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## Fair contracts with new ride firm

By BAILEY CLINE

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The Jay County Fair is less than a month away. New rides and carnival games are slated for its 150th celebration this year. Jay County Commissioners heard from Aaron Loy of Jay County Fair Board about plans for the fair and agreed at a meeting Monday to contribute money for fireworks.

Jay County Fair Board has reached a deal with Primetime Carnival Company to bring rides and other attractions to the fair. The company based out of Lithia, Florida, offers 39 different rides or attractions.

### Commissioners commit funding to help pay for fireworks to celebrate 150th event

Primetime Carnival Company, Loy noted, provides several rides to the Ohio State Fair each year.

"They're a big-time operation," he said.

He listed off some activities scheduled for this year, including demolition derbies July 9

and July 16 and harness racing July 13. CAIN is set to perform July 14, and Cole Swindell will take the stage July 15. (Filling out the week's schedule, there's also Micro Wrestling on July 10, monster trucks on July 11 and autocross on July 12.)

In the Floral Hall, Loy added,

there will be displays posted with community and fair history.

"We're really excited this year, this'll be probably one of our biggest fairs ever," he said.

Loy asked commissioners to contribute \$7,500 (half the expected cost) toward a fire-

works show on July 16, the last day of the fair. Commissioners agreed to forward the request to Jay County Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Board.

Commissioners also heard a request from Dru Mercer to increase the county's contribution to Jay County 4-H to \$10,000 from \$6,400. Mercer explained prices for awards have increased and that the organization would like to factor in higher pay for judges, who are not currently paid for mileage. Commissioners said they would consider the request as they put together the 2023 budget.

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# HELP planning



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Randy Geesaman (center) talks with Brenda Eads and Nick Miller at a community forum Monday in John Jay Center for Learning. Local residents, state officials and university representatives gathered for a little over an hour and a half to discuss potential uses of incoming dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act and Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program.

## Community forum serves as local launch to Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program process

By BAILEY CLINE

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Community members are ready to HELP.

Local residents brainstormed ways to help the community during a forum Monday at John Jay Center for Learning.

Jay County has roughly \$3.9 million in American Rescue Plan Act dollars to allocate before 2024. Because it is a community chosen for the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP) offered by Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), it is eligible to receive an additional \$1 million.

Representatives from universities and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs spoke to a crowd Monday to get ideas flowing about how to improve the community with incoming federal dollars.

OCRA director Denny Spinner explained that the HELP process is intended to offer

communities guidance with how to allocate their extra funds.

"We wanted to create projects beyond those that were just day-to-day projects," explained Spinner. "What we designed this program to do is to think long term, bring the community together and think about this in the long term. What can we do to create projects and ideas that have a lasting effect on our communities?"

Spinner noted Jay County is one of three communities launching the new program.

"You guys are the cutting edge. We're learning from you," said Spinner. "We're here to help you, but you're here to help us as well."

Christy Shauer, director of Jay County Community Development, explained her office previously mailed postcards to local residents in an attempt to gauge interest.

"Once the postcards were received during that time,

ideas came flowing in on what maybe we could use for those ARPA funds," she said, noting response on the jayregion.com website as well as increased traffic to her office.

"There were many ideas, but some of them do not fit the parameters of ARPA," she noted.

Shauer highlighted five main ideas suggested to her office: creating a child care facility, expanding broadband access, constructing more affordable housing (along with possibly creating a new homeless shelter offering rehabilitation programs), expanding mental health care and enhancing parks in each community.

The HELP process is split into four pathways, which address e-connectivity, community wellness, quality of life and local economies. Groups from Indiana University, Purdue University, Ball State University and Ivy Tech Commu-

nity College are each assigned to a pathway committee to offer their guidance.

Brian Blackford of Ball State University directed attendees through a handful of brainstorming activities to create ideas and sort them into the correct pathway.

Ideas discussed at the meeting addressed child care, property upkeep, internet access, expanding park safety, flooding, the drug epidemic, accessibility and safety for handicapped individuals, mental health access, youth engagement, housing, public transportation, restorative justice, inclusion of new members in the community and creating a one-stop community resource center.

Pathway committees will begin meeting at the end of this month or early July and are set to put together ideas between now and the Sept. 1 deadline.

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## Dunkirk moves forward with grant

### City applying for \$ to create detention basins to reduce flooding

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — The city is continuing to work toward applying for a grant to help pay for a project to mitigate flooding.

Dunkirk City Council on Monday held its second public hearing on a proposed project to construct detention basins on the southeast side of the city. It authorized Mayor Jack Robbins to apply for a \$600,000 grant from Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) for the \$1 million project and reaffirmed the city's financial contribution to the project.

The project calls for detention basins to be constructed west of 3rd Street near the southern city limits and east of Broad Street near Moore Avenue. The basins would remain dry most of the time and would be used to detain water during heavy rain events. That water would then be released at a controlled rate, thus taking pressure off of the city's storm sewers.

It would also include some upgrades to current storm sewer infrastructure.

The work is intended to reduce flooding and lower labor and maintenance costs.

Kent Anderson of Kenna Consulting explained that the most important part remaining in the grant application — it is due July 1 — is gathering letters of support from government officials and members of the community. Those letters can be dropped off at the city building, 131 S. Main St. Anderson also plans to be in Dunkirk later this week to seek testimony from residents in support of the project.

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### Deaths

**Roberta Harris**, 82, rural Pennville  
**James Meiring**, 65, Sharpsburg, Ohio  
**Bobby Norton**, 81, Decatur  
**Connie Teeters**, 58, Geneva  
 Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 92 degrees Monday. The low was 70.

Tonight's low will be in the mid 70s. Wednesday is expected to be sunny with a high of 97 and heat index values in the 100s. An excessive heat warning is in effect through Wednesday night. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Personnel Committee has scheduled a meeting for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the commissioners' room at Jay County Courthouse.

### Coming up

**Wednesday** — New executive director named for Arts Place.

**Friday** — Coverage of Thursday's Redkey Town Council meeting.



# Fair ...

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Also Monday, commissioners gave Bob Howell, interim superintendent of Jay County Highway Department, the OK to instruct highway department workers to mow around county road intersections but to hold off mowing other areas along county roads until late summer or early fall. Howell explained highway department workers have mowed along nearly every paved road once so far this year. In response to rising fuel costs, he said, surrounding county highway depart-

ments are solely mowing grass at intersections, and he suggested Jay County do the same until August or September.  
In other business, commissioners:  
•Discussed updates to standard operating procedure for Rescue 19 as well as Jay County Emergency Management Agency budget specifications with director John Hankins. County attorney Bill Hinkle agreed to make revisions to the procedure, and commissioners tabled the matter.  
•Heard a request from Jeff Upp

to install a four-way stop at the intersection of county road 300 South and Boundary Pike — currently there is only a stop for traffic on county road 300 South — and a concern from Bloomfield Elementary principal Ben Dues about the lack of a school zone sign near the school on county road 500 North. Commissioners agreed to look into both issues.  
•Approved an addendum to an agreement with HIS Constructors of Indianapolis for repairs to county road 100 North. HIS Constructors will be taking dirt from

the former XPLEX Extreme Competition Park, 710 E. 100 North. The addendum requires the company pays for any resulting road damage.  
•Heard from Rusty Inman of John Jay Center for Learning about the facility's ongoing programs and classes. (The organization is offering programs at Jay County Jail again, he noted.)  
•Agreed to sell unused highway department equipment through Purple Wave Auction of Manhattan, Kansas.  
•Vacated Pearl, South,

Columbia and Short streets and an alley between Pearl and South streets in New Mount Pleasant.  
•Learned dust control and chip and seal work started Monday morning.  
•Heard from McGalliard the flower pots outside Jay County Courthouse are deteriorating. Aker said courthouse superintendent Bruce Sutton will repaint them. Noting the flower pots' age, McGalliard suggested commissioners ask Sutton to seek quotes for new pots.

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Wednesday 6/15	Thursday 6/16	Friday 6/17	Saturday 6/18	Sunday 6/19
<b>97/77</b>	<b>93/69</b>	<b>88/60</b>	<b>80/54</b>	<b>85/62</b>
Wednesday's heat index value reaches as high as 103. Skies will be sunny.	Thursday has a 30% chance of rain and thunderstorms. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Friday's temperatures will begin to cool off for the week, with a high near 88.	Saturday looks to be sunny, with a high of 80 degrees.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Sunday.

Lotteries	
<b>Powerball</b> Monday 2-27-42-44-51 Powerball: 25 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$258 million	25-26-36-37-43-44-48-53-54-55-58-61-63-68-76-78 Cash 6-7-33-35-45 Estimated jackpot: \$95,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$247 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 9-8-0 Pick 4: 4-7-2-7 Pick 5: 1-8-8-4-0 Evening Pick 3: 2-4-8 Pick 4: 9-0-1-3 Pick 5: 7-8-4-1-4 Rolling Cash 5: 8-15-17-30-33 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000 Classic Lotto: 10-12-15-17-41-44 Kicker: 8-0-7-0-8-8 Jackpot: \$29.5 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 8-0-4 Daily Four: 8-4-0-0 Quick Draw: 5-6-9-11-17-18-19-22-23-31-33-35-39-43-49-54-59-63-73-79 Evening Daily Three: 6-3-0 Daily Four: 6-3-5-3 Quick Draw: 2-5-8-18-	

Markets	
<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.83 July corn.....7.83 Wheat .....8.54	Wheat ..... 10.07 July wheat ..... 10.07
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.91 July corn.....7.88 Oct. corn .....6.96	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.67 Late June corn .....7.67 Beans.....17.39 Late June beans .....17.39 Wheat.....10.07
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....7.66 July corn.....7.66 Beans .....17.23 July beans .....17.23	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....7.46 July corn.....7.46 Beans .....17.14 July beans .....17.14 Wheat.....10.21

Today in history	
In 1777, the design of a national flag was approved by the Continental Congress. The day officially became Flag Day by way of a presidential proclamation from Woodrow Wilson in 1916.	Grass of Montpelier guilty of threatening the life of President Richard Nixon.
In 1807, French troops led by Napoleon Bonaparte won the Battle of Friedland. The victory led to a treaty with Russia.	In 1982, the Falkland Islands War ended when a large Argentine garrison surrendered to the British military at Port Stanley.
In 1966, Miami defeated St. Petersburg 4-3 in 29 innings in the Florida State League in the longest uninterrupted game in organized baseball.	In 2021, Jay County High School held its annual honors night about six weeks later than usual because the start of the school year was delayed during the coronavirus pandemic. Griffin Mann received the Randy O. Poole Mental Attitude Award and was among 66 students to earn an academic honors diploma.
In 1972, a federal court jury in Fort Wayne found Norman R.	—The CR

Citizen's calendar	
<b>Today</b> 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council executive session, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.	mittee, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland
<b>Wednesday</b> 2:30 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	<b>Thursday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.
4 p.m. — Portland Revolving Loan Com-	4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.
	6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.

# Obituaries

**Roberta Harris**  
Nov. 25, 1939-June 12, 2022  
Roberta L. Harris, age 82, of rural Pennville passed away Sunday, June 12, 2022, at her son's residence.  
She was born on Nov. 25, 1939, the daughter of James Robert and Helen (Hecht) Edgington. She was married on Aug. 9, 1956, to Bill Harris who survives. She had been a rural newspaper deliverer, worked at Joyce-Dayton and was a homemaker. She had been a member of the United States Trotting Association. She was an avid animal lover and loved spending time with her family.

Surviving are her husband Bill; six sons, Bill Harris Jr. (wife: Cheri) of Pennville, Jeff Harris of Pennville, Andy Harris (wife: Regina) of Dunkirk, Wes Harris (wife: Lisa) of Pennville, Tom Harris (wife: Pricilla) of Canfield, Ohio, and Lincoln Harris of Pennville; four daughters, Christy Harris of Montpelier, Connie Brumbaugh of Pennville, Alison Mahon (husband: Rex) of Dunkirk and Andrea Newton (husband: Dave) of Vicksburg, Michigan; two brothers, Jim Edgington (wife: Judy) of Wilmington, North Carolina, and Mike Edgington of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Karen Jo VanMatre of Sydney, Ohio, and Judy Guter (husband: Charlie) of Not-tawa, Michigan; 32 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

There will be no funeral service. Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Memorials can be made to the Diabetes Association. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

**James Meiring**  
April 18, 1957-June 12, 2022  
James "Jim" G. Meiring, 65, of Sharpsburg, Ohio, passed away on Sunday, June 12, 2022, at Briarwood Village in Coldwater, Ohio.  
He was born on April 18, 1957, in Coldwater, to Audrey "Jean" Meiring of Sharpsburg and the late Harold "Tom" Meiring.

In addition to his mother, Jim is survived by his daughter, Sarah Ranly of Fort Recovery; his grandchildren, Kendall, Kayden and Korbin; his siblings, Linda (Wayne) Peck of Midland, North Carolina, Diana Zitter of Columbus, Ohio,

Kathy (John) Zitter of Huntington, West Virginia, John Meiring of Sharpsburg, Ohio, Liz (Pat) Buschur of Fairfield, Ohio, Don (Patty) Meiring of Osgood, Ohio, Jerry (Kris) Meiring of Delaware, Ohio, and Mike (Pam) Meiring of Columbus, Ohio; his brother-in-law, Dan Miller of Grand Rapids, Michigan; his sister-in-law, Angie Meiring of Troy, Ohio; his 10 nieces and nephews; and his five great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to his father, Jim was preceded in death by his sister, Pat Miller; his brother, Dan Meiring; and his brother-in-law, Richard "Doc" Lamprecht.  
Jim was a 1975 graduate of Fort Recovery High School. He spent several years working for Cheeseman Trucking, filling many different roles. Jim was also a lifelong farmer. He enjoyed being outdoors, farming, watching Jeopardy! and most importantly, spending time with his family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 17, 2022, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Sharpsburg. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.  
Guests may visit with Jim's family on Thursday, June 16, 2022, from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Friday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home in Fort Recovery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Jim Meiring Memorial Fund, in care of the Fort Recovery Community Foundation, P.O. Box 52, Fort Recovery, OH 45846.  
Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockman-boeckmanfh.com.

**Bobby Norton**  
Aug. 6, 1940-June 11, 2022  
Bobby G. Norton, 81, of Decatur, Indiana, passed away Saturday, June 11, 2022, at Adams Woodcrest, in Decatur, Indiana.  
He was born on Aug. 6, 1940, in Richmond, Indiana, to the late Silas Norton and the late Maggie (Hilton) Norton.  
Bobby was a custodian at Bloomfield Elementary School for the Jay County School Corporation for several years before his health prevented him from working.

He enjoyed painting landscapes and animals. For many years he liked the outdoors, fishing, hunting, and mushroom hunting. He enjoyed working as a mechanic and painting vehicles. It brought him great joy to bring an old rusty car back to life.

Survivors include two daughters, Molly Norton of Berne, Indiana, and Janet Schrock of Lillington, North Carolina; two sons, James Norton of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Robert Norton of North Carolina; sister, Juanita Miracle of Decatur, Indiana; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bobby was preceded in death by two daughters, June Ellen Norton in infancy and Winona Engle; and siblings Floyd Norton, Catherine Ellenberger, Alberta Louise Nelson, Francis Clark, Robert Norton, Walter Norton and James Morton.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 18, 2022, at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Yager-Kirchhofer Chapel, Berne, Indiana, with life celebrant Dave McIntire officiating. Burial will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant, Indiana.

Friends and family will be received from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 17, 2022, at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Yager-Kirchhofer Chapel, Berne, Indiana, and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials can be given to Ouabache State Park.  
Arrangements by Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Yager-Kirchhofer Chapel, Berne.  
For complete obituary information and to sign the online guestbook, visit zwickjahn.com.

**Connie S. Teeters**, Geneva, Dec. 15, 1963-June 10, 2022. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

# HELP ...

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At that point, committees will meet with the core team — it is made up of local officials — to devise a final plan. (Those interested in serving on a committee are encouraged to sign up by the end of this month.)  
Projects developed in the pathway committees will be implemented into a strategic investment plan.  
Shauver noted the Jay County Community Engagement Plan, a document she and members of the

local HELP core team created, is intended to serve as a guide for the county as it navigates how to plan and implement community engagement activities for the HELP initiative. (She said a link to the plan can be found on the jayregion.com website and noted it is regularly changing.) Other efforts to engage the community in the future include the jayregion.com website, a Jay Talk newsletter and a Jay Region Facebook page and podcast.

Shauver emphasized a need for the community to plan moving forward.  
"We're at a time where a lot of money is flowing into Jay County and we're going to need to be going through strategic planning," she said, referencing a saying originally coined by Benjamin Franklin. "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail," and I think that's why it's important that, as Jay County, we need to plan."

SERVICES
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Bye, Tammy:</b> 6 p.m., New Covenant Fellowship Church, 1238 W. 450 South, Portland.
<b>Friday</b> <b>Meiring, James:</b> 10:30 a.m., St. Paul Catholic Church, 517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery.
<b>Saturday</b> <b>Norton, Bobby:</b> 10:30 a.m., Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Yager-Kirchhofer Chapel, 365 W. Main St., Berne. <b>Ronald, Jack:</b> 2 p.m., Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.
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# Be careful on golf carts

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

We almost killed somebody last week.

We were on the way home from somewhere. We turned onto our street. The car in front of us passed a golf cart full of people. The cart was hugging the curb. We started to pull out to pass them when the cart abruptly made a left turn right in front of us. We slammed on the brakes. From where I was sitting it looked like we missed the cart by inches. We beeped at them for good measure.

They stopped their cart perpendicular to the flow of traffic. The driver shrugged his shoulders as if to ask why we beeped at them. They had no idea that they had done anything wrong. If our brakes had failed they would have been seriously injured.

I realize that this time of year more people are out and about. With the prices of gas continuing to soar, the carts are an economical way to get around. If you choose to drive or ride in one of the carts please, please do not

## As I See It



turn in front of a car. If at all possible, use hand signals to indicate which way you are going. Be aware of your surroundings. Cars cannot stop as quickly as you might think.

This time of year there are plenty of people out and about. Walkers and runners often run in the street because the condition of the sidewalks can be dangerous. A long time ago I tripped on an uneven sidewalk. I laid on the sidewalk long enough to figure out that my pride was the only thing that hurt. I gingerly got up and hobbled the half block home.

Once again, I wondered why the only sidewalks that get repaired are the ones that don't need it.

In addition to walkers and runners, there are other hazards on

the streets. Bicycles are also prone to turning in unexpected directions. Plus we have buggies to watch out for. The horses pulling the buggies do their best to protect their humans but they can't always manage to do that.

We also need to be aware that there are many people who come to town for special events such as the Tri-State Antique Gas Engine and Tractor show. These people often ask directions. Most of the time the answer they get is "turn right just past that tree that blew down last year, go down to the blue house, do not go over the bridge. I repeat, do not go over the bridge. If you do go over the bridge, call me and I'll come get you." Those kinds of directions used to bother me. These days I am the one giving that kind of advice.

All I am asking is that you all be careful. If you are traveling in town, please be aware that you are not the only one on the street.

Oh, and if you want directions, you might want to check your phone.

# Alcoholism worries cousin

DEAR ABBY: I was an alcoholic. I have been sober since 1994. I live with my elderly aunt and assist her while working in ministry. Her son lives with us and is, basically, a hopeless alcoholic. He drinks all day and lies on the couch. I know that if this continues, it will be fatal.

We have tried to get him into two or three rehabs, and I can't count how many times he's been to the hospital for detox. After his last stint in rehab, he came back and was drinking again three days later. Because I don't know what else to do, I have committed myself to saying, "Well, if he wants to drink himself to death, there's nothing I can do."

Am I doing the right thing or IS there something else I can try? I mean, it's not my house, so I can't throw him out. I don't even broach the subject with my aunt anymore. — CONFLICTED IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR CONFLICTED:** Congratulations for hanging onto your sobriety. I can only imagine the stress you are experiencing watching your cousin drink himself to death. If at all possible, it might be beneficial to you if you found other living arrangements while assisting your aunt.

Your aunt — not you — as well-meaning as she may be, is her son's enabler. Her passivity is partly responsible for what's happening to her son, not you. You have done everything you can, and you cannot save him from himself. Your aunt may need counseling to help her break the unhealthy pattern that has been set with her son. Please suggest this

## Dear Abby



to her. I hope she is receptive.

DEAR ABBY: My friend has this habit of phoning me while she is walking her dog or driving somewhere. To put it bluntly, she calls when she is otherwise engaged and biding her time until she finishes the walk or reaches her destination.

When she walks "Gonzo," I have to contend with his barking, her admonishing Gonzo for pulling on the leash, or the wind, which makes it difficult to hear her. When she's driving, the connection is often iffy. She has done this for years, but recently it has started to seriously annoy me. I wish she would call when she's sitting in a quiet room and not preoccupied with something else. Is that too much to ask? How can I politely tell her this? — TICKED OFF IN TEXAS

**DEAR TICKED OFF:** It shouldn't be too hard. "Politely" tell her you would prefer she NOT call you while she's walking Gonzo or driving — particularly the latter because it's dangerous and you would hate to have her miss her exit or get into an accident because she was distracted. THEN tell her you prefer talking with her when she's in a place that's safe to talk and she's not distracted. If she persists after that, ask when she'll be home, suggest you talk "later" and hang up.

# FR summer concerts start this week

Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts recently announced its summer concert series schedule for this season.

The Sunburners Island Party Band will kick off the series starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday on Wayne Street during the Taste of Fort Recovery, an event featuring local food and beverage vendors. The group features country, reggae, yacht rock, calypso and other genres.

Other groups are slated to perform at 7 p.m. at Hein Amphitheatre in Vantrees Park each Sunday through the beginning of August — excluding July 3. Groups scheduled to play are:

- Fleetwood to the Max, a Fleetwood Mac tribute band, June 26
- Fresh Horses and Captain Fantastic, Garth Brooks and Elton John tributes, July 10

## Taking Note

- Forever Diamond, a Neil Diamond cover band from Cincinnati, July 17
- Victims of Love, a Seattle-based band playing Eagles music, July 24
- Liverpool Lads, Beatles tributes from northeast Ohio, July 31
- Blue Leafs, a rock and roll group featuring music from the 1960s, '70s and '80s, Aug. 7

## Sweepstakes for donors

Today is World Blood Donor Day. In celebration, American Red

Cross is offering donors this month the chance to win a trip to Graceland for an Elvis tour.

The organization celebrates World Blood Donor Day each year to recognize "the importance of a safe and stable blood supply and the donors who make it possible," according to a press release from American Red Cross.

In honor of the 2022 film, "Elvis," June donors are being entered in a sweepstakes to win a trip to Graceland for two, including round-trip airfare to Memphis, a three-night stay at The Guest House, an Elvis Entourage tour, a Gibson Epiphone guitar and more. (All donors in June will also receive a \$5 e-gift card.)

To donate, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor app, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

# Community Calendar

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

## Today

**THE LANDING** — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

**JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE** — Holds its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Room at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

**A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at

Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

## Wednesday

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB** — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

**PING PONG** — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

**PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB** — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

**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 Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

**A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'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.

**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

**EN AVANT CLUB** — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

**ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP** — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

# Sudoku

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# In wake of shooting, do something

KPC News Service

In the wake of the second-deadliest school shooting in America, in which 21 people including 19 fourth-graders were shot to death in Uvalde, Texas, something has to be done.

Anything. Any one thing.

No matter how big or small, can our leaders, both left and right, come together to accomplish any one, singular thing that might help prevent similar tragedy in the future?

This doesn't even have to be about guns. In fact, doing something not directly related to guns might be the only path to actually accomplishing something in a divisive Congress shadowed by

## Hoosier Editorial

the specter of big-money lobbying interests that have strangled the issue.

If about 90% of all Americans support universal background checks for firearm purchases, as polling has pretty consistently shown that seems like a logical place to start. We could do that.

If this is, as some would claim, really a "mental health issue"

and not a firearms issue, fine. Do something, any one, single tangible thing that might help identify and help treat mental health issues before they turn into mass public violence.

If we want to pin the blame on doors — we've never been to a local school where exterior doors aren't locked at all times during the day, but who knows about elsewhere — then let's do something, at least one tangible thing that might help schools become more secure.

If violent video games are allegedly the problem, pass a requirement to put an extra warning label on them that says "WARNING: This game might

inspire you to commit mass murder." Or something else less ludicrous. Any other, tangible change.

No one, even law-abiding gun owners, wants to see more people killed in these mass shootings.

But the frustration boiling over each and every time is there from the absolute paralysis to do literally anything.

Even if some want to argue that regulating firearms and their owners is not the way, then at least follow up and do something, anything about the many ancillary issues raised as possible contributing causes.

Even if we did one small thing after every shooting — and there

are plenty of them to spur leaders to action — over time, those many small things can compound to maybe start having an impact.

Because doing nothing obviously isn't working.

So, Rep. Jim Banks, Sen. Todd Young, Sen. Mike Braun, please, find other lawmakers on Capitol Hill across the aisle and find the common ground that everyone knows exists on any one item, no matter how big or small, and do it.

Americans need a dose of hope that something, anything, can get accomplished in an effort to solve the ongoing scourge of public shootings.

## AI could help brick-and-mortar

By BRIAN ONORIO

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Before COVID-19, financial pundits were busy predicting the inevitable death of brick-and-mortar retail stores. But two years later, we Americans are emerging from the pandemic, remembering that in-person shopping is actually something we enjoy doing, and are heading back to the brick-and-mortar stores in droves. Is it possible to reconcile this behavior with the recent phenomenal rise of online shopping?

It actually is. These two trends point to an exciting, lucrative reconciliation that could reward consumers, entrepreneurs and investors — the arrival of artificial intelligence in retail shopping. AI is promising to transform the way Americans shop.

According to a study by RetailWire and Brain Corp, almost half of all retailers have plans to start experimenting with in-store robotics in the near future. Machines can take over simple, repetitive tasks, saving consumers time and businesses money and creating new models of retail work. Even at a time of labor shortages in many retail fields, the U.S. consumer could see a much-enhanced shopping experience.

For instance, Amazon Fresh stores enable shoppers to leave without stopping at a checkout register. Through the company's "Just Walk Out" technology, groceries are scanned as they are dropped into Amazon's Dash Carts, and customers' accounts are charged when they leave. Amazon is bringing cashier-free tech to its Whole Foods stores in 2022, too, starting with one in California and one in Washington, D.C.

Automated checkout technology is only one of the more obvious improvements offered by AI. Many other applications of AI technology are well along in development. Robots and scanners can track inventory, stock shelves and find misplaced or mislabeled products.

AI can also increase store security and not just by deterring shoplifters when products are closely tracked. AI monitoring of spaces for trespassing, loitering or overcrowding can help direct security staff to solve problems. And AI will be able to tell when parking lot lamps need repair or scan unfre-

quented places like self-storage facilities and stockyards, where full-time, in-person security is uneconomical.

But that's only the beginning of the story. AI-powered shopping can create a much more personalized experience for each shopper, making it as refined to your tastes as clicking into Amazon or eBay.

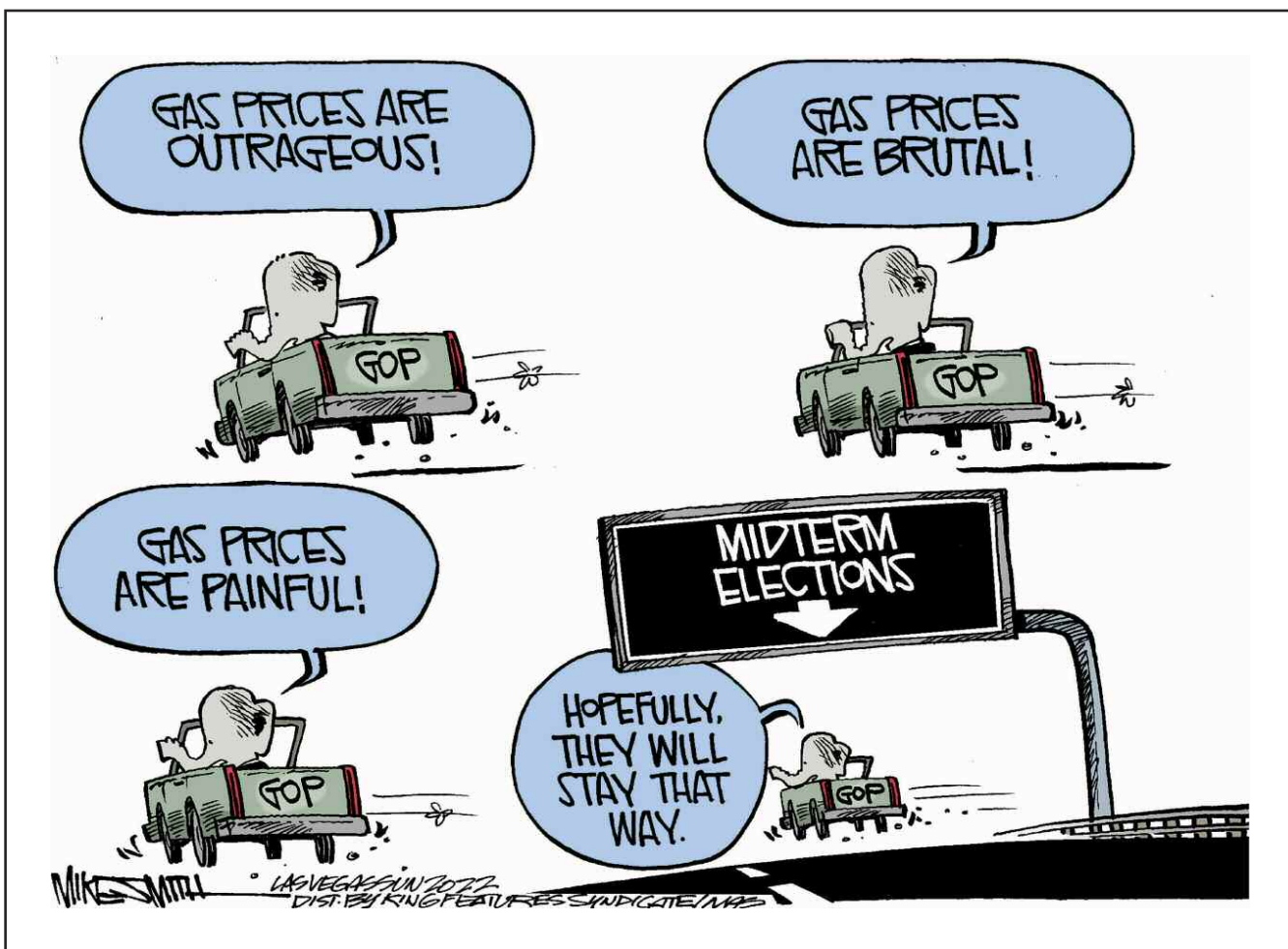
Clothing chain Uniqlo is already using AI-powered kiosks in some stores to gauge customers' reactions to certain looks or outfits by analyzing their facial expressions to help them find the styles that suit them best. North Face has used IBM's Watson technology to help customers select the right coats for their adventures. Beauty product stores such as Sephora are using AI to conduct skin analysis and make precise recommendations about colors, products and application techniques. Lowe's is helping lost customers locate the right items with its roaming LoweBots.

Imagine other applications that could allow the retailer to offer you coupons and promotions via your electronic device as you move around the store looking at products. Remark Holdings, an AI industry leader, has developed AI-powered tools with retail applications marketing to your personal tastes and floor plan optimization for more appealing displays.

The lockdowns gave us a sneak preview of what a post-brick-and-mortar economy would look like. Shopping online became a way of life, but the experience of personal isolation left us less healthy and triggered a global crisis of anxiety and depression.

Today, people are looking to go shopping again, ready to spend. While the convenience of e-commerce will never lose its value, neither will the need for human contact. AI has the potential to support the return to the stores, transforming the way Americans shop. As a result, American retailers could be looking at another golden age.

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## Long war could bring chaos

By HAL BRANDS

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The war in Ukraine has become a brutal, grinding contest of attrition. As the conflict drags on, the question becomes, which side does time favor? Kyiv is betting that its leverage will increase as an isolated Russia comes face to face with economic and military ruin. Russian President Vladimir Putin's wager is that he can devastate Ukraine even with a weakened army, while using the threat of global economic chaos to sever Kyiv's lifeline to the outside world. Each side is trying to bleed and batter the other into submission, a dynamic that will fuel far-reaching instability — and present the U.S. with nasty challenges.

In recent weeks, the fighting has occurred primarily in eastern Ukraine. Russia is using hellacious artillery barrages and methodical attacks to slowly seize more territory, in hopes of fully "liberating" the Donbas region. Ukraine is hanging on, inflicting terrible casualties while also suffering, by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's own admission, heavy losses.

Notwithstanding Russian territorial gains, Ukraine still has reason for optimism. Its military power is, in important respects, increasing, as Kyiv receives longer-range artillery and other sophisticated weapons from Western countries. Some of the world's top intelligence services are also effectively working for Kyiv, providing information that helps Ukrainian military leaders anticipate the enemy's blows and strike plenty of their own.

Russia's military power, in contrast, will probably atrophy in a long war, because Russia's economy and defense industry are subject to harsh sanctions, and the morale of its forces will fade as casualties mount. As long as Ukraine has most of the world's advanced democracies behind it, it can plausibly hope to weaken and ultimately break the Russian army — and then perhaps

recapture some of the territory Moscow has stolen.

Yet there are crucial caveats. One is the threat of "Zelenskyy fatigue" — the danger that Western leaders will tire of Kyiv's requests for money and guns at a time when their own economies are weakening and their own arsenals are being depleted. A recent \$40 billion U.S. support package for Ukraine drew Republican criticism on these grounds. If the costs of the war keep rising, and if Zelenskyy keeps insisting that Ukraine will liberate all the territory Russia has taken since 2014, his foreign backers may come to see him as not an inspiration but a burden.

That prospect will interact with Putin's strategy, which involves riding out sanctions while turning Ukraine into a disaster zone. The blockade of Ukraine's Black Sea ports, especially Odesa, is making it prohibitively difficult to export wheat and other goods. The ongoing brutalization of the country has caused a catastrophic economic contraction. Russia may not be able to defeat Ukraine militarily, but it can wreck the economy and force Kyiv to make enormous demands on its international supporters for years to come.

Moreover, Putin is using the prospect of global economic carnage as a means of geopolitical coercion. If Ukraine can't export wheat, countries around the world will suffer. High energy prices are exacerbating recessionary pressures in developed and developing economies alike. By inflicting enough pain, perhaps Putin can peel away reluctant members, such as Germany, from the democratic coalition and make Ukraine sue for peace. Global chaos could help Putin

in other ways, too: The longer the war lasts, the higher the chance a major crisis over Iran or Taiwan will pull U.S. attention elsewhere.

Indeed, whether or not this strategy succeeds, it will test Washington. In response to Moscow's economic strangulation campaign, the U.S. could use Russian state assets it has frozen to sustain and rebuild Ukraine. Yet that would unavoidably increase global fears about the weaponization of American financial dominance. The U.S. could try to turn the tables on Putin by dialing up economic coercion of Russia. But this would probably require greater use of secondary sanctions — penalizing third parties that do business with Moscow — which would in turn cause greater friction with countries that rely on Russian oil or other exports.

Perhaps most ticklish is the issue of restoring Ukraine's ability to export (especially wheat) to the world. This is crucial to easing the economic shocks the war has caused. Yet it might require taking steps such as escorting Ukrainian ships, "reflagging" them as American, or forcibly opening a secure land or maritime corridor — actions that would project U.S. power into the heart of an ongoing war.

Rather than aiming primarily to deter Russia from attacking NATO countries, the U.S. would then be trying to compel Russia to stop impeding Ukraine's trade with the world. This could lead to a perilous moment, as success in relieving economic pressure from Russia could amount to the failure of Putin's strategy for winning the war.

The conflict in Ukraine may seem to have settled into a violent equilibrium. But the turmoil that war produces, and the global dilemmas it presents, have only begun.

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 ♠ 5 3  
 ♥ J 9 5  
 ♦ Q J 10 9  
 ♣ Q J 10 9

**WEST**  
 ♠ A K 9 8 7 2  
 ♥ A 2  
 ♦ 7 5  
 ♣ K 5 3

**EAST**  
 ♠ Q J 10  
 ♥ 7 4  
 ♦ 8 6 4 2  
 ♣ 8 6 4 2

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

The bidding:  
 West North East South  
 1 ♠ Pass Pass Dbble  
 2 ♠ Pass Pass 3 ♥  
 Pass 4 ♥  
 Opening lead — king of spades.

Good defense is probably the hardest part of bridge, and often the difficulty lies in poor partnership communication. Consider this deal, which features exceptionally good defense. West leads the king of spades, on which East plays the queen. The queen play has a special meaning in a well-developed partnership: it guarantees a singleton or the jack.

The queen is never played on the king from a holding of Q-x in order to show a doubleton. The application of this universally recognized convention enables West to lead a low spade at trick two, knowing that East will win the trick in one way or another. In the actual hand, West returns the deuce of spades rather than his fourth-best spade, thereby transmitting his own special message to partner. East wins with the ten and must decide whether to return a diamond or a club. His decision is crucial to the outcome. If he leads a diamond, declarer makes the contract; if he leads a club, declarer goes down one. East chooses the club return because of West's deuce of spades lead. He knows from the bidding that West almost surely has six spades, and that his deuce play is aimed at directing which suit East should return rather than at giving a count of the number of spades he has. The carefully chosen deuce play is a suit-preference signal, asking East to return the lower-ranking suit (as between diamonds and clubs). If West preferred a diamond return at trick three, he would lead the nine of spades instead.

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 NO, HE'S GONE TO CAMP  
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 IT'S FOR YOU, STUPID!  
 IF IT'S GENERAL PERSHING, TELL HIM I'M DUE FOR A THREE-DAY PASS

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YOU'RE WELCOME TO BORROW MY VEST...  
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**Agnes**

DO I LOOK RADIANT TO YOU? YOU LOOK PALE...  
 I FEEL RADIANT. NOPE. PALE.  
 ARE YOU SURE I DON'T HAVE A GLOW ABOUT ME? YOUR CHEEKS ARE RED, BUT I THINK IT'S JUST SHAME.

**Hi and Lois**

IT LOOKS LIKE THE BUGS ACCEPTED OUR HOSPITALITY.

**Funky Winkerbean**

ROCKY, YOU AND CORY WILL BE IN HIS OLD ROOM. DO YOU REMEMBER WHERE IT IS?  
 YES, MA'AM.  
 OH, AND NO MORE 'YES, MA'AM' FROM NOW ON IT'S MOM!  
 YES, MA'AM, MOM. SORRY...

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I'D LIKE TO ARRANGE A LOAN TO UPGRADE MY SANDWICH SHOP. WHAT FIGURE DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?  
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**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Begged  
 5 Rx overseer  
 8 Exile isle  
 12 Days gone by  
 13 Bit of physics  
 14 Profound  
 15 Historic Parks  
 16 Interlaces  
 18 Tourney hopeful  
 20 Make amends  
 21 Prefix for "night" or "morning"  
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 38 Sturdy tree  
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**DOWN**

1 Burning heap  
 2 Lake bird  
 3 Formerly, once  
 4 "Heavens!"  
 5 Enthusiast  
 6 Word of warning  
 7 Busy insect  
 8 News-paper chief  
 9 Comic Jay  
 10 Existed  
 11 Church area  
 17 Sit tight  
 19 Be sick  
 22 Hosp. workers  
 23 Singer Carly Jepsen

**24 New England cape**  
**25 Cistern**  
**26 Days of yore**  
**27 Computer key**  
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**29 TV schedule abbr.**  
**31 "A spider!"**  
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**36 Stemward**  
**37 Strong-arm**  
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**40 Sister of Rachel**  
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# Sports

## Swimmers 2nd in relay meet

The home team won plenty of events. It just did not have the depth to keep up with the champions.

The Jay County Summer Swim Team took first place in half of the 50 relays Saturday, finishing second with 2,104 points as it hosted the Wabash Valley County/Conference Relay Meet at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Wells County, which won 18 relays, won with 2,738 points. Adams County — a combined team of North Adams Central and South Adams — was third with 1,578.

Jay County swept relays in the 8-and-younger, 9-10-year-old, 11-12-year-old and 15-and-older divisions.

Ellie Wiggins, Carsyn Guggenbiller and Addisyn Champ led the dominance of the youngest age group, taking part in all five winning relays. Joining them were Emma Glassford in the backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle, Kendall Snow in the butterfly and Lydia Hoevel in the medley.

In the 9-10-year-old division, Anna Fisher, Jordyn Champ and Isabelle Byrum won the butterfly, breaststroke and freestyle relays along with Gillian Keller. They teamed with Sophia Upp in the medley and backstroke relays.

Kaitlyn Fisher, Maria Laux, Elly Byrum and Kali Wendel won the 11-12-year-old girls medley, butterfly, backstroke and freestyle relays. Lila Wendel joined Fisher, Laux and Byrum for first in the breaststroke relay.

And in the 15-and-older division, Mara Bader was part of all five winning relays, joining Kenzie Huey, Aubrey Millsbaugh and Kenzie Clayton in the medley and

### Local roundup

freestyle relays. Raine Keene and Kenzie Huey teamed with Bader and Millsbaugh in the butterfly relay. Emma Ransom joined Bader, Huey and Keene in the backstroke relay, and Bader, Clayton, Millsbaugh and Ransom were first in the breaststroke relay.

Jay County also took four of five relays in the 11-12-year-old boys division and one in the 13-14-year-old girls division.

Also, during Thursday's meet against Wells Community in Bluffton, Jackson Westgerdes won all five 8-and-younger boys events while Addisyn Champ was first in all five 8-and-younger girls events. (They were eligible to swim all of the individual events as the freestyle relays were not held because of a four-hour time limit.)

### Carter leads

Eva Carter powered Masonic Lodge to a 9-7 victory Monday over Jay County Monuments in Portland Junior League Major softball. Jay County Monuments also defeated All Circuit Electrical 13-9.

On Friday, Barnett's defeated Williams Auto Parts 14-4 in Rookie baseball.

Carter had two hits and drove in two runs for Masonic Lodge. Rose Carter also had a hit.

Haley Randall and Adria Roessner had one hit apiece for Jay County Monuments.

Dakota Chowning led the



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Maria Laux swims during the 11-12-year-old girls breaststroke relay Saturday during the Wabash Valley County/Conference Relay Meet at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Laux teamed with Kaitlyn Fisher, Elly Byrum and Lila Wendel to win the event.

Jay County Monuments win with a triple, two singles and three RBIS. Natalie May had a single and three runs.

All Circuit got a double and a single from Karsyn Schwieterman.

Tuck Hemmelgarn had two home runs and a double in leading Barnett's. Sawyer Hemmelgarn had a home run and a double, and Drew Lingo was 3-for-3 with two doubles.

Easton Steed led Williams by going 2-for-2 with a triple and three RBIS.

### Five score four

Five players — Laney Thompson, Madalyn Malyska, KaRon Hart, Carsten Penrod and Ethan Peterson — shared the scoring lead as they powered their teams Saturday during Pennville Soccer League action.

Thompson had four goals for the Display Craft Yellow Jackets as they shut out the Pennville Pantry Hornets 5-0. Malyska led a group of six goal scorers for the Bro Shadow Stars in an 11-0 blowout of the I.D.C. Restaurant Meteors.

Hart and Penrod also had a big day against the Meteors, each scoring four times for the Penrod Monuments Galaxy in a 14-0 victory. Peterson's four goals came in leading the Galaxy to a 6-0 victory over the Freiburger Roofing and Siding LLC Rockets.

Trenton Heshner was the next leading scorer on the day, tallying three goals to lead the Adair Processing Lions to an 11-1 win over the Vinson Rental Properties Jaguars.

## FR teams shift divisions

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Some Indians will be moving up.

Others are moving down.

Fort Recovery High School's football and volleyball teams went in opposite directions when the Ohio High School Athletic Association announced fall sports divisional breakdowns, with the volleyball team moving up to Division III while the football team heads back to Division IV.


Divisional breakdowns for winter sports are scheduled to be released today.

The Tribe volleyball team, which was in Division IV last season, moved up because of the school's enrollment. (The OHSAA breaks down enrollment by gender to determine divisions for athletics.) FRHS had a female enrollment of 116, making it among the smallest in Division III. The smallest school in the division is Paint Valley, which was bumped up because of the competitive balance factor, with an enrollment of 89.

Fort Recovery's football team, which competed in Division VI last season,

will move back to Division VII. (The Indians were Division VII state champions in 2015.) It was bumped down one position because of the OHSAA's competitive balance factor. With a male enrollment of 108, it is one of three schools tied for second-largest in the division. East Canton (109) is the largest school in Division VII.

The school's other assignments remain unchanged — Division III for boys and girls cross country, Division II for girls golf and Division III for boys golf.



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## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

Today  
Jay County Summer Swim Team vs. South Adams - 6 p.m.

### TV schedule

Today  
1:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)

2:45 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Nations League - Italy at Germany (FS1)  
7 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Phoenix Mercury at Washington Mystics (ESPN)  
7:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Tampa Bay Rays at New York Yankees (TBS)  
9 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Seattle Storm at Minnesota Lynx (ESPN)

9:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Arizona Diamondbacks (Bally Indiana)

10 p.m. — Soccer: CONCACAF Nations League (FS1)  
10:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Angels at Los Angeles Dodgers (TBS)

### Wednesday

1:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Miami Marlins at Philadelphia Phillies (NBC)  
3:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Arizona Diamondbacks (Bally Indiana)  
7:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee Brewers at New York Mets (FS1)

### Local notes

**Chamber outing set**  
Jay County Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golf outing July 22 at Portland Golf Club.  
The event will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. It will be limited to 20 teams.  
Registration forms are available at the chamber office, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland or by emailing [tabby@jaycountychamber.com](mailto:tabby@jaycountychamber.com). The deadline is July 11.  
For more information, call (260) 726-4481.

**Tennis camp scheduled**  
The Jay County High School boys and girls tennis program will hold a camp for third through ninth graders June 20 through 24.  
The camp will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. daily at the JCHS tennis courts. It will include a visit from Indiana northern district United States Tennis Association representative Sarah Stanchin.  
The registration fee is \$30 and forms are available at JCHS or CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union's location at 1102 W. Votaw St., Portland.

**5K circuit continues Saturday**  
The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will continue with a race Saturday.  
The next event in the eight-race circuit is the Hudson Family Park Half Marathon and 5K, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday at Jay Community Center. Registration is \$20 for the 5K and \$40 for the half marathon.  
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