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## Sewer work bids are in

*Low base comes in at about \$2.4 million*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

It will cost at least \$2.4 million for Portland to run a new Meridian Street storm sewer line in an effort to mitigate downtown flooding.

Portland clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips opened bids for the project Thursday afternoon in city council chambers at Portland Fire Station, with two companies vying for the project.

Watson Excavating of Redkey had the lower of the base bids, coming in at \$2.42 million. Brackney Excavating of Brookville turned in a base bid of \$2.77 million.

Both companies also provided bids for an alternate part of the project, which would involve removing an unused line from under Meridian Street. Brackney had the lower bid for that portion of the work at \$353,200 while Watson came in at \$457,365.

Portland Board of Works is expected to award the project at its June 2 meeting.

The base of the project, originally proposed by Wessler Engineering in March 2021, involves adding about 2,000 feet of new sewer line — it would be 36 inches in diameter and expand to 42 inches — running below Meridian Street from between Arch and Race streets to the Samalonie River. Most of the catch basins that are currently connected to Millers Branch, which gets overloaded in heavy rain events and has frequently backed up in the past causing flooding issues in the downtown area, would be shifted to the new line.

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## Comcast checks

A Comcast employee checks cables on an alley behind George Family Dentistry between Main and Walnut streets Thursday in Portland.

## Chicken discussion gets contentious

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

REDKEY — Chickens aren't allowed within town limits.

Redkey Town Council didn't budge on its ordinance prohibiting the animals after hearing a request to amend it Thursday.

It also accepted a formal resignation letter from town marshal Todd Miller.

Redkey resident Gavin Grady explained he has a flock of chickens and was recently told he wasn't allowed to have them and ticketed for the violation.

"I was wondering why it wasn't

allowed and hoping to see about changing the rule to allow (chickens)," he said.

Grady named other cities in Indiana — his list included Portland, Bloomington, Evansville, Fishers, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and

South Bend — he said allow a certain number in a flock. He requested council members amend the ordinance in relation to chickens, not all livestock or poultry.

"I know a lot of you that I talked to were concerned about 'this

becoming a farm,'" he said. "My house isn't a farm, unless you call collecting your own rainwater and gardening a farm. I just don't understand."

Council president Erik Hammers explained the reasoning behind the ordinance is to prevent the town from having a large number of livestock or poultry.

"The fact that, if you get your 15 chickens, and I get 15 chickens, and everybody else has 15 chickens, and (then) three horses, two cows, two pigs, pretty soon we'd have a nasty situation," he explained.

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### Council took no action on request to allow animals in town

## Russian bombardment turn Ukraine's Donbas

*At least a dozen killed in the area of Severodonetsk*

By PATRICK J. MCDONNELL

and HENRY CHU

Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service

KYIV, Ukraine — With its grip tightened along the southern coast, Russia redoubled its assault on Ukraine's Donbas region today, turning parts of the country's eastern industrial heartland into "hell," President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

At least a dozen people were killed and scores of homes destroyed in the area of Severodonetsk, regional Gov. Serhiy Haidai said on social media,

an assertion that could not be independently verified. Severodonetsk is the easternmost point of the Donbas still in Ukrainian hands after 12 weeks of the current war and a longer fight in the region, dating back to 2014, between pro-Kyiv forces and Moscow-backed secessionists.

The nearby city of Lysychansk also came under sustained fire, the Ukrainian military's General Staff said, adding that its troops had repelled a series of attacks in the Donbas over the last 24 hours, destroying 14 armored vehicles and shooting down a Russian drone.

Despite those battlefield successes, the growing war of attrition has exacted a grievous toll on civilians and infrastructure, with people killed or maimed, houses pulverized and power cut off in hard-hit communities.

"It is hell there, and that's not an exaggeration," Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address to the nation.

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## Junior high jammers

Eighth graders of Jay County Junior High School Choir perform in the school auditorium Tuesday. The concert was their last performance this school year. Director Susan Denney noted several choir members will be joining the high school choir next year.

### Inside

Today's newspaper includes the Fort Recovery High School graduation special section. FRHS will hold its commencement ceremony at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The Jay County High School graduation special section is scheduled to run in the June 1 edition of The Commercial Review.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Thursday. The low was 67.

Tonight's low will be 68 with winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. Saturday's forecast calls for a high of 84 with showers expected in the afternoon. A thunderstorm is possible. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday across from Pennville Fire Station and 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at 220 Lincoln St., Portland.

### Coming up

**Saturday** — Results from the JCHS girls tennis team in tonight's sectional title match.

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Saturday's Jay County Community Awards.



# Contentious ...

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Grady noted a house that is outside of town limits but near Redkey Elementary School has horses. He advocated for having chickens, saying they don't smell or cause loud noises.  
"You have more issues with dogs," shouted a woman in the crowd.

Council member Gary Gardner said he talked to 20 different residents, 18 of which were opposed to having chickens in town.

Grady later noted a neighbor who owned chickens purchased a loud rooster, leading to complaints. (He said his neighbor no longer has chickens.) Hammers pointed to this as one reason for

not amending the ordinance. Grady said he would be open to only keeping hens, not roosters.

Council members Dottie Quakenbush, Randy May, Gardner and Hammers (absent John Pierce) took no action on the matter.

In other business, council members also accepted the town marshal's resignation. Hammers noted Miller's last day is June 13. He is using his remaining time off (vacation days and sick days) through that date. Jay County Sheriff's Office is mainly handling calls in the meantime.

"At this time, we are in the process of exploring our options and looking into hiring and bringing in two more officers," noted Hammers.

Miller turned in his letter of resignation Monday, leaving the town without an officer in its police department. (The second-shift position has been vacant since November, and former deputy marshal Tim Fishbaugh resigned near the end of April.)

In his letter, Miller cited multiple reasons for high turnover at the police department, including the department's lack of a take-home vehicle policy, no overtime pay or retirement fund and "unaffordable" family plan insurance.

He's been hired to work for Jay County Probation Office starting in June.

A few local residents in the crowd blamed council members

for taking too long to hire more officers to the department. They also expressed disapproval at having response from sheriff's office as opposed to having an officer in town.

"What happens if one of my girls are robbed? Or beat? Am I going to wait on Dunkirk to get here now?" asked one local business owner.

Council agreed — May dissenting — to accept Miller's resignation.

Also Thursday, council heard an update about planned sidewalk and ramps near Morgan Redkey Park. The project, which consists of creating the amenities on Mooney Street from Morgan Drive to Main Street and on

Main Street from Mooney Street to Elm Street, will likely be increasing in price because of inflation and other variables. (The project now includes adding signs along the road prohibiting parking on the sidewalks.) Chad Salzbrenner of Fleis and Vandenberg Engineering estimated the project between \$105,000 and \$106,000. (Clerk treasurer Mary Eley reminded council about 80% of the total cost is covered by a Community Crossings grant received through Indiana Department of Transportation.)

In other news, council heard from Eley a new floor will be installed in the cabin during the second and third weeks of August.

## CR almanac

Saturday 5/21	Sunday 5/22	Monday 5/23	Tuesday 5/24	Wednesday 5/25
<b>84/59</b>	<b>68/48</b>	<b>67/48</b>	<b>73/58</b>	<b>74/55</b>
There's a 70% chance of showers on Saturday under mostly cloudy skies.	Sunday's weather calls for a chance of thunderstorms mixed with mostly cloudy skies.	Mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Monday with a low around 48.	Rain is possible Tuesday, with showers expected at night.	Wednesday's forecast shows a 70% chance of rain and thunderstorms.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$117 million	25-26-28-30-33-37-39-47-51-53-54-56-64-69-72-73-77 Cash 5: 6-16-19-26-31 Estimated jackpot: \$423,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$131 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 4-8-8 Pick 4: 7-8-9-6 Pick 5: 7-8-1-4-4 Evening Pick 3: 8-5-0 Pick 4: 7-2-3-5 Pick 5: 6-6-9-6-7 Rolling Cash: 5-18-33-37-38 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 6-2-9 Daily Four: 6-7-1-1 Quick Draw: 4-12-15-18-25-28-30-34-47-48-49-50-55-65-68-70-74-77-79-80 Evening Daily Three: 5-9-8 Daily Four: 9-8-4-4 Quick Draw: 5-22-23-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.91 June corn .....7.91 Wheat .....9.74	Wheat ..... 10.81 June wheat..... 10.81
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....8.03 June corn .....7.93 July corn.....7.92	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.71 July corn.....7.61 Beans.....17.20 July beans.....17.05 May wheat.....11.22
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....7.69 June corn .....7.79 Beans.....17.15 June beans .....17.20	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....7.53 June corn .....7.53 Beans.....17.06 June beans .....17.11 Wheat.....11.37

## Today in history

**In 1498**, Vasco da Gama of Portugal became the first European to travel to India by sea when he arrived at Calicut, India.

**In 1799**, Napoleon Bonaparte ordered the withdrawal from his siege of St. Jean d'Acre in Egypt.

**In 1861**, North Carolina became the second state to secede from the Union.

**In 1873**, Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis received a patent for using copper rivets to strengthen pocket corners and other points on pants.

**In 1902**, Cuba gained independence from the United States, which had taken control of the island after defeating Spain in the Spanish-American War three years earlier.

**In 1946**, American singer and actress Cher was born.

**In 1983**, a car bomb in South Africa planted by anti-Apartheid activists killed 19.

**In 2007**, Jay County Commissioners learned Indiana Department of Environmental Management approved the county's application to form a regional sewer district.

**In 2015**, comedian David Letterman, a graduate of Ball State University, ended his run as host of the Late Show with David Letterman.

**In 2021**, Aaron Funkhouser (400-meter dash) and Jean Pieterse (high jump) earned regional berths with top-three finishes in the sectional meet at Muncie Central.

—AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Friday</b> 2 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, special session, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	67, Portland. 5 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council executive session, city building, 131 S. Main St.
<b>Monday</b> 3 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana	7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

# Felony court news

### Illegal substance

A Decatur man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlling substance or its metabolite in his blood, a Level 6 felony.

Shane K. Garrett, 31, 615 W. Monroe St., was sentenced to 360 days in Jay

County Jail with all but 90 days suspended and given two days credit for time served. He was assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. Garrett was placed on probation for 270 days and ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance

abuse counseling. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for 180 days retroactive to July 19, 2021.

As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge for operating a vehicle while intoxicated having a prior conviction within seven years was dismissed.

# Capsule Reports

### Deer hit

Three people recently crashed their vehicles into deer in Jay County.

Landen M. Dickmann, 18, Union City, was driving south on U.S. 27 near the intersection with county road 700 South about 9:30 p.m. Sunday when his 2009 Saturn Aura struck a deer. His vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Zackary N. Vaughn, 21, Dunkirk, was driving south on county road

300 East about 4:45 p.m. Monday when he drove his 2021 Kia K5 into a deer in the road.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Aaron M. Sholler, 30, Celina, Ohio, was driving south on county road 600 East near county road 100 North about 11:43 p.m. Monday when a deer ran in front of his 2020 Chevrolet. He wasn't able to avoid a collision with the animal, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage.

# Sewer ...

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Flap gates would be installed on the new line in order to stop water from backing up through the catch basins.

The project is designed to eliminate problems during what is referred to as a "10-year-flood."

The project was originally proposed at a cost of about \$1.3 million.

As construction costs have gone up, the most recent estimate for the project provided at a city council meeting in March was \$2.62 million, including engineering costs and other contingencies.

A total of \$2.49 million has been committed toward the work thus far. Portland City Council in March allo-

# Felony arrests

### Dealing drugs

A Dunkirk man was arrested Wednesday for dealing marijuana.

Evan V. Lowe, 20, 322 S. Arlington Ave., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with another Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

He was released on a \$3,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

ating all of the city's \$1.355 million in federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. The city also received a \$780,450 State Transportation and Stormwater Grant from the State Water Infrastructure Fund and its redevelopment commission has approved \$350,000 for the project.

# Superior Court

### Judge Gail Dues Fined and sentenced

Tyrus D. Lawhorn, 40, 7579 E. 500 South, Dunkirk, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 60 days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Lawhorn was placed on probation for 305 days, fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was also ordered to submit an eval-

uation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling.

Ashley M. Walker, 32, 1237 N. U.S. 27, Portland, pleaded guilty to theft, a Class A misdemeanor — She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but four days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Walker was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 361 days.

Nicholas P. Cassel, 25, 1009 Pine Drive, Pampano Beach, Florida, pleaded guilty to battery, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but four days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Cassel was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 176 days.

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### SERVICES

**Friday**

**Kriegbaum**, Gerald: 1 p.m., St. Paul Catholic Church, 1009 Kem Road, Marion.

**LeMaster**, Betty: 6 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.

**LeMaster**, Nancy: 6 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.

**LeMaster**, Paul: 6 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.

**Saturday**

**Cash**, Glen: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

**Luttman**, Michael: noon, Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

**Macy**, Jay: 2 p.m., Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton.

**Warner**, Pamela: 2 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

**Corn**, Donnie: 4 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.

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## Students awarded

West Jay Elementary's Optimist honor students of the second semester were recently announced. Pictured, front row, are Sophia Fair, Amelia Henson, Aiden Winters, Lincoln Grayson, Tyler Murray and Sawyer Stephen. Pictured, back row, are Kathy Nelson (Sponsor), Jayden Gomez, Logan Hornbaker, Ayva Pitman, Lucas Simmons, Kael Morris, Avery Lykins and Katie Calvert. Also honored but not pictured are Amiyah Richardson and Myonnie Booker. Students received a T-shirt, \$5 McDonald's gift card, honor pencil, certificate and a note from their teacher about improvement in subjects, their character, or classroom leadership.

## Display of greed is last straw

DEAR ABBY: My father died five years ago at 90. For the last 20 years of his life, both my sisters shunned him because they disliked his second wife (who predeceased him). She had never been anything but kind to us all. They refused to speak to him and, when he was dying, announced that they wouldn't attend his funeral.

When an aunt informed them that Dad had left over a million dollars in cash and no will, they couldn't get here fast enough. They caused me major distress by falsely accusing me of trying to steal from them. I have never taken anything from my sisters. I made certain the money was equally distributed, then shut them out of my life.

"Family," to me, is synonymous with loyalty, love and trust. Without it, we're just relations. I plan to never speak to them again. Am I wrong? — DISGUSTED IN DENVER

DEAR DISGUSTED: You are not wrong. Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your father. With relatives like your sisters, you don't need enemies. In a case like this, it is common sense to protect yourself. Keeping your distance will accomplish it nicely.

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DEAR ABBY: Will you mention the

Dear Abby



which might be the basis of legal action.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently hosted a bridal shower for my daughter's soon-to-be sister-in-law. It was a lovely affair with delicious food and adorable decor. Everyone enjoyed themselves. After it was over, my daughter chided me for not giving a gift. I was dumbfounded, hurt and more than a little angry. The cost of the shower, not including my time and labor, was well over what I would have spent on a gift.

My daughter is angry with me now because I told her she was being rude and ridiculous. Should I apologize and get the couple an additional gift? I have hosted many such events and always thought the party was a gift. — ANNOYED IN ALBUQUERQUE

DEAR ANNOYED: According to "The Everything Wedding Shower Book," by Jennifer Jenkins, "It is customary for the hostess to get the bride a gift for the shower; just like everyone else." However, I am not sure I agree with Jennifer. After having expended the time, effort and expense of planning and executing the shower, I really don't think an additional gift was necessary.

problem of adult bullying in the workplace? The bullies are usually buddy-buddy with supervisors and get away with the harassment, which includes name-calling, ridiculing and gossiping, which makes for a very uncomfortable work environment. This happens too often. — ONCE BULLIED

DEAR BULLIED: Sadly, you are right. It does happen too often. A way to stop it is first to tell the bully that you don't like it. Then start documenting the incidents, including the dates, times and what was done. Take that information to your boss or supervisor and ask them to put a stop to it. If that doesn't help, take your concerns to H.R. If H.R. doesn't stop what's going on, take the problem — and your evidence — to the EEOC. What you have described is a hostile work environment,

## Community Calendar

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

### Reunions

Graduates of Portland High School will host an alumni banquet on June 18 at Jay County High School. Honor classes are from the years 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957,

1962, 1967 and 1972. All Portland High School graduates are welcome.

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

### Saturday

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each

Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

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

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

### Monday

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more informa-

tion or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

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

## Learn how to manage stress

By LAUREL KELLY

Mayo Clinic News Network

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, which makes this a good time to learn about managing stress.

Stress is a normal psychological and physical reaction to the demands of life. A small amount of stress can be good, motivating you to perform well. When used positively, stress can lead to growth, action and change. But negative, long-term stress can lessen your quality of life and put your health at risk.

One of the first steps toward good stress management is understanding how you react to stress — and making changes if necessary. Take a look at how you react to stress, and then adopt or modify stress management techniques to make sure the stress in your life doesn't lead to health problems.

Relaxation techniques are a great way to help with stress management. Relaxation isn't only about peace of mind or enjoying a hobby. Relaxation is a process that decreases the effects of stress on your mind and body.

In general, relaxation techniques involve refocus-

ing your attention on something calming and increasing awareness of your body. It doesn't matter which relaxation technique you choose. What matters is that you try to practice relaxation regularly to reap its benefits.

Meditation is considered a type of mind-body complementary medicine. Meditation has been practiced for thousands of years, and it originally was meant to help deepen understanding of the sacred and mystical forces of life. These days, meditation is commonly used for relaxation and stress reduction.

There are many forms of meditation, but most have in common a quiet setting, a comfortable position, focused attention and an open attitude.

Spending even a few minutes in meditation can give you a sense of calm, peace and balance that can benefit your emotional well-being and overall health. And these benefits don't end when your meditation session ends. Meditation can help carry you more calmly through your day and may help you manage the symptoms of certain medical conditions.

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## Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

### Thursday's Solution

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

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

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To the editor:  
The tragic events that transpired last weekend provide conclusive, pragmatic, incontrovertible and necessary proof for teaching America's history, warts and all, to our children.

It is way past the time of white-washing with bovine excrement the true story of our past. No one should assess blame for our past, but we all should accept and acknowledge that past. Edmund Burke said: "Those who don't learn history are doomed to repeat it."

The greatest harm we as a nation do to our children is failing to teach them the mistakes of our past, so they may learn.

"The nation that hates too often ignores the nation that mourns." — David French in an article in "Time" magazine

I quote Edmund Burke once again: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for a few good men to do nothing."

## Letters to the Editor

We owe our children nothing less than the truth so they can build a world.

As Martin Luther King said: "A person is not judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

"Freedom does not give an individual the right to harm others." — Supreme Court of the United States, 1905, in *Jacobson versus Massachusetts*

None of us are free until all of us are free."

In closing, and with hope for our children, the words of Dr. King once more: "Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred."

Michael Kinser  
Portland



# Problem is with policy, politics

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

The Consumer Price Index was released this week, showing inflation at 8.3%, year over year. The number is not surprising, just a tad better than March. We have probably passed the month of 'peak' inflation for this cycle.

The reason for this is simply that March's inflation figures were reported at the beginning of the oil price effects from the Russian invasion of Ukraine and prior to Federal Reserve raising rates.

The Federal Reserve is now tightening the money supply, and the large oil price spikes have eased slightly. Still, this leaves open the question of how long unusually high inflation will last, what are its causes and how might it be remedied.

The cause of inflation is an excess supply of money in the economy. The way we measure it includes other forces that temporarily affect prices, and so we are stuck with imperfect measures of the problem.

The overall rate of inflation in March was at 8.55%, which is as high as it has been since December of 1981. But, if you exclude food and energy prices, which are at least partially attributable to transient effects, inflation is a bit better at 6.4%, which is about where it was in 1982. Not much relief there.

We can also examine something known as the 'sticky price' index, which measures those cases when prices are unlikely to drop back down. This index puts inflation at about 4.6%, or roughly where we were in 1991—better, but not great. This also tells us that at least half the price increases we've observed are permanent.

The way to think about this is the equation of exchange, where  $M \cdot V = P \cdot Y$ . Here, M is the money supply, V is the velocity of money, P is the level of prices (inflation) and Y is the size of the economy (typically measured as GDP).

This little equation may seem daunting but is easy to interpret. If the money supply (M) increases, then either V must go down an equal amount, or else P or Y will increase. Because the size of the economy is based on real things, like worker productivity, it must be P that's affected. So, an increase in the supply of money causes inflation.

Likewise, an increase in the velocity of money or how often it moves through the economy can also fuel inflation. To limit the damage from the pandemic, the Trump and Biden administrations asked Congress to vastly increase spending. They did, and the result

was the largest fiscal stimulus in history.

At the same time, the Federal Reserve both dropped borrowing costs and expanded the supply of money through several different avenues. Together, these increased by the supply of money (M) and its velocity (V). This initially helped the economy recover, but once the pandemic effects ended, our economic growth slowed and we got inflation.

We should all be humble in our criticism of Congress and both the Trump and Biden administrations in causing inflation. The slow recovery from the Great Recession saw no inflation, despite dire warnings that it would. I was among those economists warning of inflation. To many people, the risks of inflation seemed smaller than the risk of too little action. They were mistaken. Inflation is here and will be with us for many more months, or longer.

Another reason for humility is that the breadth of culpability. It is perfectly fine for Republicans to blame a highly partisan Congressional vote last year for contributing to inflation. However, the Indiana General Assembly gave rebates and cut taxes in 2022, which was months after inflation was an obvious problem. One can debate the efficacy of state tax cuts; that they contribute to inflation is an undeniable fact. In a more honest world, voting for tax cuts during an inflationary period ought to require that you remain placidly silent about culpability for inflation.

There's plenty of room to retrospectively criticize federal and state policymakers who contributed to the root causes of inflation back in early 2021, but the strongest criticism belongs to the poor decisions that are still being made about inflation. Again, we must note the states that gave tax rebates or cut taxes during already high periods of inflation. As politically tempting as it was, it merely worsens the problem.

Most surprising to me is the lack of immediate action taken by the Biden administration to stem inflation. There were several options available to the President, which at least would have made clear the commitment to curtail-

ing inflation. Here's what a more aggressive anti-inflation posture would look like.

First, the Biden administration could suspend all the Trump tariffs on manufactured goods. This would've boosted profitability across much of the supply chain, reducing prices for imported components. This requires only the president to act, and would've cut some \$300 million per year in federal tariffs.

The Administration could have waived some leasing restrictions and fast-tracked oil and natural gas permits. This would've had the effect of moving future production to the present, while prices are higher. This would've not immediately affected prices, but it would have stabilized futures prices and offered confidence to both consumers and businesses.

The Administration could have also asked Congress to repeal the Jones Act, which, among other costly measures, limits international shipping firms from delivering products to multiple U.S. ports. It is raw protectionism that was poor public policy in 1920, and plain stupid in 2022.

The Administration could take a comprehensive immigration bill to Congress. Basing this bill on the compromise that failed in the 2000s would result in a guest worker program that would ease labor supply issues across much of the country.

The president could have also waived or lessened some rules on interstate trucking and transport. Reducing restrictions on cross-border transportation, as well as allowing drivers to rest in two shorter blocks with more cumulative rest, would ease congestion. He could also allow a pilot program authorizing younger interstate drivers based upon training and previous driving records.

Some of these policies would reduce prices immediately, others won't impact the economy for months, but all would improve the sense that inflation is taken seriously by the Administration. And yes, they would anger some constituents (e.g., the longshoremen union, protectionist industries, those pushing for zero carbon emissions and those who dislike immigration expansion), but that is the what the moment demands.

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Michael J. Hicks

# Hate cannot be mainstreamed

The Seattle Times  
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Ten people were murdered at a Buffalo supermarket on Saturday by an alleged white supremacist who believed in the "great replacement theory," an absurd racist ideology that claims there is a plot to replace white Americans with people of color.

It is yet another mass-sacre fueled by a formerly fringe belief that has found a mainstream foothold thanks to irresponsible pundits and political opportunists on the right.

We must all do our part to fight back against these abhorrent views, in our communities and in our parties. Washington Republicans — of a moderate and independent bent — have an opportunity to lead the way against this vile ideology that has steadily crept its way into their party.

Roughly 1 in 3 Americans believe there are efforts to replace native-born citizens with immigrants for electoral gains and that more immigration is leading to native-born Americans losing economic, political and cultural influence, according to polling from The Associated Press and the NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Fear of the stranger, of the unknown, of losing power are sadly human thoughts — ones that no political party has a lock on. But conservatives are being fed a steady diet of misinformation and hate by many who would exploit that fear for political gain.

Media figures such as Ann Coulter, and Fox News' Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham, have helped legitimize this paranoid delusion, while some GOP leaders have made the bet that stoking racial animosity will keep them in power.

Just last week, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott shamelessly tried to capitalize on the shortage of baby formula by pitting immigrant kids against "our children."

Idaho Lt. Gov. Janice McGeachin has courted white nationalists in her bid for higher office. Former President Donald Trump callously said there were "good people" among a Charlottesville crowd

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who had earlier chanted "Jews will not replace us." He also falsely blamed immigrants voting illegally for his electoral loss.

Theirs is a cynical ploy with a rising body count.

Replacement theory has been cited by several mass U.S. shooters, including killings at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, in 2018 and at a Poway, California, synagogue in 2019. Racial fears led to the Atlanta spa shootings last year that claimed eight lives, six of them people of Asian descent.

Washington Republicans are no strangers to taking a principled stance. U.S. Reps. Jaime Herrera Beutler and Dan Newhouse bravely stood against Trump, voting for his impeachment after the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. State GOP leaders, such as J.T. Wilcox and former Secretary of State Kim Wyman, have stood against election fraud conspiracies.

Herrera Beutler and Newhouse are under pressure, fighting for their political futures from Trump-endorsed challengers, but they have a responsibility to speak up.

Republicans of conscience can either take their inspiration from people such as Mark Esper, William Barr and John Bolton — all Trump aides who stood quietly by his side only to rebuke him later — or someone like John McCain. The late U.S. senator from Arizona famously pulled the microphone away from a woman to defend his opponent, Barack Obama, from racist claims during the 2008 presidential race.

McCain, of course, lost. But he stood up when it mattered, regardless of the consequences. Republicans cannot wait for the next Pittsburg, the next El Paso or the next Buffalo.

They need to stand up now.

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# Jay Superior Court

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Marchelle J. Jackson, 32, 3405 N. Brentwood Ave., Indianapolis, pleaded guilty to resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 felony — She was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail with all but 14 days suspended and given 14 days credit for time served. Jackson was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 256 days. As part of her plea agreement, Jackson's judgment was decreased from a Level 6 felony.

Jason W. Hensley, 47, 114 McNeil St., Portland, pleaded guilty to domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail with all of his sentence suspended. Hensley was placed on probation for 270 days, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee.

Justin T. Pennington, 40, 104 Belgian Lane, Bryant, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 60 days in Jay County Jail and given 28 days credit for time served. Pennington was fined \$25, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for 60 days retroactive to Oct. 18. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for operating a vehicle

with a blood alcohol level of at least 0.08% but less than 0.15% was dismissed.

Breanna L. Fierstos, 25, 128 Rick Drive, Dunkirk, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor — She was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but 10 days suspended and given six days credit for time served. Fierstos was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs, ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee and placed on probation for 170 days. As part of her plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Wyatt J. Mills, 19, 5744 E. 400 South, Salamonia, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level at 0.15% or more, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Mills was fined \$25, assessed \$185.50 in court costs, ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee and placed on probation for 363 days. He was also ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days following his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his driving privileges for 121 days retroactive to Sept. 20. As part of his plea agreement, two Class C misdemeanors for knowingly or inten-

tionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license and being a minor consuming alcohol were both dismissed.

Heidi A. Stegall, 46, 695 S. Western Ave., Portland, pleaded guilty to battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A misdemeanor — She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but four days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Stegall was placed on probation for 361 days, fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of her plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor for disorderly conduct was dismissed.

David S. Ohlwine, 58, 712 N. Main St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended license, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 30 days in Jay County Jail and given 30 days credit for time served. Ohlwine was fined \$25 and assessed \$185.50 in court costs.

Ruthie F. Foster, 19, 405 W. High St., Redkey, pleaded guilty to domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor — She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but six days suspended and given six days credit for time served. Foster was placed on probation for 359 days, fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee.

Shane E. Ehr, 40, 995 W. 950 South, Geneva, was found guilty of two Class A misdemeanors

for operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of at least 0.15%, operating a vehicle while intoxicated and endangering a person — He was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail and given 226 days credit for time served. Ehr was assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for 180 days retroactive to Sept. 29. He was found not guilty of reckless driving, a Class B misdemeanor.

Chad A. Garrett, 42, 7259 N. U.S. 27, Ridgeville, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all of his sentence suspended. Garrett was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 180 days. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for domestic battery was dismissed.

Amber R. Robbins, 38, 421 S. Meridian St., Redkey, pleaded guilty to possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor — She was sentenced to 34 days in Jay County Jail and given 34 days credit for time served. Robbins was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

Jennifer A. Duncan, 43, pleaded guilty to possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor — She was sentenced to 60 days in Jay County Jail with all but 14 days of her sentence

suspended and given credit for 7 days served. She was assessed \$185 in court costs, placed on probation for 180 days and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Juan Diego Gomez-Villa, 44, 218 Pittsburg Ave., Portland, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but eight days suspended and given four days credit for time served. He was fined \$25, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. Gomez-Villa was placed on probation for 357 days. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for 60 days. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for operating a vehicle with an alcohol concentration equivalent to 0.15% or more and a Class C misdemeanor for reckless driving were both dismissed.

Lindsey L. Lawhead, 159 E. 200 South, Portland, pleaded guilty to theft, a Class A misdemeanor — She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all of her sentence suspended. She was placed on probation for one year and assessed \$185 in court costs. Lawhead was also ordered to pay \$6,000 in restitution to the benefit of Maximum Overdrive Transmission of Redkey.

# Donbas ...

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He condemned a missile strike on the northeastern village of Desna, in which many residents were reported killed, as another example of attempted "genocide" by Russia. "It is a conscious and criminal attempt to kill as many Ukrainians as possible, to destroy more homes, public sites, businesses," Zelenskyy said.

To bolster Ukraine's defense, the U.S. Senate

approved \$40 billion in new aid for Kyiv on Thursday, sending the package to President Joe Biden for his promised signature. The Group of 7 industrialized nations is also on track to allocate \$18 billion for Kyiv, the German finance minister told Bloomberg Television on Friday.

Western material and humanitarian assistance have been crucial to Ukraine's ability to defy an enemy whose military

might, both in personnel and weaponry, dwarfs its own.

"This is a demonstration of strong leadership and a necessary contribution to our common defense of freedom," Zelenskyy said of the new U.S. pledge.

Whether the increased aid can turn the tide of the war, which Ukrainian officials acknowledge has entered a "protracted phase," remains to be

seen. With the conquest of Mariupol, the southeastern port city that Russian forces have essentially blown to bits, Moscow now controls access to the Sea of Azov and to land extending to the Crimean peninsula, which the Kremlin illegally annexed eight years ago.

That has had disastrous effects on Ukraine's economy, particularly its ability to ship out the grain that many Ukrainians rely on

for their livelihood and millions around the world depend on for food. The loss in trade and the costs of prosecuting the war have contributed to an enormous budget deficit of \$5 billion a month for Kyiv, officials say. And reduced exports and rising prices for wheat have worsened food insecurity in countries uninvolved in the conflict, such as Egypt and Pakistan.

At a United Nations

Security Council meeting Thursday to address the crisis, U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken said the food supply for millions of people worldwide was being "held hostage by the Russian military." Moscow called the accusation a lie. U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he was trying to negotiate a plan to move Ukrainian food exports out through the Black Sea.

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# Seeking ...

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The Patriots won last season's championship match 4-1 and beat Union City 3-2 during the regular session this year.

The only times they have won consecutive sectional titles came during their streak of three in a row in 2013, '14 and '15.

"I might literally cry," said junior Kaylee Zimmerman, thinking ahead to a potential championship.

"Happy tears," added her twin sister and doubles partner Melana.

The Patriot doubles teams of Holly Hemmelgarn and Madison Dirksen at the No. 1 spot and the Zimmermans at No. 2 had their matches wrapped up in about 45 minutes, leaving the team one point away from their sectional championship berth.

Hedges delivered it.

The senior, who shifted to singles for the first time this year after partnering with Hemmelgarn last season, was in control throughout her match after winning the first three games. She closed out the first set at the No. 2 spot when a shot by Maliah Adams of Randolph Southern went wide left.

Hedges then rolled out to a 5-2 lead in the second set. The next game was tied at 30-30, but Hedges stayed steady and drew Adams into hitting a pair of shots into the net to end the match.

"I think the biggest thing is I came in and I changed my

mindset," said Hedges, who won 6-1, 6-2. "I was talking to myself the whole time. I was like, 'You can do this. Every point is the last point. You've got this. You've got this.' I was really focusing and I had my head in the game."

The Zimmermans simply had Jordan Black and Jacy Owens overmatched at No. 2 doubles. They took the first three games and were up 5-1 in the opening set with Melana serving. She got them to a 40-15 advantage and then placed a volley winner in the right alley to end the set.

The Patriot pair was untouched in the second set, with Kaylee hitting a winner to the baseline to complete a 6-1, 6-0 victory.

"They played well," said JCHS coach Dave Cramer. "They know how to move the ball around. I'm happy with them."

It was similar dominance with a different formula for Dirksen and Hemmelgarn against Sophie Chenoweth and Brianna Smith, where Dirksen slams at the net accounted four three points in the opening game. The Randolph Southern pair continued to struggled to get the ball past Dirksen at the net, and when they did Hemmelgarn was there to hit it right back. Dirksen also racked up aces on her first serve as she and Hemmelgarn won 6-0, 6-3.

"The serve and her power, you don't find that very often," said Cramer of Dirksen.



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Holly Hemmelgarn of Jay County reaches for a shot Thursday during her match with No. 1 doubles partner Madison Dirksen against Randolph Southern's Sophie Chenoweth and Brianna Smith. Hemmelgarn and Dirksen rolled to a 6-0, 6-3 win in the sectional semifinal to help the Patriots to a 4-1 victory.

Brenna Haines, playing after the team outcome was already decided, also cruised to a quick win. She served out the first set at love, taking advantage of errors by Alexis Stump of the

Rebels. And the final point came when Stump was hoping to watch a Haines shot go long, but instead it landed just inside the baseline to finish off a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

At No. 1 singles, Grace Brewster of the Patriots rallied from 5-2 down in the first set but was unable to pull even. She went on to a 6-4, 6-2 loss to Kaibre Stephan.

# Roundup ...

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Dusty Pearson stayed hot at the plate for Jay County, going 2-for-3 with a triple, a walk, three runs and an RBI. Kess McBride and Quinn Faulkner each scored twice, and Josh Dowlen drove in a pair of runs.

## Over at sectional

MUNCIE — Jay County's boys track team fell short of earning any regional berths Thursday as it finished sixth in the sectional meet at Muncie Central.

The Patriots scored 31 points, finishing 29 behind fifth-place

Monroe Central. Delta won the championship with 145 points, followed by Yorktown (125.5), Wapahani (105) and the host Bearcats (79).

Senior Sean Guntle was the closest individual JCHS competitor to earning a regional berth — the top three finishers in each event advance — as he placed fourth in the shot put. His toss of 47 feet, 3 1/2 inches was 4 1/2 inches behind third-place finisher Dylan Manor of Delta.

Aaron Funkhouser, Isaac Kunkler, Dylan Knapschafer and Cristian Marentes were

fourth in the 4x400-meter relay, but were more than four seconds behind the third-place squad from Yorktown.

Funkhouser was also fifth in the 200 dash and the 400 dash while Kunkler placed fifth in the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles.

## JV softball wins

BERNE — The Jay County junior varsity softball team picked up an 8-7 victory Thursday over the host South Adams Starfires.

The Patriots scored four times in the first inning and were up 8-4 after posting two

runs in the seventh. South Adams rallied in the seventh inning but came up a run short.

Makaylah Brainerd got the JCHS offense going with an RBI single in the first inning. Also adding hits were Ava Miller, Dakota Chowning and Daysha Mumbower.

Taylor Brown struck out four batters in seven innings for the win. She gave up seven runs on seven hits and a walk.

## Conn leads Cook's

Aston Conn had a big game for Cook's Nursery Thursday as it topped Pak-a-Sak 14-8 in Port-

land Junior League Rookie baseball. PG-14 defeated Portland Optimists 18-5 in Willie Mays baseball.

Conn finished a perfect 5-for-5 for Cook's and scored four times. Brantly Robinson had a triple, three doubles and four RBIs.

Corbin Brown and Hunter Hamilton each had three hits for Pak-a-Sak.

Memphis Torre's home run led the way for PG-14. Eli Homan struck out six batters in 2 2/3 innings.

Varen Ridgway had a triple for Optimists.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Girls tennis sectional championship vs. Union City — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Richmond — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball at Blackford — 5 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Softball district championship vs. Lincolnview at Wapakoneta — 5 p.m.; Track district at Spencerville — 4 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Jay County — Boys golf in ACAC Tournament at Celina Lynx — 9 a.m.; JV baseball in Centerville Tourney — 10 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Freshman baseball vs. Fort Loramie freshmen — 5 p.m.

## TV schedule

**Today**  
1 p.m. — Golf: PGA Championship (ESPN)

5 p.m. — College baseball: Maryland at Purdue (BTN)  
7:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Toronto Blue Jays (Bally Indiana)

8 p.m. — NHL playoffs: New York Rangers at Carolina Hurricanes (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — College baseball: Rutgers at Michigan (BTN)  
9 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Western Conference Finals — Dallas Mavericks at Gold-

en State Warriors (TNT)  
10:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Edmonton Oilers at Calgary Flames (ESPN)

**Saturday**  
9 a.m. — Golf: PGA Championship (ESPN)  
10 a.m. — Auto Racing: Spanish Grand Prix (ESPN2)  
1 p.m. — Golf: PGA Championship (CBS)

1 p.m. — USFL football: Philadelphia Stars at Tampa Bay Bandits (NBC)  
1 p.m. — College baseball: Maryland at Purdue (BTN)  
1:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — SRS Distribution 250 (FXS1)

3 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Phoenix Mercury vs. Las Vegas Aces (ABC)  
3:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Toronto Blue Jays (Bally Indiana)

4:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Diego Padres at San Francisco Giants (FS1)

5 p.m. — College baseball: Rutgers at Michigan (BTN)  
6:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Pittsburgh Pirates (Bally Indiana)  
7:30 p.m. — USFL football: Birmingham Stallions at Michigan Panthers (NBC)

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## Seeking repeat



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School junior Melana Zimmerman hits a shot during her match Thursday with her twin sister Kaylee at No. 2 doubles. The Zimmermans won 6-1, 6-0 to help the Patriots to a 4-1 victory over Randolph Southern in the semifinal round of the sectional tournament. JCHS will host Union City in the sectional title match at 5 p.m. tonight.

## Jay, UC to play in finals rematch

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

The Patriots have won consecutive sectional championships just twice. They will have a chance

to make it three times Friday.

The host Jay County High School's girls tennis team got a pair of quick doubles wins Thursday and added two more in

singles action for a 4-1 victory over the Randolph Southern Rebels in the sectional semifinal.

The Patriots (10-4) advance to play Union City in a rematch of last

season's sectional title tilt at 5 p.m. tonight, with the winner to move on to the Marion regional. The Indians edged Winchester 3-2 in their semifinal match Thursday.

"It's so cool," said JCHS senior Lilly Hedges of the opportunity. "It's awesome that we're able to do this ... We have so much potential."

See Seeking page 7

## Perry knocks Tribe from tourney

LIMA, Ohio — The Indians couldn't hold the lead. And when they tried to rally, they came up short.

Fort Recovery High School's baseball team had its season come to an end Thursday as it fell 3-2 to the Perry Commodores in their Division IV sectional championship game.

The eighth-seeded Indians scored a run in the top of the second inning to take the lead, but No. 4 seed Perry tied it in the bottom of the fourth then got two runs in the bottom of the fifth. FRHS plated a run back in the top of the sixth but could not pull even despite out-hitting the Commodores 9-5.

Bo Thien suffered the loss, giving up three runs on five hits and three walks in 4 2/3 innings of work. He struck out eight batters.

Brock Dues went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI to lead the Tribe offense. Kendrick Wendel and Cale Rammel also had two hits apiece.

Marcus Gaerke scored one run and Rex Leverette had the other as a courtesy runner for Dues. Thien added an RBI.

Fort Recovery finished the season at 13-10, while Perry advances to the district tournament at Coldwater to play top-seeded and third-ranked Lincolnview at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

## Patriots win fifth in a row

FOUNTAIN CITY — With just one game left before the sectional tournament, the Patriots are on a roll.

Jay County High School's softball team rallied in a big way Thursday night to win its fifth straight game 7-3 over the host Northeastern Knights.

The Patriots (14-7), who close the regular season at home tonight against Richmond, trailed 3-1 before erupting for six runs in their final at bat. Tricia Ison had a three-run double in the inning, and Mady Fraley and Jaelynn Lykins also recorded extra-base hits.

Every batter in the JCHS order recorded a hit, with Mallory Winner, Olivia Bright, Riah Champ, Jozey Shimp, Fraley and Lykins each contributing two. Bright followed Ison with a pair of RBIs.

Haleigh Clayton went the distance for the win, striking out seven bat-

### Jay County roundup

ters. She gave up three runs on nine hits while not allowing a walk.

### Myers Ks Belmont

After a wild three innings, Gavin Myers came up big on the mound for Jay County's baseball team to finish off a 10-8 victory over the visiting Belmont Braves.

The fourth through sixth innings provided a run-scoring bonanza, with Belmont building a 5-1 lead, the Patriots rallying to tie the score at 7-7, Belmont stepping back ahead and the Patriots finally claiming a two-run lead. Then Myers came on to pitch for JCHS, striking out three batters to end the game.

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