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## Cams cruisin'

Visitors to the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association's May Swap and Sell Meet tool around in a modified golf cart with a Clay Smith Cams decal on the front at the Tri-State grounds Friday afternoon. The event continues today, including a consignment auction at 1 p.m. Admission to the event at the Tri-State grounds, 1010 N. Morton St., Portland, across from Jay County Fairgrounds is \$5.

## Howells will fill interim highway roles

*Commissioners assign duties temporarily following Corn's death*

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

The county is seeking a new road foreman and highway superintendent following the death of its former supervisor.

In the meantime, Jay County Commissioners have hired two workers from Jay County Highway Department on an interim basis.

Bob Howell and Terry Howell — although their last names are identical, there is no relation — are taking over as highway superintendent and road foreman, respectively.

"I've got confidence in both of them, I think they can handle it," said commissioner Chad Aker, noting he and commissioner Rex Journey will also help oversee operations along with officials from surrounding counties.

Plans are to advertise the positions for permanent employees. Aker mentioned both Bob and Terry, who are assigned to their interim roles for 90 days, are both welcome to apply for the jobs.

The decision made at a special meeting Friday comes after the death of former highway superintendent Donnie Corn, 49. He died Monday following complications from a heart attack.

Corn, a Portland resident, worked for the high-

way department for nine years before taking over as superintendent from Ken Wellman. He served in the role for just over three years.

"I consider it an honor that you've asked me to step up to his — fill his shoes for this period of time," said Bob Howell. "I'm open to anything and any help I can get from you guys, and I'll do the best I can."

Bob is a Portland native and 1998 graduate of Jay County High School. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for 14 years before being promoted to road foreman a little more than a year ago.

Terry, originally from Randolph County, has lived in Jay County for about 25 years. He currently lives in Dunkirk. For just over a year, he's been working as a heavy equipment operator at the highway department.

Both county employees expressed their sentiments for Corn's untimely death.

"There (were) a lot of heavy hearts," said Bob. "It was really surprising to me, you know, when you work for somebody (for so long)."

"He was a guy that was very concerned about his workers and took care of his workers, didn't he?" added Terry. "That was more important to him than anything else."

Bob noted part of Corn's work included applying for grants and other revenue streams for the county, such as Community Crossings grants. (One example includes a \$1 million Community Crossings grant the county received from Indiana Department of Transportation in April for road improvements.)

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## Russia declares victory at plant

By PATRICK J. MCDONNELL and HENRY CHU  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

KYIV, Ukraine — With its grip tightened along Ukraine's southern coast, including full control of the steel plant that held the world's attention for months, Russia redoubled its assault Friday on the eastern industrial heartland known as the Donbas.

At least a dozen people were killed and scores of homes destroyed in the area of Severodonetsk, the regional governor, Serhiy Haidai, said on social media. The city is the easternmost point of the Donbas still in Ukrainian hands.

The nearby city of Lysychansk also came under sustained fire, according to Ukrainian military officials, who said their 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.

In a separate airstrike, about 120 miles west in the

Kharkiv region, a Russian missile destroyed the newly renovated Palace of Culture in the city of Lozova.

Russian military authorities also made their biggest victory of the war official on Friday, announcing that Russian forces in the southern port city of Mariupol had "completely liberated" the sprawling Azovstal steelworks, where thousands of Ukrainian fighters had hunkered down for more than two months in a long and bloody standoff.

Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov, spokesman for the Russian Defense Ministry, said that all Ukrainian fighters had been removed from the underground bunkers of the factory, according to Russia's state news agency RIA Novosti.

The last group of 531 Ukrainian soldiers at the steel factory surrendered Friday, bringing the total evacuated since Monday to 2,439, according to the ministry.

There was no immediate confirmation from Ukraine.

## Retrospect

### Patriots won five events

Twenty-five years ago this week, the Patriots won five sectional championships.

The May 23, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the boys track sectional meet at Muncie Central, where Jay County High School swept the relays and won five events in all to finish as the runner-up to the host Bearcats.

JCHS scored 138 points while Muncie Central ran away with the meet with 179. No one else cleared 100, with Delta (79) in third and Winchester (74) in fourth.

Casey Rains and Brian Weaver earned the individual wins for the Patriots, who had their best sectional outing in years. Rains was first in the 800-meter run, finishing ahead of Delta's Tommy Rector with a time of 2 minutes, 1 second. Weaver, meanwhile, took the top spot in the 300-meter hurdles in 39.86 seconds with Jeremy Vance in

second place.

Rains and Weaver were both part of Jay County's relay dominance as they teamed with Lance Paxson and Aaron Glogas to win the meet-ending 4x400 relay in 3:27.91 with Muncie Central in second place. Troy Gates, Paxson, Glogas and Weaver were first in the 4x100 relay in 44.7 seconds, and Dustin Bantz, Luke Bivens, James Rogers and Rains won the 4x800 relay in 8:14.35.

Rogers added a runner-up finish for the Patriots in the 1,600 run and Glogas took second place in the 200 dash.

Also advancing to the regional meet at North Central thanks to finishing in the top four at the sectional meet were Joe Sheward (third — long jump), Bantz (third — 1,600 run), Weaver (third — pole vault), Connell Pierce (fourth — 100 dash), Wes Schemenaur (fourth — shot put), Gates (fourth — 110 hurdles) and Bivens (fourth — 800 run).



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Matt Starr of Jay County High School comes over a hurdle during the preliminaries of the 110-meter hurdles on May 22, 1997, at Muncie Central.

### Weather

Jay County's high temperature was 85 degrees Friday.

There is a slight chance of showers this morning. Showers are expected this afternoon, with a thunderstorm possible and wind gusts to 20 miles per hour. The high will be 82. Rain is expected to continue tonight with a low of 57. Sunday's forecast calls for a

slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. The high will be in the mid 60s, with the low dropping into the 40s overnight.

Expect sunny skies with a high of 67 Monday, followed by a high of 76 Tuesday with mostly sunny skies and a 30% chance of rain.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Arts Place will hold its annual Festival at Arts Park from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. The outdoor event will take place in the facility's Arts Park as well as along the street and grounds in the area of the Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. It will include crafts, performances and food.

### Coming up

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

**Thursday** — Results from the JCHS baseball sectional opener.



## FCC celebrates

Employees of FCC (Indiana) in Portland prepare to raise a flag Wednesday during a celebration for being awarded Q1 Certification by Ford Motor Company. The certification goes to suppliers who meet Ford's quality, delivery and other requirements. FCC employees celebrated with a ceremony around noon Wednesday, with president Yuji Matsude and North American president Hiroyuki Saruta offering their congratulations. FCC received a commemorative plaque as well as flag to display.



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## CR almanac

Sunday 5/22	Monday 5/23	Tuesday 5/24	Wednesday 5/25	Thursday 5/26
<b>65/47</b>	<b>67/48</b>	<b>76/62</b>	<b>76/60</b>	<b>70/55</b>
There's a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms Sunday.	Monday's weather calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the upper 60s.	Another chance of rain Tuesday under mostly sunny skies. Showers are likely at night.	Rain will likely continue into Wednesday, with thunderstorms possible.	More showers are in the forecast for Thursday with a 70% chance of rain.

## Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 4-0-5 Daily Four: 5-0-8-0 Quick Draw: 2-10-11-14-16-19-20-32-37-42-43-45-53-57-59-62-64-75-76-77	Pick 4: 6-2-5-9 Pick 5: 5-0-4-5-9 Rolling Cash 5: 6-13-19-26-31 Estimated jackpot: \$290,000
<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 0-4-6 Pick 4: 3-6-4-7 Pick 5: 1-7-3-8-8 Evening Pick 3: 7-2-2	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$117 million  <b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$131 million

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.94 June corn .....7.95 Wheat .....9.69	Wheat ..... 10.74 June wheat..... 11.15
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....8.04 June corn .....7.94 July corn.....7.93	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.71 July corn.....7.61 Beans .....17.16 July beans.....17.00 May wheat.....11.14
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....7.69 June corn .....7.79 Beans .....17.10 June beans .....17.15	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....7.53 June corn .....7.53 Beans .....17.07 June beans .....17.10 Wheat.....11.29

## Today in history

**In 1792**, Japan's Mount Unzen on the Shimabara Peninsula erupted, causing a tsunami that killed about 15,000 in the country's deadliest volcanic eruption.

**In 1881**, Clara Barton founded the American Association of the Red Cross.

**In 1972**, Michelangelo's Pietà, his sculpture of the Virgin Mary supporting the dead body of Jesus, was attacked and damaged in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City.

**In 2012**, Ben Dues was tabbed as the new principal for Bloomfield Elementary School replacing the retiring Dan Hoffman, and Erica Tomano was named principal of Judge Haynes Elementary School to replace Trent Paxson, who was moving to a new role as teacher evaluation coordinator.

**In 2021**, the Jay County High School baseball team defeated New Haven 7-2. Josh Dowlen led the Patriots with a double, two singles and an RBI.

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## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 3 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 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. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.	<b>Tuesday</b> 8 a.m. — Portland Facade Committee, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, USDA Service Center, 1331 Indiana 67, Portland.
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## Jay Superior Court

### Judge Gail Dues Fined and sentenced

Hannah K. Cash, 23, 11580 E. 1050 South, Upland, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, a Class B misdemeanor — She was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all of her sentence suspended. Cash was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 180 days.

Troy D. Hudson, 37, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, a Class B misdemeanor — He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Hudson was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 178 days. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for battery resulting in bodily injury was dismissed.

Danielle L. Robbins, 26, 7259 N. U.S. 27, Ridgeville, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, a Class B misdemeanor — She was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but four days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Robbins was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 180 days. As part of her plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for domestic battery was dismissed.

Don W. Jasinski Jr., 54, 7335 Coleton New Madison Road, Greenville, Ohio, pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended license, a Class A misdemeanor — He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 18 days suspended and given credit for two days served. Jasinski was assessed \$185.50 in court costs and placed on probation for 347 days. (His probation was later revoked.)

Alexis Davis, 23, 685 S. Western Ave., Portland, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, a Class B misdemeanor — She was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail with all but six days suspended and given six days credit for time served. Davis was placed on probation for 180 days,

fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of her plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor for battery was dismissed.

### Cases dismissed

Indiana v. Matthew E. Cline, Level 6 felony  
Indiana v. Jason W. Hensley, Level 6 felony  
Indiana v. Breanna L. Fierstos, criminal misdemeanor  
Indiana v. Jesse L. Ishman, criminal misdemeanor  
Indiana v. Amber R. Robbins, criminal misdemeanor  
Indiana v. Diamond J. Hudson, criminal misdemeanor  
Indiana v. Kurt E. Banter, Level 6 felony  
Indiana v. Kurt E. Banter, criminal misdemeanor  
Indiana v. Holly M. Lefeld, Level 6 felony  
Indiana v. Michelle R. Burgo, Level 6 felony  
Indiana v. April R. Snyder, Level 6 felony

### Cases filed

Indiana v. Noah W. Teeter, Level 6 felony  
Indiana v. Nancy J. LeMaster, Level 6 felony  
LVNV Funding v. Barbara Clear, civil collection  
Indiana v. Jacob M.J. Schwartz, criminal misdemeanor  
Indiana v. Marcus A. Echols, criminal misdemeanor  
Indiana v. Brian S. Bickel, Level 6 felony  
Indiana v. Nathan L. Walker, criminal misdemeanor  
Indiana v. Brian M. Ferner, criminal misdemeanor  
Indiana v. Breckin L.K. Harris, criminal misdemeanor  
Indiana v. Jose E. Asiconar-Ramirez, criminal misdemeanor  
Indiana v. Halley N. Clark, criminal misdemeanor  
Indiana v. Nicholas L. Hammond, criminal misdemeanor

Farmers and Merchants State Bank v. Richard Perod, civil collection

Farmers and Merchants State Bank v. Victoria Brewster, civil collection

Citibank v. Lisa Bunch, civil collection

Indiana v. Brooke A. Bennett, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Kaitlyn R. Morningstar, Level 6 felony

Citibank v. Lisa Bunch, civil collection

Citibank v. Jessica Lloyd, civil collection

Indiana v. Jake R. Moore, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Carol D. Vanalst, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Joshua D. Troxel, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Alyssia N. Large, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Jason L. Newman Jr., Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Brian P. Jordan, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Yvonnea M. Newman, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Jason T. Phillips, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Mitchell R. Clay, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Robert A. Bell, criminal misdemeanor

Indiana v. Cristopher M. Lessing, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Branden T. Ashcraft, Level 6 felony

Indiana v. Nathan J.A. Miller, Level 6 felony

Mariner Finance v. Devon Roosa, civil collection

Indiana v. Cassandra R. Miller, Level 6 felony

Discover Bank v. Gary and Martha Phillips, civil collection

Mariner Finance v. Fred Ashcraft, civil collection

Indiana v. James L. Weaver, criminal misdemeanor

Galaxy International Purchasing v. Levi Kieffer, civil collection

## Officer saves life

### Kokomo Tribune

Tribune News Service

**PERU** — A conservation officer saved the life of a 76-year-old Kokomo man on Thursday after he was thrown from his boat at Mississinewa Lake.

Robert Boyd was operating his watercraft when he was thrown from the vessel at around 10:25 a.m., according to a report by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Indiana Conservation Officer Hunter Law was on patrol in the area when he heard a boat engine rev up and then quickly turn off.

He quickly located the unoccupied boat in the middle of the lake and discovered Boyd just underneath the surface of the water. Boyd was transported to shore where EMS transported him to Community Howard Regional Health for evaluation.

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<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Cash</b> , Glen: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.
<b>Luttman</b> , Michael: noon, Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.
<b>Macy</b> , Jay: 2 p.m., Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton.
<b>Warner</b> , Pamela: 2 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.
<b>Corn</b> , Donnie: 4 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland.

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## Roles ...

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During the transition, former county engineer Dan Watson — he resigned his position at the end of 2020 and pursued a position with engineering firm Beam, Longest and Neff — has reached out to offer his assistance as needed, according to commissioner Brian McGalliard.

Brad Yoder, superintendent of Adams County Highway Department, and others have also aided the department throughout the week. Bob and Terry both thanked surrounding county officials, businesses and others who have stepped up to help in the interim.

"I know there's going to be some challenges, but I'm open the same as Donnie was. I'm open to hear what the public's concerns are," said Bob.

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## Character excellence

Students were recognized for their excellence in character at Jay County High School for the 2021-2022 school year. Pictured, front row, are McKenna Vore, Nick Lyons, Lucas Lyons, Heavyn Willoughby, Hunter Runyon, Kelsey Braun, Anthony Castro-Martell, Lizzy Nuckols, and Luke Muhlenkamp. Pictured, back row, are Riah Champ, Abby Gillum, Aubri Hatzell, Laila Waddell, Zoey Shaneyfelt, Azalea Thompson, Paige Mumbower, Isabel Castro Martell, Marisa Gallegos-Vargas and Dartaven Fosnaugh. Not pictured are Joseph Belda, Maddie Link, Aaron Funkhouser, John Lin, Garret Dillon, Katie Haffner, Josh Monroe, Ryler Johnson, Ralph Link and Nikolas Thompson.

## Mother dislikes Greek life

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a freshman at a Midwestern university, and I love it. I finished my first semester with straight A's, and my second semester has been strong. I have a great group of friends and have already made plenty of memories. My problem is I have been having a disagreement with my mom. I would like to rush a sorority in the fall, and while my dad is fine with it, my mother won't even entertain the topic.

I've never shared a lot with her regarding my social life because she has always been very strict (for instance, my dad knows I enjoy tailgating and partying as long as my grades are good). I am very responsible and always take care of everything that needs to be completed before I let myself have fun. Dad knows this and trusts me. However, I couldn't fathom telling my mom about it.

I think part of the problem is she grew up abroad, and when she came to the U.S. for college in the 1990s, she faced a severe culture shock. We have always been very different people. Contrary to what she may think, my main reason for joining a sorority is not "to party." It's an attractive option for off-campus housing,

*Dear Abby*



**some of which were so dangerous that students lost their lives. You may also want to research the compliance history of the Greek organizations on your campus before addressing the subject with your mother, so you can allay any concerns she has.**

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and I think it would be an effective way to meet more people (especially at such a big school). If I don't like how rush pans out for me, I have no issue with dropping out, but I think it would be worth a try.

I want to have an open conversation with Mom, but she is very close-minded. I don't want to go behind her back, because I think that would only do more harm than good. How should I navigate this conversation? — GOING GREEK?

**DEAR GOING:** As much as you dread it, you must have a sit-down, comprehensive conversation with your mother about this. Emphasize the benefits of being in a sorority. She may be concerned because in some Greek organizations there have been severe abuses of the pledges,

**DEAR ABBY:** My 27-year-old daughter has issues due to a bitter divorce between her father and me. She treats us poorly, blames her problems on us and feels she is justified. How do I handle this? I don't think she respects either of us much. As for our relationship, we get along as long as things are going OK for her. But if she's having a difficult day, I get the blame. Advice? — COLD-SHOULDERED IN NEW YORK

**DEAR COLD-SHOULDERED:** Tolerating your daughter's behavior isn't healthy for either of you. Encourage her to seek professional help for her "issues," and when she starts the blame game or being disrespectful, shorten the visit, end the phone call or otherwise distance yourself.

## Marriage licenses

Latisha M. Hummer, 27, Portland, and Michael D. McAbee, 34, Portland	Camron L.M. Limbert, 19, Geneva, and Emily A. Smith, 22, Portland
Stormie L. Adney, 24, Dunkirk, and Breea C. Holdcroft, 25, Dunkirk	Heather M. Clemmons, 50, Dunkirk, and Scott M. Grayson, 48, Dunkirk
Isaac L. Haffner, 19, Redkey, and Ivy R. Teegarden, 18, Portland	John K. Bost, 60, Pennington, and Diane L. Simmons, 64, Portland
Ashlee C. Brumbaugh, 22, Portland, and Brant A.T. Mechling, 25, Montpelier	Rebecca R. Bradburn, 52, Portland, and John L. Wysong, 48, Portland



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## Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@theccr.com](mailto:news@theccr.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. For more information, call Judy or Neil Medler at (260) 726-7209.

Jay County High School Class of 1997 will hold its

25th reunion at 7 p.m. June 11 at Jay County Event Center.

### Today

**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 [museumsoldier.com](http://museumsoldier.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 information 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.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — 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.

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

### Tuesday

**JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS** — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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

## Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

### Friday's Solution

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

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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# Fight for equal rights for us all

**The Republic (Columbus)**

In a painfully familiar episode, President Joe Biden on Tuesday paid condolences to the families of 10 Black people who were shot to death in a grocery store last weekend in Buffalo. Three others were injured, including two white people. The alleged gunman was 18, and in another painfully familiar episode, he had left behind a manifesto regurgitating the disgusting white supremacist garbage that had motivated him.

Again meeting his momentous duty as healer-in-chief, Biden visited with the families of those killed in Buffalo. He said hate will not win as he condemned the “poison” of white supremacy that has twisted far too many minds.

“We have to refuse to live in a

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country where Black people going about a weekly grocery shopping can be gunned down by weapons of war deployed in a racist cause,” Biden said. “We have to refuse to live in a country where fear and lies are packaged for power and for profit.”

We mourn the victims in Buffalo, and words fail to express the heartache so many feel at this time. We cannot become numb to the pain inflicted on so many, so often, in senseless mass shootings, yet it seems too many have become numb — or

even accepting — of hateful, racist rhetoric.

Words matter. And words especially matter when they are broadcast with an air of authority to a wide audience. You need only study the lessons of Radio Rwanda to learn how much words can matter when broadcasters and communicators abuse their responsibility to the public and use their voices to turn us against one another, especially when their rhetoric is rooted in racism.

It's past time to call out the Tucker Carlsons of this world and his acolytes who nightly spread divisive lies and thinly veiled white supremacist tropes. We see the aftermath in Buffalo. Those who play with the fire of white supremacy cannot deny culpability when the flames they fan burn out of control.

It's too early to know whether the alleged Buffalo gunman was directly inspired by Carlson, but familiar Carlson divisiveness was parroted in the manifesto he left behind. For instance, in 2018, Carlson asked, “How precisely is diversity our greatest strength?” The gunman's manifesto asked, “Why is diversity said to be our greatest strength?”

The alleged gunman's manifesto was lifted in large part from one written by a man who went on a killing rampage targeting Muslims in New Zealand. The accused Buffalo shooter also expressed admiration for the teenager who murdered nine Black parishioners at a church in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2015.

The gunman also said he was motivated by “replacement theo-

ry.” Ginned up long ago by members of the Ku Klux Klan — at least one of whom was in the United States Senate in the 1940s — this hogwash found new life among Carlson and others shameless enough to traffic in baseless claims that nefarious forces are scheming to “replace” white people.

Voltaire said those who can be made to believe absurdities can be made to commit atrocities. And here we are — another atrocity inspired by absurdities.

We have got to, at long last in America, realize basic truths and reject preposterous, hateful lies. We are all in this nation together. We all have equal rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Fight for that, if you do nothing more to honor those murdered in Buffalo by racist rage.

## Total illustrates enormity of loss

**By JOSH GOHLKE**

The Sacramento Bee  
Tribune News Service

A million Americans have been lost to the coronavirus pandemic, according to the federal government's official count, making this a disaster that defies most comparisons. And yet it's so much worse.

By the time the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that the nation had reached the bleak crossroads this week, it was in all likelihood old news and a gross underestimate.

According to one recent systematic study of global excess mortality, the difference between expected and actual deaths, the United States had likely already lost 1.13 million due to the pandemic by the end of last year — more than any other country in the world save India, home to over a billion more souls. The study found that global deaths at that point may have reached 18 million, about three times the number indicated by official counts. As researchers from the Seattle-based Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation noted in the medical journal the *Lancet*, “Official statistics on reported COVID-19 deaths provide only a partial picture of the true burden of mortality.”

Even the partial picture is difficult to behold. In just over two years, the virus has killed more Americans than AIDS, the 1918 influenza or a quarter-century's worth of seasonal flu. It's killed more than the Civil War or the World Wars.

And despite the political and public will to believe otherwise, the virus isn't done yet. Americans are still dying at a rate of more than 300 a day, over 30 of them in California, a toll we're likely underestimating.

It's not just in number but also in kind that the official count understates the loss. What's most sickening is how much of it was wholly avoidable.

More than 400,000 deaths have taken place during the year since highly effective vaccines became widely available. A study led by researchers at Brown University found that nearly 320,000 of those deaths, over 21,000 of them in California, could have been prevented by vaccines. Middling vaccination rates ultimately pushed the United States' COVID deaths per capita past

**Josh Gohlke**



those of devastated Western European countries such as Italy, Britain and France.

California, which outperformed the country on vaccinations and imposed stricter precautions, offers another measure of what could have been prevented. If California's death rate were the country's, as a striking Bay Area News Group analysis showed, nearly a quarter of those million Americans — over 240,000 — would be alive today. If the country endured the pandemic as well as the Bay Area, which took a more cautious approach than California, nearly two-thirds of the dead — over 650,000 — would not have been lost.

But even the safest region in one of the safest large American states is only a partial measure of what could have been prevented. As the excess mortality study showed, a number of countries weathered the pandemic with a small fraction of California's losses per capita.

These deaths need not have been prevented through economically and socially devastating lockdowns or an improbable triumph over anti-vaccine misinformation. Even now, governments, businesses and people in the most careful corners of a careful state are forgoing precautions with minimal downsides, such as indoor masking and workplace, school and restaurant vaccination requirements. That speaks to an even farther-reaching American disaster: the perpetual triumph of individual whim over collective wisdom.

When Patricia Dowd collapsed in her San Jose home in February 2020, becoming one of the earliest coronavirus losses in America, neither she nor the rest of the country knew what killed her, much less how to save her life. Now the equivalent of Dowd's city and more lie dead amid a willful and widespread rejection of all that we have learned.

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## Online privacy is nearly impossible

**By JANET VERTESI**

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

More than 2.5 million unintended pregnancies were reported in the U.S. between 2014 and 2019. Many of those women probably read pregnancy articles online, browsed Planned Parenthood's website, triple-checked their period tracker or confided in their best friend over Facebook Messenger. If *Roe v. Wade* is struck down this summer, as the leaked draft opinion from the Supreme Court indicates is likely, these common online practices could become evidence of criminal intent by women who choose to get an abortion.

In states such as Texas, Missouri and Louisiana, a woman's future may soon depend on whether she can keep her pregnancy a secret. But tech companies have designed the digital world we live in to optimize personal data tracking for advertising revenue, making privacy nearly impossible.

I should know. In 2013 I hid my pregnancy from the internet. For nine months my husband and I kept up an elaborate ruse involving special browsers, social media secrecy and cash transactions. I bought everything baby-related using cash, turning down loyalty card discounts and coupons so my purchases wouldn't be tracked like the teenager whose father learned she was pregnant after targeted mailers were sent to their home. I even linked a new Amazon account to an anonymous email address. I then funded it with gift cards and had purchases delivered to an Amazon locker I accessed under a pseudonym. The result: no sale of my valuable mommy-data to the highest bidder. No unsolicited catalogs and formula samplers. No diaper ads online.

And I didn't stop after our baby was born. I've kept our internet privacy act going — for nine years. My tools have improved: Now I use Tor — a pri-

**Janet Vertesi**



vacuity-oriented browser that routes traffic through foreign servers — on my phone, private browsing and “containers” on Firefox that confine my logins to a single tab, one-time-use credit cards from privacy.com and secure messaging systems such as Signal. But I'm still that mom holding up the line at Target while I feed bill after bill into the checkout machine, all for a Harry Potter Lego set.

I wish I could tell you that anyone can hide a pregnancy. But it's not easy. A colleague who tried to replicate my experiment wasn't successful: Seven months in, an online gift registry gave her away.

And while privacy tools are better now, today's detection systems have also improved. They are even more covert and ubiquitous and include browser fingerprinting, cashless payments and “smart” speakers that listen in at home. You may not use an app to track your menstrual period, but if your smartwatch tracks changes in basal body temperature, it's game over.

Law enforcement across the country has also stepped up its access to consumer data. Sociologist Sarah Brayne has shown that even pizza delivery addresses are fair game. While your mobile phone feels private, between tracking apps and cloud services, it's easy for police to gain access to personal digital traces if you're under suspicion.

Many people won't be able to hide their transactions the way I did. I used cash and in-person transactions to buy anonymously. Women in small towns where most people know one

another won't have that luxury. I can afford to resist store loyalty programs and coupons and pay full price to avoid being tracked, and as a white woman I don't raise much suspicion when I purchase gift cards with large values. But half of the women who had an abortion in 2014 lived below the poverty line, and Black women and Latinas see higher ratios of unexpected pregnancies. For underprivileged women, keeping prenatal purchases private is yet another burden to bear.

Finally, a big part of what made my experiment successful wasn't technology at all. I planned my pregnancies — and my experiment. But statistics show that almost half of all recorded pregnancies are unplanned. The millions of women who will be surprised by a pregnancy in the coming years may be sabotaged by the personal data that's already been collected before they even miss a period.

Privacy-oriented technologies are still a big help, and the Electronic Frontier Foundation has even published a quick guide for women and abortion providers in need. That's a good start. But it's wrong to suggest we can solve this problem if we just choose the right tools.

Our current digital world has made it nearly impossible for women to keep a pregnancy private, all in the name of personalized advertising. Among the myriad fights that lie before us, we must push tech companies and governments to quickly work to protect women's reproductive data, regardless of whether that data comes from search histories, apps or other sources. Our digital traces should never be used to criminalize those of us who need to make an important decision, privately.

I had a choice. You might not. *Vertesi is a sociologist of science and technology working on digital privacy issues. She is a professor at Princeton University.*

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H L C N L? M J I I Z V N F Z M W C K.  
**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** FUN, CROWD-PLEASING  
SONG PAYING TRIBUTE TO A DESTRUCTIVE  
KIND OF BEETLE: "WEEVIL ROCK YOU."  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals Y

### CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to baseball.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 3 = E)

A. **14 8 7 12**  
Clue: Advances around the bases

B. **22 11 3 14 22 4 3 12**  
Clue: Median statistics

C. **19 22 12 3 12**  
Clue: First, second, third ...

D. **12 17 20 14 3**  
Clue: Number of runs

### BASES LOADED WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

**WORDS**

- BALK
- BALL
- BASES
- BATTERY
- BUNT
- CATCHER
- CHANGEUP
- CLEANUP
- COUNT
- CURVE
- DIAMOND
- ERROR
- FIELDER
- FLY
- FOUL
- GROUND
- LEAD
- LOADED
- ORDER
- PINCH
- PITCHER
- RELAY
- RELIEF
- WALK

### Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

#### Notable NATO

1) What country left NATO in 1958 only to re-join eight years later?  
2) What country was most recently added to NATO on March 27, 2020?

2) North Macedonia  
1) France

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to baseball.

**KSIERT**

Answer: Strike

### Guess Who?

I am an entertainment sensation born in Nebraska on May 19, 2003. I began dancing before I was 5 years old and appeared on a Lifetime series about dance competitions. I have become a YouTube hit with millions of subscribers and a major influencer.

Answer: Jolo Sines

### kids' corner

THESE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ARE ESSENTIAL IN HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, DOCTORS' OFFICES, AND OTHER SETTINGS.

ANSWER: NURSES

### How they say that in...

**ENGLISH:** Nurse  
**SPANISH:** Enfermera  
**ITALIAN:** Infermiera  
**FRENCH:** Infirmière  
**GERMAN:** Krankenschwester

## 5-23 CRYPTOQUIP

K R W K Z X H B D K H D T H B X O  
Z X V Z N X A X Y V T X P X U E O T H U D  
H J D X U O I Y Y X O O J I N N E Y N R T A R Q W

R D: T V I Q D Y N X P X U X O D.  
**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** WHEN YOU APPLY FACIAL  
COSMETICS AFTER YOU'RE DONE SMOOCHING,  
WHAT DO YOU DO? KISS AND MAKE UP.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals L

### Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- Look after
- ID card
- Cereal plant
- U.S. state
- Place nurses and doctors see patients

**DOWN**

- A treatment for disease
- Absence of pigmentation in skin
- Doctor of education
- Carry out

**ANSWERS:**  
ACROSS: 1. Perform, 2. Exam, 3. Idaho, 4. Edd, 5. Corn, 6. Badge, 7. Idaho, 8. Exam.  
DOWN: 1. Medicine, 2. Albinism, 3. Edd, 4. Perform, 5. Manage, 6. Corn, 7. Idaho, 8. Exam.

### THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

**MAY 16**

- 1770: AT AGE 14, MARIE ANTOINETTE MARRIES 15-YEAR-OLD LOUIS-AUGUSTE, WHO LATER BECOMES KING OF FRANCE.
- 1842: THE FIRST WAGON TRAIN ON THE OREGON TRAIL DEPARTS FROM ELM GROVE, MISSOURI, WITH 100 PIONEERS.
- 1991: QUEEN ELIZABETH II ADDRESSES THE U.S. CONGRESS.

### New word SPECIMEN

a sample taken for medical testing

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>38</b> Some-what (Suff.)	<b>39</b> Witticism	<b>40</b> PC alternative	<b>41</b> Persian leader	<b>42</b> Opening aid	<b>43</b> Writer Ephron	<b>44</b> Handel's "Messiah," e.g.	<b>45</b> Graceful bird	<b>46</b> — King Cole	<b>47</b> Bagel variety	<b>48</b> British ref. work	<b>49</b> Eastern "way"	<b>50</b> Equal (Pref.)							
<b>1</b> Avocado dip, for short	<b>5</b> London district	<b>9</b> — alai	<b>12</b> And others (Lat.)	<b>13</b> Each	<b>14</b> Music's Yoko	<b>15</b> Stallion's mate	<b>16</b> Body pics	<b>17</b> Barbie's guy	<b>18</b> — butter	<b>19</b> Last (Abbr.)	<b>20</b> Morning droplets	<b>21</b> "Fresh Air" airer	<b>22</b> Here (Fr.)	<b>23</b> Enters, as data	<b>24</b> Winter coats	<b>25</b> Streams	<b>26</b> Service period	<b>27</b> Movie theater	<b>28</b> "Help!"	<b>29</b> Long time

**Solution time: 26 mins.**

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 5-21**

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## Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

### Good to the last drop

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 6  
♥ J 9 7 4  
♦ Q 10 5  
♣ 9 8 4 3

**WEST**  
♠ A K J 10 3  
♥ —  
♦ 9 8 6 3  
♣ Q 10 7 2

**EAST**  
♠ 9 8 7 5 4 2  
♥ 5 3  
♦ 7 4 2  
♣ J 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ —  
♥ A K Q 10 8 6 2  
♦ A K J  
♣ A K 5

The bidding:  
South 2♠\* West 2♣ Pass North Pass East 4♠

\*strong, artificial  
Opening lead — king of spades.

Assume you and your partner get to seven hearts on the bidding shown and West leads the king of spades. You ruff, and probably your first reaction after seeing dummy is the sinking feeling that you have to go down one, as there seems to be no way to avoid a club loser.

Perhaps your second reaction would be a feeling of regret that you hadn't doubled six spades.

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## Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q  
♥ A K Q J 10 3  
♦ A Q 9 5  
♣ J 9

**WEST**  
♠ K 10 9 4 2  
♥ —  
♦ K 6 4 3 2  
♣ 8 7 3

**EAST**  
♠ A 7  
♥ 9 8 7 6 5 4 2  
♦ 8  
♣ 6 5 2

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

The bidding:  
South 1♣ West 2♣ North 3♥ East 3NT Pass 6NT

Opening lead — three of diamonds. This deal occurred in the 1990 world team championship final between Germany and the United States. It arose early in the match and put the Germans, who ultimately won the title, ahead for the first time.

When a German pair held the North-South cards, they stopped at a quiet three notrump, making seven with the aid of no opening spade lead and a couple of diamond finesses.

At the other table, where Charles Coon and Mike Moss of the U.S. sat North-South, the bidding went as shown. West's two spade overall was pre-emptive, leaving Moss awkwardly placed after Coon bid three hearts. He tried three notrump, which Coon raised to six. Had West led a spade, South would have been down two before he could blink. However, West (Roland Rohowsky) did not lead a spade, seemingly handing declarer the slam. But Rohowsky's choice of a low diamond lead instead proved to have diabolical consequences.

From Moss' perspective, after dummy was tabled, he could count 12 virtually ironclad tricks — six hearts, five clubs and the ace of diamonds. It would therefore have been the height of folly to risk a diamond finesse, which, if it lost, would give the opponents a chance to cash their top spades.

So Moss put up dummy's ace and tried to run the hearts. But when West showed out on the first trick, Moss' six heart tricks quickly shrunk to five, and he finished down one for a team loss of 820 points and 13 IMPs to the Germans.

Tomorrow: Hoist with his own petard.  
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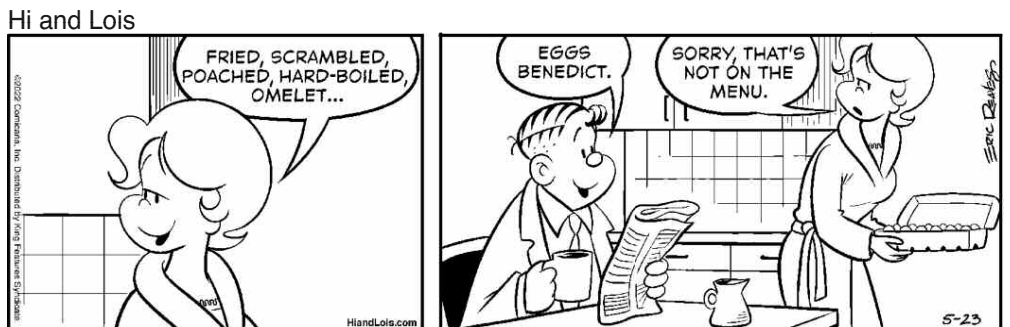
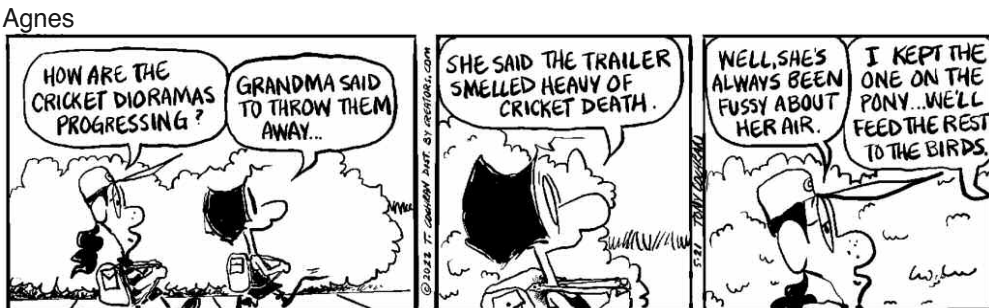
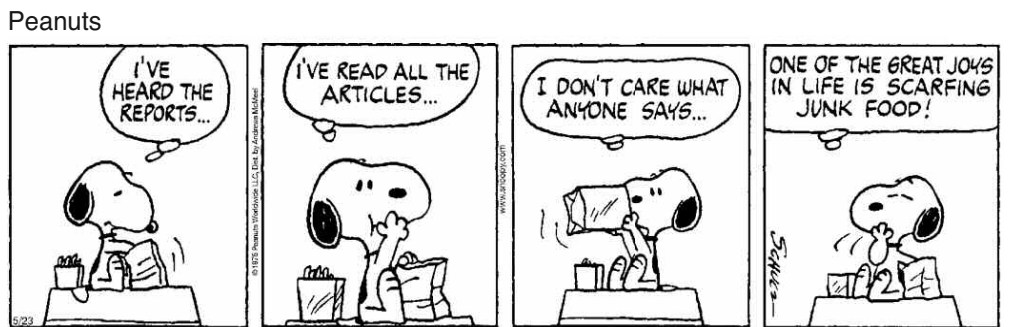
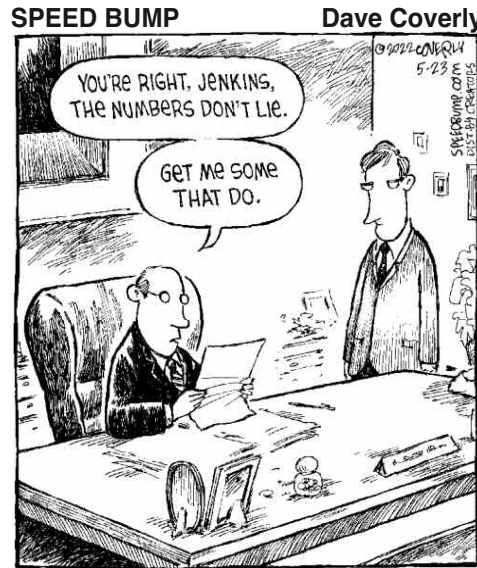
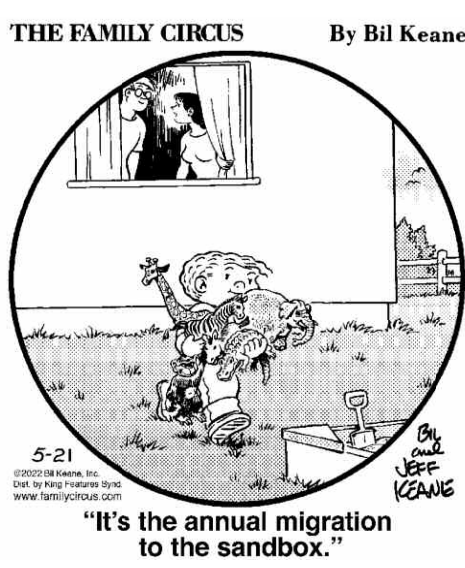
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<b>1</b> Elevator name	<b>5</b> Strike caller	<b>8</b> Barracks beds	<b>12</b> Korea setting	<b>14</b> Russian river	<b>15</b> Entrance ringer	<b>16</b> Lugosi of film	<b>17</b> Six-pack muscles	<b>18</b> Madness	<b>20</b> Tribute maker	<b>23</b> Med. plan	<b>24</b> War god	<b>25</b> Pushover	<b>28</b> Brooch	<b>29</b> Cautions	<b>30</b> Pallid	<b>32</b> Threshold	<b>34</b> First-place medal	<b>35</b> Supplies with staff	<b>36</b> Address Reese	<b>37</b> Abrasion

**Solution time: 21 mins.**

**SATURDAY'S ANSWER 5-23**

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Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

**Laughter**

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# Sports

## Fort Recovery falls in district final

WAPAKONETA, Ohio — The Indians struck first.

They recorded more hits. But for the second year in a row, they came up short against Lincolnview.

Fort Recovery gave up six runs in the top of the seventh inning Friday night as it fell 10-5 to the Lancers in the Division IV high school softball district championship game at Wapakoneta.

The No. 4 seed Indians (14-9), who lost 9-2 to the Lancers in last season's sectional championship game, took the early advantage with two runs in the top of the first inning. Third-seeded Lincolnview (22-4) responded with four runs in the third, and Fort Recovery got even again with single tallies in the fourth and fifth.

### Lincolnview scores six runs in seventh inning to eliminate Indians for second year in a row

But while the Tribe may have been hoping for a third consecutive extra-inning tournament triumph, the Lancers had other ideas. They scored six times in the top of the seventh inning to break the game wide open.

Emma Will's single with two outs in the bottom of the seventh brought home Cali Wendel for

one more Fort Recovery run, but the rally ended there.

Will totaled three hits, a run and an RBI for the Indians, who out-hit Lincolnview 14-12 but couldn't match its run-scoring prowess. Maddie Guggenbiller

recorded a double, a single and two RBIs, and Sophie Pearson had two hits and two runs.

The game marked the first district championship appearance for Fort Recovery, which earned the right to play Friday by upsetting sixth-ranked Minster 8-6 in eight innings in Tuesday's district semifinal. The Indians opened the tournament with an 8-2 win over Ridgemoor and then out-dueled Marion Local for a 2-1 victory in nine innings in the sectional championship game.

Lincolnview advances to play in the regional tournament at Clyde.

## Bilbrey is No. 1 seed for discus at regional

### JCHS junior won sectional championship at 123 feet, 6 inches

When Elisa Parazzi won the regional high jump title last season, she became the Patriots' first regional champion in a decade.

They're favored to win another this year.

Gabi Bilbrey, a Jay County High School junior, is the No. 1 seed in the discus heading into the regional meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Ben Davis.

Bilbrey won the sectional championship Tuesday at Delta with a career-best toss of 123 feet, 6 inches. That makes her the top seed for the regional discus competition, more than 4 feet better than No. 2 seed Tracey Gooch of North Central (118 feet, 11 inches). New Castle's Alaina Bowman is the No. 3 seed at 112 feet, 9 1/2 inches.

The top three finishers in each event at the regional meet advance to the state finals. An athlete can also advance by reaching the state standard, which is 127 feet for the discus.

Bilbrey is also seeded seventh in the shot put after placing second in the sectional at 37 feet, 1 1/2 inches.

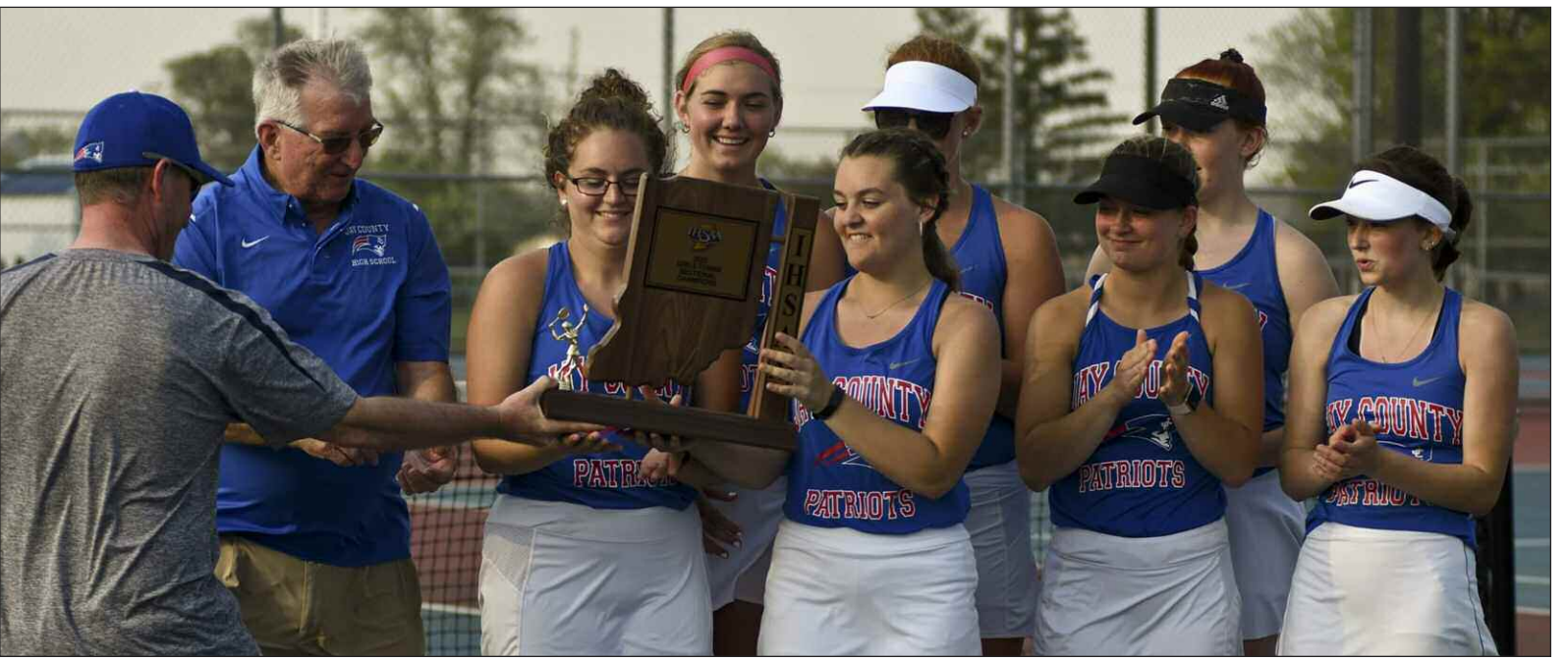
Molly Muhlenkamp and Jenna Dues hold the next highest seed for Jay County as they are among the dozen regional competitors who all topped out at 4 feet, 10 inches, in the high jump at the sectional level.

Makinsey Murphy is the No. 14 seed in the 300-meter hurdles. She also joins Natalie Wehrly, Morgan DeHoff and Jenna Dues for the No. 15 seed in the 4x100 relay.

Wehrly will compete in a pair of individual events at the regional meet as the No. 15 seed in the 200 dash and the No. 16 seed in the 100 dash.

JCHS placed 11th out of 28 scoring teams at the 2021 regional behind the championship from Parazzi, an exchange student from Italy, and a third-place finish from Kinsey Shannon in the 400 dash.

# Back to back



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The Jay County High School girls tennis team accepts the sectional trophy after defeating Union City 3-2 in the championship match Friday. Pictured, front row from left, are Melana Zimmerman, Kaylee Zimmerman, Brenna Haines and Grace Brewster. In back are coach Dave Cramer, Madison Dirksen, Holly Hemmelgarn and Lilly Hedges. The Patriots advance to the regional semifinals at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Marion.

## Patriot netters rally from early deficits to secure sectional championship with win over Union City

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

The Patriots were nervous.

Seniors Holly Hemmelgarn and Madison Dirksen looked around them and saw all of their teammates trailing.

But those deficits didn't last.

Comebacks at No. 2 doubles and No. 3 singles lifted the Jay County High School girls tennis team to a 3-2 victory over the Union City Indians on a blustery Friday evening to give them back-to-back sectional championships.

"It's exciting," said JCHS senior Madison Dirksen. "I'm just thankful for the group of girls that we had this year. ... It feels good. ... I'm just really excited to move on."

The Patriots also topped Union City in the 2021 sectional championship match by a 4-1 final.

Friday's win marked just the third time that Jay County has repeated as the sectional champion. It also earned the school its fifth title in the last 10 years, joining the three-peat in 2013, '14 and '15.

"It's a good feeling," said JCHS coach Dave Cramer. "I wasn't real sure there for a while."

"I hope people in Jay County realize how lucky

they were to have these four seniors," he added, referencing Grace Brewster, Lilly Hedges, Hemmelgarn and Dirksen. "The power, the strength, the speed. We're very lucky to have them this year. They've made a big, big difference."

The Patriots advance to the Marion regional, where they will play in the semifinal round at 5 p.m. Tuesday against the winner of the Anderson sectional. They lost 4-1 to Marion in last season's regional semifinal match.

Early on Friday — a night that featured consistently strong winds with gusts up to 35 miles per hour — Hemmelgarn and Dirksen were the only JCHS players with a positive score as they won their first three games over Christina Sowinski and Andrea Sanders at No. 1 doubles. Meanwhile, Grace Brewster was down 3-2 at No. 1 singles, Lilly Hedges trailed 4-1 at No. 2 singles, Brenna Haines was behind 3-2 at No. 3 singles and twins Kaylee and Melana Zimmerman were facing a 3-2 deficit at No. 2 doubles.

While Dirksen and Hemmelgarn continued to roll — they breezed their way to a 6-3, 6-0 victory — the Zimmermans and Haines turned the tide.



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Sophomore Brenna Haines hits the volley that secured Jay County the sectional championship Friday.

The No. 2 doubles pair won five of the final six games to take the opening set and then dominated in the second. Up 5-0 with Union City serving, the Patriots gave up the first point to Camryn Fischer and Elizabeth Prinkey but would not lose another. They finished off a 6-4, 6-0 victory when the Indians were unable to return a Melana volley.

It took Haines, who had won three straight games to flip the script on Emily Evans in the first set, just another minute to secure the sectional title for Jay County. On match point, she slipped a volley over the net and Evans was unable to return it as the match ended 7-5, 6-1.

Brewster, who had lost to Rismiller 6-1, 7-6 (7-0)

during the regular season, put up a strong fight again. She took back-to-back games in the opening set to turn her deficit into a 5-4 lead only to have Rismiller win the next three to take it. Then, trailing 5-1 in the second set, she won four games in a row to pull even before Rismiller was able to fight her off and end the match 7-5, 7-5.

"I was placing my shots better," said Brewster of her second-set comeback try. "I took the time. I tried to play smarter. And I think that really helped. Not thinking about every single motion of my forehand or my backhand, but just thinking about where I want to put the ball, that helped a lot."

"The wind was just really, really frustrating tonight."

After dropping her first set to Hannah Fischer at No. 2 singles, Lilly Hedges fell behind 4-1 in the second. She won her next two games but could come back no further as she fell 6-1, 6-3.

By virtue of being unbeaten in sectional play, Union City's Carlee Rismiller and the Winchester team of Morgan Williams and Isabella Phillips will move on in the singles and doubles state tournaments, respectively.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
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.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Baseball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Bishop Dwenger — 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Girls track regional at Ben Davis — 6 p.m.; Girls tennis regional semifinal vs. TBA at Marion — 5 p.m.; Softball sectional opening round vs. New Castle at Delta — 7 p.m.; Boys golf vs. Union City — 4:30 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
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)  
7:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Atlanta United at Nashville SC (FOX)  
8:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference Finals — Miami Heat at Boston Celtics (ABC)  
9 p.m. — Boxing: Janibek Alimkhanuly vs. Danny Dignum (ESPN)  
9:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Oakland Athletics at Los Angeles Angels (FS1)

11 p.m. — Boxing: Christopher Diaz vs. Miguel Beltran (Bally Indiana)

**Sunday**  
8 a.m. — Tennis: French Open (Bally Indiana)  
9 a.m. — Golf: PGA Championship (ESPN)  
9 a.m. — Auto racing: Spanish Grand Prix (ESPN2)  
Noon — USFL football: New Orleans Breakers at Pittsburgh Maulers (FS1)  
1 p.m. — Golf: PGA Championship (CBS)  
1 p.m. — Tennis: French Open (NBC)  
1:37 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Toronto Blue Jays (Bally Indiana)  
3:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Carolina Hurricanes at New York Rangers (ESPN)

4 p.m. — USFL football: New Jersey Generals at Houston Gamblers (FOX)  
4 p.m. — Auto racing: Indianapolis 500 — Qualifying (NBC)  
6 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series — NASCAR All-Star Open (FS1)  
7:08 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Calgary Flames at Edmonton Oilers (ESPN2)  
8 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR All-Star Race (FS1)  
9 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Western Conference Finals — Golden State Warriors at Dallas Mavericks (TNT)  
10 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Philadelphia Union at Portland Timbers (FS1)

**Monday**  
8 a.m. — Tennis: French Open (Bally Indiana)

6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
8:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference Finals — Miami Heat at Boston Celtics (ABC)

**Tuesday**  
7 a.m. — Tennis: French Open (Bally Indiana)  
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
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