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County council looking at 6% raises

Increases discussed for all employees as budgeting process starts

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

County employees may see a 6% pay increase next year.

Jay County Council decided Wednesday to give the OK to department heads to factor a 6% raise for employees into the 2023 budget.

Raises could vary for each department depending on pending job classification changes and budgets are not typically finalized until early fall.

Also Wednesday, council agreed to eliminate the previously set June 1 deadline for the community to present ideas on how to use the county's allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Jay County Personnel Committee forwarded several recommendations May 4 on wage increases various county employees, including positions at Jay County Sheriff's Office, Jay County Highway Department, Jay Emergency Medical Service, Jay County Health Department and Jay County Country Living. Consulting firm Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates advised pay increases and classification changes for some jobs in those departments, as well as switching to a matrix pay scale for the sheriff's office.

Consulting firm Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates is still working on other components for the county, such as creating an official position for chief deputy for Jay County Coroner's

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A time to honor



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Runners make their way south on Meridian Street, between Main and Water streets, toward Freedom Park at the conclusion of the first day of Indiana's Run for the Fallen on May 14, 2021. The run will make its way through Jay County again this year, with a stop scheduled at Freedom Park just after 5 p.m. Friday. It will include the presentation of an Honor and Remember Flag to Julie Swoveland in recognition of her son Andrew, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Run for the Fallen will come through Jay again, with flag to be presented for Swoveland on Friday

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

A run to remember Indiana veterans will again give Jay County the opportunity to honor one of its own.

The opening day of Indiana's Run for the Fallen on Friday will conclude at Freedom Park early Friday evening with an Honor and Remember flag being presented to Julie Swoveland in recognition of her son Andrew.

"It feels good that he's going to be honored," said Swoveland. "I think it's very important for us to support our veterans.'

Andrew, who died Oct. 20, served in the United States Marine Corps from 2005 to '10, reaching the rank of corporal. He served tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

He attended boot camp at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego and went on to school uate from Indiana Law Enforce-

ter Twentynine Palms in California. He was first stationed in Manama, Bahrain.

Following his tour in Iraq, Andrew was stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina, when he was in the U.S.

been his path since military had he was a child.

"He grew up wanting to serve his country because of stories his grandpa told him," said Julie, referencing her father Cleomis Walker, an army veteran who served in Germany during World War II. "So that was his dream.'

Following his service, Andrew obtained a degree from Bethel University and went on to gradmost recently a truck driver for

TJs Express.

Following his death, Julie's friend Norma Whitacre contacted both her and Run for the Fallen organizer Donald Gillespie of Portland about the possibility of having an Honor and Remember A 2004 Jay County High flag presented. (Whitacre's step-School graduate, a career in the son Andrew, a lance corporal in Prater last year. the I Afghanistan in 2008. Andrew Swoveland Andrew and Whitacre were friends, and Norma and Julie made a trip together in 2010 to place flags at Arlington National Cemetery for Veterans Day and visit patients at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.)

The Honor and Remember flag can go to any Indiana service member killed "as a result in did make." serving" during the War on Ter-

of infantry training at Marine ment Academy. He served as a ror including Operation Iraqi Corps Air Ground Combat Cen- Portland police officer and was Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom (global war on terror) and Operation New Dawn (Afghanistan).

The presentation will continue a pattern of honoring local veterans at the conclusion of the first day of the run at Freedom Park, including Melissa Fifer-Campofiore in 2019 and Paul

said Gillespie, who has been involved with the run since 2015. "Unfortunately, no one wants to have to be honored for the military service this way. But it's the least we can do for those families so they know their child did not die for no reason. ...

'I'm glad there's an organization that will recognize these individuals for the sacrifice they

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Tribune News Service/Los Angeles Times/Wally Skalij

Fighting fire

Firefighters battle a brush fire Wednesday at Coronado Pointe in Laguna Niguel, California. The Coastal fire broke out Wednesday afternoon in a canyon near the Pacific Ocean in an upscale section of south Orange County. Hundreds of residents fled as the flames swept into a gated community of multimillion-dollar homes overlooking the ocean.

Finland endorses NATO

and DAVID PIERSON

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

LVIV, Ukraine — As Finland's leaders dealt him a blow by announcing their support for joining NATO, Russian President Vladimir Putin reaffirmed his determination to maintain Moscow's sway over eastern Ukraine as Russian forces pounded the area.

Putin, in a message released by the Kremlin today, offered his support to Leonid Pasechnik, the head of pro-Russia separatists in the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic, part of Ukraine's eastern Donbas region.
"I am sure that through our

joint efforts we will defend the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity" of the Luhansk republic, Putin said, as his war on Ukraine began its 12th week.

The Russian leader's message

Putin still standing firm on maintaining influence in eastern Ukraine

was backed by a torrent of Russian airstrikes and artillery barrages along the 300-mile-long eastern battlefront, including on a steel mill where the last pocket of Ukrainian military resistance remains in the strategic southeastern port city of Mariupol.

The fighting comes amid the dramatic announcement by Finland's president and prime minister of their support for joining NATO, paving the way for an expansion of the U.S.-led military alliance that Putin partially

Ukraine.

Finland, a historically neutral country that shares an 830-mile land border with Russia, is expected to be joined soon by Sweden in seeking membership in the 30-member security pact.

"NATO membership would strengthen Finland's security, President Sauli Niinisto and Prime Minister Sanna Marin said in a joint statement today. "As a member of NATO, Finland would strengthen the entire defense alliance. Finland must apply for NATO membership without delay."

The addition of the two Nordic states to NATO would underscore how badly Putin has miscalculated the world's response to his incursion in Ukraine, which has failed to achieve its initial military objectives, prompted Europe to begin weaning itself off Russia's most valuable export — fossil fuels — and compelled nonaligned states to pick sides.

Deaths

Jerome Schwieterman, 83, Portland

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County's high temperature climbed to 88 degrees Wednesday. The low was 55.

Tonight's low will be in the low 60s. Expect sunny skies Friday with a high of 83. The high will be in the 80s again Saturday with rain and thunderstorms possible.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County is rated low risk for the spread of coronavirus for the 11th straight week, averaging less than one new case per day thus far this month. After recording 906 cases in January, there were just nine in March and 13 last month.

Over the course of the coronavirus pandemic — the first cases in Indiana were identified

in March 2020 — Jay County has had 4,862 cases and 71 deaths.

Jay County Health Department, 504 W. Arch St., is offering free COVID-19 test kits. They are also available at the city/town offices in Dunkirk, Pennville, Portland, Redkey and Salamonia. For more information, call (260) 726-8080.



Obituaries

Jerome Schwieterman

Feb. 19, 1939-May 11, 2022 Jerome "Jerry" H. Schwieterman, 83, of Portland, Indiana, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at his

He was born on Feb. 19, 1939, in Jay County, Indiana, to the late Anthony and Anna (Braun) Schwieterman.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ilene (Gettinger) Schwieterman, whom he married on May 7, 1960; his children, Randy (Deb) Schwieter-

Saturday

5/14

of Melbourne, Florida. Mike (Karen) Schwieterman of Fort Recovery, (Steve) Lisa Wood of Portland, Joe (Angie) Schwieterman of Leo, Indiana,

Tina (Dale) Easton of Fort Recovery, Steve (Jennifer) Schwieterman of Portland, and Paul (Andrea) Schwieterman of Bluffton, Indiana; his 36 grandchildren; and his 31 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents,

Tuesday

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Jerry was preceded in death by his sister. Thelma King.

Jerry was a 1957 graduate of Fort Recovery High School. Shortly after he graduated, he joined the U.S. Army National Guard until he was honorably discharged in 1964 with the rank sergeant.

Jerry was a lifelong farmer in Jay County and enjoyed collecting a variety of religious photos. He was a member of Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church and the Fort Recovery Knights of Colum-

will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Fort Recovery, with Fr. Mike Kapolka officiating. Burial, with military honors conducted by the Fort Recovery American Legion, will follow in St. Marys Cemetery in Fort

Guests may visit with Jerry's family on Friday, May 13, 2022, from 3 to 7 p.m. and again on Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home in Fort Recovery. The Fort Recovery Knights of A Mass of Christian Burial Columbus will lead a prayer ary services.

service at the funeral home beginning at 6:45 p.m. on Fri-

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockmanboeckmanfh.com. •••••

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

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortu-

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Sunday

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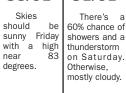
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Friday

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More rain 40% of storms.

cast with a chance showers

Another chance showers, mostly in the morning. Partly sunny during

Monday

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Mostly sunny skies are on the of horizon Tuesday, with low 70s. the

on Saturday. and thunder-

Powerball

5-7-61-63-69 Power Ball: 18 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$83 million

Lotteries

Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$99

million

Hoosier Midday

Daily Three: 1-3-0 Daily Four: 8-8-6-8 **Evening** Daily Three: 4-4-7 Daily Four: 3-4-4-7 Quick Draw: 3-10-17-18-26-33-41-42-45-46-48-51-52-62-63-64-67-73-79-80 Cash 5: 9-17-21-23-24

Hoosier Lotto: 3-17-28-40-45-46

Estimated jackpot: \$11.8 million

Pick 4: 0-8-6-8 Pick 5: 6-2-2-3 Evening Pick 3: 3-6-5 Pick 4: 2-5-2-9 Pick 5: 8-0-2-2-8 Rolling Cash: 13-20-27-30-33 Classic Lotto: 15-33-38-40-47-49 Kicker: 1-8-8-1-6-0

Ohio Midday

Pick 3: 7-3-8

Estimated jackpot: \$27.4 million

Markets

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June corn	8.03
July corn	8.09

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June wheat..... 10.25 **Central States** Montpelier

Wheat 10.25

Corn	7.81
Late May corn	7.81
Beans	16.01
Late May beans	15.97
Wheat	10.69

Heartland

St. Anthony	
Corn	7.55
June corn	7.62
Beans	15.89
June beans	15.94
Wheat	10.81

Today in history

In 1820, nurse Flo- of France began with the rence Nightingale, who founded trained nursing as a profession, was born in Florence, Italy.

In 1846, the Donner party left Independence, Missouri, for California. The group would later become trapped in the Sierra Nevada Mounbers reportedly resorting to cannibalism when food ran out.

In 1926, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen, American scientist Lincoln Elsworth and Italian engineer Umberto Nobile made the first undisputed flight over the North Pole.

In 1940, the Nazi John Paul II. blitzkrieg and conquest

crossing of the Muese

River. In 1949, the Soviet Union lifted its blockade of Berlin.

In 1967, the Jimi Hendrix Experience released its album "Are You Experienced.'

In 1972, Pennville tains with some mem- High School won the county meet at Dunkirk with 80 points, knocking off runner-up Redkey by nine. The Bulldogs' only winning an event came in a new record time in the 4x400 relay.

In **1982**, Spanish priest Juan Maria Fernandez y Krohn attempted to assassinate Pope

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today

5:30 p.m. — Portland land. Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, commissioners' room, 120 N. Court

St., Portland. Board, General Shanks, Main St.

414 E. Floral Ave., Port-

5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.

6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, conference room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.

7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Coun-5 p.m. — Jay School cil, village hall, 201 S.

Looking

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(Coroner Michael Brewster noted the coroner's office has used the title of chief deputy for years, but it has never been added into county ordinance or on the pay scale. Chief deputy Brayden Fields is currently paid the same as other deputy coroners.)

Houchins advised council should take home the information and think about it before coming to a decision.

"(If) we are going to keep good, quality people, that's happy working here ... we've got to find a way to make (ourselves) competitive with other counties," said Champ.

"Like I said, I know it's a lot of money, we may have to make cuts some place else to do it, but at the end of the day, it's time we do this for our people, because without ... good, dependable, experienced employees staying, we'll never be the county that we should be," he continued.

Council member Ray Newton added that the county is also losing money as well when it trains employees who leave for another job soon after.

Also Wednesday, council agreed to remove the deadline previously set for American Rescue Plan Act ideas to be submitted. Travis Richards, executive director of Jay County Development Corporation, requested council rethink their decision made in April to require input from the community by June 1.

Jay County has about \$3.9 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars. It's also been selected for the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program, which makes it eligible for another \$1 million through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

Richards presented a timeline of the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program process. The first community forum is slated for June 13, he noted, with pathway committees meeting through September and the final plan due by the end of December.

"What makes the most sense to me is to really take the rest of this year and step through that planning process, figure out what are our top priorities, and then we can start to match those up with all the funding streams that are out there," he said.

Although the county will be removing the deadline, Parr said the county should continue looking into its proposed projects. (They include options for child care, housing, a new radio system for local responders and a new multifaceted facility for Jay Emergency Medical Service, Jay County Health Department and Jay County

Coroner's Office.) Richards said someone from his office could visit each council meeting to provide updates on the process. (Council members can also be involved in the pathway committees, although none volunteered at the meeting.)

He advised council go through a strategic planning process to figure out what to do with its incoming dollars. Other large funding streams available to the county in the near future include dollars from the East Central Indiana Regional Partnership — it is a group comprised of eight counties that was awarded \$15 million in December for projects across the region — remaining economic development dollars from Bitter Ridge Wind Farm and about \$5 million in economic development payments that will be coming from Department.

planned solar facilities Skycrest Solar (Invenergy), Rose Gold Solar (Leeward Renewable Energy) and Sun Chief Solar (Scout Clean Ener-

"Let's just step back, take a deep breath and see what comes out of the public engagement process," he said.

Council agreed — Ted Champ and Harold Towell dissenting — to remove the June 1 deadline for input on how to use the funds.

In other business, council members Matt Minnich, Mike Rockwell, Houchins, Champ, Parr, Newton and Towell:

•OK'd Jay Circuit Court Judge Brian Hutchison to hire two more probation officers. (Because of an employee's retirement falling in June, the office would have one more probation officer than usual for about a month during training. It won't require an additional

appropriation, Hutchison noted.)

 Made the following additional appropriations: \$15,000 to replace parts for an excavator used by Jay County Surveyor's Office; \$12,310 to install a new air conditioning unit at Purdue Extension Office of Jay County; \$12,250 to the surveyor's office to cover the increased price for a previously budgeted truck; \$5,000 in grant dollars from Indiana Arts Commission, which covered the cost of post cards distributed to homes in Jay County to gather input from the community during the HELP process; \$1,000 for refunds of adult probation fees; \$2,000 for doctors and psychiatrists hired for Jay Circuit Court; \$1,000 in grant funds for Jay County Health Department to purchase a fridge, a computer monitor and some laptop cases; \$800 for health insurance at Jay County Health

The 140-mile, three-day run will begin a bit earlier this year at 7 a.m. Friday in Fort Wayne and partici-

SERVICES

Today

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

Saturday

Schwieterman, Jerome: 10 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.

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

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pants are scheduled to stop at the north edge of Portland at the Meridian Street intersection with Industrial Park Drive at 4:51 p.m. Friday. They will then make their way through the city with plans to arrive

ent the flag to Julie. The event will resume at 7 a.m. Saturday, with runners leaving Freedom Park at 7 a.m. and going west on Tyson Road. They will then make their way southwest on Indiana 67, reaching Redkey about 9 a.m. and crossing into Delaware County just before 10 a.m. The second day will end about 5:30 p.m. at Anderson Memorial Cemetery.

shortly after 5 p.m. at Free-

dom Park, where the ceremony will be held to pres-

Runners will leave Anderson at 7:30 a.m. Sunday morning and are projected to arrive at Veterans Memorial Plaza in Indianapolis for the closing ceremony at 1:20 p.m.

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Jay County Highway Department 1035 E 200N **PORTLAND, INDIANA 47371**

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Grandpa's death comes as a shock

DEAR ABBY: My daughter-in-law, "Brooke," lost her grandfather five weeks ago. She has chosen not to tell her 4- and 10-year-old kids about it. She has ordered my husband, me and our son not to mention it. The kids see her grandmother at least once a week, and SHE is not supposed to tell them either.

I didn't know the kids hadn't been told and I started to say something at a family dinner. The 10year-old heard me, and I got shushed. I'm mad at whole situation. Brooke refuses to tell them "until she's ready," and I couldn't disagree more. I understand her grief. I have lost grandparents and parents. The services won't be for several weeks. I understand she can't deal with the loss yet, but denying her kids the truth only her grieving process and also doesn't allow them their time to grieve and process.

screaming and crying about it. I'm trying to back off, but I'm angry that her needs are being put first

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Level: Intermediate

Dear Abby



horrible mistake by offering the love and caring I thought they needed. How can I repair the perceived mistake I have made? VEXED IN VERMONT

DEAR VEXED: If you were unaware that your DIL was trying to shield her kids from the reality of their great-grandfather's death when you spoke out, you did nothing wrong. However, you should have offered an apology to her privately. Back off and lie low until the funeral. Your DIL is not herself right now. She needs time to cool off and regain some perspec-Now Brooke is mad and tive. It would be interesting to know how your son feels about the way she's handling this. With luck, he can and at being told I made a **smooth things over.**

\$\$\$ raised for Cancer Society

More than \$7000 dollars was raised at the Dueling Piano event for the Jay County Cancer Society. Tony Lennartz of Jay County Sheriff's Office sponsored the event. Pictured is Lennartz presenting the check to Jay County Cancer Society president Andrea Poore.

'Weekend of worship' starts Friday

A Portland church is hosting multiple days of worship this weekend.

Activities are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 6 p.m. Sunday in Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland.

Mark and Marie McKinley will be Classes offered leading the event.

For more information, call pastor available. Steve Arnold at (260) 251-0970.

Taking Note

Free adult education classes are

John Jay Center for Learning is 729-5525.

offering free classes for adults to receive a High School Equivalency diploma. The state has also supplied funding to help students pay for their final High School Equivalency Test in 2022.

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

For more information, call (260)

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL p.m. the second Thursday Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Today

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Secand 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-

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

W. Walnut St., Portland.

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 - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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 INDIANA UNIVERSITY CLUB — Will meet at 7 played from 9 a.m. to noon Everyone is welcome.

of each month at Jay Community Center.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — 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.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COM-MUNITY CENTER -Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 Monday, every a.m. Wednesday and Friday.

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

Will be

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

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

Wednesday's Solution The objective is to fill a nine-by nine grid so that 2 6 7 3 9 1 8 5 4 each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-8 1 2 5 3 4 6 three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only 5 8 one time each. 9 6 2 Local

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Businesses

JCDC's focus is long-term success

To the editor:

The International Economic Development Council has declared May 9 to 13 as "Economic Development Week." This is a good opportunity to share information about your local economic development organization, Jay County Development Corporation (JCDC).

Our story reaches back to a global recession in the late 1970s and early '80s that left many communities in the Midwest suffering from a loss of manufacturing jobs. Locally, the closure of Sheller-Globe cost approximately 1,000 jobs. In response, JCDC was formed to lead the effort to attract new companies and jobs. The organization was, and continues to be, funded primarily through revenue from the economic development income tax (EDIT) — a tax authorized by the state specifically to fund organizations like ours and other economic development projects. In the early days, the organization's focus was centered on creating industrial parks and attracting

Letters to the Editor

helped lead to the opening of several new-to-us industries like Jaytec (FCC) and JCI (MSSL Wiring Systems). The intent was to encourage industrial investment and create jobs to drive up local tax revenues and provide residents with the means to support themselves.

As time passed it became apparent that there was a reciprocal relationship between industrial recruitment and many other pressing community needs. So, in 2000 the community development position was created with the goal of helping to build community resources and bringing state and federal funds into our community through grant work. The roles of economic and community developnew industries. These efforts ment go hand-in-hand with each

serving the other. To put it — companies want to locate where they can find a workforce and people want to live where they can enjoy life and find reliable work.

This is where JCDC comes in. Our mission is "to enhance the quality of life in Jay County by assisting in the creation, retention, and reinvestment of wealth and increasing the number and quality of employment opportunities." In short, we are here to facilitate investment and job creation. We do this through several activities including industrial retention and recruitment; applying for and managing grants; assisting with the execution of EDIT spending; supporting long term community planning; connecting businesses with resources ranging from incentives and loans to training opportunities and business advisors; and advising local elected officials on a variety of topics. To sum it up, we do whatever is necessary to facilitate investment, job creation and long-term community viability.

year are intertwined:

1) working towards a strategic planning effort through the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP)

2) the launch of a new countywide marketing effort called Jay Region (learn more at jayregion.com)

A postcard with a painting all about Jay on the cover went out to all county households in April. This was meant to inform everyone about the HELP initiative, but also directed them to the new website that has a page dedicated to HELP. From this page, residents can learn more about the program, volunteer to be on a pathway committee or suggest ideas and projects. Please check it out and while there subscribe for ongoing updates or follow the social media pages.

As indicated, the launch of the new site was coordinated with the HELP initiative, but they serve distinct purposes. The overall site is intended as a marketing tool that provides a "go-

Two of our big efforts this to" source of information for residents, tourists, businesses and potential newcomers essentially marketing Jay County to ourselves and the outside world. It serves as a landing page with links to many other Jay County websites. Visit the site if you're looking for a job, a place to volunteer, contact informa-tion for your local government or something to do on Friday night. The intent of this effort is to reach a broader audience than we have in the past. There can be no doubt that strong communities need a strong online presence in the 21st century.

In summary, JCDC's work is integral to the long-term success of Jay County. We appreciate the cooperation we get from across the county and intend to continue serving for many years to

Happy Economic Development Week.

Sincerely, Travis Richards Executive director

Jay County Development Cor-

AND YOU STILL THINK IT'S NO WORSE THAN THE FLUP

Everyone can fight inflation

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Want to sign up to be an inflation fighter?

Don't think it's just something for the Fed, Congress and Big business to

It's like being a forest fire fighter. Inflation is a blaze that's hard to contain once it gets going. It can be started by careless people on the ground as well as by strikes of lightning from above.

Our current inflation is a result of two efforts by the Fed, the Administration and the Congress (including both parties) to avoid economic disasters in 2008 and 2020.

In 2008, Wall Street imploded, and the entire credit system of the U.S. was endangered. The credit system enables us to buy a car, a house and our daily groceries with our credit/debit cards. It enables the car dealer to have a selection of cars on the lot and the grocer to have a variety of goods on the shelves.

In 2020, COVID struck. As more and more people got sick, some businesses had to close because customers weren't buying as much, or even any, of the goods and services they had before COVID.

The response to both crisis situations was to propup the economy with a flow of cash, giving the economy a transfusion of money that enabled businesses and households to func-

Those transfusions were made by the Fed buying and holding the bonds and other IOUs of businesses. The Administration suspended payments of consumer debt (mortgages, rents, student loans). The Congress authorized payments to firms, governments and households to sustain their purchasing power and hence employment.

Inflation starts with key prices, like petroleum, going up and others then follow. But we have seen it rise as well when consumers are willing and able to spend more to sustain their living standards. This time around, we had to fight inflation. supply problems as well.

All of us, except the very spending, but we don't cus@yahoo.com.

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All of us, except the very poor, could hold back on spending, but we don't want to stop the escalation of our expectations.

of our expectations.

We're willing to pay

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and other streaming services. We "need" and

"deserve" that premium

ice cream. Eating out is

part of our "lifestyle" and, after all, we're supporting

We'll use about five gal-

lons of gas a week, but

we'll keep a full tank

because the price is going

up. But if we didn't keep an

inventory of gas, the demand for gas would go

down and prices could fall.

It's just like voting; your

actions are but one of

many, but important. "The

silent majority" is ulti-

Higher interest rates

have a braking effect on the

economy, discouraging bor-

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Want to fight inflation?

the wait staff.

want to stop the escalation By JOAN STEINAU LESTER

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service There is a huge difference between illegal and legal abortions. I know. I

had one of each. In 1960 when I was 19 and living with my boyfriend, a medical resident at Yale University hospital, I got pregnant. Thirteen years before Roe v. Wade, in Connecticut the only grounds for abortion was if the mother's life were endangered. My boyfriend knew a doctor in his hometown of Philadelphia who agreed to perform a midnight abortion, and so he drove me through darkened streets late one evening. He dropped me at the door of the shuttered office. The doctor was alone, brusque, clearly uncomfortable. This was not a procedure he did regularly but was performing as a favor.

"Lie down," he instructed. I opened my legs and he began scraping my uterus with a curette. The pain was so excruciating and the sound so terrible I moaned, then screamed. The doctor clamped his hand over my mouth and admonished: "Shut up!"

When my boyfriend picked me up for the drive home, I was bleeding, wrapped in towels. For days I continued to hemorrhage, losing big red chunks of tissue. Finally it stopped and, since we were breaking up anyway, I soon left for a Catskills summer camp job. For the next few weeks cramps kept me awake each night,

Joan Steinau Lester

tubes are sealed.



and staggered into the emergency room. When I told the attending doctor about the abortion, he thundered, "Your pain is God's punishment. And you will never have children! Your

It turned out I had severe pelvic infection, with high fever, because the aborting doctor had not ensured a sterile environment. For many miserable days I lay recovering in the hospital, where the admitting doctor took every opportunity to scold me for my sin.

Five years later, married by then, I became pregnant again. This time the news was a joyful occasion, especially since I'd been told I would never be able to conceive. Thrilled with our baby daughter, in two years my husband and I welcomed another child, a son.

In 1974, when these children were in elementary school, I became pregnant again despite using diaphragm for birth control. Knowing I could not care for a third child while teaching full time and taking night classes, and with my marriage growing rocky, I made an abortion appointment at a Planned Parentlived. Arriving in daylight, I encountered pleasant nurses in a clean, welllit space. After the torture of my first abortion, the brief, painless vacuum aspiration process, and the kindness of my providers, astonished me.

My abortions were difficult and frightening decisions to make. Like all medical procedures, abortion carries some risk, though it is considerably less risky than childbirth. But no matter what the law says, women who often bear the sole responsibility for children will continue to seek and find abortions. When they are legal it's an easy, safe procedure. When women are driven — as I was — to find practitioners in the shadows who may lack specific training or sterile conditions, or when we try to self-abort without medical support, the risk increases. And like people forced into any underground activity, we are vulnerable.

A 16-year-old babysitter I occasionally employed in 1966 had an abortion pre-Roe v. Wade. It was expensive, as well as dangerous, and she had to borrow the \$400 from family, friends and me. The so-called doctor she drove 500 miles to see raped her. But she had no recourse, since the medical procedure she needed was considered illegal.

I am 81 years old now, with no personal stake in abortions. But I know the disastrous consequences for younger women — including, potentially, my 22-year-old granddaughter - if we outlaw them again.

We must keep abortion safe. And to

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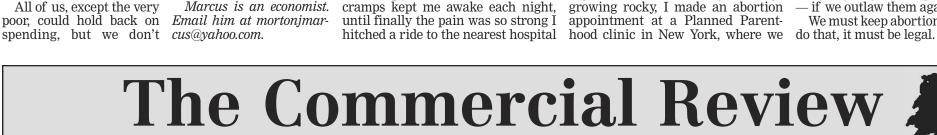
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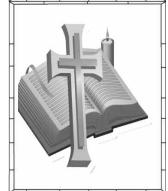
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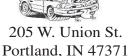


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South Broad Street, Dunkirk Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Fri-

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Cornerstone Baptist

211 E. Main St., Portland Wayne Ward (260) 726-7714 Services: 10 a.m.

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Fairview United Methodist/Jay County

2875 E. 200 South Gordon Jackson Lay leader: Beth Stephen (260) 726-9184 Services: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community

9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk Joe Schmit (260) 251-5254 Services: 10 a.m.

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402 N. Ship St., Portland Rev. M. Rex Espiritu (260) 726-8462 Services: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school: 10:15 a.m. firstpcportland.org

Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene

401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff (419) 375-4680 Services: 10:30 a.m.

Fort Recovery United Methodist

309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery Rev. David Porath Rev. James Stilwell (419) 678-2071 Services: 9 a.m.

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Full Gospel

468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk Robert Thomas (765) 348-4620 Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Geneva First

United Methodist 100 W. Line St., Geneva Barry McCune (260) 368-7655

Services: 9:30 a.m.

225 Decatur St., Geneva (260) 525-8609 Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m. Sunday school: 9 a.m. Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

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Services: 10:30 a.m.

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122 W. Main St., Redkey Lori McIntosh (765) 369-2085 Services: 10:30 a.m.

Redkey Church of the Nazarene 801 W. High St.

Chuck Hollandbeck (765) 369-2676 Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 mail.com p.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

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722 W. Main St., Portland Susan Hathaway (260) 729-1095 Services: 10:30 a.m.

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St. Paul Catholic

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Union Chapel 6200 N. 375 West, Bryant

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County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line) Fred Stevens Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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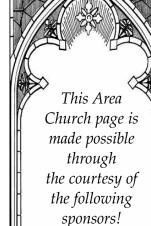
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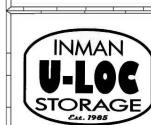


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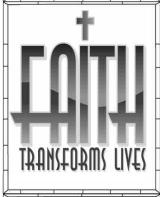


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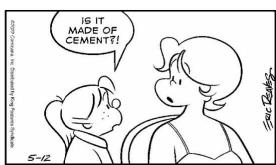


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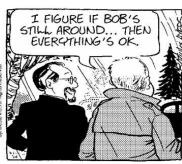




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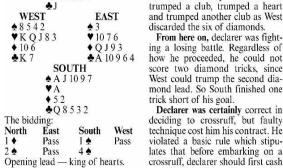
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When the deal occurred, South led a low club at trick two, setting the stage for a crossruff. West put up the king and tried to stop declarer from scoring his trumps separately by shifting to the deuce of spades, taken by South with the

and trumped another club as West discarded the six of diamonds. From here on, declarer was fight-ing a losing battle. Regardless of how he proceeded, he could not score two diamond tricks, since West could trump the second diamond lead. So South finished one trick short of his goal. Declarer was certainly correct in

Despite the trump return, declarer could still count 10 tricks — five

spades in his hand, two club ruffs in

dummy, the A-K of diamonds and the heart already won. So he

deciding to crossruff, but faulty technique cost him his contract. He violated a basic rule which stipu-lates that before embarking on a crossruff, declarer should first cash any side suit winners he may have. Otherwise, the defenders might be able to discard in that suit while the crossruff is in progress and then trump declarer's side suit winners later on.

Observe that if South had simply cashed the A-K of diamonds after winning West's spade return at trick three and then proceeded as before, 10 tricks would have been his for the taking

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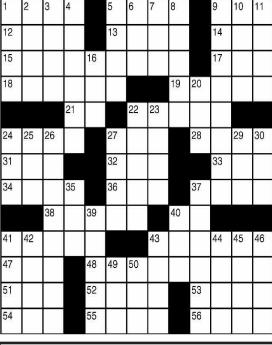
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Jay County High School senior Lilly Hedges keeps her eye on the ball after tracking down a shot during her No. 2 singles match Wednesday against Bluffton's Emma Baumgartner. Hedges rallied for a 4-6, 7-5, 10-8 win.

Roundup

Continued from page 8 In other games, PG-14 blanked Portland Optimists 7-0 in Willie Mays baseball and Jay County Monuments and Masonic Lodge tied 8-8 in Major soft-

Paisley Day led Wings and Rings, going 3-for-3 with a pair of runs. Emma Wilhelm and Kierstyn White were each 3-for-3 with an RBI.

Grant Fennig's two dou-

bles and an RBI led PG-14 to its Willie Mays win, and he also struck out eight batters in three innings. Andrew Myers added two triples.

Stella Skrivin's two hits and two RBIs powered the Masonic offense in the tie, while Nevaeh Armstrong had two hits and one RBI. Monuments got a hit and two RBIs from Adria Roessner while Hailee Randall also had a hit

Collegiate

Continued from page 8 **Robbie LeFevre FRHS - 2019**

Was part of a top-10 relay for the Fordham University men's track team at the Atlantic 10 Outdoor Track and Field Championships hosted by Virginia Commonwealth at SportsBackers Stadium in Richmond, Virginia

LeFevre joined Michael Capone, Isaiah James and Manuel Alfonso Guzman for a time of 43.38 seconds in the 4x100-meter relay. They finished seventh in the event.

He was also 17th in the 100 dash in 11.09 and 19th in the 200 dash with a time of 22.78.

Wyatt Geesaman **Jay County - 2019**

Went the distance for the Lincoln Trail Community College baseball team as it clobbered Lake Land College 20-1 Sunday.

Geesaman racked up eight strikeouts in the blowout win. The only run

8 p.m. — USFL football: Tampa Bay Bandits at Michigan Panthers (USA)

10 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Western Conference semifinals – Memphis

Grizzlies at Golden State Warriors

against him came in the bottom of the sixth inning when the Statesmen (21-28) already had a 19-0 lead. He allowed just one hit in the game while walking seven batters and hitting one with a pitch.

Audrey Guggenbiller Chloe Will FRHS - 2019

Helped the Tiffin University women's track team place fourth in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Championship hosted by Kentucky Wesleyan.

Guggenbiller ran the anchor leg of the 4x400meter relay, joining Ines Macadam, Julia Springer and Greta Macadam for a time of 4 minutes, 11.74 seconds. They finished in seventh place, just 0.03 seconds behind sixth-place

She was also 24th in the 800 run in 2:33.25.

Will competed in the 5,000 run for the Dragons, posting a time of 19:58.21 for 21st place.

Showdown

Continued from page 8 Getting on the court on a steamy day against the Tigers nearly a month after the originally scheduled match, No. 3 singles player Brenna Haines wasted little time. She recorded an ace to end the first game and needed barely 15 minutes to sweep through the first set against Gretchen Crist.

The undefeated sophomore then rolled out to a 5-0 lead in the second set before giving up the first point of the next game when she hit a shot into the net. She wouldn't lose another. She evened the score at 15-all with a vicious overhead smash and went on to end the match 6-0, 6-0 with a crosscourt winner.

'She is just so smart," said Cramer. "She knows how to put the ball where it needs to go. She takes advantage of

"And she's got that undercut swing. People don't know how to handle

A pair of doubles victories gave Jay County the team win while Grace Brewster and Lilly Hedges each dropped their first set at No. 1 singles and No. 2 singles, respectively. Both bounced back to force a third set.

Hedges' calm played a key role in her comeback. Down 5-4 in the second set, she

broke Emma Baumgartner's serve to

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love in the next game before a double fault from Baumgartner opened the door. Hedges fought off a double game point, finally winning the game and the set when a shot from a visibly frustrated Baumgartner sailed wide

decide the match, Hedges jumped out to a 3-0 lead before Baumgartner chipped away to even the score at 8-8. Hedges responded with a drop shot to earn match point and then blistered a shot past a charging Baumgartner

and the needing to ... pass out feeling," said Hedges following her 4-6, 7-5, 10-8 win. "I just kept telling myself mind over matter. And I kept pushing and I didn't get down on myself. which I feel like when I do that it's just downhill from there. But I just

"I was actually really proud of

Brewster caught fire in the second in the third in a 6-4, 1-6, 6-1 defeat.

Madison Dirksen and Holly Hemfeated this year, were typically domifoot Dirksen at the net and Hemmelgarn cleaning up anything Bluffton's Madi Fenstermaker and Emily Mann managed to get past her. And they finished off their 6-1, 6-0 win when Fenstermaker's attempted return of a Dirksen serve went into the net. Twins Melana and Kaylee Zimmer-

their usual style of play with the 6-

man faced a tough challenge from Olivia Funk and Cadence Engle, rallying from 4-3 down to take the next three games to win the first set. They led throughout the second set en route to a 6-4, 6-4 victory.

Junior varsity

Jay County won six of seven matches, with Brenna Bailey leading the way.

Bailey earned a shutout at No. 3 singles, defeating Kiara Sammons 8-0. Chloe Ruiz and Kavla Hurt were nearly as strong in doubles action as they beat Gigi Martinez and Elly Lee

In other singles wins, Gretchen Link topped Chloe Bredemyer 8-2 and Paulina Esquivel beat Avery Hunt 8-3. IN doubles victories, Maggie Dillon and Zion Beiswanger defeated Zara Eisenhut and Madison Murray 8-2 while Lucy Rains and Courtney Harris knocked off Tiffany Lanning and Katurah Bradford 8-6.

Heaven Hambrock fell just short in singles action, dropping the tiebreaker in a 9-8 (10-8) loss to Alexis Grover.

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Playing a super tiebreaker to

for a winner to end the match. "I think I just got used to the heat

kept believing in myself. myself because playing singles has been a whole different world that has been very new that I've really had to

work at. So it's nice to win one.' set of her match against Monroe Heller, but couldn't keep up the pace

melgarn, who like Haines are undetie the match and then served her nant at the No. 1 doubles spot. They way to a 6-5 lead. She was trailing 30- cruised through the first set using

TV schedule

Today— Major League Baseball: Baltimore Orioles at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana) 2:45 p.m. — Soccer: Premier

League – Arsenal at Tottenham Hot spur (USA) 6:35 p.m. — Major League Base ball: Cincinnati Reds at Pittsburgh

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JCHS blasts **Tigers**

BLUFFTON — The Patriots had made a habit of playing close games early in the season.

The last two nights have been blowouts.

Jay County High School's softball team followed up its 19-7 beat-

Local of ing roundup Southern Wells on

Tuesday with a 13-2, fiveinning victory Wednesday over the Bluffton Tigers.

The win gives the Patriots (9-6, 4-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) a chance to earn the league championship when they play at Heritage at 5 p.m. Friday. Heritage (17-2, 5-0 ACAC) finished 11th in this week's Indiana High School Softball Coaches Association class 3A poll voting.

JCHS, which has won three straight and seven of its last nine, jumped ahead Wednesday with a five-run first inning. It was up 11-1 after three frames en route to the big win.

Mallory Winner had a big day overall, going 3-for-4 with a home run, a double, four RBIs and four runs. The freshman also earned the win, allowing one run on four hits in four innings.

Riah Champ had a single and three RBIs while Mady Fraley doubled and scored three times.

Wings wins

Wings and Rings knocked off Portland Optimist 5-4 in Portland Junior League Rookie softball Wednesday.

See Roundup page 7

Showdown set



Kaylee Zimmerman of Jay County High School hits a volley at the net as her twin sister and No. 2 doubles partner Melana watches from the baseline. In the foreground Bluffton's Olivia Funk. The Zimmermans were able to fight off Cadence Engle and Funk for a 6-4, 6-4 win as the Patriots beat

the visiting Tigers 4-1.

Win over Bluffton leaves Patriots and Jets to decide Allen County Athletic Conference title Friday

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review Inclement weather kept interfering with the Patriots' conference schedule.

Finally playing Bluffton on the hottest day of the year thus far Wednesday, they gave themselves a chance at the conference championship.

With the temperature hitting 88 degrees, the Jay Coun- JCHS coach Dave Cramer. schedule has been altered four

team topped the Tigers 4-1 to set up an Allen County Athletic Conference championship showdown with the Adams Central Jets.

The Patriots will be looking for their first ACAC title when they host Adams Central at 5 p.m. Friday.

"That's a tough one," said

down, get our serves in, keep the ball in play. They're very, very well-coached."

Jay County (7-1) and Adams Central (9-3) both bring 2-0 conference records into Friday's match. Both beat South Adams 3-2, while Adams Central topped Bluffton 5-0.

The Patriots' conference

ty High School girls tennis "We've got to play smart, slow times because of weather issues, with the first attempt against Bluffton postponed because of high winds April 14. It was rescheduled for Friday, but was then called off again because of rain. (Rain also postponed matches April 25 against South Adams and May 5 against Adams Cen-

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Moser, Arbuckle key in tourney run

A pair of Jay County High School graduates helped the fourth-seeded Collegiate Huntington University baseball team make a strong tournament run.

Max Moser and Noah Arbuckle each played key roles for the Foresters as they advanced to the Crossroads League Tournament championship game. falling 12-9 Wednesday to No. 2 seed Taylor.

Moser's biggest game for Huntington (27-23) in the double-elimination tournament came in a 15-8 win over St. Francis in the semifinal round of the winners' bracket when he reached base four times, including three in the first four innings. The 2018 JCHS graduate walked and scored on an error in the second inning and then singled and scored on a hit-bypitch in the third. He also had a single in the fourth inning as he finished 2-for-3 with a walk, two runs and two RBIs.

Arbuckle, a 2020 graduate of JCHS, shifted to a relief pitching role for the tournament, tossing two scoreless innings in the

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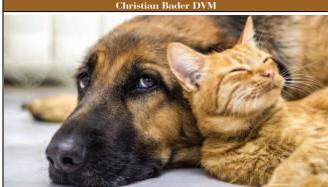
Foresters' 8-0 openinground win over Bethel. He walked two batters while not allowing a hit. He also tossed 3 2/3 innings of relief in the win over St. Francis, giving up two unearned runs on four hits and three walks.

In Wednesday's tournament championship game, Arbuckle suffered the loss out of the bullpen as he gave up six runs on seven hits in two innings.

Moser had a pinch-hit single and scored during the Foresters' five-run ninth inning Wednesday, though the late rally came up a few runs short. He also recorded two walks and a run in Tuesday's 11-8 loss to Taylor in the finals of the winners' bracket and walked and scored a run in the victory over Bethel in the opening round.

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