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## Former chief pleads guilty

**By PETER BLANCHARD**  
Reporter-Times (Martinsville)

MARTINSVILLE — A former police chief for the city of Martinsville has pleaded guilty to a felony charge of official misconduct, resolving a criminal case that was filed against him more than three years ago.

Matt Long, 42, appeared in Morgan County Superior Court I on Friday along with his attorney, John Kautzman.

Special prosecuting attorney Sonia Leerkamp appeared on behalf of the state, and Monroe County Special Judge Valeri Haughton presided over the hearing, which took place over Zoom.

As part of the plea agreement, prosecutors agreed to dismiss a felony charge of theft.

Long will be placed on probation for one year, and he was also ordered to pay \$8,000 in restitution, with \$6,500 going to the state of Indiana and the remaining \$1,500 going to Traveler's Insurance.

Kautzman said the money has already been returned to both parties, which also Prior to sentencing, Kautzman argued that his client should be immediately eligible for alternative misdemeanor sentencing given his lack of criminal history, an absence of any danger to the public and the unlikelihood that he would commit a similar crime in the future.

Under state law, alternative misdemeanor sentencing allows Hoosiers who are convicted of a felony to have the charge reduced to a misdemeanor provided they meet certain requirements.

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# Upgrade at polls



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Steve Shamo of Indianapolis' Microvote Corporation shows commissioners Brian McGalliard and Rex Journey a new election machine Tuesday. Jay County clerk Jon Eads explained the county last purchased its current equipment in 2004. Plans are to purchase new machines, including voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) devices, for the general election in 2024.

## Jay County Commissioners get demonstration of voting machines being considered for purchase

**By BAILEY CLINE**  
The Commercial Review

It's time for an upgrade at the polls.

Jay County Commissioners learned Tuesday about new equipment for the voting process.

County clerk Jon Eads explained the county purchased its current voting machines in 2004 and is due for an upgrade. Indiana is also

requiring all polls have voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) machines by 2024. (The state has already purchased 20 of those machines for the county.)

Steve Shamo, a representative from Microvote Corporation of Indianapolis, presented a comparison between the county's current voting machines and the new models. The new machine has a single

plug-in cord and flags that pop out of its case for privacy. It takes less than a few minutes to assemble and disassemble. Barcodes are also printed onto each ballot, making the audit process easier.

Shamo added that the model he showed to commissioners will also be redesigned for ease of maneuverability — currently the weight of the case is not evenly distributed.

Jay County will be receiving the redesigned models.

The state is contributing \$76,750 toward more voting equipment, leaving the county's contribution for another 30 VVPAT machines and 50 voting machines at \$140,000.

Eads encouraged officials to move forward with the process, noting there is a nine-month wait for the equipment.

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## Siefring shields

Eighth grader AJ Siefring blocks dodgeballs during Fort Recovery Middle School's field day Thursday. Fort Recovery students participated in a variety of events during their last day of school, such as competing in dodgeball and volleyball tournaments.

## Monkeypox cases are causing concern

**By JESSICA SCHLADEBECK**  
New York Daily News  
Tribune News Service

The number of monkeypox cases reported worldwide has topped 550, fueling further concern about the viral disease.

Rosamund Lewis, the World Health Organization's technical lead for monkeypox research, confirmed that cases have been recorded across 30 different countries. She told CNN on Tuesday that the global outbreak is "quite different" than the norm, given that it's happening simultaneously and in several places at once.

"We're seeing cases all appearing in a relatively short period of time. We're seeing that in a few days, in a couple of weeks, we're seeing over 500 cases," Lewis said. "This is different. This has not been seen before."

The latest figure marks a significant spike in numbers previously released over the weekend. On Sunday, WHO reported 257 confirmed cases and around 120 suspected infections spanning 23 countries. On Tuesday, the United Kingdom alone confirmed 190 cases, up from the agency's Sun-

day tally, which stood at 106. In the same timeframe, the United States went from 10 to 15 cases.

The global health agency in its weekend updates placed the world's risk level at moderate, "considering this is the first time that monkeypox cases and clusters are reported concurrently in widely disparate WHO geographical areas, and without known epidemiological links to non-endemic countries in West or Central Africa."

While the origin of the outbreak remains under investigation, Lewis said many countries still have a "window of opportunity" to curb the spread of the disease. During a press conference on Monday, she also said "we are not concerned of a global pandemic" from monkeypox for the time being.

Still, WHO has issued a stern warning about the disease, noting that risk could increase if the "virus exploits the opportunity to establish itself as a human pathogen and spreads to groups at higher risk of severe disease such as young children and immunosuppressed persons."

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 91 degrees Tuesday. The low was 69.

The forecast calls for a chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight and continuing through

early Thursday afternoon. The low tonight will be 58 and Thursday's high will be near 70. The low will drop to near 50 Thursday night. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

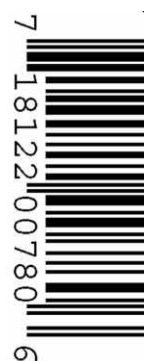
### In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

### Coming up

**Thursday** — A preview of JCHS junior Gabi Billbrey at the IHSAA Girls Track and Field State Finals.

**Saturday** — Murder trial from September 2020 shooting death is scheduled to start Monday.



# Upgrade ...

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County attorney Bill Hinkle noted the county should enter into a written agreement or contract with Microvote Corporation before moving forward.  
Also Tuesday, commissioners accepted a \$1,351,230 bid from Milestone Contractors of Portland — the decision is contingent on pending information from Choice One Engineering — to pave stone portions of State Line Road. Approximately \$1 million of that amount is covered through an Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings grant received earlier this year.  
In related news, interim Jay

County Highway superintendent Bob Howell noted the county will begin chip and seal work June 13. It previously cut back from 100 miles to 70 miles for this year, but Howell said because of rising diesel prices, the county may need to consider treating fewer miles of road this year.  
Also, commissioners OK'd Travis Richards of Jay County Development Corporation to accept applications for a social media intern. Although details of the job are still in the works, Richards noted the position would handle marketing for the community. One goal is to bring attention to the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program

(HELP), a year-long planning process for how to use American Rescue Plan Act dollars. Officials will be seeking public input at a community forum June 13.  
Commissioners also approved \$15,000 for Arts in the Parks, up by \$1,000 from the previous year. (Eric Rogers of Arts Place explained inflation has impacted costs, such as the price of art supplies.) The program through Arts Place offers various workshops for children and families.  
Rogers also noted that after 46 years with Arts Place, he's retiring from his role as director July 1. Plans are to announce his successor soon.

In other business, commissioners:  
•Approved a two-year contract with Quality Correctional Care of Muncie for a position at Jay County Jail. The contract for the facility's jail nurse is updated from a version made in 2011, now allowing the nurse to work up to 40 hours.  
•Gave preliminary approval — it is subject to drafting a contract — to a \$43,970 bid for Laux Plumbing and Treating to reline 115 feet of pipe for main sewer lines exiting Jay County Jail. The company will be using a Nu Flow reline material.  
•Accepted a \$11,997.40 quote from Midland USA for 446

weather radios. (The cost is covered by a \$12,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security.) Emergency Management Agency director John Hankins explained the radios will be distributed to the public at different events.  
•Gave permission to LeeAnn Miller of Reclaiming Design to block off two parking spots behind her building at 206 N. Meridian St. for construction purposes as needed  
•Accepted an application for a new resident at Jay County Country Living.  
•Were introduced to Steven Justice of Indiana Attorney General's Office, who described duties his office cover.

## CR almanac

Thursday 6/2	Friday 6/3	Saturday 6/4	Sunday 6/5	Monday 6/6
<b>70/52</b>	<b>75/50</b>	<b>76/55</b>	<b>81/61</b>	<b>81/62</b>
There's a 40% chance of thunderstorms throughout the day. Otherwise, mostly cloudy skies.	Sunny skies are on the horizon for Friday, with wind gusts reaching up to 20 mph.	Another day of sunny weather is expected Saturday, with a high near 76.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Sunday. Rain is possible at night.	Another chance of storms on Monday. The high may reach 81.

## Lotteries

**Powerball**  
Estimated jackpot: \$168 million  
Quick Draw: 2-3-5-8-21-27-30-33-35-45-46-48-49-54-58-61-62-66-70-75  
Cash 5: 2-4-12-29-31  
Estimated jackpot: \$717,000

**Mega Millions**  
6-15-41-63-64  
Mega Ball: 24  
Megaplier: 4  
Estimated jackpot: \$189 million

**Hoosier**  
Midday  
Daily Three: 7-3-7  
Daily Four: 6-3-0-1  
Quick Draw: 3-11-12-16-17-19-26-29-36-39-44-45-46-52-57-58-66-71-72  
Evening  
Daily Three: 4-1-5  
Daily Four: 1-9-4-4

**Ohio**  
Midday  
Pick 3: 8-1-3  
Pick 4: 0-2-6-3  
Pick 5: 2-0-0-7-9  
Evening  
Pick 3: 6-3-8  
Pick 4: 7-7-7-2  
Pick 5: 8-0-1-2-8  
Rolling Cash: 2-24-32-35-38  
Estimated jackpot: \$283,000

## Markets

**Cooper Farms Fort Recovery**  
Corn.....7.48  
July corn.....7.48  
Wheat .....8.50

**POET Biorefining Portland**  
Corn.....7.54  
July corn.....7.57  
Aug. corn .....7.59

**The Andersons Richland Township**  
Corn .....7.28  
July corn .....7.28  
Beans .....17.03  
July beans .....17.03

Wheat ..... 10.03  
July wheat.....10.03

**Central States Montpelier**  
Corn.....7.19  
Late June corn .....7.19  
Beans .....16.88  
Late June beans .....16.88  
Wheat.....10.03

**Heartland St. Anthony**  
Corn.....7.03  
July corn.....7.06  
Beans .....16.99  
July beans .....16.99  
Wheat.....10.13

## Today in history

In 1215, Mongols under the leadership of Genghis Khan captured Peking, now known as Beijing, in China. They proceeded to loot the city for a month.  
In 1794, the Battle of the First of June was fought between England and France in the first major naval engagement of the French Revolution.  
In 1831, British explorer James Clark Ross discovered the location of the magnetic north pole — where Earth's magnetic field points directly downward.  
In 1937, American actor Morgan Freeman was born in Memphis, Tennessee. Freeman's acting credits include "Glory," "The Shawshank Redemption" and "Million Dollar Baby," for which he won the Oscar for best supporting actor.  
In 1972, Bryant and Pennville high schools were knocked out of the sectional baseball tournament. Bryant suffered a 5-4 loss to Adams Central at Decatur while Pennville fell 8-2 to Norwell at Bluffton.  
In 2021, Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards announced that Christy Shauver had accepted an offer to be the new director of Jay County Community Development. Shauver had previously been a teacher at Redkey Elementary School.  
—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Thursday**  
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

**Monday**  
5 p.m. — Jay School Board special meeting,

General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.  
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.  
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

## Memorial ceremony

Redkey American Legion Post 401 past post commander James D Fulks III speaks Monday morning at a Memorial Day Service at Claycomb Cemetery in rural Jay County.



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## Capsule Reports

**Deer hit**  
Multiple deer have caused accidents in Jay County recently.  
Darlene M. Frantz, 60, Portland, was driving her 2011 Buick Enclave east on county road 200 South about 4:27 a.m. Friday when a deer ran in front of her path. She wasn't able to avoid a collision with the animal, causing between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in estimated damage. Her vehicle was towed.  
Alton R. Lowe, 79, Dunkirk, was driving west on county road 400 South just east of county road 800 West about 12:20 p.m. Monday when a deer ran in front of his 2018 Toyota Tacoma. He wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal, causing between \$1,000 and \$2,500 in estimated damage.  
West E. Moore, 52, Redkey, was driving a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado east on county road 400 South about 4:08 p.m. Friday when

a deer ran into the truck. Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.  
**Dog hit**  
A Portland man drove into a dog along county road 400 North about 5 p.m. Friday.  
Marvin L. Starr, 74, was driving his 2015 Ford Flex east on the road when a dog ran in front of his vehicle.  
He wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage.  
**Backing accident**  
A Portland teen backed his car into a police vehicle in Portland at 12:30 p.m. Thursday.  
Cobe N. Abdulah, 18, was backing his 2007 Pontiac G5 west through an alley just south of 943 W. Main St. when his vehicle struck a 2018 Dodge Charger, driven by 31-year-old Brandon R. Wright of Winchester. Damage is estimated at less than \$1,000.

**Intersection crash**  
A Jay County teen and child were injured after a collision at the intersection of county road 300 South and Boundary Pike about 2:53 p.m. Friday.  
Cassidy D. Upp, 17, was stopped in her parents' 2012 Ford Fiesta on county road 300 South at the intersection with Boundary Pike. She continued into the intersection, where her vehicle was struck by a

southbound 2007 Ford Focus driven by 16-year-old Paityn N. Chapman of Ridgeville. (There is not a stop for traffic on Boundary Pike at the intersection.)  
Upp sustained a lower arm injury. Londyn Lyons, an 8-year-old passenger in Chapman's vehicle, had minor bleeding on her face. Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

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## Felony arrests

**Battery**  
A Portland woman was arrested this morning for battery.  
Tiana L. Gaucin, 33, 110 Silvers Lane, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony and Level 6 felony for two counts of battery, along with another Level 6 felony for possession of methampheta-

mine and a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license.  
She's being held on a \$15,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

## SERVICES

**Thursday**  
Burgess, Wilbur: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.  
Batten, Henry: 1 p.m., Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City.

**Friday**  
Zuercher, Dorine: 11 a.m., Berne Church of the Nazarene, 604 Sprunger St., Berne.

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# Poet's desire freezes over

By KWAME DAWES

There is a clever implication to the title of Lauren Winchester's poem "Eating the Glacier."

The poet is seduced by the thought of eating something as ancient as glacier ice which can be, I am told, thousands of years old.

This is a work of humbling environmentalism, the desire to achieve a certain immortality by connecting to the elements: "I gaze at the ice, thirsty for its light" she says.

But the most human,

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tragic-comic, moment follows, when "the ice turns its back" or her hubris.

Winchester received her master of fine arts degree from The Wring Seminars at John Hopkins University. She served as assistant editor of The Hopkins Review.

### Eating the Glacier

The guide chips off a piece  
to taste. The water in me  
is the body of the glacier.

When I breathe with my lungs,  
I breathe with the glacier's  
lungs. Breathing—though made  
from all our kind's rough materials  
(marrow and membrane, fluid  
and flesh)—I am fathomless.

I gaze at the ice, thirsty for its light,  
and the ice turns its back  
on my looking.

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# Garden fair is Saturday

Summer is nearly here. So is Minnetrista's annual garden fair.

The two-day community event is scheduled for this weekend from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at 1200 N Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie. A variety of vendors will offer plants, yard decor, landscaping tools and more items useful for summer gardening. Visitors may also speak with horticulture experts for tips on projects, according to a press release from Minnetrista.

Parking is available at the Delaware County Fairgrounds, 1210 Wheeling Ave., and at the

### Taking Note

gravel lot next to the Nature Area at Minnetrista.

Also Saturday, Minnetrista will host a farmers market from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seasonal produce, artisanal items, fresh meats and other varieties will be available from local vendors.

For more information and updates about exhibits or events, visit [minnetrista.net](http://minnetrista.net)

and the organization's Facebook and Twitter pages.

### Students honored

ANGOLA — Three Jay County locals were recently recognized for their academic achievements at Trine University.

Olivia Rowles of Portland made the dean's list, which requires students to complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.500-3.749. Making the president's list — it requires a minimum of 12 hours and a grade point average of 3.750-4.000 — were Levi Peterson of Portland and Makenzie Ring of Dunkirk.

# Husband develops crush on neighbor

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are retired. A short while ago, a young couple moved in across the street. A few months later, my husband, who does yardwork for neighbors for extra money, started working in theirs. He never charged them for it, and even after they had the equipment to care for their yard, continued working there some of the time.

When "Cindy," the wife, would be in the front yard, he frequently stopped his work to talk to her or stare at her. (He never stopped his work for anyone else.) Several times a week, I'd notice he was over at Cindy's mowing the yards on each side of her house and would make excuses to check to see if anything else needed to be done. He confessed to me about looking through the fence one time, and I'm sure he has done it more.

One day, I caught him standing, fixated, watching her work in the front yard, completely oblivious to his surroundings. He has told me how pretty he thinks she is, and she is attractive. She rarely starts a conversation or comes into our yard, but he goes into hers to talk at every opportunity. If I question him about it, he either lies to me, laughs at me or yells at me. What should I do? — HUMILIATED IN TEXAS

### Dear Abby



DEAR HUMILIATED: Your husband obviously has a crush on this young, pretty neighbor. Fortunately, from what you have written, it doesn't appear to be reciprocated. If I were you, I'd develop a sense of humor about the situation. Tell him that if he's planning to run away with her, you want advance notice so you can call your lawyer. Then hide your time because these kinds of crushes usually wane.

DEAR ABBY: A good friend of mine borrowed \$5,000 because she said she was going to nursing school. I happily loaned it to her, but discovered later that she unrolled several days after classes started. I asked her for the money back, but felt sorry for her because she was not working due to the pandemic.

Fast-forward a year: I have extensive dental work scheduled, so I

finally asked her to repay me. I told her I would take payments, but I need a regular time of month, every month. She agreed to pay me back but made no mention of a timeline.

I am not sure how to approach her again. I'm not rich, and she knows it. We even shook hands on the agreement with her telling me she'd pay me back at a date that has now passed. Advice? — TOO GENEROUS IN OREGON

DEAR TOO GENEROUS: You are learning a very expensive lesson. With "friends" like this woman, you do not need enemies. Do not count on getting ANY money from her. Find another way to pay for that dental work because, without a repayment agreement IN WRITING, there's no way you can force your "good friend" to do the right thing. Something to keep in mind for the future: Do not give anyone any more money than you can afford to lose.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto: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. For more information, call (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 SINGLES AND SEPA-

RATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-

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

PENNVILLE FAIR BOARD — Will meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Pennville Community Center.

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

### Thursday

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

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

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

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

# Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday's Solution

7	9	6	8	1	4	5	3	2
4	8	3	2	5	7	1	6	9
5	2	1	9	6	3	7	4	8
6	4	2	1	8	5	9	7	3
1	5	8	7	3	9	6	2	4
3	7	9	4	2	6	8	5	1
2	1	7	5	4	8	3	9	6
9	3	4	6	7	1	2	8	5
8	6	5	3	9	2	4	1	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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# Community is an extended family

*(Editor's note: One of Jack's favorite things to do was brag about his community. He did it to visitors to Jay County, he did it to prospective employees during their interviews. He did it to those he met during his travels around the world. This column being reprinted from June 2, 1999, is just one example.)*

By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

The question came at the end of a long presentation. I'd been speaking to the Portland Kiwanis Club about Moldova, showing slides and generally going on too long about our experience last year in that country. There'd been questions about the country's economy and about aspects of our daily life. Then my old friend Louis

## Back in the Saddle



Schoenlein closed out the evening. "This has nothing to do with Moldova," he said, "but since you're here I thought I'd ask it anyway. How are the twins?" I couldn't have asked for a better reminder of the pleasures of living in a small community if my life had depended on it. Here I was, at a public forum, and the conversation had just shifted from the formal to the familiar in a matter of a heartbeat.

The extended family of small town, rural life had just asserted itself in a positive, supportive way. A neighbor had just leaned over the back fence to ask about the kids. And it wasn't just Louis who wanted to know "how are the twins," it was the rest of the Kiwanis Club as well. Those people who have lived their entire lives in Jay County or Mercer County or Adams County or Randolph County, that incident might seem so unremarkable that they wonder what the fuss is about. But to people who have lived their entire lives in New York City or Chicago or Los Angeles, it might as well have happened on another planet. Maybe the only folks who can truly appreciate the significance are those who have

lived in communities both small and large. It's only when you've lived in a city where you don't know your neighbors' names and cloak yourself in anonymity as a defensive measure that you can understand how special it is to have a real sense of community. The twins understood. Away at college in the northeast, they were touched when I told them Louis had asked about them. They remembered him fondly from their days at East Jay Junior High School before his retirement. And they understood the community ties and extended family feeling which had been expressed. So, just for the record, I suppose I ought to give an answer to Louis' question.

The twins are fine. In fact, they're graduating from Williams College next weekend. Both are probably going to be living and working in the Boston area, though it's not yet clear what they'll be doing. Maggie's going to do some "temping" this summer while looking for an entry-level job in the book publishing business; Emily's going to work in the costume shop of an opera company as an intern this summer, then may be working as an Americorps volunteer in a poor neighborhood of Boston in the fall. But like most kids just getting out of school, they're keeping their options open. Who knows what the next few months will bring. Just the same, thanks for asking.

## Tragedy, trauma do not have to be

Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

It is important and helpful that a school protection officer guards each of Vigo County's 27 school buildings. Some schools have more than one officer.

That situation should not have to be. People walking into a movie theater should not feel a tinge of nervousness and the need to scan the audience and check the locations of the exits.

Congregants should not wonder whether their church's security measures would shield them from an active shooter during worship.

Customers in a grocery store should not have to study moves of other shoppers in the frozen foods aisle to detect hints of a hidden weapon.

Concertgoers should not have, in the back of their minds as they dance to the musicians' performance, fears that a sniper may be perched in a nearby building.

And, little kids, their parents and their teachers should not carry daily anxieties that an intruder armed with a military-style rifle will devastate their lives.

Yet, that is 21st-century America. That reality would be merely horrific and heartbreaking if the nation's elected officials had pursued every avenue possible to prevent atrocities such as last Tuesday's massacre at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, where a lone gunman killed 19 children and two teachers.

But Congress and state legislatures have not taken every meaningful step possible to stop the perpetual string of mass killings in the U.S. In fact, federal and state lawmakers have done next to nothing about this grotesque cycle of gun violence.

Thus, it is not merely horrific and heartbreaking. It is disgraceful. The motives, towns and venues change from incident to incident, but the common thread is the use of easily obtained weaponry of a lethal capability once reserved for soldiers on a battlefield or police officers in special tactical units. Eleven days before the Texas school shooting, a man consumed by racism shot and killed 10 people in a Buffalo, New York, supermarket. Those are the latest active-shooter incidents in this nation. There were 61 such incidents in 2021, a 20-year high, the Voice of America reported Wednesday.

## Hoosier Editorial

It may be difficult to remember all of last year's attacks. Their frequency tends to blur the specifics. A teen killed four students at an Oxford, Michigan, high school. A man killed eight people at an Indianapolis shipping company. A gunman killed four people, including a child, at a Los Angeles office building. A mass shooter killed 10 people, including a police officer, at a supermarket in Boulder, Colorado. A man shot and killed eight people at two Atlanta day spas.

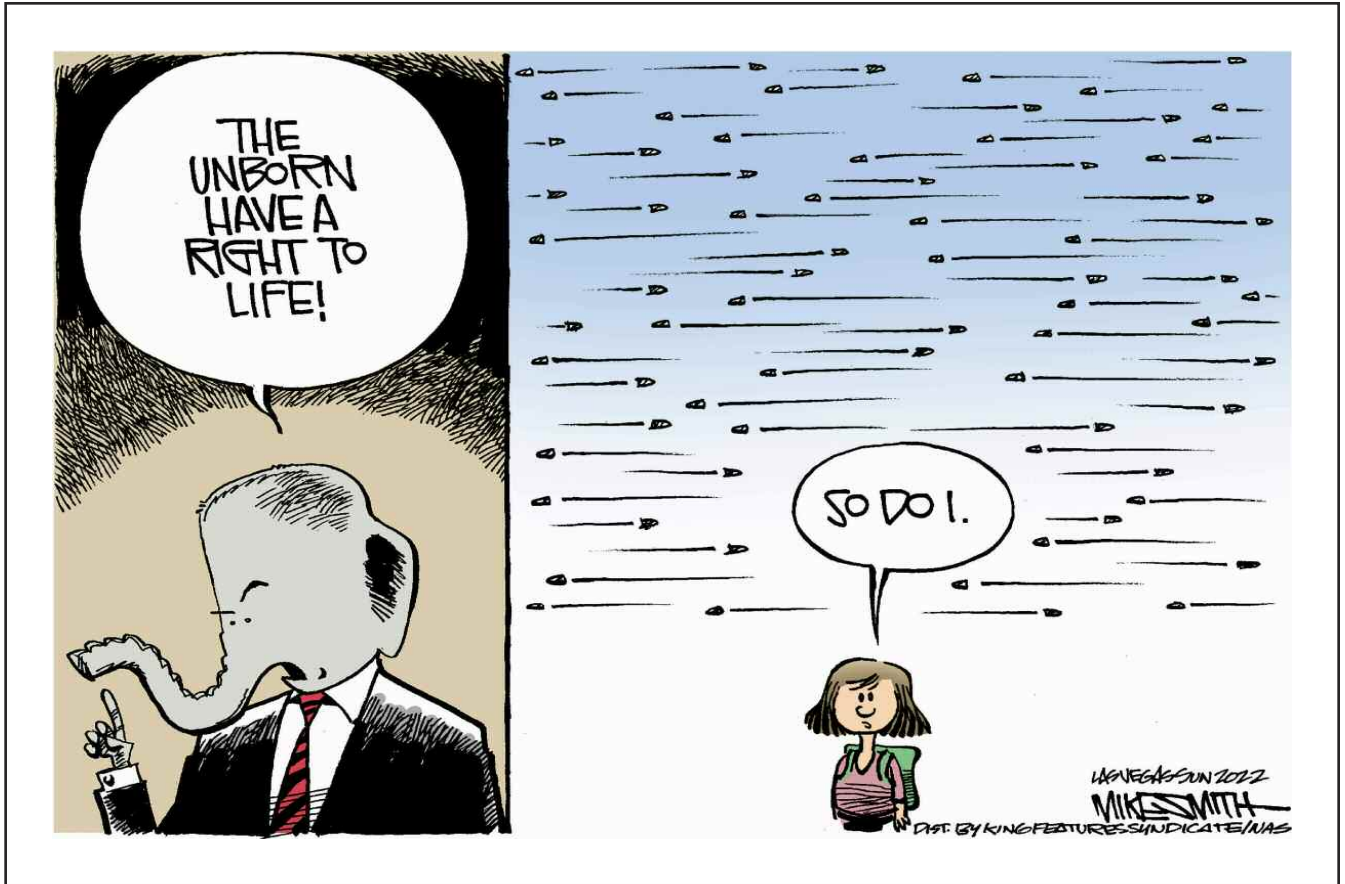
There were more in 2021. And in 2020, 2019, 2018 and on. The well-practiced excuses of gun-lobby-backed lawmakers have long succeeded in wearing out not only advocates for responsible gun regulations, but also average Americans. That tactic ensures that nothing changes. It also ignores the will of most Americans.

Americans answering a Gallup poll this year said they favor background checks for all gun purchases (96%), a 30-day waiting period for gun sales (75%) and gun registration with police (70%). In the annual Hoosier Survey by Ball State University's Bowen Center for Public Affairs in 2019, people responding favored increased background checks (83%), restrictions on mentally ill people from buying guns (80%), a federal gun-sale database (63%) and an assault-weapons ban (52%).

Yet, a majority of Indiana's lawmakers will consider none of those changes. Instead, their more common response is to cynically double-down on easier access to guns.

Vigo County kids finished school year on Friday. The final three days of that school year — once an exhilarating time for people of older generations — were spent with additional law enforcement officers from the Terre Haute Police Department and Vigo County Sheriff's Office in their school buildings and at special events. Thank goodness for those officers. But what a traumatizing memory for those students, parents and school staffers.

At least those young people will have 10 weeks of summer vacation away from that particular worry.



## Reconciliation requires conditions

By KHALID ALJABRI

Special To The Washington Post

I am a victim of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's ruthless regime. Two of my siblings are being held hostage in Saudi Arabia, and my family is tormented by a brutal intimidation campaign. Yet I remain a proponent of a healthy U.S.-Saudi partnership. President Joe Biden could and should salvage the relationship — but not at all costs.

Biden came into office planning to recalibrate U.S. relations with Saudi Arabia. But while his administration snubbed the crown prince (widely known as MBS) and released an intelligence report that found him culpable for the murder of Washington Post contributing columnist Jamal Khashoggi, its policy toward the kingdom remained incomprehensible. The recent meeting between CIA Director William Burns and MBS, followed by Saudi Deputy Defense Minister Khalid bin Salman's visit to Washington last week, hints at a brewing rapprochement.

Any reconciliation that includes a Biden-MBS interaction and renewed U.S. security guarantees, however, must be conditioned on Saudi compliance with American interests and values, beginning with raising oil production and committing to accountability for Khashoggi's gruesome murder.

For a start, instead of siding with Moscow, Riyadh needs to fulfill its obligations to Washington stemming from the tacit, decades-long security-for-oil arrangement. It should increase its crude output to support U.S. interests in Ukraine and to lower energy prices, which have soared in recent months. Even before raising oil production, the kingdom should help European countries wean off Russian oil by diverting crude exports to Europe at discounted prices. Moreover, Saudi Arabia, as a de facto leader of Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), should exclude Russia from any future OPEC oil production

Khalid Aljabri



agreement after the current "OPEC+" deal between petroleum-producing nations expires in several months.

Khashoggi began writing for The Post a week after MBS arrested a group of his intellectual friends. Khashoggi warned of an increasingly oppressive Saudi regime long before he became its most notable victim. Without direct sanctions on the Saudi crown prince, there will never be explicit accountability and a scripted apology from MBS will be meaningless. The nearest thing to accountability for the murder is for MBS to release the detainees Khashoggi advocated for and halt his targeting of dissidents abroad. If Khashoggi were alive, this is what he would have demanded; this is what Biden should be asking for now.

Additionally, Biden should use positive inducements to alter the crown prince's repressive behavior. MBS, driven by self-interest, would accommodate U.S. requests on human rights if accompanied with incentives and devoid of humiliation. Craving American reembrace, MBS should be made to understand that allowing American hostages in Saudi Arabia to return home is a prerequisite for him to visit the United States again.

If Saudi Arabia agrees to U.S. rapprochement conditions, Biden should reset the relationship by hosting King Salman and other Gulf leaders in another U.S.-Gulf Cooperation Council summit at Camp David. In such a meeting, the United States can pacify its gulf partners ahead of a potential return to the Iran deal, revive the importance of the GCC's

collective responsibility in regional security and pitch a rebalanced institutional partnership that is based on synced security, energy, diplomatic, economic and trade cooperation.

Alternatively, Biden could make the same pitch to gulf leaders at the GCC headquarters in Riyadh if he visits the region, as expected, in June. However, a presidential stop in Saudi Arabia that is not preceded by increased oil production or visible human rights concessions would be unpalatable.

Following a reset, for any U.S.-Saudi reconciliation to be durable, Biden must restore the institutional nature of the relationship, which has spanned seven Saudi monarchs. An expedited confirmation of Michael Ratney as Washington's ambassador to Riyadh would serve that purpose. The highly personalized ties between the Trump administration and MBS were destructive, but Biden would occasionally benefit from dispatching a designated emissary, someone with competence and gravitas who the Saudis believe has the ear of the president — an anti-Jared Kushner.

As Biden attempts to recalibrate the U.S.-Saudi partnership, he should not capitulate to Riyadh's exploitation of the Ukrainian crisis and high energy prices by making one-way American concessions. Nor should Biden give in to the demands of a concerted Saudi public relations offensive that blames him for the souring relationship, burdens his administration with the onus of reconciliation and recasts the murderous MBS as an innocent victim.

Regardless of what the anticipated reconciliation entails, Washington should be making as many asks as Riyadh. Ultimately, both sides know that, whatever time-limited oil leverage Saudi Arabia is using, the United States will always have the upper hand.

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# Fulfilling gesture

## Letters from former students boost teachers' morale

By **LESLIE POSTAL**  
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ORLANDO, Fla. — Dagmar Kilp was doing a math review with her fifth-grade class preparing them for annual state exams. She was trying to make it engaging for students with an “amazing math race,” but she was also feeling worn down.

“It was one of those days I was thinking maybe I should just step away from teaching,” said the 15-year veteran of Orange County Public Schools.

Then a crowd of people, some with cameras, entered her classroom along with a teenager who looked vaguely familiar. “Oh, my gosh,” Kilp thought, “that’s little Hannah.”

Hannah Juda, now 18, was Kilp’s student in third grade and fifth grade, and on Thursday was set to graduate from Lake Nona High School.

In an OCPS tradition that began six years ago, Hannah’s last English class assignment — a voluntary one — was to write a thank you letter to an elementary or middle school teacher who’d helped her. She wrote to Kilp, and her letter to the NorthLake Park Community School teacher was one of 15 chosen for an in-person delivery earlier this month.

Kilp said she was humbled and delighted by Hannah’s letter, which reminded her why she chose to become a teacher.

“At the end of the day, we are making an impact. We are changing lives, maybe one small step at a time,” she said.

Nearly 6,000 OCPS 12th graders — about half the district’s graduating seniors — wrote thank you letters this year as part of “Project Impact,” an effort to recognize graduation as a “K-12 experience,” said Harold Border, the district’s chief of high schools.

“Every time a kid walks across the stage that represents many, many teachers and staff members who helped them get there,” Border said.

OCPS kicked off graduation season last week and like its counterparts in Lake, Osceola



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Lake Nona High School senior Hannah Juda points herself out in a class photo after surprising her fifth grade teacher, Dagmar Kilp, at Northlake Park Community School, with a thank you letter she wrote, May 4.

and Seminole counties has been hosting high school commencement ceremonies all this week.

And like Kilp, he said, many teachers are touched and encouraged by kind notes from students they taught years ago.

Hannah chose Kilp because the elementary school teacher recognized the challenges she faced due to hearing problems and encouraged but never babied her students.

“I’ve always known that she was my favorite teacher,” said Hannah, who plans to pursue a career in real estate. “She just helped me the most.”

In her letter, Hannah wrote of her struggles on third-grade spelling tests because she could-

n’t always hear the words said out loud, and how Kilp moved her seat so she’d be close to her and better able to understand.

She also remembered fun activities in fifth grade and learning about space that year. “You assigned me the planet Jupiter and since then it has always been my favorite planet and it has made me become fascinated with space itself,” she wrote.

“Thank you for everything you have taught me and helping me fight through my challenges and understanding that I needed more help than others,” Hannah letter concluded. “You have helped me gain confidence in myself and the work that I put into school.”

Border got the idea for the thank you letters from an initiative started by the student government association at Freedom High School in south Orange, where he was principal. The association urged 12th graders to write thank-you letters to Freedom teachers as part of their end-of-high-school activities.

Border noticed many teachers had those letters framed and hung on their classroom walls, obviously touched by what students wrote.

When he became the administrator overseeing all the district’s high schools, Border said he learned other high schools had similar programs and decided to do a districtwide one.

“It’s a favorite event for me,” Border said. “What a great way to celebrate graduation as a K-12 experience.”

For Kilp, the interrupted math lesson that morning left her momentarily speechless.

“It was an amazing surprise,” she said.

Hannah said she wasn’t sure her former teacher would remember her, but Kilp said she had not forgotten the “sweet kid.”

Kilp pursued an education degree through college night classes after the birth of her three children. Hannah’s letter reminded her why.

“Just to hear that the kids think of you,” she said. “It is very fulfilling.”

# Jan. 6 panel is unlikely to get all that it wants

By **MICHAEL MACAGNONE**  
CQ-Roll Call  
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WASHINGTON — The House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol will have a list of subpoenas that it may never get to fully enforce before it moves forward with a series of public hearings in the next few weeks.

The committee intends to showcase what it uncovered in months of work on the events surrounding the attack, such as the more than 1,000 interviews it has conducted and thousands of documents it received from even recalcitrant witnesses.

Yet the plodding pace at which committees can enforce congressional oversight means some major players and key records remain out of reach, which appears to include testimony from House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy and four other Republicans who received subpoenas nearly three weeks ago.

Experts say any effort to use the court system to force those members to testify may drag on after the committee’s planned public airings of findings. The committee is “at the mercy of the congressional calendar” with midterm elections looming, according to Molly Reynolds, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who studies Congress and House oversight efforts.

“At some point they need to start telling that story, or else they run the risk of running out of time,” Reynolds said. “There’s a ticking clock.”

The committee itself told a federal judge on Sunday that it would give up its request for a “highly expedited schedule” to get records from Salesforce.com concerning the Republican National Committee and confidential emails and other communications sent around the time of the 2020 election and the Jan. 6 attack.

An RNC lawsuit slowed down a committee request to the vendor for internal documents, which the panel sought to discern the national party’s involvement in the rally before the Capitol attack. A federal district court judge had sided with the committee.

But an appeals court panel set June 14 oral arguments in the RNC’s effort to block the release of the records, which means the information at the core of the case “cannot be obtained, analyzed, and utilized by the Select Committee in the public hearings scheduled during the next several weeks,” the House lawyers wrote in a filing.

The information could only be useful for additional hearings later this year or an ensuing final report from the committee recommending legislative action, the House lawyers said. They proposed a new schedule that would put oral arguments sometime after Aug. 19.

# Pleads ...

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Long said he has not worked in law enforcement since January 2019, when he was placed on administrative leave following an investigation by the Indiana State Board of Accounts into irregularities in his accounting for overtime and sick leave. He told the judge he is currently self-employed as an automobile detailer.

Long joined the Martinsville Police Department in 2004 after working for one year in the Morgan County Sheriff’s Department. He was appointed city police chief in September 2016.

Between January 2016 and December 2018, Long accrued \$6,786 in unearned overtime pay and \$1,530 in overpaid sick days, according to the results of the SBOA investigation.

The audit also found that the city failed to provide proper oversight to ensure that leave time was being posted properly.

Kautzman said Long’s accrual of unearned pay was the result of health issues he was going through at the time and his inability to properly navigate the city’s software for logging overtime and sick leave.

“I think Matt Long is the kind of person the alternative misdemeanor sentence statute is designed for,” Kautzman said. “He has a very distinguished law abiding life and career that he led prior to this incident.”

Leerkamp said she felt Long should have known better given his position in law enforcement.

“I don’t have any reason to believe it was accidental or unfamiliarity with the software system,” Leerkamp said. “He was in that system for long enough, and he has been a law enforcement officer long enough to know what the law is.”

Leerkamp said she felt it was appropriate for Long to wait until the end of his probationary period before the felony charge can be reduced to a misdemeanor.

Haughton ultimately compromised by requiring Long to complete six months of probation before the charge gets reduced.

“Mr. Long, I wish you very good luck in your future,” Haughton said. “I realize this is a step back, but I have no doubt that you can overcome it, and I truly wish you good luck.”

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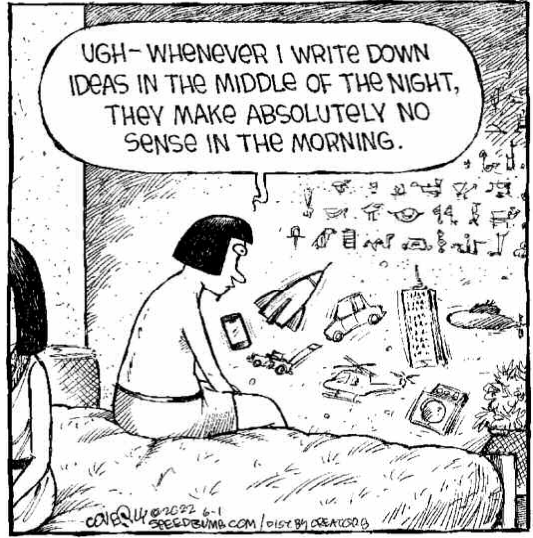
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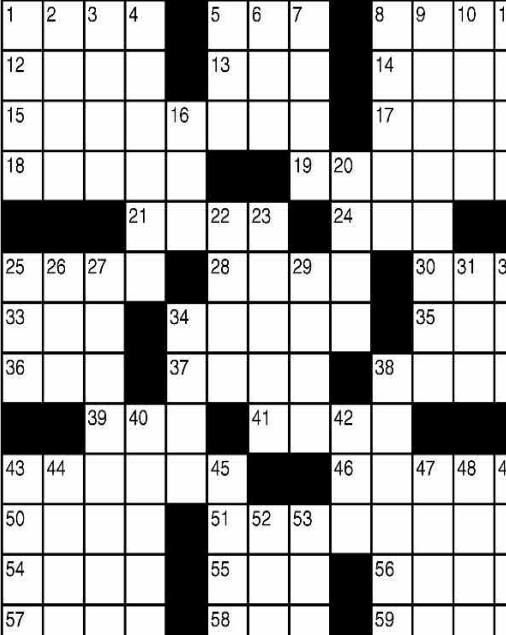
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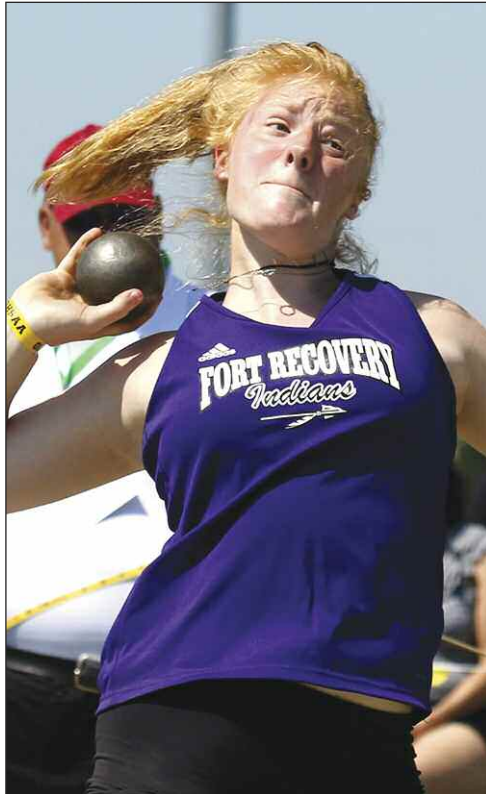


# Sports

## Fort contenders



Long jump No. 2 seed  
**Mara Pearson**



Shot put No. 3 seed  
**Whitley Rammel**



200 dash No. 7 seed  
**Abbie Francis**



3,200 run No. 9 seed  
**Trevor Heitkamp**

*All four Indians are in the mix to earn a state medal; Pearson, Rammel could challenge for the top of the podium*

By **RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

Mara Pearson is a legitimate contender for a state championship.

If she's able to reach her best, Whitley Rammel could be as well.

All of the Indians who are going to Columbus are in contention to earn a state medal.

When Fort Recovery High School sends four athletes to the Division III OHSAA Track and Field State Tournament on Friday and Saturday, they won't just be happy to be competing in Ohio State University's Jesse Owens

Memorial Stadium. They will be focused on earning a place on the podium, perhaps all the way at the top.

"We're very excited about that," said FRHS coach Christy Diller. "I'm so proud of these kids. They work so hard. Now is the time for it to be fun. They just get to go out there and do their thing and hopefully reap some rewards from that."

"We just have great kids. ... Hopefully they can come home with a little bit of hardware this weekend."

Pearson, a sophomore, is the

No. 2 seed in the girls long jump. Rammel is seeded third in the shot put. Abbie Francis holds the No. 7 seed in the 200-meter dash. And despite finishing fifth at the regional and needing an at-large berth to make the state finals, Trevor Heitkamp is seeded ninth in the boys 3,200 run.

The top eight finishers in each event at the state tournament earn a state medal.

Based on regional results, Pearson and Shelby Grover of Lucas have established themselves as the top contenders for

the state championship in the long jump. Their regional-title efforts put them 5 inches clear of the rest of the field, with Grover as the No. 1 seed at 17 feet, 9.5 inches. Pearson won the Troy regional with a school-record leap of 17 feet, 8.25 inches, ahead of state No. 3 seed Olivia Stolly (17 feet, 3.25 inches) of Lima Central Catholic.

For the sophomore, the possibility of being a state champion seems almost unfathomable.

"That would just be crazy," said Pearson, who fell just 1.25 inches short of a state medal

last season as she placed ninth. "It's hard to even think about."

"I'm still trying to grasp what happened at regionals. It's just something that you don't even think about as reachable until you're there."

Instead of focusing on where she may stand among the other state competitors, she's setting a measurable target — 18 feet.

"It's more of just trying to reach my personal goals and then wherever I end is where I end and that's something I'm happy with," she said.

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## Jay closes with two Ws

MUNCIE — The Patriots have been difficult to beat in duals.

Now they turn themselves to the tournament.

Jay County High School's boys golf team closed its regular-season with another double victory, scoring 181 for a narrow win over the Alexandria Tigers (182). It also topped host Daleville (221) in the three-team match at Crestview Golf Club.

Caleb DeRome earned match medalist honors again as he shot a 42. Ricky Nava followed with a 45.

Liam Garringer shot 46, and senior Kyle Sanders rounded out the team score with a 48.

Brock DeHoff's 50 did not factor in the team total.

The win improved the Patriots to 16-2 on the year with the only losses coming to Adams Central and Heritage.

JCHS will compete in the sectional tournament

### Local roundup

at 9 a.m. Monday at Hickory Hills Golf Course. It finished fourth in the sectional last season.

### Matt's rolls

Matt's Garage had four players all finish 4-for-4 Tuesday in a 14-2 victory over Pak-a-Sak in Portland Junior League Rookie baseball. In the other Rookie game, Barnett's Auto defeated Cook's Nursery 13-5.

In Sandy Koufax baseball, Local 1620 beat Display Craft 10-8 and Loy Auction and Real Estate topped Portland Forge 14-6

Ethan Peterson, Lexton Dakin, Luke Jellison and Liam Ridenour all had four hits for Matt's Garage.

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## Cincy holds on vs. Boston

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BOSTON — The Red Sox narrowly avoided making the wrong kind of history Tuesday night at Fenway Park but still found a way to lose to the last-place Reds.

Boston scored with two outs in the ninth — snapping a 17-inning scoreless streak — and narrowly avoided being shut out at home in back-to-back games for the first time in 20 years. The Reds withstood a ninth-inning rally and went on to win, 2-1, in the opener of a two-game series at Fenway Park.

The difference in the game was Boston's infield defense. Both Reds runs plated on throwing errors, first in the sixth inning by Rafael Devers and again in the ninth inning by Xander Bogaerts.

Boston's first defensive miscue came in the sixth. With two outs and two men on, Devers fielded a Nick Senzel grounder and threw wide of first base to allow Matt Reynolds to score the go-ahead run. In a one-run game in the ninth, Bogaerts fielded a Reynolds grounder and made a throw that Franchy Cordero was unable to corral. Alejo Lopez scored to make it 2-0. In the bottom of the inning, Reds reliever Tony Santillan gave up back-to-back hits and allowed a run to score, but battled back to strike out Trevor Story and end the game.



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