provided the calming presence.

Quinn Faulkner singled and scored in each of his first three at bats for the Jay County High School baseball team and when the lead was fading, A.J. Myers delivered three near-perfect innings of relief as the Patriots knocked off the visiting Southern Wells Raiders 8-5 on Senior

Night.

It wasn't the type of game JCHS fans will be talking about for years to come, but it got the job done.

"Sometimes they don't ask how, just how many, right," said JCHS coach Lea Selvey. "We had guys out there that did their job on the mound. They did what they needed to do and our hitters came through."

After giving up two runs in the top of the first inning, the Patri-

ots (9-5, 2-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) looked like they might be able to pull away when they scored four times in the second and once in the third for a 6-2 advantage. But Southern Wells (3-10, 0-4 ACAC) closed the gap when it plated three unearned runs in the fourth inning thanks to two hit-by-pitches, two walks and an error.

Jay County was up 7-5 in the top of the fifth when Kedrik Sonnigsen of the Raiders drew a

leadoff walk to start another potential threat.

Selvey called on Myers to end it.

The freshman immediately came through as he struck out Owen Vickrey — he had driven in both Raider runs in the opening frame — for the first out of the inning. And he then induced a grounder and a pop up to Sam Myers at third base to leave Sonnigsen stranded.

See **Win** page 7

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