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## Board OKs new safety system

*Badges give ability to implement procedures immediately*

By **RAY COONEY**

The Commercial Review

In the wake of another deadly school shooting, Jay School Corporation will be adding security measures.

Jay School Board on Monday approved nearly \$150,000 to implement the Centegix crisis alert system in the corporation's elementary school buildings.

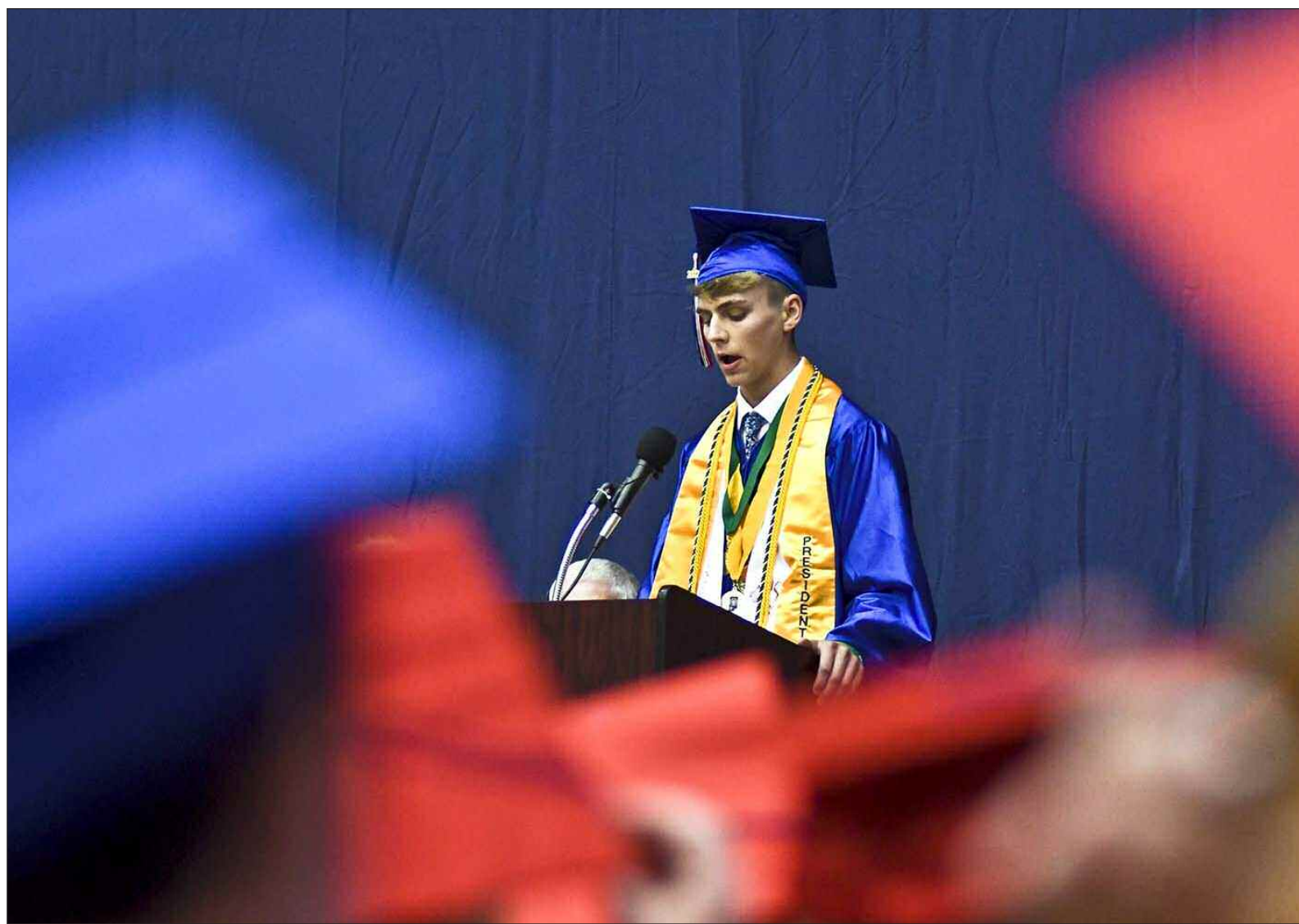
Superintendent Jeremy Gulley explained that he had already ordered the system for Jay County Junior-Senior High School because the cost for that building came in under the \$50,000 threshold for board approval.

Gulley explained that the Centegix system provides all school staff with a badge that can be used to "instantly notify appropriate personnel" in case of an emergency. The idea, Gulley said, is to eliminate the need for anyone to look for a phone or other mode of communication by providing them a signaling device they will have with them at all times.

The system gives staff instant communication to classrooms and other areas of the schools with electronic notifications and a color-coded strobe light systems, and it also alerts local law enforcement.

The total expenditure of about \$192,000 — \$45,000 for the junior-senior high school in addition to the funds the board approved Monday for the five elementary schools — covers onboarding and three years of service.

See **Safety** page 2



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## Alter the world

Lucas Lyons delivers remarks Sunday during Jay County High School's commencement ceremony. Lyons themed his speech around the following quote: "Many small people from many small places do many small things that can alter the face of the world." He saw those words on a section of the Berlin Wall during a trip to Germany in the fall.

## No movement on raises, sale

By **RAY COONEY**

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Portland City Council returned to familiar conversations Monday.

It came to no resolutions. Council members discussed city employee raises for 2023 and the potential sale of the former Sheller-Globe south building, eventually deadlocking 3-3 on a pair of votes.

The discussion about raises went much the same as last year. Mayor John Boggs at the May 3 meeting proposed raises of 5% for all city employees and the implementation of longevity pay at \$100 per year (\$2,000 maximum) for all employees who are in a position covered by the

### Council deadlocks on votes regarding payroll and Sheller-Globe building

Public Employees' Retirement Fund. (Longevity pay currently is only in place for police and fire department positions.) He advocated for the raises, saying inflation is going up at an even higher rate and that it is becoming difficult for the city to fill open positions.

Council members Janet Powers and Dave Golden expressed support for

longevity pay in some format but pushed back on the 5% proposed raise, citing the need to be fiscally responsible. They noted that city employees benefit from extremely low insurance costs and cautioned that the city has a lot of needs that may require funding.

Matt Goldsworthy voiced support for at least

a 4% raise in addition to the longevity pay.

(Raises are estimated to cost the city just over \$27,000 per percentage point.)

After a lengthy back-and-forth, Powers made a motion for a 3.5% raise with longevity pay with Golden seconding. Don Gillespie, Powers and Golden voted in favor with

Mike Aker, Michele Brewster and Goldsworthy against because they feel the raise amount should be higher. (Council president Kent McClung was absent.)

There was no further discussion on the issue after the vote on the proposed raise failed.

Council had a similar situation last year when the mayor proposed a \$1 per hour raise for employees. The issue was discussed over the course of two months, also once ending up in the same deadlocked vote for a 50-cent raise. A raise of 65 cents per employee was eventually approved. See **No movement** page 2

## Lagoon stench remains an issue

*Fort Recovery residents air grievances again over foul odors*

By **BAILEY CLINE**

The Commercial Review

**FORT RECOVERY** — Residents are still smelling a strong odor coming from the village's wastewater lagoons.

So far, there's no viable short-term solution for the stink. The village is also still waiting to hear back about potential long-term plans.

Several residents who live along Wabash Road vented their frustrations about the issue Monday during Fort Recovery Village Council's meeting.

"It's almost every night it set-

les in our house and around our house," said Pat Grieshop. "In the basement, every morning, I go down there and the whole basement smells like that sulfur smell. It's pretty powerful."

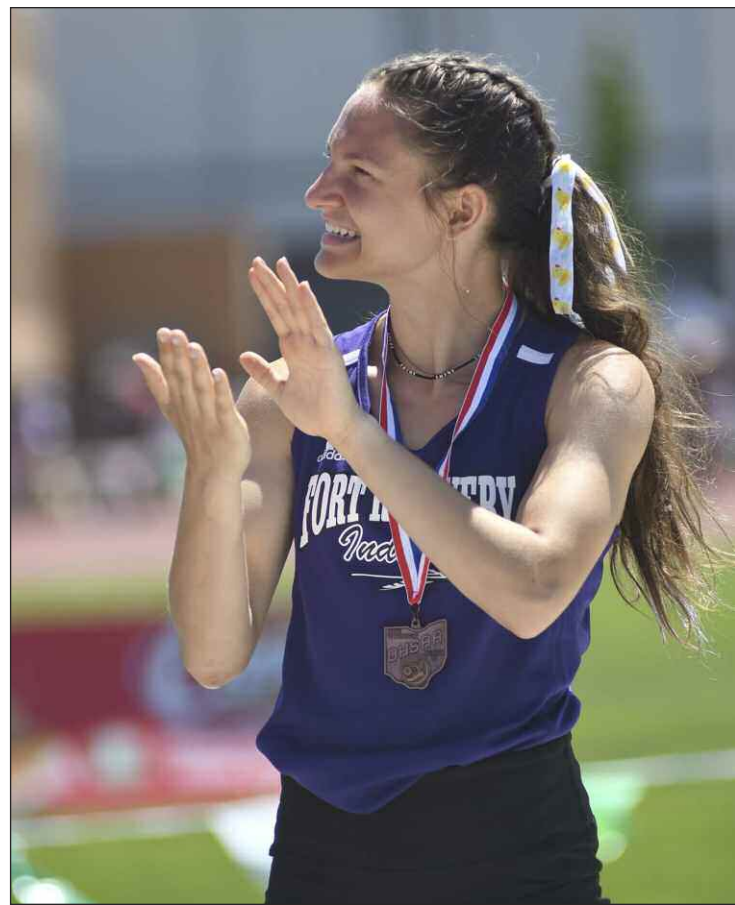
In recent months, the village has been trying different chemicals and products to reduce the smell. It has followed a three-step plan, proposed by Keith Uccello of Hawkins Water Treatment Group, that included applying calcium nitrate to Cooper Farms' processing plant, adding hydrogen peroxide to both lagoons and incorporating bioaugmentation, or adding microorganisms to help reduce sludge. The village recently started injecting pure oxygen into the recirculation line. It's also on a second round of using KCD-X powder.

"Nothing seems to be working on the smell," Diller said, later noting other communities have used the same products and yielded success.

See **Stench** page 2

## Podium finish

Fort Recovery High School senior Abbie Francis finished her career on the state-medal podium Saturday after placing seventh in the 200-meter dash during the Division III Track and Field State Tournament at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium on the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus. Pictured, Francis claps for state champion Kiersten Franklin of Lehman Catholic after receiving her seventh-place medal. For more on the meet, see page 8.



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### Deaths

**Lela Moser, 95**, Geneva  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County's had about 0.4 inches of rain Monday. The high temperature was 85 degrees and the low was 63.

Tonight's low will be in the mid 50s. There is a chance of showers throughout the day Wednesday with rain likely in the evening. The high will be 77. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jury selection for Roger L. Boyd Jr.'s trial took all day Monday. The trial for murder and criminal confinement, a Level 3 felony, resumed today.

### Coming up

**Wednesday** — Coverage of tonight's Portland Park Board meeting.

**Friday** — Results from the JCHS boys golf team in the regional tournament.



# System ...

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Board members approved the implementation of Centegix at the elementary school. The vote was 6-0, with Chris Snow not casting a vote after Gulley explained at the beginning of the meeting that a recent change in state law does not allow board members to vote while attending a meeting remotely.  
The latest school safety measure comes just a couple of weeks after 19 students and two teachers were killed in a school shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Other

school safety measures already in place include having a school resource officer at the junior-senior high school, creating single points of entry at all schools, installing ballistics film on windows and doors, allowing designated school personnel access to a firearm stored in a biometric safe in the event of a school shooting and using the Say Something app.  
Board members Ron Laux, Donna Geesaman, Phil Ford, Jason Phillips, Mike Shannon, Vickie Reitz and Snow also discussed at length a request for the addition of an assistant

athletics director for the junior-senior high school. Principal Chad Dodd explained that the merger of the high school and two former middle schools, each of which had part-time athletics directors, has left a gap in supervision of events. He said that while stipends have been offered in an attempt to attract staff to those duties, 40% were unfilled this year and 47% were unfilled last year.  
He provided comparisons with other schools of similar sizes and makeups — Leo, West Lafayette and Western — say-

ing they are facing similar challenges.  
Dodd proposed the new position as a support staff role to help supervise events and lead the school's social media presence with a starting salary of \$40,000.  
Ford, who served two stints as athletics director at JCHS and also held the position at Wes-Del, spoke strongly in favor of the new position. Geesaman, Reitz and Snow also voiced support. Shannon said he saw the need for the role but said the qualifications listed for the proposed job are vague.  
See System page 5

# Obituaries

**Lela Leona Moser**  
Lela Moser, 95, Geneva, died Thursday.  
Arrangements are pending at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Yager-Kirchoffer Chapel in Berne.  
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*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.*

## CR almanac

Wednesday 6/8	Thursday 6/9	Friday 6/10	Saturday 6/11	Sunday 6/12
<b>77/54</b>	<b>76/57</b>	<b>72/55</b>	<b>74/53</b>	<b>75/55</b>
There is a chance of showers during the day, with rain and storms expected in the evening.	The high will be in the mid 70s under sunny skies.	Showers and thunderstorms are expected after 2 p.m. and continuing into the evening.	Skies will be mostly sunny with a high of 74. There is a slight chance of rain.	Expect mostly sunny skies for the second day in a row with a high in the mid 70s.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Monday 2-10-35-44-46 Powerball: 4 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$210 million	18-24-25-32-39-40-43-44-46- 49-58-60-61-65-67-68-71 Cash 1-11-18-22-27 Estimated jackpot: \$90,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$207 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 6-4-7 Pick 4: 6-0-5-6 Pick 5: 0-8-3-5-8 Evening Pick 3: 0-8-5 Pick 4: 1-0-0-5 Pick 5: 4-8-5-2-7 Rolling Cash 5: 4-13-19- 32-37 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000 Classic Lotto: 12-15-28- 42-43-44 Kicker: 2-0-8-4-5-2 Jackpot: \$29.1 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 2-5-4 Daily Four: 2-2-9-1 Quick Draw: 6-7-14-21- 33-35-36-37-39-44-45-56-64- 68-69-70-77-78-79-80 Evening Daily Three: 0-9-7 Daily Four: 2-2-3-6 Quick Draw: 2-12-15-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.64 July corn.....7.64 Wheat .....8.87	Wheat ..... 10.41 July wheat ..... 10.41
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.72 July corn.....7.70 Aug. corn .....7.72	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.43 Late June corn .....7.43 Beans .....17.24 Late June beans .....17.24 Wheat.....10.38
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....7.43 July corn.....7.43 Beans .....17.24 July beans .....17.24	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....7.21 July corn.....7.21 Beans .....17.09 July beans .....17.09 Wheat.....10.53

## Today in history

**In 1494**, the Treaty of Tordesillas was signed in an effort to settle conflicts over colonial lands that were under dispute.  
**In 1958**, American singer, songwriter, musician and producer Prince was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His 1984 album "Purple Rain" earned him one of his several Grammy Awards. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004.  
**In 1972**, the musical "Grease" opened on Broadway. It was the first of 3,388 performances of the show.  
**In 1982**, Elvis Presley's home, Graceland, in Memphis, Tennessee, was opened for public tours. It became one of the top tourist attractions in the country.  
**In 2007**, Neal Fennig and Zane Shreve dominated their division and Cori Vormohr set two records to lead the Jay County Summer Swim team to a 572-512 victory over visiting Catalina Swim Club at Portland Pool. Vormohr's new team and pool records came in the 15-and-older girls individual medley.  
**In 2021**, Fort Recovery Village Council was introduced to new police officer Adam Diller. He had been given a conditional job offer while he was going through required testing.  
—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.	Annex, 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton. 9 a.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
<b>Wednesday</b> 8 a.m. — Upper Wabash River Basin Commission, Wells County Government	

# State to invest in conservation

**By DAN CARDEN**  
The Times (Muster)  
Tribune News Service  
The state of Indiana is preparing to spend \$25 million of its federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to acquire and preserve open lands across the state for permanent conservation.  
The Department of Natural Resources recently announced the establish-

ment of the Next Level Conservation Trust that's tasked with purchasing and setting aside open spaces and other special places in Indiana for Hoosiers to enjoy for decades and centuries to come.  
"The Next Level Conservation Trust (NLCT) will continue the DNR's legacy of preserving Indiana's

rich natural heritage," said DNR Director Dan Bortner. "Outstanding natural features, unique habitats, significant historical and archeological sites and areas for conservation, restoration and recreation will be protected for Hoosiers today and for future generations."  
According to the DNR, the \$25 million initial

investment in the NLCT is the largest infusion of funds for conservation purposes in state history.  
The DNR is reaching out to local governments, community organizations and environmental groups to identify properties worth acquiring for new and existing state and local parks and other conservation purposes.

# No movement ...

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Boggs also brought council a request for permission to advertise the former Sheller-Globe south building, 510 S. Bridge St., for sale. The city would be required to take no less than \$46,000 — the average of two appraisals — for the site. He suggested a process similar to one the city previously went through, with a request for proposals for how the site would be used rather than just accepting the highest bid.  
Council members discussed various options for the site Monday, including selling it, renovating it for a new street department headquarters — Muhlenkamp Building estimated that cost at \$2.8 million — and simply tearing it down.  
Golden asked various questions, including a comparison of the cost per square foot to renovate that building versus building new. Goldworthy advocated for selling the building, calling it "the biggest eyesore in town."  
Boggs, who originally brought the recommendation for sale to council at council's April 4 meeting and returned with appraisals and cost estimates at the May 16 meeting, said he didn't want to see the issue tabled again.

A vote to sell the building again deadlocked 3-3, with Aker, Brewster and Goldworthy in favor and Powers, Gillespie and Golden dissenting.  
The building has been mostly vacant since the 1980s. (It is currently used by the city for storage.) The city most recently attempted to sell it beginning in 2018, eventually agreeing to a proposal from John Goodhew of Goodhew Roofing and Metals after an arduous bidding process. In May 2021, though, Goodhew executed a provision that allowed him to terminate the contract if the city could not provide a clean environmental study.  
In other business:  
•Council also heard a presentation from Enterprise Fleet Management about the possibility of taking over management of city vehicles. The Enterprise system is designed to turn over vehicles more quickly through a lease and resale procedure, saving the city money in the long term by reducing fuel and maintenance costs. (The procedure has already been approved by the city's board of works.) Council members tabled the issue in order to review the information they were presented.  
•The mayor welcomed police chief Mitch Sutton back to work. He had been out for about a week because of

an unspecified health issue.  
•Heard a reminder from Phillips that city clean-up day is June 18. Residents can bring large items to the street department free of charge. (They must have their driver's license and a copy of their water bill.)  
•The mayor provided the following updates:  
—The former Ken Kunkle auto dealership lot was sold last month to Wenzak Indiana Land Management. Boggs said the company hopes to have a Wendy's restaurant open on the site around Thanksgiving.  
—Through the city's economic development income tax advisory recommended against a \$150,000 grant to help renovate the former Marsh supermarket site on Lincoln Avenue to become a Tractor Supply Company store, the project is still expected to move forward. Boggs said property owner IPROP LLC expects to close on the deal by the end of the month, with construction to follow later this summer.  
—George Lopez and Bruce Smith will host a benefit concert at 7 p.m. June 17 at The Tippy Glass in an effort to raise funds for a new K-9 officer for Portland police. (The previous dog was retired earlier this year because of health issues.)

# Stench ...

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He also emphasized that chemicals — he estimated the village has spent roughly \$800 to \$900 per week on products for treatment — are only a short-term solution.  
The village is looking into dredging the primary lagoon where the odor persists. Diller said he's working with the Environmental Protection Agency to see if the sludge could be applied to land as opposed to bagging and hauling it, which he estimated at three or four times more expensive.  
Poggemeyer Design Group has also been working on a long-term wastewater system plan for the

village since December. (One option on the table is a pre-treatment plant leading into the lagoons.) They include implementing an annual maintenance bioaugmentation process.  
One resident asked if Cooper Farms was still releasing its wastewater into the lagoons. Diller said yes, noting that the firm's output has changed drastically, estimating that numbers have decreased by roughly 40%.  
Council member Cliff Wendel, who oversees egg processing at Cooper Farms, explained the plant pre-treats its wastewater before it leaves the facility.  
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## Felony arrests

**Domestic battery**  
A Portland man was arrested Saturday for domestic battery.  
Ricardo Nava, 43, 956 S. Meridian St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class A misdemeanor for interference with reporting a crime. He's being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

**Strangulation**  
A Redkey man was arrested Sunday for strangulation.  
Daniel R. Posocco, 48, 165 S. Walnut St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class A misdemeanor for domestic battery and a Class B misdemeanor for criminal mischief.  
He's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,500 bond.

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## There's always some project to do

By DIANA DOLECKI

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The neighbor's cat was sitting a few inches from the screen door and staring at me when I opened the front door the other morning. It hesitated before running away. I keep telling it that I mean no harm. I don't think it believes me.

I'm not sure what it was looking at before I opened the door. We recently installed a screen door so maybe the cat was wondering what was on the other side. What was on the other side was the same door that has been there longer than that cat has been alive.

The new screen door

### As I See It



lets in a lot more light than we expected. That part is wonderful. I only wish we had done it years ago.

We have been working on the house for what seems like forever. All houses demand ongoing upkeep. They are like cranky people who demand attention just when you thought you had everything under control. The new screen door is simply the latest

project and the only one to have the approval of the neighbor's cat. I am guessing it approves because it was napping on the porch later that day.

In addition to working on the house, the gardens and flower beds demand even more upkeep. I try to wait until the baby bunnies are out of the nest before tackling the flower bed on the corner. This gives Mother Nature a head start. She keeps planting grass where I don't want it to grow. I keep yanking the weeds out but that just seems to give them a second wind. And to all those who tell me that poisons are the way to go, let's just say I

don't agree. They are referred to as poison for a reason. The only things I will use poisons on are the thistles, and they deserve it.

We have friends who sold their house and moved into a condo. At first, they enjoyed not having to mow the grass, tend to the garden, shovel the snow and all the other chores they usually did. Everything was going well until there was some kind of problem with one of their neighbors. It was bad enough that they sold the condo and moved. I haven't heard from them for a while. Maybe I should call them and see how they are doing. I could send the cat to spy

on them but our friends are dog people, not cat people, so that probably wouldn't work. Besides, it isn't our cat.

In addition to doing the usual upkeep to our home and gardens, we need to do a little upkeep on our relationship with our neighbors. It doesn't cost anything to cross the street and say, "We haven't seen you for a while. Are you ok?"

When Mom died and I was cleaning out her stuff, I walked across the street and asked if the little girl who lived there would like some of the dolls Mom collected. They came over that same evening and took home a load of toys.

I so wished that they had crossed that same street before Mom died. It would have meant the world to her. But that is not the way the world works.

As I sit here typing I can hear the house mumbling as it tries to select which new project it wants us to start. It is conspiring with the yard and garden to determine what chore is the last on our list. Then it will get together with the neighbor's cat to ensure that something will happen that will cause us to tend to whatever disaster the house has determined needs to be done.

It's always something.

## Boyfriend is only interested in partner's \$

DEAR ABBY: When my boyfriend found out I have the money to do it, he asked me to pay off his car. Now, because I said no, he won't answer the phone or talk to me. I have helped him in the past, but he continues to ask me for money. I think he's using me. He tries to make me feel guilty by accusing me of not caring about him because, "If I did, I would pay off his car."

I'm 58 years old, and the money I have is for me to live comfortably, not to spend on him. I told him as much, and he still insists I should help him with his bills. We live separately, and I suspect he's really just interested in the money, but I'm afraid of being lonely. What should I do? — WELL-OFF IN THE SOUTH

DEAR WELL-OFF: There are worse things than being lonely (for a while). Chief among them is knowing you are being used by someone who cares nothing about you beyond what he can extract from you. What you "should" do is kick him to the curb and not look back.

### Dear Abby



There are better days ahead for you if you do.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having a hard time navigating a recurring situation in our marriage. My husband is friendly with three brothers. They hang out often and sometimes drink. Their sister sometimes hangs out with them, too.

I'm uncomfortable with my husband getting drunk when she's around. He continues to do it, though, in spite of my concerns. Last night, he was at his friend's house from 11 p.m. until 6 a.m. She was there for part of the drinking and partying. I really have a hard time with this. What should we do? — UNCOMFORTABLE IN THE WEST

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: Although coming home at 6 a.m. is awfully late, it may have happened because he was too drunk to drive home earlier. I have trouble believing anything untoward would happen with the sister in the presence of her three brothers. Has your husband done anything to cause your insecurity? If not, you need to work on your jealousy and trust issues. If, however, he HAS, then you need to work TOGETHER to get to the root of what is going wrong in your marriage.

DEAR ABBY: My son's fiancée has just informed me that I need to send her my guest list for the wedding, and she will let me know to whom she will send invitations. When I asked if she meant that there was a limited number of guests, she said no, but she didn't want people there who didn't mean anything to her. She's from the East Coast, and my son met her in college in another state, so she doesn't

know many of our family members or friends. How do I respond to this? Thank you. — MOTHER-OF-THE-GROOM

DEAR MOTHER: It appears your son's fiancée has "forgotten" that after marriage there are two sides to the family. Respond by bringing your son into the conversation. He's in the perfect position to explain to his bride-to-be who the people on the guest list are so she'll have some insight about whom to invite. (Include those details on the proposed guest list you send to them.) That information will be important to her during the wedding celebrations and also (fingers crossed) during their long, happy life together.

DEAR ABBY: I've been the stepfather of two girls for 18 years. They are 22 and 24 now. My wife and her ex-husband adopted them at birth. When they were 2 and 4, he had an affair and left them for a woman who had two children.

Why do these two girls look at HIM as their dad when I have been the one who has always been here for them? They have never shown me much respect, yet the man who adopted them and then left them and their mother for another family they regard as their dad and respect him. — HURT AND FRUSTRATED

DEAR HURT: You have my sympathy. This may have happened because their mother never explained to them that the person who left them failed to fulfill the father role he had promised, and the man who raised them — you — IS their dad. She also failed to insist they treat you with the respect you deserved.

If there is blame to be laid, I blame her for this, not them.

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 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@the-cr.com.

### Reunions

Graduates of Portland High School will host an alumni banquet on June 18 at Jay County High School. Honor classes are from the years 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967 and 1972. All Portland High School graduates are welcome.

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

### Today

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will

be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

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.

A BETTER LIFE — BRI-ANNA'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.

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

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 (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE — BRI-ANNA'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.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

### Saturday's Solution

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

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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# As Crossroads, we must be ready

## The Republic (Columbus)

The increasing number of electric vehicles on Indiana roadways means a surge in the need to power them all over the state. This transition will continue to accelerate. For instance, The Republic's Mark Webber recently reported that the town of Hope just wired up its first EV charging station.

Meantime, The Indiana Department of Transportation is making major plans to meet the needs of charging electric vehicles now and in the future. Interested residents will have the opportunity to have a voice in that process.

INDOT is planning three meetings around the state for its Electric Vehicle Deployment Plan. The final of these meetings will be June 14 at INDOT's

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Seymour District Office, but space is limited to the first 50 people who sign up.

The sessions are meant to provide details on Indiana's alternative fuel corridors and assess the current EV charging infrastructure as well as look at what will be needed in the future. Those attending will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

We applaud INDOT for taking this show on the road and let-

ting the public know what's available now and what the plans are for the future. Those unable to attend an in-person meeting will still be able to get information online at [bit.ly/EVCIN](https://bit.ly/EVCIN).

INDOT is looking to expand Level 3 fast-charging stations. These offer a variety of connections that are designed to provide vehicles with a charge good for 100 to 200 miles in about 30 minutes. Federal funding from the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law permits INDOT to invest more than \$100 million in strategically located charging stations. These will be part of an ambitious plan to create a network of at least 500,000 chargers nationwide.

The numbers and the forecast show this and more will be

needed. While electric vehicles currently are less than 2% of all American vehicles on the road, auto executives believe that by 2030, half or more of auto sales will be EVs, according and consulting firm KPMG reported in a recent survey.

Indiana is well positioned to accommodate this through early planning on a network of charging facilities that can adapt to changes in technology. As the Crossroads of America, we have to be more than ready. We have to be ready to lead. And we have to understand what we do now must adapt to changes in the coming decades.

It's likely that technological changes will come quickly as the market for EVs expands. Recently, for example, Purdue University engineers

announced they have a patent pending for a fast-charging cable that could allow a full recharge for an electric vehicle in about five minutes. That approximates the amount of time it takes to fill a tank with gas.

Survey after survey of consumers has found the chief resistance to owning an EV is concern about vehicle range. INDOT's plan, and emerging technologies, is likely to dash some of those concerns. And while consumers may be on the fence, plenty of fleets are transitioning or thinking about incorporating electric vehicles.

We look forward to seeing INDOT's designs on future charging stations. They must be as accessible and adaptable as possible.

## We can't continue to just do nothing

### By CARMEN NAVARRO GERCON

Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

My husband and I currently have custody and are raising our grandsons, ages 6 and 8. My initial response to the atrocity in Uvalde, Texas, was as a law enforcement officer. I pored over every detail as it was released and contemplated how I could prevent or mitigate this from ever happening in Cook County. Then I went home and held my grandsons. We made sure to keep the news off, but like many of you, I could not sleep that night. My law enforcement response was to consider, over and over: How could this have been prevented?

The next morning, while dropping the boys off at school, my oldest grandson heard about the shooting on the radio. It was an emotional moment, and I had to explain to him what happened.

"Why would someone shoot little kids?" he asked.

I will never know how to answer that question. I cried, and then I promised him — over and over — that he would be safe in his school.

But is he safe? Are any of us? When is enough going to be enough to initiate the changes we need?

Mass shootings have happened across our country in schools, places of worship, grocery stores, concerts and even at a congressional baseball game. They have happened in our struggling city neighborhoods and in the most affluent areas of our country. Americans are being killed with regularity: Democrats and Republicans, law enforcement and civilians, adults and children. Why is nothing being done?

I am reacting as a mother, a grandmother, a sister whose brother was lost to violence and as a law enforcement leader. I am outraged and heartbroken and having moments of complete despair thinking about the precious lives that were lost.

I have talked with many friends and colleagues across the country, and I want to share what I am hearing: From what we know so far, there was no way to prevent, mitigate or interdict the tragedy in Uvalde. There is no way to prevent this from happen-

### Carmen Navarro Gercone



ing again with our current laws and access to high-powered weapons.

In Uvalde, there were initial reports that officers exchanged gunfire with the shooter before he entered the school. We've now been told that he entered unobstructed, wearing tactical gear before allegedly barricading himself in a classroom. He killed a young girl as she attempted to dial 911. Officers say they "received fire" when they went in to confront the shooter. He shot at least 17 people who are still fighting for their lives.

He killed 19 children and two teachers.

Parents have had to identify their slain children, and others have had to submit DNA because their babies became unidentifiable because of weapons legally purchased by an 18-year-old in this country.

You cannot be a politician who claims to be "pro-police" and expect us to respond to calls when we do not know if high-powered weapons are on the other side of the door.

You cannot be a politician who claims to be "pro-life" and support AR-15-style rifles being readily available to homicidal people who want to kill civilians and children.

You cannot be a politician who claims to send your "prayers" and feign outrage on social media and then take millions of dollars of donations from the National Rifle Association and vote against laws that would prevent the next mass shooting.

Now, it is up to voters to ensure that you cannot be a politician and do nothing. Cowardice is why this keeps happening throughout America — over and over — again.

I want my promise to my grandson to be the truth. I want him and all children to be safe.

Can this please be enough?

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Gercone is a candidate for Cook County sheriff and a graduate of the FBI National Academy.



## Americas don't need another summit

### By DAN RESTREPO

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

Leaders from the Western Hemisphere are gathering in Los Angeles for next week's ninth Summit of the Americas, ostensibly to ensure more effective engagement between the United States and its neighbors. As he prepares for the triennial conference President Joe Biden should do something seemingly counterintuitive — make it the last such summit.

Originally envisioned as a vehicle to advance U.S. interests in the Americas, the Summit of the Americas is a fatally flawed forum that doesn't serve its purpose and limits our country's focused attention on its closest neighbors to a once-every-three-years event.

Since its inception, the meeting has failed to deliver. Its most notable milestones are either doomed initiatives such as the Free Trade Area of the Americas in 1994, or misremembered breakthroughs such as the "first" handshake between President Obama and Cuba's Raul Castro at the 2015 Summit in Panama (they first shook hands in South Africa in 2013 and announced the normalization of relations between the U.S. and Cuba in December 2014).

The underlying reason for this track record of failure has nothing to do with the U.S. relationship with the rest of the countries in the Western Hemisphere. Two other notable forums that lump Latin America and the Caribbean into one undifferentiated region, but exclude the United States, also consistently fail to advance the interests of the hundreds of millions who live there.

The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, which gathers all countries in the Western Hemisphere except the United States and Canada, seems to regularly achieve only two things — denouncing U.S. policy toward Cuba and asserting that the Falkland Islands

### Dan Restrepo



should be ceded to Argentina. Possibly the most memorable moment out of the 27 Ibero-American Summits that gather together the leaders of Spain, Portugal and the countries of Latin America was Spain's then-King Juan Carlos uttering the phrase "¿Por qué no te callas?" to tell Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez to shut up in 2007.

None of this should come as a surprise if we examine the vast diversity represented among the 34 countries in the Western Hemisphere. From a U.S. perspective, there is next to nothing outside of geography that links our relationship with Belize and Brazil; Guatemala and Grenada; Colombia and St. Kitts and Nevis.

As eight previous occasions have shown, trying to find consensus-driven common ground among these disparate states inevitably leads to pablum with no real-world effects.

As a result, the meetings become personality pageants. President Clinton's star power in 1994 still provides the first summit with an air of accomplishment. In 2005, a protest featuring soccer star Diego Maradona stole the show in Argentina. Before it became about a U.S. Secret Service scandal, the 2012 summit was about whether Hugo Chavez was healthy enough to attend (he wasn't). In 2018, news centered on President Trump's skipping the event. This year we have the telenovela over whether Mexican President Andres Manuel López Obrador will attend.

None of this benefits the people of the Americas, nor does it advance U.S. interests, particularly when

countries are wrestling with profound challenges, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the climate crisis and preserving democracy from threats posed by nativists and populists. To the extent that Biden and his team move the needle on these and other critical issues at next week's Los Angeles summit, they will do so with ad hoc groups of countries in attendance rather than all 34.

There is a better way forward that would provide annual action-forcing events within the U.S. government to ensure sustained attention on key issues in the Americas. Instead of promising to continue participating in a Summit of the Americas every three years, Biden should propose separate regional meetings with the leaders of the countries of Central America, the Caribbean and South America, on a rotating annual basis.

Such meetings would allow focused discussions with leaders of subregions where the U.S. interests are more coherent and better define each subregion's relationship with the United States. Two hemisphere-related summits every year — the annual North American Leaders' Summit and a subregional summit — would afford the Western Hemisphere the level of sustained high-level attention that U.S. interests in the region merit.

The countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, of course, could continue meeting as a group as many times as they'd like, but those meetings wouldn't drain time and attention at the highest levels of the U.S. government that could be better spent on substantive engagement with our neighbors.

To advance U.S. interests in the Americas, the time has come to lay the Summit of the Americas to rest.

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## Hearings set to begin Thursday

By **BILLY HOUSE**  
and **MIKE DORNING**  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The televised hearings that begin Thursday into the deadly attack on the U.S. Capitol will need to produce show-stopping moments to grab a divided, distracted nation that has largely moved on.

It's a tall order. At their best, congressional hearings capture the public's imagination, reveal scoundrels, lead to landmark reforms, and even make stars of questioners and witnesses. Exhibit A is the Watergate testimony in 1973 that helped end a presidency.

But that was before social media and polarized cable news. Now hearings on such things as the 2012 attack in Benghazi, Libya, or Robert Mueller's fumbling 2019 testimony about his Trump-Russia investigation have failed to make much of a splash.

The committee says it plans to present evidence of a deliberate, coordinated effort by Trump and associates to delay certification of Joe Biden's 2020 presidential election — and how that became tied to the violent insurrection at the Capitol. The panel hopes to give a coherent narrative to engage a public that polling shows has already made up its mind about the event and is more concerned about inflation, Ukraine and COVID-19.

"A disappointing result would be, 'Yeah, we understand there was a coup — and who cares?'" Representative Zoe Lofgren, a California Democrat on the special committee that is conducting the hearings, said.

At least six sessions are planned, two of them in prime time. The opening night will provide a broad overview. Subsequent sessions will focus on specific topics, such as pressure put on state and local officials regarding election results. A final hearing will be scheduled in the fall to release a report before voters head to the polls in the mid-term elections.

"The committee will present previously unseen material documenting January 6th, receive witness testimony, preview additional hearings, and provide the American people a summary of its findings about the coordinated, multi-step effort to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election and prevent the transfer of power," the House select committee said in an announcement of Thursday's hearing last week.

The committee hasn't revealed details of what's planned but it hired James Goldston, a former president of ABC News, to help with the presentation, according to two people familiar with the event who asked not to be identified. A respected documentary producer, he's assembled a multimedia portrayal to help make sense of the evidence, the people said. It will include previously unpublished behind-the-scenes photos of Trump on Jan. 6 taken by White House photographers as well as video of closed-door witness testimony.

CBS and ABC plan to air the hearing live, according to representatives of the networks. NBC News and News NOW will devote a special news report to the hearing as it convenes and the network's streaming service, Peacock, will provide live coverage as will cable affiliate MSNBC. Representatives of CNN and Fox didn't respond to a request for details of their plans.

Leading House Republicans plan to provide running counter-commentary and public criticism on cable and the airwaves, in opinion columns, and their own press conference the day of Thursday's opening hearing.



Tribune News Service/AFP via Getty Images/Aris Messinis

Ukrainian troops fire with surface-to-surface rockets MLRS towards Russian positions at a front line today in the eastern Ukrainian region of Donbas.

# Russia eyes another city

By **NABIH BULOS**  
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Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

DNIPRO, Ukraine — Russian forces are menacing a major urban hub in southeastern Ukraine, the country's president said, even as Ukrainian defenders wage "fierce street fighting" in an eastern city pivotal to the struggle for a larger industrial region that the Kremlin has vowed to seize.

In the fourth month of the Russian invasion, Ukraine redoubled its pleas for more heavy weaponry to parry slow and grinding advances by Moscow's troops,

which are backed by relentless artillery fire, in the contested region known as Donbas, made up of two eastern provinces.

Crucial to that campaign is control of the industrial city of Severodonetsk, one of only two major metropolises in the region that Russia has not yet been able to capture.

Ukrainian officials say Russia is throwing more and more military resources into the fight, and Western military officials said today that Russian forces are apparently trying to isolate the city by cutting off both northern and southern approaches.

"Russia will almost certainly need to achieve a breakthrough" in the area in order to consolidate tactical gains into "operational level success" in the wider region, British military intelligence said in its latest assessment.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in his overnight address to the nation, said Severodonetsk remained hotly contested. "In the city, fierce street fighting continues," he said.

Zelenskyy also told his compatriots that Russia has set its sights on Zaporizhzhia, a major

southeastern city of nearly three-quarters of a million people that is a gateway to central Ukraine. It is the capital of a province of the same name, and has served as an important way station for Ukrainians fleeing from heavily battered or Russian-occupied areas, such as the fallen city of Mariupol.

"We will do everything for the defense" of Zaporizhzhia and its environs, Zelenskyy said.

Along the eastern front lines, civilian suffering has intensified as bombardment rains down on cities, towns and villages in the path of Russia's military push.

## CDC raises alert level for monkeypox

By **DAVID MATTHEWS**  
New York Daily News  
Tribune News Service

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention raised its monkeypox alert level on Monday and recommended travelers wear masks while cautioning that it was not on the same level of concern as COVID-19.

Monkeypox presents as flu-like symptoms before patients develop a painful rash and lesions and swollen lymph nodes.

The incubation period between exposure and when symptoms first appear can be anywhere from five to 21 days, accord-

ing to the World Health Organization.

The CDC said cases have been reported on every continent aside from Antarctica.

"Some cases were reported among men who have sex with men. Some cases were also reported in people who live in the same household as an infected person," the CDC said. Experts said a number of sexually transmitted infections present similar symptoms and the real number of infections could be higher.

The agency reported 31 confirmed cases in the U.S. as of Monday afternoon.

## System ...

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Gulley, who brought the issue to the board for discussion but not a vote, asked various questions, including about options other than adding the new position during what became a sometimes contentious back-and-forth with Ford. He said he plans to consider the request and bring a recommendation to a future meeting.

Board members approved, again minus Snow, approved changing the current student services coordinator position at East Elementary School to

an assistant principal position.

The board also approved, with Ford and Reitz dissenting, using RE/MAX Evolve as the broker for the former Judge Haynes Elementary School building. The real estate agency will get a 1% commission. (Ford voiced his support for awarding the work to Loy Auction and Real Estate, which handled the sale of the former administrative office building in Portland and is handling the sale of the former Westlawn Elementary School building in Dunkirk. Loy's offer was for a commission of 1.79%.)

## Stench ...

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(It removes egg products from the wastewater before discharging it to the lagoons.) Twice a week, he said, the plant tests its wastewater, which meets regulations in place.

Eric Grieshop asked what Diller believes to be the main source of the problem.

"I think just time — sludge, time, loading. I

mean, it's just a combination of everything caught up and it's something we're just going to have to deal with," explained Diller.

"I think everybody agrees that probably the smart thing is to clean the pond out and start fresh ... start fresh and then see how the loading goes from there and what other changes we have to make."

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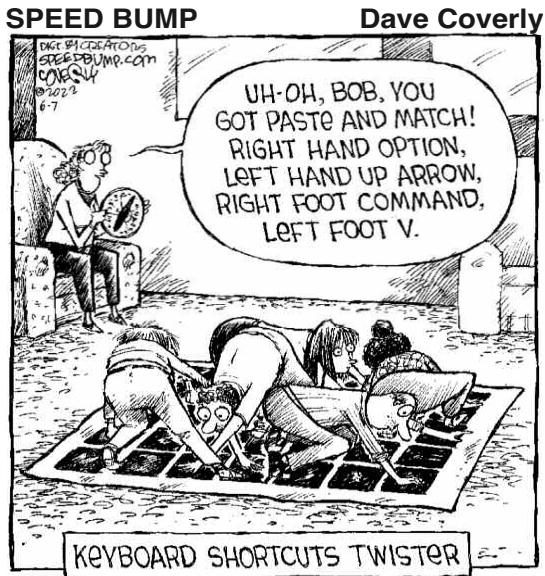
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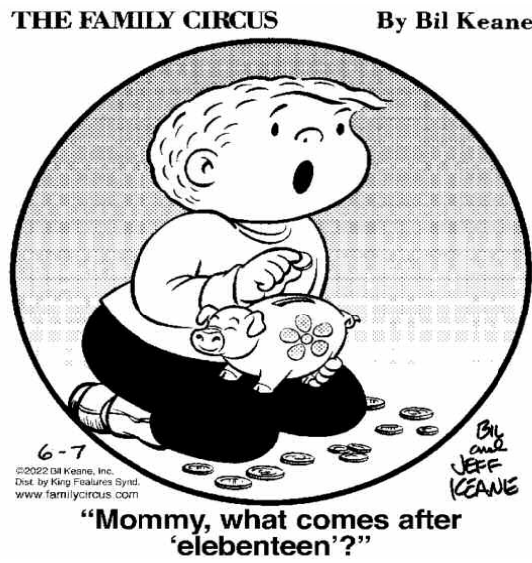
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UH-OH, BOB, YOU GOT PASTE AND MATCH! RIGHT HAND OPTION, LEFT HAND UP ARROW, RIGHT FOOT COMMAND, LEFT FOOT V.

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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



"Mommy, what comes after 'elebteen'?"

**Contract Bridge** By Steve Becker

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**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 8 6 3  
♥ K J 10  
♦ A K 4  
♣ Q 9

**EAST**  
♠ K J 10 9  
♥ Q 5 2  
♦ J 10 8 5  
♣ 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ 7 4 2  
♥ A 8  
♦ 9 7 3  
♣ K J 10 8 3

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass  
3 NT

Opening lead — four of hearts.

It is human to err, but some bridge players appear to be more human than others! Consider this deal where it is very easy for declarer to make a mistake. West leads a heart against three notrump, declarer taking the ten from dummy and taking East's queen with the ace. South then leads a spade to dummy's queen, losing the finesse to East's king and back comes a heart to dummy's jack. Declarer next cashes the ace of spades, on which West shows out.

South is now in serious trouble. He plays the queen of clubs from dummy, but West refuses to win the trick, putting an end to South's fleeting hopes. Declarer must now go down at least one, regardless of how he plays.

Yet the fact is that South cannot be prevented from making nine tricks if he plays the hand correctly. It is true that he is very unlucky both to lose the spade finesse and to find the spades divided 4-1. But it is also true that South can guarantee the contract without subjecting himself in any way to the element of luck.

All he has to do is to play the king of hearts from dummy at trick one and then lead the queen of clubs. If the queen holds, South continues with the nine to the ten and persists with the suit until the ace is forced out. This method of play is sure to produce nine tricks in the form of four clubs, two diamonds, two hearts and a spade.

To assure the contract, declarer must resist the temptation to score three heart tricks by playing the ten from dummy at trick one. Instead, he sacrifices the extra heart trick to make certain that he scores the four club tricks he needs to get home safely.

Tomorrow: Solution to a problem.  
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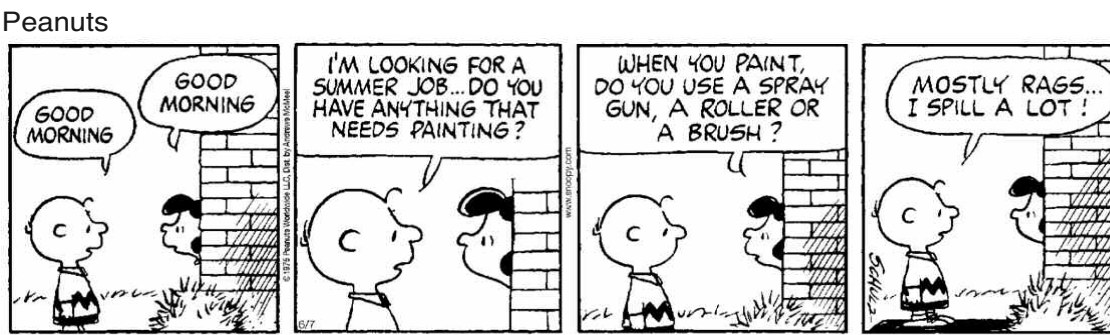
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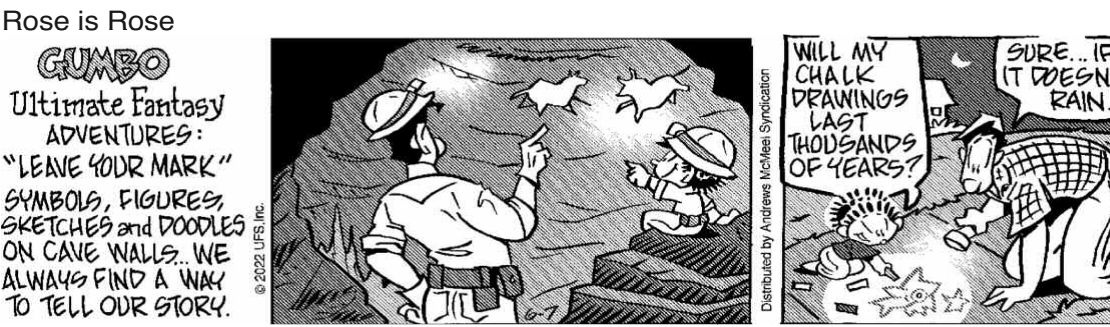
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**Agnes**



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OK.

I KNOW... LET'S GO OUTSIDE!

YAY!

IT'S HOT OUT HERE.

GOING BACK IN COULD BE OUR NEXT BIG GETAWAY.

**Hi and Lois**



YOU CAN LEARN A LOT ABOUT PEOPLE BY STUDYING WHAT THEY THROW AWAY.

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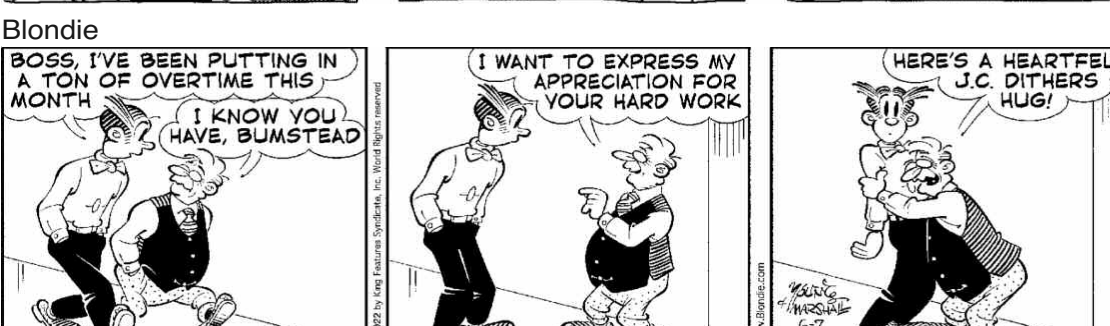


YOU'RE UPSET... LET'S SIT DOWN AND TALK.

HOW ABOUT IF I GET US SOME ICE CREAM?

WE JUST HAD SOME... BUT I'M WILLING TO GET A JUMP ON MY FRESHMAN FIFTEEN BEFORE I GET TO CAMPUS.

**Blondie**



BOSS, I'VE BEEN PUTTING IN A TON OF OVERTIME THIS MONTH

I KNOW YOU HAVE, BUMSTEAD

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR HARD WORK

HERE'S A HEARTFELT J.C. DITHERS HUG!

**Snuffy Smith**



I PLEAD TEMPORARY BARLOW, YORE HONOR !!

TEMP'RARY BARLOW ??! WHAT TH' HECK IS THAT ??!

I DIDN'T GO INSANE, JEST A LI'L STUPID !!

HEY !!

**Beetle Bailey**



SIR, EXCUSE ME, SIR... SIR, THIS IS FROM THE CAPTAIN, SIR

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY "SIR" SO MUCH, SOLDIER

SIR? SIR, YES SIR, SIR!

**CRYPTOQUIP**

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NAME OF SOMEONE WHO'S VERY GOOD AT GETTING AWAY FROM A "STAR WARS" VILLAIN: DARTH EVADER.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals D

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Ancient invader	1 Yaks
5 Neighbor of Ill.	2 Algerian port
8 Spill the beans	3 Snitch
12 Vicinity	4 Actor Linden
13 Teeny	5 "Forget it!"
14 "— & Stitch"	6 Salamander
15 Deb's dress	7 Lair
17 Japanese noodle	8 Aquamarine
18 NBC weekend show	9 Pan covers
19 Picnic crasher	10 Oodles
20 Piquant sandwich	11 Skeletal
22 Farm squealer	16 Guys' friends
23 BBQ fuel	20 Energy
26 Whim	21 Fingerprinting
30 "East of Eden" girl	22 Writer's block?
31 Lemon	
32 Israeli airline	
33 Contrived concept	
35 Adolescents	
36 Geological period	

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Sophomore Trevor Heitkamp of the Indians also competed in the 3,200 run, finishing 13th.

Francis got off to a solid, but not spectacular start and wasn't as strong as she would have liked to have been running on the outside of the curve in lane eight. But when she saw Tree of Life's Gianna Lane in lane 7 blow past her, she knew she had to turn on the jets. Always a competitor, she was strong in the final third of the race. As the runners made the final push toward the finish line, it was clear she was in a battle for position of the sixth through eighth spots.

She matched Pearson, edging Dalton's Lauren Clos by just one hundredth of a second for seventh place. Madeira's Vivian Momper was a tenth of a second ahead of Francis in sixth.

"I had a good block start. It probably wasn't as good as (Friday), but it was still a pretty good one," said Francisc. "I feel like my curve probably could have been just a little bit better, but my straight was great."

Francis, who had previously focused more on the 100 dash and 400 dash along with relays, saved her best for last in the 200. Her three best times came in her final three races — 26.16 to finish as the regional runner-up, a school-record 25.86 in Friday's state preliminaries and 26.03 in the final race of her career to earn a state medal.

"She had an excellent finish and put it out there," said Diller, whose record of 25.9 fell to Francis. "I'm very proud of her. It's a great day."

"She is a really good finisher. ... I was pretty confident she was going to be

able to get (on the podium)." —

Heitkamp, who was seeded ninth for the state finals after running a career-best and school-record time of 9:37.97 at the regional meet, put himself in good position as he was fifth when the runners made the cut inside from their starting lanes. He dropped back to 10th, about where he wanted to be in order to give himself a chance to make a run at the top eight. But he couldn't keep the pace in the second half of the race, dropping back to 13th, moving up a spot and then falling back again to finish 13th in 10 minutes, 1.25 seconds.

"I think I did a good job of getting out there and establishing. I just died at the mile," said Heitkamp. "A lot of that was just mindset. I did what I did for regionals — mental

preparation and everything — but this venue is so extravagant. ... On the bright side, I do gain a lot of experience from it. Not a lot of two-milers make it as sophomores."

Thomas Franklin of Ottawa Hills finished eighth to earn the final state medal in the event in 9:39.72.

Though it was well short of the time he ran the previous week at the Troy regional, it was still the third-best of his career.

"He ran a really smart race," said Diller. "I think at the mile he was at least five, and maybe 10 seconds under what he normally runs the first mile in. He committed to that early pace to see what he could do. It burned him a little bit, but to finish 13th as a sophomore and finish your season at state, there's nothing to be sad about."

## Regional ...

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"I started off, on the first two holes I had a bogey and a double bogey," said DeHoff.

"And after that my putting and my short game was really good. It went well from there on out."

"I didn't think I was going to finish up this well, but it turned out good," he added.

His score was good for seventh overall.

"We always knew he had it in him," said Haines, noting that DeHoff shot an even-par round a couple of weeks ago in a dual meet against Adams Central at Portland Golf Club. "It was just a matter of keeping the ball in play and getting his putting down better. That's what saved him today."

DeRome, a regional as an individual last season, wasn't quite at his best but managed to fight his way to an 85.

The sophomore went bogey, double bogey on the 10th and 11th holes and then put his tee shot in the water on the 400-yard, par-4 12th. But he was able to save par on the hole and played the remaining six holes at 4-over to post the final score good enough to move the Patriots to the regional as a team.

"He's so consistent," said Haines. "He had some hiccups here and there, but his short game is really good."

Ricky Nava totaled seven pars in his round as he finished with a 93. And Kyle Sanders completed the JCHS team score with a 99.

Had it come into play, Liam Garringer's 106 would have been enough for the Patriots to knock off Winchester in a tiebreaker. (The Golden Falcons fifth score was a 113.)

## Roundup ...

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Also Monday, Lions Club topped Flamespray 10-7 in Willie Mays baseball and Wings and Rings beat Homestead Bedding in Rookie softball.

Natalie May led Jay County Monuments to its victory with a double and a pair of RBIs. Raylin Hummer and Opal Garrett each had one hit, and Hailee Randall earned the win.

Masonic Lodge got one hit apiece from Zoe Romine, Stella

Skirvin, Jasmine Esparza and Chloe Oliver in the loss. Brooklyn Bright had a double and single in its tie with All Circuit.

All Circuit got two hits apiece from Emily Young, Carley Trinidad, Hallie Schwieterman and Jordyn Hutzler.

Kenton Cochran's two hits and three RBIs paced Lions Club in its win. Tanner Day and Bryce Richie had one hit and one RBI apiece.

Paisley Day hit a home run as

part of a 3-for-3 effort with three runs for Wings and Rings. Carsyn Guggenbiller and Kierstyn White also had three hits each.

### Peterson leads

PENNVILLE — Graham Peterson was the big scorer in week two of play in the Pennville Soccer League as he lead the Progressive Office Products Wasps to a pair of victories.

Peterson racked up eight goals

as the Wasps shut out the POET Biorefining Bees 11-0. He also had four goals in a 6-0 victory over the Pennville Pantry Hornets.

Ethan Peterson scored all of Penrod Monuments Galaxy's goals in its 3-1 win over the Bro Shadow Stars. He also netted two goals in a 3-1 victory over the PG-14 Radio Asteroids.

Raif Beiswanger scored three goals apiece in wins for the Patriot Sportswear Cheetahs.

Other top scorers on the day were Laney Thompson with four goals in a 9-3 victory for the Display Craft Yellow Jackets in a 9-3 win over the POET Bees; Jacoby Penrod and Camden Vinson with four and three, respectively, in a 7-1 win for the Galaxy over the Stars; and Ava McClain with three in the Freiburg Roofing and Siding LLC Rockets' 5-1 win over the I.D.C. Restaurant Meteors.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-6  
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 77 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Portland, Indiana that Chapter 77, golf carts is hereby amended to add the following section: Section 77.10 Registration and Fee All golf carts which are operated on a city street shall be registered with the City annually. The Portland Police Department shall inspect and register each golf cart upon the owner applying for registration and the golf cart is inspected to confirm that it complies with all requirements of this Ordinance. Upon being registered, a registration sticker shall be issued by the City and the sticker shall be affixed to the rear bumper of the golf cart.  
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#### § 77.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.  
"GOLF CART" A vehicle with four wheels originally designed for operation on a golf course and powered by a battery or internal combustion motor.  
"DRIVER'S LICENSE." A valid license to operate a motor vehicle issued by Indiana or any other state.  
"FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY." Liability insurance coverage on a golf cart in an amount not less than required by Indiana law for motor vehicles operated on public highways in the State of Indiana.  
(Ord. 2006-28, passed 12-4-06)

#### § 77.02 OPERATION OF GOLF CART.

The operation of a golf cart within the City of Portland is strictly prohibited unless the golf cart is operated and equipped in full compliance with this chapter.  
(Ord. 2006-28, passed 12-4-06) Penalty, see § 77. 99

#### § 77.03 OPERATOR.

Only persons over 16 years of age and holding a driver's license may operate a golf cart.  
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#### § 77.04 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

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#### § 77.05 TIME OF OPERATION.

Golf carts shall not be operated on city street during one-half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise unless the golf cart is equipped with two operating headlights (one on each side of the front of the golf cart) and two operating tail lights with brake lights (one on each side of the rear of the golf cart) which are visible from a distance of 500 feet.  
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#### § 77.06 PLACE OF OPERATION.

Golf carts may be operated on city street which have a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or less. Golf carts may not be operated on sidewalks or on the following national or state highways except to cross those highways at intersections in a path 90 degrees to the highways: SR 67 (Votaw Street), US 27 (Meridian Street) or SR 26 (Water Street).  
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#### § 77.07 OCCUPANTS.

The number of occupants in a golf cart shall be limited to the number of persons for whom factory seating is installed and provided on the golf cart. The operator and all occupants shall be seated in the golf cart and no part of the body of the operator or occupant shall extend outside the perimeter of the golf cart while the golf cart is being operated.  
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#### § 77.08 TRAFFIC RULES.

The operator of the golf cart shall comply with all traffic rules and regulations adopted by the State of Indiana and the City of Portland which govern the operation of motor vehicles.  
(Ord. 2006-28, passed 12-4-06) Penalty, see § 77.99

#### § 77.09 SLOW MOVING VEHICLE SIGN.

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(Ord. 2006-28, passed 12-4-06)

#### § 77.99 PENALTY.

A violation of any provision of this chapter shall constitute a violation of the Portland City Code. An owner, lessee or operator may be cited to appear in a court of competent jurisdiction by issuance of an Indian uniform traffic ticket. Upon a finding by such court that an owner, lessee or operator of a golf cart has violated any provision of this chapter, such person shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$200 for each offense along with court costs in the amount the same now exists or may hereafter be determined by ordinance or statute.  
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**Patriots make regional for first time since '17, see golf story below**

# Sports

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## Rockets split weekend games

It was a difficult start to the weekend, but the Rockets finished strong.

The Portland Rockets swept a doubleheader 7-5 and 9-6 from the Fort Wayne Blues on Sunday after losing a pair to the Michiana Brewers 8-7 and 8-2 Saturday.

### Local roundup

Zach Orn led the Rockets (7-4) to their first win Sunday with a single, a triple, three RBIs and a pair of runs. Orn had two hits and two RBIs in the second game while Dakota Durick recorded two hits and two runs.

Casey Henderson went the distance for the game-one win while Tyler Reynolds went 6 1/3 innings in game two before turning it over to Orn for the final two outs.

Peyton Smith and Bryce Deckman were the losing pitchers Saturday as Michiana lived off of big innings, scoring six times in the sixth inning in the opener and eight times in the fifth in the second game.

Smith had two hits and three RBIs on the day.

### Masonic wins

Two games produced only one winning Monday night in Portland Junior League Major softball as Jay County Monuments defeated Masonic Lodge 10-5. All Circuit Electrical and Masonic Lodge tied 6-6 in the other game.

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# Make it three



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Fort Recovery High School senior Abbie Francis hustles down the track Saturday between Lauren Clos (left) of Dalton and Gianna Lane (right) of Tree of Life during the championship race of the 200-meter dash during the Division III Track and Field State Tournament at Ohio State University's Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium. Francis finished seventh.

## Seventh-place finish for Francis in 200 dash adds to Fort Recovery girls' state medal count

By **RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

COLUMBUS, Ohio — It had already been a historic state meet for the Indians.

They walked away with two medals on the opening day Friday.

On Saturday, a senior zipped around the track to make it three.

Abbie Francis, who surprised even herself just by advancing to

the state meet in an event she had not focused on until this season, ran the second-fastest time of her career to finish seventh in the 200-meter dash at the Division III OHSAA Track and Field State Tournament at Ohio State University's Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium.

"I'm honestly pretty proud," said Francis. "We had such a great team this year. And to be able to take the same three girls

to state that we did last year, I feel so great."

Her effort combined with senior Whitley Rammel (third - shot put) and sophomore Mara Pearson (seventh - long jump), who both competed Friday, to give the Fort Recovery girls three state medals. (The top eight athletes in each event make it to the podium.)

Prior to Rammel's sixth-place finish last season, the Indians

had gone a decade without even a single medal at the state meet. (Francis and Pearson were both state finalists last season, but did not make the medal stand.)

"I'm happy with that," said Diller, laughing. "I think they're pretty happy with that too."

"It was a super good day and a good day yesterday. ...

"It was a big (weekend) for girls track at Fort Recovery."

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Brock DeHoff of Jay County High School watches his shot on the 16th hole Monday during the sectional tournament at Hickory Hills Golf Club. DeHoff placed the shot in the middle of the green en route to a par. He scored a team-best 73 in leading the Patriots to a third-place finish and a regional berth.



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# On to regional

## DeHoff leads Jay to third in sectional tournament

By **RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

PARKER CITY — The No. 4s and 5s were in from each team. The No. 3s were near the final green when the horn sounded.

A small storm cell that blew directly over Hickory Hills County Club delayed the sectional tournament for about a half hour.

While the rain didn't hold off, the Patriots were able to hold off Winchester.

Jay County High School's boys golf team finished seven strokes ahead of the Golden Falcons to earn the third and final regional-qualifying spot as it shot 360 Monday in the tournament hosted by Monroe Central.

"That feels pretty good," said Brock DeHoff following the Patriots' first top-three finish at a sectional tournament since 2017. "We got rain delayed, but we got to go back out there and fin-

ish up. ... It just feels good to go on."

Champion Yorktown (322), coached by JCHS graduate Nathan McClung, and runner-up Delta (328) were both well ahead of the rest of the nine-team sectional field with the only suspense at the end of the round being whether the Patriots would be able to come in under Winchester for the No. 3 spot. (The top three teams and top three individuals not on advancing teams advance to the regional tournament.)

After DeHoff (38) and Kyle Sanders (99) came in with their scores, JCHS just needed No. 1 player Caleb DeRome to post a 49 or better on the back nine to secure the regional berth. Though he had a rough start to the second half of his round, he easily delivered with a 42.

It marks just the fourth time the Patriots have qualified for the regional tournament as a team following berths in 2003, 2012 and 2017.

"I'm very happy," said coach Dave Haines, whose son Collin was on the school's last regional-qualifying team. "Even with some struggles today and some windy weather and a delay, the kids still pulled it through and we edged out Winchester by seven strokes to advance to regionals."

"That was our goal at the beginning of the year; the first meeting we had, was to try to make it as a team. And we accomplished that."

Earning the individual regional berths were Nahom Solomon (78) of Burris, Paul Welch (84) of Winchester and Reagan Duren (85) of the host Golden Bears.

It will be a quick turnaround for the Patriots, who will compete in the regional at 8 a.m. Thursday at The Players Club in Yorktown.

DeHoff led the Patriots to their first regional berth for the first time in a half decade, playing particularly well on the third through ninth holes.

After playing the first two holes at 3 over par, DeHoff recorded pars on five of the next six. He narrowly missed an eagle as his second shot on the 414-yard, par-4 ninth hole just missed the pin and rolled three feet past. He easily rolled in his birdie put for a 3-over 38 on the front nine.

He continued to play solid golf on the back nine before getting into some trouble with a triple bogey as he played well right of the fairway on the 18th hole, but still posted the top score on the team with an 83.

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