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July 4 still the goal date

Board is hopeful tile work will allow holiday opening

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review New tiles are being installed at Portland Water Park.

Once they're sealed, they'll need about three weeks to cure.

It'll take at least another three weeks for park employees to get the pool ready to open.

Portland Park Board heard an update Thursday about the pool's projected open date and awarded bids for putting new metal roofs on buildings at Weiler-Wilson Park and Runkle-Miller Field at Portland Memorial Park.

Blakely's of Indianapolis has removed the old tiles and is in the process of installing the new tiles, explained street and parks superintendent Tom Leon- tion by the end of May. hard.

He noted the company will need mostly clear weather — it can't install tiles when it's raining in order to complete the iob. (Rain is expected through the weekend, and there's another chance of showers Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.)

"It's still all dependent on the weather when they'll be done," said Leonhard.

After installation, the tiles need to cure for 21 days before water can be put in the pool. Matt Shauver of the parks department noted he'll need to begin preparing the facility following the cure time. The process includes a variety of tasks, such as pressure washing, filling the pool and testing the filtration system. He estimated the process will take at least three weeks. depending on help available and test results.

Park board's plan is still to open the pool by July 4. (The traditional opening day has been Memorial Day weekend, though that changed during the coronavirus pandemic.)

Applications also remain open for the position of pool manager. Hopes are to hire someone for the full-time posi-See **Goal** page 2

Duke Energy to resubmit plans

By MAKENNA HALL The Evening News and the Tribune (Jeffersonville) Tribune News Service

Shutting down a coalfired energy-generating facility takes much more than turning off the lights and closing a door

mental Management in 2019 and 2021.

Concern for the closure of two of those coal ash basins, North Ash Basin and the Primary Pond Ash Fill Area, arose in 2020 by the Hoosier Environmental

Celebrating sectional

The Fort Recovery High School softball team, including Jackie Homan (center), celebrate Thursday night after Emma Will scored the game-winning run in the ninth inning to give the Indians their first sectional championship since 2018. Will scored on a grounder from Sophie Pearson to end the game in which Homan tossed seven scoreless innings while allowing just one hit. For more on the game, see page 8.

Duke Energy had been working on plans to close its Gallagher Station years officially before it announced the decision in 2021

The station was a twounit, coal-fired generating facility that opened in 1958, according to Duke Energy's website. The station is located in New Albany off Jackson Street.

Submitted in 2016, the plans to close the six coal ash basins at the site were approved by the Indiana Department of EnvironCouncil (HEC), and in 2021 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The two groups stated that the two basins in question were subject to federal coal ash rules that the initial plan did not follow.

After Duke Energy received a letter from the EPA in January stating their opinion, the energy company made the decision to withdraw the initial closure plans and resubmit a new plan to the IDEM.

See Plans page 5

Panel subpoenas House members

By SARAH D. WIRE

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The House committee scrutinizing the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol has subpoenaed House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-California, and four other prominent conservative representatives after they refused to voluntarily comply with its requests for information.

In an all but unprecedented move to subpoena sitting members of Congress, the committee, which is expected to begin public hearings next month, is seeking to compel the testimony of McCarthy and Reps. Scott Perry of Pennsylvania, Jim Jordan of Ohio, Andy Biggs of Arizona and Mo Brooks of Alabama. All four, who are some of former President Donald Trump's biggest backers in Congress, had been asked in letters could regain control of the nas states.

Kevin McCarthy is among those who have been called to testify

refused.

"Unfortunately, you declined voluntary cooperation, and we are left with no choice but to issue you this subpoena," state the letters to the representatives informing them of the subpoenas.

The committee has debated privately for months about whether to subpoena representatives who refuse to cooperate and whether it wanted to set such a precedent — particularly given time constraints, the chance of a lengthy legal battle and the strong chance that Republicans release announcing the subpoe-

to speak with the committee and House after the midterm elections.

Several of the representatives were involved in meetings and planning sessions around Trump's attempt to overturn the 2020 election results.

"These members include those who participated in meetings at the White House, those who had direct conversations with President Trump leading up to and during the attack on the Capitol, and those who were involved in the planning and coordination of certain activities on and before January 6th," the news



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Clearing rubble

Workers on Wednesday clean rubble atop a building destroyed by shelling a month ago in Cherkaske, eastern Ukraine amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Weather

In review

Coming up

Jay County had a high temperature of 87 degrees Thursday. The low was 60.

Tonight's low will be 62. Showers are expected Saturday with a thunderstorm possible.

The high will be 82. There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms again Sunday with a high of 80.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Saturday — Photos from Indiana's Run for the Fallen in Jay County.

Wednesday — Results from Tuesday's girls track sectional at Delta.



Local





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Funding awarded

The Don Wood Foundation recently awarded the Area 18 Cooperative more than \$1 million in funding for new advanced manufacturing equipment. The grants included \$274,280.69 for South Adams High School, which hosts advanced manufacturing classes that are open to students from Jay County.

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Goal

Continued from page 1 In other news, park board members Brian Ison, Glen Bryant and John McFarland, absent Shauna Runkle and Michael Brewster, awarded a \$15,000 project to Goodhew's Roofing Service of Ridgeville for installing new standing seam metal roofs on the dugouts, concession stand and restroom building at Weiler-Wilson Park. They also awarded a \$10,950 bid to Hatzell Bros. Standing Seam Solutions to install standing seam roofs and metal exteriors to dugouts at Runkle-Miller Field in Portland Memorial Park.

Ison noted both jobs would cost about \$1,000 more than the park board has available in the fund it planned to use for the projects.

"We understand that these are big ticket, money move forward with the

purchases this year," said Shauver.

Ison reminded the board it has between \$18,000 and \$19,000 in economic development funds left from Bitter Ridge Wind Farm. (Jay County Commissioners gave \$100,000 to Portland they also allotted \$100,000 to Dunkirk and \$50,000 to Redkey, Salamonia, Pennville and Bryant — for what most communities are using for parks or recreational work. Portland Park Board used just under \$79,000 of its amount for the new tiles at Portland Water Park.) He added the board should reserve some of those remaining funds in case more is needed for the pool as well as for matching funds to pursue a grant through The Portland Foundation.

Park board decided to items. So we know this is projects and supply the

about the extent of our big remaining roughly \$1,100 using its economic development monies.

In other business, park board:

•Were reminded there are security cameras at Haynes Park. Shauver noted on April 25 vandals removed paper towels from the dispenser in the restrooms and put them into the fireplace at the center pavilion. The action left large pieces of ash around the area. A cigarette was also found jammed in the towel dispenser, which was ripped off the wall. Police found the minor responsible and have banned them from the parks for two months.

•Heard Ison has received one bid at \$60,000 from CXT Buildings for a restroom building to be constructed at Runkle-Miller Field. He noted he'll pursue one or two more bids and will be applying for a

grant through The Portland Foundation for the project.

•Gave permission to Shauver to ask Dave Weesner to roll the Pee Wee Football field at least two times for roughly \$350. Chet Franks of the pee wee football program explained the field was recently used by community members while wet, causing large ruts in the ground. Shauver agreed to put up signs that say not to play on the field when it is wet.

 Learned a deteriorating yellow shed at Runkle-Miller Park will be removed next week, before the Portland Rockets' home opener May 22.

•Discussed creating liability forms for organized sports and recreational activity organizations at the parks. The board will likely take action on the matter at its next meeting June 7.

Felony arrests

Drug possession

Two Jay County residents were arrested Wednesday for charges related to drug possession.

Lana D. Wheeler, 64, 205 W. Elm St., Bryant, was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony for possession of methamphetamine. two Level 6 felonies for maintaining

Class A misdemeanors for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. She's being held on a \$22,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Parker M. Squier, 32, 355 S. Washington St., Pennville, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetaa common nuisance and unlawful mine, along with two Class A misde- bond in Jay County Jail.

possession of a syringe, and two meanors for possession of marijuana and resisting law enforcement. He's also been charged in Jay Circuit Court with failure to appear, a Level 6 felony. Squier failed to appear for unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony, and resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. He's being held without

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Today in history

In 1864, what became non-violent occupation Arlington Cemetery got its start when a Confederate prisoner of war was buried on the grounds of Arling-House. It now ton includes the graves of soldiers from every war in which the United States has participated, including the American Allysen Fullenkamp, Revolution.

Churchill addressed the House of Commons for the first time as British prime minister, saying "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

In 1989, thousands of students hunger strike as part of a

National of Tiananmen Square in Beijing.

In 2013, Jay County Commissioners OK'd the purchase of a new ambulance for Jay Emergency Medical Service at a cost of \$147,051.

In 2021, the team of Mara Pearson, Marie In 1940, Winston Nachtsheim and Abbie Francis broke the 11year-old Fort Recovery High School record in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 51.99 seconds as the Indians hosted the Midwest Athletic Conferstarted a ence Championships.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday

9 a.m. – Jay County Redevelopment Commiscommissioners' sion, room, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Board, General Shanks. 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council Board of Aviation, airchambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Port-

land.

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

7:30 p.m. — Fort Recov-5 p.m. — Jay School ery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Wednesday

4 p.m. — Portland port, 661 W. 100 North, Portland.

Deeds

Tommie L. Lawhead to himself and Susan J. Lawhead, quit claim deed -Lot 3, Blaine Pike Addition John Revnolds to Fifth Third Bank, deed affidavit — Parts of Section 13, Jefferson Township, 5.33acres

Edna R. and Joe J. Schwartz to David J. Graber, warranty deed -Parts of Section 9, Greene Township, 2.43 acres

Doris and Tom Zimmerman to BEM, warranty deed — Lots 7 and 8 and Part of Lot 6, Block 19, original plat of Portland

Marvin J. and Patricia R. Post to Leon D. and Linda S. Muhlenkamp, warranty deed — Part of Section 19, Wabash Township, 30 acres

Gregory A. Sheffer to Gregory A. Sheffer Revocable Trust, warranty deed — Part of Section 21, Noble Township, Lot 20, Bellfountaine

William L. Horn Revocable Living Trust and Margaret A. Horn Revocable Living Trust to Margaret

SERVICES

Saturday

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

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

Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE **OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com A. Horn, trustee deed — Section 15, Wabash Township, 32.62 acres

Bonita D. and Robert L. Frazee Jr. to Erika E. and Kyle R. Frazee, warranty deed — Parts of Section 25, Greene Township, 5.586 acres

Freda and Gary Rohrer to Roberta L. Spare, warranty deed — Part of Lot 20, Hawkins Addition

Chris B.H. and Nancy M.B. Schwartz to Esther U.H. and Henry B.H. Schwartz, warranty deed — Part of Section 3, Jackson Township, 15 acres

Tamer Samuel to Ron W. May and George O. Lopez, quit claim deed — Lot 1, Block 16, original plat of Bryant



JOB POSTING: RESIDENTIAL SERVICES UNIT MANAGER

Swiss Village is now seeking a Unit Manager for Residential Services! The Unit Manager will be responsible for the overall nursing care of the residents in Independent Living, Residential Living, and Assisted Living. This position is responsible for supervising the admissions, transfers, and discharges of residents, consulting with physicians, performing assessments, and coordinating the resident's care over all three shifts.

This position requires an active Indiana LPN or RN license. Seeking candidates able to work M-F 7:00am-3:30pm with a weekend and holiday rotation required. Must possess skills necessary to lead and direct staff in coordination with nursing leadership. Must also possess strong teamwork skills.

Apply in person, online at www.swissvillage.org, or send Resume to: Taylor Lehman, VP of HR Swiss Village 1350 W. Main St., Berne, IN 46711 Or e-mail: careers@swissvillage.org



'Moana Jr.' tickets are now on sale

Jay County Civic Theatre's latest production is less than a month away. Tickets are now available.

The production is adapted from the 2016 Disney film, "Moana."

Shows are scheduled for 7 p.m. June 9, 10 and 11 and 2 p.m. June 12 at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. Advance tickets are \$8 for students or children and \$10 for adults.

To purchase tickets, visit Arts Place, call (260) 726-4809 or g0 to myartsplace.org.

Cheerleaders named

The cheerleaders have been named.

Jay County High School recently held tryouts for its Rowles.

Taking Note

junior varsity and varsity cheerleading squads. Making the varsity squad were Lilly Rogers, Cash Hollowell, Karci Hopkins, Erin Ring, Coryn Blalock, Adriene Denney, Jocelyn Haggard, Jordyn Hutzler, Paisley Fugiett

and Kayla Jetmore. Junior varsity cheerleaders for the 2022-23 school year will be Mikaylee Hoffman, Sydney Huftel, Faith Faulkner, Emma Hatzel and Katie



Photo provided

CYO donates

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Portland's Catholic Youth Organization recently donated \$500 to Pregnancy Care Center. It raised funds through its fish fry and work at local recycling trailers. CYO members pictured from left presenting a check to Patti Johnston of Pregnancy Care Center are Gretchen Link, Maria Hemmelgarn, Madison Dirksen and Holly Hemmelgarn.

Dislike of brother-in-law finally comes to light

Family

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I have always been close. She's married to a man I have always thought is domineering and arrogant. I also suspect that he's emotionally abusive from things she has confided over the years. These include days of the silent treatment, refusing to celebrate her birthday because he doesn't believe in it and discouraging her from taking a job she was interested in. He refuses to go to counseling and says whatever problems there are between them are her fault. I hold my tongue and try to tolerate him because she has chosen to stay with him.

He recently participated in a marathon and was connected to us and many others through



social media so we could follow the entire two-day event from start to finish. After a day of constant "dinging" on my phone, I found his need for attention over the top and stopped following. My sister was very upset about it. She said she was embarrassed and hurt. When she asked why I stopped, I told her the truth.

Now our relationship is dam-

aged. I apologized and tried to **hostage for two days because** from him at all, despite seeing smooth things over, but she's now fully aware of my true feelings about him after seeing and hearing how he has treated her over the years. Should I have "kept the peace," as my dear departed mother always said, and continued to keep my mouth shut, or should I have been honest about my feelings? - PROTECTIVE OF SIS

PROTECTIVE: DEAR Because you say you and your sister are close, I am surprised you held your tongue about her husband's behavior for so long. You did nothing wrong by tuning out of the marathon

your brother-in-law's ego needed bolstering. You were honest with your sister and, in my opinion, did nothing that requires an apology.

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DEAR ABBY: My partner and I have been in a long-distance relationship for about a year. After I did some casual social media stalking, I learned he still lives with his ex-boyfriend, in spite of the fact that he continually complains to me about his "roommate," whom he never refers to by name. On top of that, we made a commitment over the last year to phone each other at least once updates. You should not have a day. For the past three weeks, been expected to be held there are times I haven't heard

him active on social media (especially on weekends). It's to a point where I stay awake until all hours, hoping to hear from him. Should I approach him about this, or is this just the end to the "hon-eymoon phase"? — WAITING BY THE PHÔNE IN CANADA

DEAR WAITING: Not only is it the end of the "honeymoon phase," but it may also be the beginning of the end of this romance because it appears your "partner" isn't as eager to contact you as you are to hear from him. Long-distance relationships can be challenging, and you may be happier if you couple up with somebody local.

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in from the years 1942, 1947, news@thecr.com.

Reunions

Bryant High School graduates will hold an School Class of 1997 will alumni banquet on May hold its 25th reunion at 7

Community Calendar as 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967 and space is available. To sub- 1972. All Portland High mit an item, email School graduates are welcome. For more information, call Judy or Neil Medler at (260) 726-7209. Jay County High

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

 $\mathrm{EUCHRE}\ -$ Will be played starting at 1 p.m.



14. Honor classes this p.m. June 11 at Jay Counyear are the classes of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1970, 1971 and Saturday 1972.

alumni banquet is scheduled for May 14 at Asbury United Church. To register, call more information, 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 alumni banquet on June fast at Richards Restau-18 at Jay County High rant. School. Honor classes are

ty Event Center.

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-Madison High School's MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. Methodist High St., Portland. For (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will High School will host an meet at 7 a.m. for break-BRYANT AREA COM-

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Thursday's Solution

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each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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

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. Everyone is welcome.

PORTLAND EVENING **OPTIMIST CLUB** — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship Evangelical hall at Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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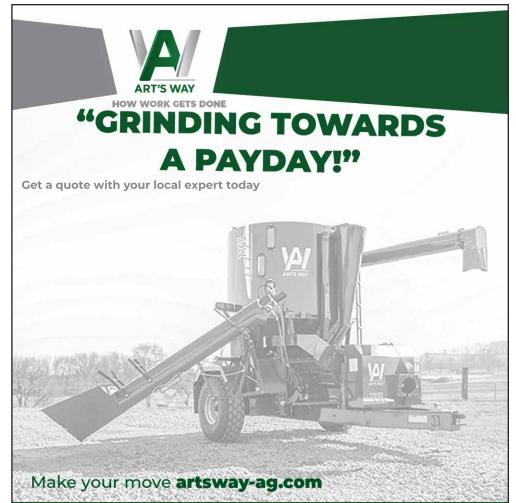
Tuesday

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

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Get Well, Parades, Happy New Year, Valentine's Day. Merry Christmas and Many Others. Over 150 different images have been preselected for you to choose from.



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Opinion

Legion riders appreciate support

To the editor:

Earlier this year, in February, an event was put on here in Portland at Jay Community Center.

The event was in support of helping out a young lady who was diagnosed with cancer.

It was very overwhelming the response and support this young lady was given by this communi-ty during the event.

The event had a basketball tournament, cornhole tournament, free-throw contest, 50/50 raffle, a four-wheeler raffle and a bounce house.

A very special thank you to Jay Community Center for the use of their wonderful center, Post 211 American Legion Riders for heading this wonderful event up.

Letters to the Editor

The following businesses and individuals who donated items for the silent auction:

Cuervos Tacos II, Jeff Hall, Nesha Anderson, Sarah Farris, Cryo Beauty and Wellness, Renegade Customs, Cindy Denney, Ashley Hopkins, Jay County Hospital registration, the Wiggins family, All Weather Heating and Cooling, Fear Powersports, Chet and Amy Franks, Subway, Aman-

da May, Jo Ann Lazer, El Camino Market, Jenny VanSkyock, Burk, Brewster Jewelry, O'Reilly Real, Pit's Cocktail Lounge, Chrissy Martin, B&D Transport, Auto Parts, Tiffany and Mark Krista, Holly, Kortney, Courtnee and Teresa Taylor, All Circuit Electrical, Kenzie Keen, Abby Brockman, the Denney family, Cook's Nursery, Connie Fear, the Flower Nook, Änna Zarate, Abby Brockman, Kenzie Keen, Union Chapel Ministries, Laura Fergu-son, Randon Huftel, Glenda Votaw, Angie Byrum, Auto Zone, Wings and Rings, Hometown Hardware (Erin Davis), Jay Beverage, Goodrich Brewery, Deer Park Boutique, Jay Community Center, Greek's Pizzeria, Jean Ann Poole, Amanda Knight, Brittany Vance, Crafty Customs, Emily Tarter, El Carreton, Jessica Kerrigan, Display Craft, M&M

U.S. Aggregates, Dr. David Fullenkamp, RC Automotive, Craven Nutrition, Rollin' J Lanes, Pizza Hut, Angie Schlechty, J&C Apparel, Chelsea Aker, Accelerated Curing, Just 4 Paws, East of Chicago Pizza, Arby's, Abby Hullinger, Sue Burke, Wildflower Beauty Lounge (Magan Douglass), Bizy Dips, Diana Franks, True Value, Cassie Alexander, Schmit Chiropractic, Steve Schlechty, Tracy Winn, Amy McAbee, Night and Day Cre-ation, Troyer's, Eme Lennartz, Pizza King, Maria Trent, Mrs. Wick's Restaurant & Pie Shop, Bloom's Discount, Locker's Touch of Country, Jeff and Terry ers

Alberson, Clear Choice Chiropractic, Patriot Fitness, Gourmet Cupboard, Greg Ashley, Jay County Therapeutics, Kerri Fosnaugh, Kelsey Castillo, Annie Frantz and Charlene Theurer.

Thank you.

To everyone who helped by your support in time, donating toward purchasing items, thank you. To all the teams, both cornhole and basketball, thank you also.

In closing, on behalf of the family and friends of Alysia Mann, we say thank you. Jeff Burk

Post 211 American Legion Rid-

Wordle cult casts its spell

By BUD HERRON (Columbus) The Republic

My wife, Ann, Wordles. I am not exactly sure what Wordle is, but she takes part in its rituals every morning as soon as she wakes up. Best I can figure, it is some sort of a cult.

She evidently is part of at least two Wordle covens. Converts of each coven communicate via text on their cell phones. Her phone begins beeping with incoming Wordle traffic as early as 5 a.m. some days. The last of these texts sometimes doesn't beep in until nightfall.

All the while these texts are coming in, Ann focuses on a tiny grid on her cell phone — five squares wide and six squares deep. She frantically places letters in the squares while other members of her covens rush to fill out theirs and transmit the results to her. (Whatever she is doing, the cult is not of Christian origin, judging from the blue expletives she sometimes releases in the process.)

Several times she has lion in the United States tried to recruit me to the alone. cult, but I have resisted.

I still recall the early days of our marriage when she became addicted to an exercise cult headed by Jane Fonda and spread via video cassette tapes. She lured me into joining with



... judging by the number of people I now know to be embracing this cult, the number of Wordle *converts* is growing faster than COVID-19.

Such growth indicates Wordle is quickly moving from the world of cults into the realm of mainstream organized religion. Whether it will continue to flourish is anyone's guess. Other cults have

Bridging gap is essential **By JERALD MCNAIR** Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

When I was young, I couldn't wait for the grass to grow so I could take my lawn mower out and cut some of my neighbors' yards. The days it snowed were great opportunities for me to get out my shovel, walk around the neighborhood and seek out members in the community who wanted their snow removed. A few of my friends, on occasion, and I would easily make \$25 to \$30 a day after school. What I realized was that it wasn't just the money that really benefited me; it also was the relationships I developed with my neighbors, many of whom were either middle-aged or elderly. Nowadays, in far too many communities, summers and winters come and go, and we rarely see our youth canvassing the neighborhoods, asking to cut grass, rake leaves or remove snow. Unfortunately, in many cases, these are lost opportunities for our youths and senior citizens to get These unrealized acquainted. moments affect far too many communities and may speak to why crime is so rampant in some places. What is causing this estrangement? Is it fear? Or is it a lack of understanding? Data from Statista Research shows that people between the ages of 20 to 24 are more likely to commit a violent crime, such as homicide, than any other age group. Those 17 to 19 represent the third largest group committing these acts. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recorded its highest number of gun-related deaths in 2020. We read about acts of violence being committed by youths that we never thought possible. People are now more guarded and worried about their safety. If a young person shows

Jerald McNair



ognize that shared experiences between our youths and the elderly result in the development of better relationships. So much is made about hiring more police officers and finding social programs that work. But some of the answers can come from within the community. Residents know who lives in isolation; they know the young people who would like to do odd jobs; they know what the needs are in the community. They can help bridge the gap better than others. The need is greater now than ever before. AARP data shows that the number of older Black adults will nearly triple, and the number of older Hispanic adults will quintuple over the next few decades. That means many communities will have older residents living alone and often in isolation. If efforts are not made to mitigate the fear that many feel, the mistrust will worsen. Poor relationships among residents opens the door for more crime. Too many of our senior citizens are becoming invisible to the young. They are being overlooked and devalued in far too many communities. Yet what they have to contribute is priceless. Communities should bring the generations together. Youths bring life while the elderly bring wisdom. When they work together, they can achieve harmony. Coretta Scott King once said: "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." When there is caring and understanding among citizens, crime does not have place to roam.

WHAT IS THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS? Fiscal



promises of a homemade appeared in my lifetime, night gown (for her, not me) from the Sear's catalogue.

Following the first meeting of our two-person exercise coven, my lower back locked up and I had to crawl up the stairs to our bedroom proof enough for me that Fonda was the communist traitor rightwing critics claimed her to be. I am not about to be enticed into another cult.

However, judging by the number of people I now know to be embracing this cult, the number of Wordle converts is growing faster than COVID-19. No vaccine can prevent it and masking is of no use.

Christianity took more than 300 years to become the official religion of the Roman Empire. According to statistics posted on the internet, Wordle appeared in October 2021 and by Nov. 1 had 90 converts.

By the end of December, 300,000 people had joined the cult. Another 1.7 million people worldwide were Wordling by Jan. 8.

Today, statisticians cannot keep up with Wordle's growth. Estimates of daily participation in cult rituals are as high as 25 mil- Republic from 1998 to 2007.

chocolate pie and a silk seemed to be moving toward mainstream religion then faded before the faithful even had the chance to buy t-shirts, jewelry, tattoos or bumper stickers declaring membership.

Today, few people under 50 even remember Hulahoopism, or Beaniebabyism, or Petrockism.

Rubikscubeism still has a few followers, but also has fallen back from religion status to being a mere cult — as indicated by the scarcity of people on the street wearing gold Rubik's Cubes on chains around their necks.

Meanwhile, the Wordle beeping goes on. Where it will lead us is anyone's guess. While I refuse to join the cult, I will not actively oppose it or make any effort to rescue Ann from its clutches.

I simply request that her fellow cult members don't Wordle with her before about 8 a.m. The cell phone beeping is disturbing my sleep.

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Herron is a retired editor and newspaper publisher who lives in Columbus. He served as publisher of The



the grass or shovel the snow, it's conceivable that the young person will receive a resounding "no.

The pandemic exacerbated this schism as people had to stay in their homes for the sake of safety. If the elderly and the young are not communicating and having those shared experiences, how do we bridge the gap? How do we bring the generations together? How do we build trust between Generation Z and the baby boomers?

The death toll of COVID-19 is staggering. But one thing that is getting overlooked is the pandemic's social and psychological impact on the elderly. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, an estimated 20% of U.S. adults live with a mental illness. Social isolation makes this issue worse, especially for the elderly.

When race is considered, Black and Hispanic people are overrepresented when it comes to mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression.

These conditions make it more challenging for generations to connect and communicate, even among family members, let alone others who are not a part of a family. To bring calm to communities that are dealing with high rates of crime, a concerted effort must be made to bring the generations together to combat fear, mistrust and miscommunication.

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Plans

Continued from page 1 Not all of the basins still hold water, including the North Ash Basin and the Primary Pond Ash Fill. Because they do not water impound and haven't in a long time, Duke Energy spokesperson Angeline Protogere said they did not believe they were subject to the federal coal ash rules.

While Protogere said that they respectfully disagree that the two basins are subject to these rules, they are complying with the EPA in the interest of closing the plant in a timely manner.

In the letter the EPA stated that it has a different interpretation of what is considered to be a Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) surface impoundment. CCR refers to coal ash.

"The definition of a CCR surface impoundment does not require that the unity prevent groundwater from flowing through the unit, but merely requires that the unit be 'designed to hold an accumulation of CCR and liquid," the EPA letter states.

Groundwater simply refers to the water underneath Earth's surface. The U.S. Geological Survey reported that groundwater is the source of about 37% of the water that county and city water departments use to supply households and businesses.

In 2020, the Hoosier Environmental Council (HEC) filed an administrative appeal, saying that IDEM should not have approved the original closure plans.

The Office of Environmental Adjudication rejected HEC's claims and approved the plan, according to Duke Énergy's notice of withdrawal sent to IDEM. HEC filed a petition, and the parties are awaiting a hearing.

The EPA's letter stated that Duke Energy will need to implement engineering measures to remove groundwater from the unit before installing the final cover system; Duke Energy will also need to ensure that the basins are closed in a manner that will minimize infiltration of liquids and release of CCR to the max-

num extent feasible. The new plan that Duke loss, going the distance the Patriots in the six-num extent feasible. imum extent feasible. Energy is looking to implement is not a foreign concept. In fact, the same plan was already in place for the other four basins at the Gallagher site.



Sportsmanship winners

Jay County Robotics team 1193B won the Sportsmanship Award at the VEX World Championships held Sunday through Tuesday in Dallas. The team, which is made up of Callie Houck, Madi Paxson, Jacob Kellog, Joseph Boggs, Max Klopfenstein and Brennan Chrisman, finished 20th in qualifications, earning it a spot in the finals. It marked the first time a middle school team from Jay County had advanced to the finals.

Champions

Continued from page 8 Pearson's bouncer to Demange came on an 0-1 count and the shortstop never had a chance to gun down the speedy Will as she zipped

home with the game-winning run. "It was a little bit stressful," said Pearson. "I was thinking, should I bunt here, should I not? But I just knew that a powerful swing would do just as much as a bunt. And then nothing felt better than getting (Will) across home plate.³

The Indians trailed 1-0 through five and a half innings before Guggenbiller nearly tied the game in a single swing, blasting an Ashlyn Bohman pitch to center field to lead off the bottom of the sixth inning. But it hit the fence about a foot and a half from the top, leaving her with an extremely long single.

No matter. Guggenbiller stole second base, sliding wide to the outfield side of the bag to slip behind Damange's tag. And when she took third on a delayed steal, the throw from catcher Paige Bruggeman sailed high and just over third baseman Aliyah Arling's glove. The error allowed Guggenbiller to hustle across the plate with the game-tying run.

"I was trying to delay, but she ended up catching across her body," said Guggenbiller. "So I went, because across your body you can't really throw very well."

FRHS coach Ryan Thien noted that during the early part of the season he had been using a courtesy runner for his catcher, but Guggenbiller had urged him to let her run.

Taking that advice paid off.

"She is the best, smartest base runner we probably have on the team," Thien said.

The Flyers (7-11) had taken the lead in the third inning when Cameron Swain hit a two-out single to left field, stole second base, took third on a passed ball and scored on an RBI single to center from Demange. They likely would have added another run, but FRHS center fielder Kensey Gaerke made a running catch to take away a hit from Allison Dirksen to end the inning.

The grab started a run of 14 straight outs as Pearson sat down Marion Local in the fourth inning and then Jackie Homan, who tossed the first two innings, returned to retire the side in order in the fifth, sixth and seventh. The Flyers' only baserunner over the final six innings came on a oneout error in the eighth.

"When we played them in the regular season, Homan kept us off balance too," said Marion Local coach Mindy Puthoff of the senior who earned the win as she went seven scoreless innings while giving up just one hit. "So whatever she does, keep doing it. They were playing solid defense behind her and we just couldn't quite get that second or third hit to score more runs.

Fort Recovery will play sixthranked and top-seeded Minster in the first of two district semifinal games at 4 p.m. Tuesday. The Wildclobbered 11th-seeded cats Spencerville 15-1 in their sectional championship game Thursday.

No. 10 seed New Bremen, which upset second-seeded Crestview 4-2 Thursday, and third-seeded Lincolnview will follow in the other district semifinal. The district championship game is slated for 5 p.m. May 20.

Roundup

Continued from page 8 Heritage took the lead with a run in the third inning before JCHS tied it in the fourth. The visiting squad then scored twice in the fifth inning and held the host Patriots scoreless the rest of the way.

Taylor Brown took the

son Reier drove in the 34 did not factor in the only run on a ground out. team score.

DeHoff leads

Cody DeHoff set the pace for the Jay County junior high golf team Thursday in a 128-160 victory over Monroe Central

DeHoff shot 29 to lead Pak-a-Sak 14-12.

Cook's wins

Cook's Nursery edged Pioneer Packaging 7-6 in Portland Junior League Rookie baseball Thursday. Also in Rookie action, Matt's Garage defeated

In other games Thurs-

In all-star softball con- two walks and two RBIs tests, the Portland 8-andyounger team split with Monroe Central, losing the opener 9-8 before winning game two 11-3.

Ranly led Cook's to its victory, going 3-for-3 with a triple, a double and two Jaxon Gannon RBIs. added three hits, a run Millspaugh and Jace and an RBI.

for Optimists while Tyce Foreman drove in two runs for Inman. Bryce Richie led Lions to the win over PG-14 with two hits and two RBIs.

Kiwanis got 2-for-3 efforts at the plate from Karson Schilling, Brady Vance, with Vance driving in three runs and Millspaugh scoring three times. Maggie Westgerdes and Kenzlea Bentz each had In the tie game, Varen five hits on the night for the all-star softball team.

striking out six. Angel Clairday, Makay-

lah Brainerd, Briana Zorn and Brown each had a hit for Jay County. Madi-

runs on five hits while medalist, recording one par in his round.

Jacob Monroe, Sylas Wenk and Jensen Avery each shot 33. Dawson Goldsworthy's

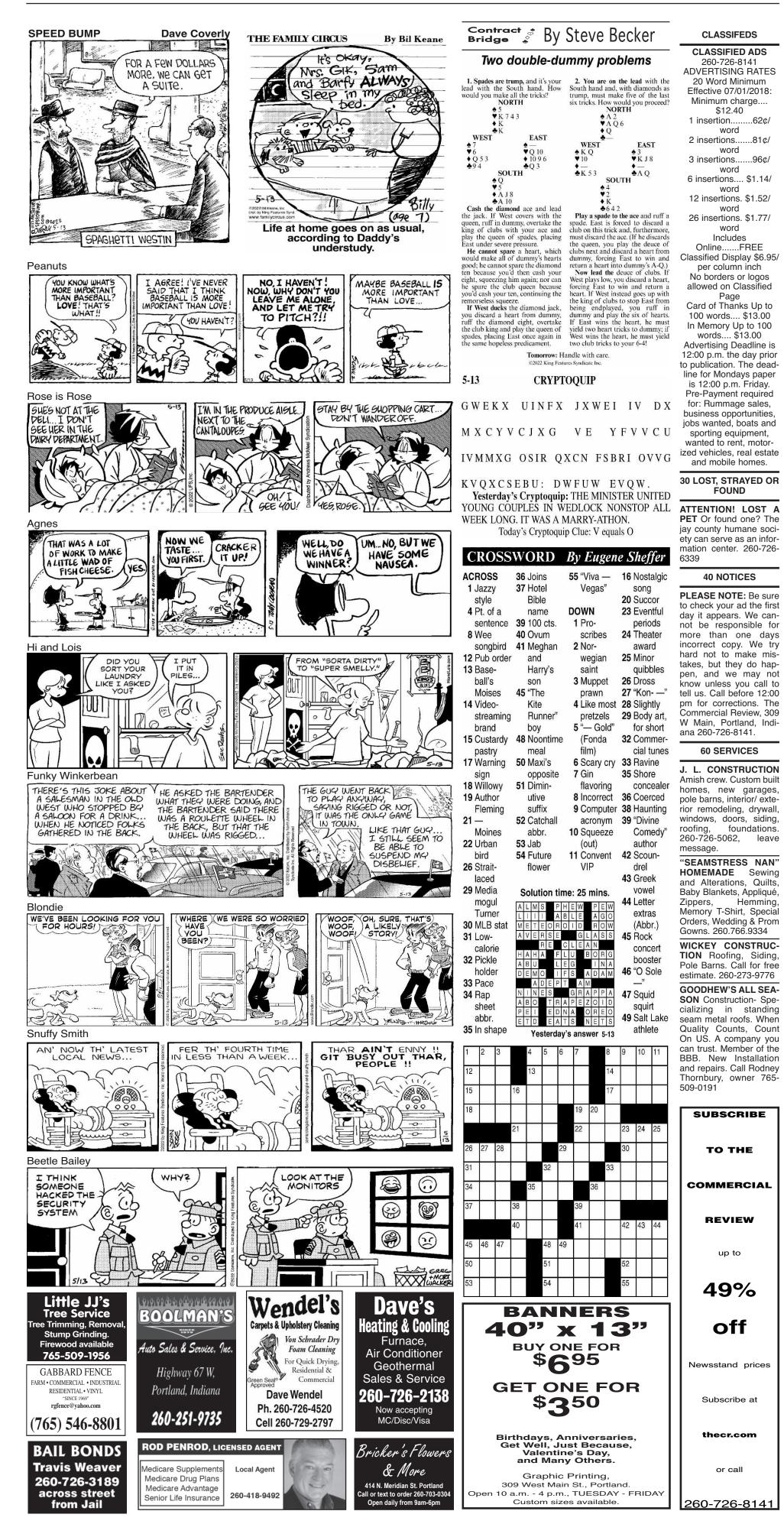
day, Inman U-Loc and Portland Optimist tied 8-8 and Portland Lions Club beat PG-14 10-6 in Willie Mays baseball, and Kiwanis knocked off Flamespray 7-6.

Matt's Garage going 4for-4 efforts with three RBIs apiece from Lexton Dakin, Luke Jellison and Liam Ridenour.

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MAY 14, 2022 10:00 A.M.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD AND COLLECTORS ITEMS

Whirlpool refrigerator with ice and water; Frigidaire stove; Hotpoint gas stove; Maytag washer & dryer; Frigidaire upright freezer; Lazy Boy lift chair; reclining sofa; wing back chair; Oak lamp stands; Oak coffee table; lift top desk; Sony flat screen TV; full size bed with matching night stand; recliner; chair; pull out sofa; Dynex flat screen TV; table with 2 extra boards and 6 chairs; Litton microwave; Vintaj Bigkuk embossing and shape cutting machine; full size bed with matching night stand; glider rocker; sleeper sofa; parlor lamp; Magnavox Blue Ray disc player; Magnavox VHS/DVD player; Steve McClung painting; small kitchen cabinet; LARGE COLLECTION OF CROCKS AND JUGS TO INCLUDE RED WING AND BEE STING WITH VARIOUS SIZES OF CROCKS UP TO 30 GALLON. THIS IS A NICE OFFERING OF CROCKS AND JUGS; cream can; milk can; road signs; John Deere weather vane; cuckoo clocks; washboards; thermometers; zinc lids; pretzel jars; oil lamps; glass water jugs; salt crocks; butter press; marbles; wood Coca Cola cases; several pieces of porcelain and granite to include coffee pots and pans; Coca Cola trays; apple peeler; cherry pitter; flour sifter; few pieces of Roseville Pottery; old kitchen utensils; egg basket; kraut cutter; wood boxes; wood wagons; tricycle; small cider press; lanterns; lemon squeezers; milk box; SIGNS: Pepsi, John Deere, IH, and beer brands to name a few; metal muffin pan; metal corn bread pan; wicker porch swing; wicker rocker; wicker table; pictures; lamps; books; bookshelf; Mr. Coffee; Miracle Blade knife set; Cooks stand mixer; plasticware; cookware; crock pots; small kitchen appliances; Corelle dishes, service for 12; Bissell carpet cleaner; mirrors; wood bar stools; Craft items to include yarn, thread, etc; 2 drawer file cabinet; HP printer; Canon printer; several Seraphim angels; dolls; plant stand; luggage; fans; steins; wood animals; bedding; linens; towels; baking pans; utensils; flatware; hand mixer; bread box; 4 slice toaster; George Foreman grill; 45's; office chair; 3 wheel aluminum walker; Bissell Little Green machine; school desk; coolers; trash cans; pet cages; metal table with 2 chairs; bird bath; wishing wheel; trellis with swing; and many other items not listed.

BOAT - MOWER - TOOLS

Wards Sea King aluminum fishing boat with trailer; Evinrude FleetTwin motor; trolling motor; John Deere 400 garden tractor with 60" deck, 3 point, and 1140 hours; Troy Bilt weed eater; hose and reels; aluminum step ladder; wood step ladder; shovels; rakes; hoes; brooms; and many other items not listed.

GORDON & HARRIET HUTSON, Deceased

By Jeff & Melissa Hall LOY AUCTION AC#31600027 AUCTIONEERS Gary Loy AU 01031608 Ben Lyons AU 10700085 Travis Theurer AU 11200131 CR 5-10-2022

LOCATED: Sapphire's Reception Center 1100 West Votaw Street, Portland, IN

Saturday, MAY 14, 2022

10:00 A.M.

ANTIQUES

Appenzeller's bookstore sign from Redkey, Indiana; Redkey Caar canning company advertising photos; Redkey glass petroleum can w/metal jacket; Dunn & Friman bottle, Portland, In.: Redkey and other collectible canning jars and bottles; Oriental collectibles; Homer Loughlin Currier & Ives china service for 8 and other collectible china and dishware; drop front desk; oak kitchen chair; 4 door credenza; large metal Oreo cookie; (2) high back wing chairs; kerosene lamps; Zane Grey, Tom Swift, and Burroughs book collection; C. Bode, Crume & Sylvia Altman signed paintings; other collectible signed canvas paintings and artwork; silhouettes; arrowheads; goat skull and horns; settee; Silversmith silverware; Jardinière; Lauver from Paris reproduction pieces. Hamilton collections statue.

FURNITURE

Full size poster bed, complete; full size bed, complete; (2) half beds complete; (2) 10 drawer highboy dressers. (2) 3 drawer dressers; stands and end tables; sofa table; 3 cushion sofa; 2 living room chairs; wing back chair w/foot stool; oval dining room table w/6chairs; glass door hutch; 4 drawer buffet; floor and table lamps; wicker laundry hampers; 2drawer filing cabinets; towels and linens; NAD sound system/speakers; globe; Samsung 30" flat screen tv; Frigidaire upright mini freezer; wooden tv trays; small kitchen appliances; hall tree; Cane glass top patio set w/4 chairs, patio lounge set; large cd collection; collectible 33 records.

RIDING MOWER SNOW BLOWER & MISC.

JD 240 riding mower; Toro 8 hp. 24" snow blower; 42" lawn sweeper; Electric push mower; battery powered weed eater; DeWalt 6' and 8' Fiberglass stepladders; 16' wooden ext. ladder; 2-wheel cart; lawn cart; tomato cages; ext. cords; shop and hand tools.

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CHAMPIONS IN 9 Pearson grounder brings Will home with game-winning run to give Fort Recovery the sectional title in extra-inning thriller

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By RAY COONEY

he Commercial Review FORT RECOVERY - Emma Will was standing on third base for the third time.

She was stranded there in the fifth inning.

She was stranded there again as the potential game-winning run in the seventh.

With one out in the bottom of the ninth, she was again 60 feet away from delivering the Indians a sectional title.

Sophie Pearson provided her ticket home.

Pearson's ground ball to shortstop Olivia Damange was enough to get Will across the plate and give the Fort Recovery High School softball team a 2-1 victory over the Marion Local Flyers in Thursday's Division IV sectional

championship game. "Awesome," said Pearson. "I've never felt anything better."

It was the second win for the Indians over Marion Local this season following a 6-5 victory April 19 and sends them to the district tournament at Wapakoneta.

Fort Recovery's last sectional title came when it beat Perry 10-2 in 2018. Since then, it had lost 8-6 to Marion Local in the 2019 final, had the 2020 season canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic and fell 9-2 to Lincolnview in last season's championship game.

"It's crazy," said junior Maddie Guggenbiller, who scored the game-tying run in the sixth inning. "We as a Fort Recovery softball team, I think that we've kept on improving. But in years past we've had a hard time struggling to get (the sectional title).

'Just to see this win tonight has shown that the growth that we've had is incredible. And I



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Maddie Guggenbiller of Fort Recovery High School reaches the plate to tie the score in the bottom of the sixth inning during Thursday's sectional championship game. Guggenbiller singled, stole second, stole third and took home when the throw in an attempt to catch her sailed high and got past Marion Local third baseman Aliyah Arling.

think that our team has just grown so close to each other that we know that we each are capable of pulling out this win. So we have trust. I think that's a big part of why we won this today."

Will on base by way of an error to lead off the ninth inning it was nothing new. They had runners on base in every inning, but struggled to get them around to score. They stranded 11 runners

bases loaded in the second inning.

But Chloey Grisez made sure Will would keep moving, laying down a sacrifice bunt on the right side of the infield. As Will When the Indians (13-7) got in total, including leaving the reached second base she saw no

one was covering third and scampered there to put herself in position to end the game on a deep fly ball, a squeeze bunt or, as it turned out, a well-placed grounder.

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Golfers 2nd at WVGC GENEVA — The Patriots got a good look at their conference rivals Thursday.

They will need to find a way to shave some strokes to have a shot at the league title next weekend.

Local roundup

Arts in the Parks Festival at Arts Park May 22, 2022 · 12 PM - 4 PM

Jay County Campus of Arts Place 131 E. Walnut St.



Join us as we celebrate the kick-off of the Arts in the Parks season!

FREE Children's Crafts Yard Games Art Activities Hot Dogs **Maypole dance Face-Painting Bake Sale** Spin-a-Pot **Student Pottery Sale** & Street Performances! Loretta Herkenhoff Charitable NEW BREMEN The Peoples Bank MinsterBank # ARTS Trust Ъ Ķ SMC Ohio Arts BLACKFORD COUNTY First Bank OF RANDOLPH COUNTY CROSSROADS FORT RECOVERY of Berne

Jay County High School's boys golf team finished second in a four-team Allen County Athletic Conference event at Wabash Valley Golf Club, scoring 180 to trail Heritage by 13 strokes.

South Adams was five behind JCHS while Woodlan was last with a 203. (All of those squads, along with Adams Central, Southern Wells and Bluffton, will meet again May 21 in the ACAC Tournament at Celina Lynx.)

Caleb DeRome paced Jay County, recording three consecutive pars in the middle of his round. He finished at 42, which is 6 over par.

Seth Roop of Heritage was the medalist with a 39.

Brock DeHoff followed DeRome with a 44, including a birdie on the 410-yard, par-4 fifth hole. Kyle Sanders and Liam Garringer recorded matching 47s to round out the team score, and Gage Sims shot 58.

ACAC slips away

MONROEVILLE and BLUFFTON -The Jay County baseball team dropped Allen County Athletic Conference games on back-to-back nights, falling 6-3 Thursday to Heritage after an 8-6 loss Wednesday to Bluffton.

JCHS (9-7, 2-3 Allen County Athletic Conference) was up 3-2 against Heritage before giving up four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Crosby Heniser took the loss, allowing six runs — four earned on seven hits and three walks in $4 \frac{1}{3}$ innings. Kess McBride paced the offense,

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today Jay County — Girls tennis at Adams Central – 5 p.m; Softball at Heritage – 6 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Union City - 5 p.m.; JV softball at Norwell - 5:30 p.m.; Junior high track Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament at Bluffton -

5:30 p.m. Fort Recovery — Track in Midwest Athletic Conference Championships at Minster – 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at Franklin-Monroe – 5 p.m.; JV softball at St. Henry – 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. St. Henry Red – 5 p.m.

Saturday

Jay County — Girls tennis at Lapel Invitational – 9 a.m.; Softball doubleheader vs. Hagerstown - 10 a.m.; Baseball doubleheader vs. Fort Wayne South Side – 10 a.m.; JV track at Huntington North – 11 a.m.; JV baseball double-header at Norwell – 10 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. St Mary's Memorial – 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today Noon — NBA playoffs: Eastern Con-

going 2-for-4 with a double, a run and an RBI.

The Patriots rallied with three runs in the seventh inning Wednesday against Bluffton but their comeback effort fell short. Sam Myers was the losing pitcher, going five innings and giving up seven runs on seven hits. Ryne Goldsworthy and Heniser each had a pair of hits.

Hits hard to find

FORT RECOVERY — Wapakoneta shut down Fort Recovery's baseball team Thursday, handing it a 12-0 defeat in five innings.

The visitors took control with a five-run fifth inning. They scored once in the fourth and six times in the fifth as they finished the game early.

Wyatt Bihn took the loss as he gave up five runs on three hits and three walks in 11/3 innings.

Cale Rammel recorded the only hit for the Tribe, which fell to 10-8 on the season.

Fort Recovery will seek to rebound tonight when it makes a visit to Franklin Monroe.

Heritage tops

In a battle of Patriots, the Jay County junior varsity softball team suffered a 3-1 loss Thursday to Heritage.

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ference semifinals - Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks (ESPN) 6:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball:

Cincinnati Reds at Pittsburgh Pirates

(Bally Indiana) 7:05 p.m. — College baseball: Xavier at Connecticut (FS1) 8 p.m. — USFL football: Tampa Bay

Bandits at Michigan Panthers (USA) 10 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Western

Conference semifinals – Memphis Griz-zlies at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

Saturday

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

2 p.m. — Auto racing: ARCA Menards Series – Kansas 150 (FS1) 2:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Francisco Giants at St. Louis Cardi-

nals (Bally Indiana) 3 p.m. - Golf: AT&T Byron Nelson (CBS)

- USFL football: New Jersey 3 p.m. Generals at New Orleans Breakers (FOX) 4:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Diego Padres at Atlanta Braves

(FS1) 4:30 p.m. - NHL playoffs: Boston Bruins at Carolina Hurricanes (ESPN)

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Cincinnati Reds at Pittsburgh Pirates (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Tampa Bay Lightning at Toronto Maple Leafs (TNT) 7:30 p.m. — UFC Fight Night: Blachowicz vs. Rakic (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series – Heart of

merica (FS1) 10 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Los Angeles Kings at Edmonton Oilers (ESPN)

Local notes

Boomer registration is open

Registration is now open for Jay Com-munity Center's Boomer T-Ball and Coach Pitch.

The program is open to boys and girls ages 3 through 6. Games will be played Saturdays at Portland Junior League

Cost is \$55 before May 16. and registration includes t-shirt, hat and practice ball. Multiple child discounts are avail able.

For more information, contact Jay Community Center at (260) 726-6477.

To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.