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## Concrete work

A worker with TJ's Concrete and Excavation drills into the concrete in front of Medler's Furniture in Portland this morning.

## Arts Place gets \$35,000 grant

*Funding will be used to host artists in residency*

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Arts Place was announced Tuesday as the inaugural recipient of the Ball State University Community Engagement for the Arts Grant.

The grant offered up to \$35,000 to an East Central Indiana community arts-focused organization or program, with Arts Place awarded the full amount.

"We are proud to present Ball State University's inaugural Community Engagement for the Arts Grant to Arts Place," said Seth Beckman, dean of Ball State's College of Fine Arts and member of the University's Community Engagement for the Arts Grant selection committee, in a

press release. "At Ball State, in line with our strategic priorities, our University aspires to be internationally recognized for mobilizing and leading partnerships that revitalize and sustain our city and our region. We are excited to see how Arts Place utilizes this funding to deliver novel, engaging and inclusive experiences to our communities."

Through the application process, then-executive director Eric Rogers of Arts Place explained that revenue streams for arts education, specifically artist residencies, has declined. The organization applied to "reintroduce the community to a broad range of community artist residencies that will attract a diverse audience, including populations often not reached through our classes and lessons."

Desiree Duell, who took over as executive director of Arts Place on Aug. 1 following Rogers' retirement, said Tuesday that the funding will be used to support one artist in residency this fall and another in spring 2023. (The artists will have responsibilities at both the Jay County Campus of Arts Place and Blackford County Arts Center.)

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## Committee adjusts its recommendations

Their suggestions will be forwarded to Jay County Council, which meets at 6 p.m. today at Jay County Courthouse.

Council has been looking into 6% raises for county employees. It has also reviewed other specific pay raises, including for workers at the sheriff's office, jail, highway department and JEMS.

Jay County Sheriff Dwane Ford and chief deputy Ben Schwartz previously suggested a matrix pay scale for their department's employees. (The 20-year pay scale factors in 0.5% wage increases for the first few years and 1% wage increases in following years.)

The personnel committee decided against recommending the matrix pay scale, instead initially suggesting the county bump wages as listed on the first year of the matrix pay scale and making other decisions on raises annually.

County auditor Emily Franks asked for clarification on the matter Tuesday.

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*Proposed raises for sheriff's office range from 12% to 27%*

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

The personnel committee has been suggesting raises for county employees.

They adjusted some of those amounts at a meeting Tuesday.

Jay County Personnel Committee, which consists of Jay County Commissioner Chad Aker and Jay County Council members Jeanne Houchins and Ted Champ, agreed to recommend raises for various county departments, including a range of increases for workers at Jay County Sheriff's Office and Jay Emergency Medical Service.

## City looks headed for 3.5% increases

its golf cart ordinance and an issue with cockroaches in trash Toters.

Council had approved the 3.5% raise plus longevity pay for all employees — currently, only the fire and police departments receive longevity pay — on first reading by a 4-3 vote at its July 18 meeting. The same proposal then failed 4-3 on second reading Aug. 1, with council member Don Gillespie changing his vote.

Gillespie on Tuesday apologized, saying he made a mistake with his vote at that Aug. 1 meeting and had intended to vote in favor. He said he would still be in favor of the 3.5% raise plus longevity.

The rest of the discussion about salaries at the work session rehashed many of the same points that have been discussed between council members and Mayor John Boggs over the last four months.

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*Gillespie apologizes for mistake in Aug. 1 vote*

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

It looks as if Portland city employees will be getting a 3.5% raise plus the addition of longevity pay in 2023.

While no formal agreement was made, a majority of Portland City Council members indicated during a work session Tuesday that they would vote in favor of such a proposal.

Council also discussed its impending sewer rate increase, potential changes to

## Prop pusher

Mark Garringer, alongside his wife Emilie, the Jay County High School Marching Patriots' color guard director, pushes a prop down a road Friday at Indiana State Fairgrounds ahead of the band's performance in the preliminary round of the state fair band day competition.



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### Deaths

Jack Noe, 61, Waynedale  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 71 degrees Tuesday. The low was 65 and there was about a tenth of an inch of rain.

Tonight's low will be 58. Expect partly sunny skies Thursday with a high of 78 and a slight chance of showers beginning at 11 a.m. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Gas Boom Days is set for Saturday and Sunday in Redkey. The festival will feature a parade at 11 a.m. Saturday, following by concerts from Greg Rhodes at 1 p.m. and Cook and Belle at 4 p.m. Sunday's events include a pancake and sausage breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Redkey Volunteer Fire Department and a car show from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of tonight's Jay County Council meeting.

Saturday — Photos from the JCHS football team's scrimmage against Richmond.





Obituaries

Jack Noe

March 20, 1961-Aug. 5, 2022
Jack Noe, 61, of Waynedale and a longtime Bluffton resident, passed away on Friday evening, Aug. 5, 2022, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was nicknamed "Rabbit" by his Uncle Tom and the name followed him through life. He loved to laugh, fish, attend concerts at Kehoe Park with friends and to talk about his children and grandchildren.

He was born on March 20, 1961, in Allen County, Indiana, to Betsy N. (Garrett) Noe. He graduated from Bluffton High School with the class of 1979.

As a teen in the late '70s and early '80s, Jack was known for his cars, especially for his canary yellow Camaro.

Jack started his working career at a very young age to support his love of cars. He worked at Garrett's Marathon for his Uncle Bill and Cousin Jerry and at K-Mart. Jack worked for the Indiana State Highway at the beginning of his adult life. Jack's professional life driving semi trucks started at a very young age. He drove for Coble



Noe

Express, First Fleet (the second driver hired), Hiner Transport, Case Carriage and Pepsi. He enjoyed talking with people and having the freedom of the road. Most recently, Jack worked at Menards.

On March 16, 2013, Jack married the love of his life, Cynthia "Cindy" D. (Gerber) Noe. Together they enjoyed many things but mostly spending time at their home with friends and family. Cindy reminded Jack that, "Life isn't measured by the number of birthdays you have celebrated, but the quality of each day and each moment in your life." Cindy preceded Jack in death on Jan.

2, 2022, and Jack was left with a huge void in his heart.

Survivors include his children, Maria (Mark) Lemler of Markle, Jace (Jacinda) Noe, Leslie (Neil) Draper and Allison (Brett) Bothast, all of Bluffton. Jack was a loving grandpa to his eight grandchildren, Janell and Jacob Lemler, Brielle and Briley Noe, Jace and Zoe Draper, and Heath and Grant Bothast. He is also survived by his sister, Jane (Steve) Prescott of Portland; nephews Colton and Hunter Prescott; and his white cat, Will.

A private gathering of family and close friends will take place to remember Jack's life. Memorials may be made to

the family and sent to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

Friends can express condolences to Jack's family at thomarich.com.

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CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Thursday 8/11, Friday 8/12, Saturday 8/13, Sunday 8/14, Monday 8/15. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (78/55, 77/53, 79/60, 77/61, 79/61).

Lotteries

Table listing lottery results: Powerball, Mega Millions, Hoosier, Quick Draw, Ohio, and estimated jackpots.

Markets

Table listing market prices for various commodities like Cooper Farms Fort Recovery, POET Biorefining Portland, The Andersons Richland Township, Central States Montpelier, and Heartland St. Anthony.

Today in history

In 1675, the foundation stone was laid for the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England. In 1792, King Louis XVI and his wife Marie-Antoinette were imprisoned during the French Revolution. In 1793, the Louvre opened in Paris. In 1821, Missouri entered the Union as the 24th state. In 1962, author of the "Hunger Games" series Suzanne Collins was born in Hartford, Connecticut. In 1972, Anna Wile was named acting administrator for Jay County Hospital. In 2021, Scout Clean Energy held an open house in the Farmer's Building at Jay County Fairgrounds to offer the public the opportunity to review plans and ask questions about its Sky Chief Solar project.

Citizen's calendar

Today 3 p.m. - Jay County Commissioners executive session, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. - Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. Monday 5:30 p.m. - Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6 p.m. - Fort Recovery School Board, conference room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. - Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St. Aug. 17 4 p.m. - Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.

Adjusts ...

Continued from page 1 The personnel committee changed its previous decision, instead recommending sheriff's office raises according to rank, with increases varying between just under 12% to just under 27% increases. (Deputies would receive the highest percentage raise, increasing their pay to \$26.15 an hour.) Franks said she would rather opt for a 6% increase across the board with possible higher wages for deputies and let consulting firm Wag-

goner, Irwin and Scheele Associates hash out future raises. "We're going to get into kind of a mess where we're deciding what's important and what's not, versus a factored system, and maybe ..." she began. Aker interjected, noting across the board raises would not bump deputies or highway employees up to a competitive, fair pay. "That 6% isn't going to get them up where they get them up, and so we're not going to retain people," he said.

The committee also suggested raising the chief deputy's pay to \$81,150, or \$39.01 an hour, in recognition of the fact that most first deputies in Jay County make 75% of what their superior makes because they are not paid for overtime. (The current salary for the sheriff is about \$108,000.) The personnel committee adjusted its suggestions for raises for some positions at JEMS, ranging from 6% to 21.3% increases according to the job. Franks pointed out the

county may not be able to afford the raises in a few years, forcing it to look in untapped reserves. "We've got to find (the money), we've got to do this, otherwise we're going to be cutting the services," said Aker. The group briefly discussed making cuts in other departments, with Aker noting the highway department cut \$1,155,700 from its budget for next year. Franks said she could send a request to department heads to make cuts to their budgets.

City ...

Continued from page 1 In advocating for a 5% raise plus longevity, Boggs referenced larger raises being discussed or approved by the county, Dunkirk and Hartford City. He said the cost of living is going up and cautioned against continuing to lose city employees to higher-paying jobs. Council member Dave Golden — he had been in support of the 3.5% raise amount along with Kent McClung, Janet Powers and Gillespie while Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker and Michele Brewster pushed for larger raises — expressed concern about having the funds to pay for the proposed Meridian Street sewer project and other city needs. He noted that the city covers any increases in health insurance premiums, pointing out that Jay Schools employees just saw their costs increase by 4.6%.

council members had discussed splitting the average 33.6% hike from the current \$46.06 per month to \$61.53 into two — an \$8 increase this fall and a \$7.47 increase in April. (The additional funding is needed to pay for an estimated \$10.8 million in upgrades at the city's wastewater treatment plant as required through an agreed order with Indiana Department of Environmental Management.) Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips pointed out that the county's regional sewer district will require 90 days notice on any rate change and added that there will be additional costs to have the software adjusted twice for rate updates instead of once.

rently stands, the \$35 rate is charged to anyone with a Portland address, which includes many rural Jay County residents outside the city limits.) He asked that fines be set at \$50 for a first offense, with \$25 increases for each additional offense.

The increases will be discussed again at council's meeting Monday. The mayor requested that council revisit his proposal to clarify golf cart registration rate boundaries and set fines for those who are cited for violations. At the Aug. 1 meeting, he had asked that the \$35 rate before those who live within Portland city limits and \$18 for those who live outside the city. (As it cur-

Boggs reminded council Tuesday that an "ordinance violation bureau" could not be implemented without specific fines set.

McClung said he would be in favor of the fine schedule but that he would prefer to leave the changes for golf cart registration as they are currently established. Powers agreed with that sentiment.

The mayor also reported that during a recent trash pick-up route, a Toter that was dumped in the city truck had hundreds of cockroaches in it. He expressed concern about the truck potentially spreading the cockroaches around the city via the trash truck. He asked council members to consider the issue and said he is researching what other municipalities do in such situations.

Felony arrests

Dealing drugs A Portland man was arrested today for dealing drugs. Noah W. Teeter, 55, 520 E. Walnut St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony for dealing in a schedule I drug, a Level 6

felony for dealing in marijuana, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held on a \$15,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Grant ...

Continued from page 1 While staff is still working on exactly what the artist in residency job description will entail, the idea is to offer artists space to create while also providing learning experiences for communities Arts Place serves. "We'll be bringing in artists who might not have a chance to interface in another way," said Duell. "And give people space to do work, to make work. A lot of artists need that." "We want them to be able

to have time to do their own work," she added, "but we want them to teach a class and do some sort of public presentation." There will also be a component of reaching out to groups such as minorities, veterans and those with disabilities that may currently be underserved.

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## Scholarship awarded

Portland Vocational Women recently gave Jay County High School graduate Sean Guntle a \$600 scholarship toward his education at Ball State University this fall. Pictured, from left, are Shirley Gruss, Sean Guntle and Kari Guntle.

# War impacts every person

By KWAME DAWES

War, impending war and exile forced by war, are increasing preoccupations in the work of Ladan Osman — not so much the wars, but the damage that they do to everyday people who are trying to live in this world.

In “Sun to God,” these walking children and their parents, these laughing children and

## American Life in Poetry

their parents, will eventually start to run, and will eventually stop laughing. It is a vividly captured accounting of the wars that continue to be waged around us.

### Sun to God

The children walked.

Then they began to run.

Why are we running, one asked?

No one knew. They ran faster.

They began laughing.

Why are we laughing?

Not one knew. They laughed more.

It was the eve of war but they didn't know.

The children walked.

The children's parents walked.

The parents' parents walked.

Their shadows spilled ahead.

Their shadows lagged behind.

Then, they began to run.

No one was laughing.

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# Drunk uncle crosses line with kiss

DEAR ABBY: I come from a large, close family. The majority of them live in another state. A couple of family members live in the same state I reside in. One night, my uncle came over and we were hanging out having drinks. We both drank too much and at some point, he started to kiss my neck. I told him to stop because he is family, and he did. Luckily, nothing more happened. The next day he texted and called profusely apologizing. I have been hurt, sad and angry ever since. He wanted to talk about it, but I didn't.

We still see each other at family get-togethers since there are only a few of us out here. I haven't told anyone, and it's hard to keep this to myself, but I'm afraid that if I say something, it could cause a rift in my family. How do I get through this without hurting them? Should I confront him and tell him how this made me feel? Should I confide in a family member? Or must I just pretend it didn't happen? — EMOTIONAL IN ARIZONA

DEAR EMOTIONAL: Do not pretend it didn't happen. Because you feel the need to get this off your chest, tell your amorously uncle

## Dear Abby



how hurt, angry and violated you felt by what he did. I see no reason why you should announce this to the family for the reason you mentioned. However, do not see him alone or drink with him again.

DEAR ABBY: I have been babysitting my grandson, alternating with the other grandmother, for two years. She and I rarely see each other, but invariably, when we do, something I say gets repeated to the mother in a changed form. It causes my daughter-in-law to go ballistic on my son; never directly to me. Both of them have professional jobs and are in their 30s.

I have never felt valued or needed for myself or the service I provide for her, although my son frequently

expresses appreciation privately to me. They hope to have their child enrolled in preschool in eight months, but I very much want to quit because yet another miscommunication occurred this week. My son makes excuses for his wife, but I think she should talk to me directly, so I can refute what her mother says.

I'm told her mother has a “listening issue” that my daughter-in-law is aware of, but apparently that doesn't matter when it comes to me. I'm pretty sure that whether I continue or leave now, I will rarely see them or the baby once he starts preschool, although we live only 20 minutes away. What should I do? — GRANDMA'S MESS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR MESS: My advice is to smile and continue babysitting your grandchild until preschool starts. If you quit now, it will only give your daughter-in-law another excuse to blame you and curtail interactions with you in the future. If you choose to keep doing it, you will have an eight-month window for your grandchild to bond with you, which bodes well for the future.

# Community Calendar

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

### Today

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in room 205 on the second floor of John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim

Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information,

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

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

### Thursday

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

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at Pizza Hut in Portland.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about

the latest products and information.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 211 — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at the post at 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

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

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

### Saturday

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

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

## Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday's Solution

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6	5	9	2	1	4	3	8	7
9	8	5	4	2	1	6	7	3
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# Duet sparked idea for slideshow

*(Editor's note: This column is being re-printed from Aug. 9, 2017. It hits on two of Jack's favorite things — visits to Miller's Merry Manor and birds. The performance he refers to was not his last. In fact, he, George Lopez and Arnold Clevenger were finalists for the Dunkirk Commitment to Community Award this year for their recurring concerts for the residents at Miller's.)*

By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

By the time you read this, I should have made my debut at Miller's Merry Manor.

Technically, it's not actually my debut.

That occurred one Thursday afternoon I found George Lopez performing with his guitar and singing old favorites for the residents.

## Back in the Saddle



George, who is now deputy prosecutor and did a stint as county prosecutor, is a musician on the side. I'd seen him perform for his mother Mattie and other residents at Crown Pointe in Portland in the past.

But this was the first time I'd encountered him at Miller's Dunkirk facility.

I didn't expect to see him there, and he clearly didn't expect to see me.

I stop at Miller's each week — unless I'm on vacation or on

assignment somewhere else in the world — to visit with Virginia Conkling, mother of my late classmate Al Conkling, and with Gordon Kesler, longtime Knox Township trustee, who has become a great friend over the past few years.

The visits benefit me as much as Virginia and Gordon. They lift my spirits and provide me with a sense of perspective about life and the world.

Boredom is their biggest enemy, and if I can provide a little gossip or something to talk about, then I've delivered something to break up the day.

Just the same, when George spotted me, the equation changed.

He'd been playing old favorites, and the next thing I knew I was being called into service to sing a duet. It was

"Under the Boardwalk," and I'm proud to say that we did not demolish it.

The residents seemed to enjoy our rendition, though I know some have trouble hearing, which might have been a blessing on this occasion.

But it got me to thinking. There's a string of programs that make their way through Miller's Merry Manor weekly. Maybe I had something to offer.

A couple of weeks later, when I was showing Virginia some vacation pictures on my laptop, the idea occurred that maybe a slide show would find favor.

Choyce Miller, one of Virginia's cohorts, encouraged me to give it a try.

After all, there are hundreds of photos on my computer. Couldn't I find something entertaining in all those images?

At Choyce's recommendation, I focused on nature first.

Sort of a "walk in the woods" without leaving your walker or wheelchair; that was the idea.

Bird pictures, tree pictures, trail pictures, butterfly pictures, flower pictures, moth pictures, cloud pictures, sunsets and sunrises, most of them local but some of them from as far away as California or New England.

As I write this, I'm still sorting pictures into the four seasons.

Then I'll need my wife's help to make sure I've identified the flowers correctly. (I know the birds, but the flowers confuse me.)

The goal is to have a "slideshow" of about 100 images, hooking my Mac laptop up to one of the big screen TVs at Miller's.

It will be pretty low-key. But at least they won't have to hear me mangle "Under the Boardwalk."

# Russell, Nichols led us to do better

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette  
Tribune News Service

There's a reason for the simultaneous mourning and celebration of the lives of a basketball player and an actress, both out of the public eye for years.

Nichelle Nichols, 89, and Bill Russell, 88, were born during the Great Depression into a society that defined them as second-class citizens simply because they were Black.

One of the most dominant high school and college basketball players in the country, Bill Russell led Team USA to gold at the Melbourne Olympic Games in 1956. He then led the formerly mediocre Boston Celtics to 11 NBA championships, including a record eight in a row, during a decade of intense racial strife in that city. As much as many white Bostonians hated cheering for Black players, they made an exception for the Black man whose play created the city's first great sports dynasty.

But it wasn't his athletic success that made him a hero. Russell was also an active civil rights crusader who didn't ignore the racial inequalities of the day for the sake of making his integration into the locker room and the arena floor smoother. He contributed money to the movement and recruited other Black athletes. He attended Martin Luther King's 1963 March on Washington.

He was a man of conscience with an abiding hope in the American ideals the march represented. His dignity and leadership made millions of otherwise indifferent citizens more sympathetic to the cause of civil rights.

Nichelle Nichols wasn't a world-class athlete, but her image was beamed around the world. In 1966 she assumed the role of Lt. Uhura, the communications officer and fourth in command of the starship Enterprise on "Star Trek." It was a revolutionary bit of casting.

She was the first Black actress to have a non-subservient role on a television series. Her character was beautiful, intelligent and utterly different from the depiction of Black women in popular

## Guest Editorial

*He was a man of conscience with an abiding hope in the American ideals the march represented. His dignity and leadership made millions of otherwise indifferent citizens more sympathetic to the cause of civil rights.*

culture at the time. She was a declaration that Black people would someday enjoy full equality with white Americans. It was a shocking premise for American television.

But it wasn't her television success that made her a hero. Like Russell, Nichols lived by her principles. When she wanted to quit "Star Trek" after the first season to do a stint on Broadway, MLK talked her out of it. Her role was too important to the advancement of Black people, he said, for her to step away. She gave up Broadway and thus became an indispensable part of a pop culture phenomenon that has shaped the attitudes about race of several generations.

Nichelle Nichols and Bill Russell reminded America that it could do better. By going boldly where few Americans had gone before, they defined what this country can be.



# Dems play dangerous game

By MARTIN SCHRAM  
Tribune News Service

Private citizen Joe Biden and the Democratic Party were absolutely right way back when they kept demanding an investigation of what we'd just learned: Russia had interfered big-time in America's 2016 elections — running video ads and doing lots more that helped Donald Trump win the presidency.

Then Biden and his fellow Democrats were absolutely right, yet again, in voicing outrage when special counsel Robert Mueller's March 2019 report following an in-depth investigation didn't produce a national determination to safeguard our democracy from those who seek to manipulate our voters, overturn our elections and destroy our democracy.

Mueller's report had given us a detailed warning: Russia had successfully used social media "to undermine the U.S. electoral system ... through what it termed 'information warfare.' ... The (Russian) operation also included the purchase of political advertisements on social media ... that by early 2016 favored candidate Trump and disparaged candidate (Hillary) Clinton."

So today it is no wonder many of us are rightly outraged. We are witnessing another carefully schemed effort — by a very different surprise perpetrator — to manipulate voters in the 2022 midterm elections. Once again, an unexpected source has been purchasing video ads to promote pro-Trump Republican candidates in a number of states.

But this time you are not hearing expressions of outrage from President Joe Biden or the Democratic Party leaders. That's because this year's manipulative pro-Trumper ads are being paid for by — not Russia, not Trump — the Democratic Party.

(Readers: Do not adjust your news screens or newsprint. You read that right.)

In one of the most cynical campaign efforts ever seen anywhere, the Democratic Congressional Campaign

## Martin Schram



Committee (DCCC) and the Democratic Governors Association (DGA) have been buying ads promoting the messages and themes of stop-the-steal, pro-Trump Republicans in primaries for governor, Senate and House. Why? Democratic schemers think they can manipulate opposition primaries so they can run in November against pro-Trump, Love-the-Big-Lie candidates who will be easy to defeat. So they think.

So far, this super cynical Democratic manipulation plan has achieved its initial goals in several states. In Michigan, Republican Rep. Peter Meijer, who was one of 10 House Republicans who voted to impeach Trump after the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection, was challenged and narrowly defeated by pro-Trump conservative John Gibbs.

The DCCC's TV ad that featured the Capitol in the background and the words that were drawn from a Gibbs tweet: "John Gibbs and Donald Trump," "Same Policies." The Democratic ad also called Gibbs "too conservative for West Michigan" — but of course in a Republican primary, that really isn't a negative attack, it's a positive vote-getter. And here's the bottom line: The DCCC spent \$435,000 on its ad featuring Gibbs; Gibbs spent only \$334,000 on his own GOP primary campaign — and won.

In Maryland, term-limited Republican Gov. Larry Hogan endorsed moderate Kelly Schultz — but she was challenged by Trumper Dan Cox. The Democratic Governors Association ad featured a Cox tweet saying: "Dan Cox: Reject Fraudulent Elections on Jan. 6," and also a Fox channel's screenshot saying: "Cox fought the

certification of the 2020 election results."

Speaking of Jan. 6, on the anniversary of that insurrection, the chairman of the DGA, North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, tweeted: "Governors must help lead the way in standing up for the truth, protecting our democracy and making sure that it's the vote of the people that decides elections."

But Cooper didn't put his DGA money where his tweet was: The DGA spent a reported \$2 million on ads showcasing Trump-endorsed Cox's message. Last month, Cox won decisively. And yet, the compelling words Cooper tweeted on Jan. 6 were very much on the mind of Michigan's secretary of state, Democrat Jocelyn Benson, as she told The Washington Post what she thought about the real message her fellow Democrats' were sending when they played in Republican primary sandboxes.

"If we are going to say as a party — or as leaders — that we believe in a healthy democracy, which requires citizens to be informed and engaged, we have to live out those values in everything we do," said Benson. "Interference with another party's primary does not reflect those values."

The last time Democratic schemers were this too-clever-by-a-half was way back in the summer of 2015. We had just seen a most un-political spectacle: A reality TV rich man gliding past on his gold-colored escalator, through his pink marble lobby and into a role the political smart set knew he'd never fit. TV's prime-time pundits and late-night comedians were making The Donald their national punchline.

Except for one faraway amateur pundit with access to a bit of a bankroll — and an office with a fine view of Red Square.

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# Trump under scrutiny after search

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Donald Trump faces intensifying legal and political pressure after FBI agents searched his Florida home in a probe of whether he took classified documents from the White House when he left office, casting a shadow on his possible run for the presidency in 2024.

The search is a stunning development in the ongoing legal battles involving the former president as he teases another White House bid in 2024 and plays kingmaker in Republican primaries for November's midterm elections. It also comes as the Jan. 6 committee, and federal investigators, probe the actions of Trump's inner circle related to the fatal riot at the Capitol.

Trump was in New York City at the time of the search and accused the Federal Bureau of Investigation of raiding his property. "My beautiful home, Mar-A-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida, is currently under siege, raided, and occupied by a large group of FBI agents," he said in a statement Monday. He did not indicate what they were seeking. "They even broke into my safe!"

The Justice Department declined to comment on Trump's statement, but a person familiar with the search said it began in the morning, lasted until after 6 p.m. and was related to the potential mishandling of the records.

Monday's search is related to a request from the National Archives and Records Administration to the Justice Department to look into the transfer of presidential documents to Mar-

a-Lago, including classified materials. The Archives in January retrieved 15 boxes of records from Mar-a-Lago.

Trump turned those documents over only after facing possible legal action over their removal. The location of the safe at Mar-a-Lago was a tightly held secret, according to several people familiar with the matter, who said that some of Trump's closest aides were unaware of its existence.

The revelation will shed new light on Trump's musings about another bid and on midterm elections, with Trump continuing to wield considerable influence over the Republican Party, which is poised to make gains in Congress. The immediate reaction from the GOP displayed Trump's hold on the party.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, a California Republican, tweeted at Attorney Gen-

eral Merrick Garland to "preserve your documents and clear your calendar," saying that Republicans "will conduct immediate oversight" of the Justice Department should they take control of the House in November.

Other Republicans, including Florida Republican Governor Ron DeSantis, also publicly rallied around Trump and cast doubt on the merits of the raid. DeSantis has been mentioned as a possible opponent should Trump follow through on teases to make another White House bid.

Trump is being represented by Evan Corcoran and John Rowley in talks with federal prosecutors, according to a person familiar with the situation. Neither responded to several messages seeking comment.

Throughout his presidency, Trump kept various papers — including news clippings,

mementos, and, on occasion, classified documents — stored in separate piles. Some of those papers were among items boxed up and taken to Mar-a-Lago when he left office.

Trump wasn't given a briefing on what to take and what not to, according to two people familiar with the matter. He likely didn't see everything that was taken — the valets and residence staff did most of the packing.

Trump would have been furious if anyone had sorted through the boxes to remove anything, aides said.

Trump seized on the event to cast himself as a political victim, saying he was being targeted to derail his potential candidacy through "the weaponization of the Justice System." Trump complained that he was being mistreated by "Democrats who desperately don't want me to run for president in 2024."

## Refund checks will come soon

By **CASEY SMITH**  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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Hoosiers who still haven't received their \$125 Automatic Taxpayer Refund can expect to see checks in a matter of weeks, state officials said.

Folks across the state should also see the \$200 payment approved during the special legislative session arrive soon, too.

After a paper shortage delayed the first round of checks by several weeks, all paper needed for printing has now been received, meaning checks can start going out as early as next week, said Emily Boesen, a spokesperson for the state auditor's office.

The state agency is expected to receive data from the Indiana Department of Revenue later this week, listing recipients who did not receive their payments via direct deposit. Once that data is available, checks can be printed starting on Aug. 15.

There are roughly 1.7 million checks to print, Boesen said. The state aims to have all checks printed by early October.

The auditor's office has the capacity to print 50,000 of those per day. They take 24 to 48 hours to go through the mail process.

For all qualifying taxpayers who have not already received their \$125, the two checks will be combined

into one, Boesen said. Individual taxpayers will receive \$325 while married couples filing jointly will get \$650 checks.

"By combining the checks into one, we are able to save roughly 1 million dollars," she told the Indiana Capital Chronicle.

Anyone who qualifies for the \$125 refund will receive the additional \$200, although Boesen said there will be some Hoosiers who qualify for only the \$200 check. In those cases, individuals will only receive one check.

Boesen said the Indiana Department of Revenue "will be working out the logistics" on those who only qualify for one check.

Indiana taxpayers who received the original taxpayer refund by direct deposit will also get the newest payment that way. The Indiana DOR is handling direct deposit and bank information. The auditor's office is only responsible for providing physical checks to those who qualify.

State officials asked Hoosiers to hold their questions about the payments until Nov. 1, when payment processing is expected to be completed.

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## Russia installs air defense system

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Tribune News Service

MOSCOW — Russian forces started installing an air defense system at Europe's largest nuclear power plant in Zaporizhzhya, in occupied Ukraine, after shelling triggered fears of a catastrophic accident.

"The power plant's air defense systems are being reinforced," the head of the Moscow-appointed military administration in the region, Yevhen Balytskyi, told Russian state television.

The Russian military administration said that the Zaporizhzhya plant is currently operating normally. Power lines and damaged units of the reactor have been repaired, Balytskyi said.

The nuclear plant in southern Ukraine, which is under Russian control, has been shelled several times in recent days, sparking international concerns about the safety of the facilities.

Moscow and Kiev have blamed each other for the attacks.

Russia has suggested it may support a visit by International Atomic Energy Agency monitors to the nuclear plant.

"From our side, we are ready to provide the maximum possible assistance to resolve organizational issues," the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

Moscow also accused the United Nations of having canceled an inspection trip that was already planned, causing a new escalation.

Meanwhile, Russian reports indicated that one person died in explosions on the Black Sea peninsula of Crimea, a region which was annexed by Russia.

Amid continued fierce fighting in the south and east of the country, Ukraine has received 50 military transport vehicles from Turkey and that another 150 are to follow, Ukrainian media reported Tuesday.

The Kirpi armored personnel carriers are equipped with four-wheel drive and can transport 12 soldiers in addition to the crew.

Ukraine relies heavily on international military assistance to fend off Russian attacks, and its main arms supplier is the United States.

Turkey maintains close relations with Ukraine, but also with Russia.

British military experts meanwhile, in their daily intelligence update from the Ministry of Defense in London, said that Russian troops have focused their efforts in recent days on repelling a Ukrainian counter-offensive in the south of the country.

Nevertheless, the Russian attacks in the eastern region of Donetsk have continued, they added.



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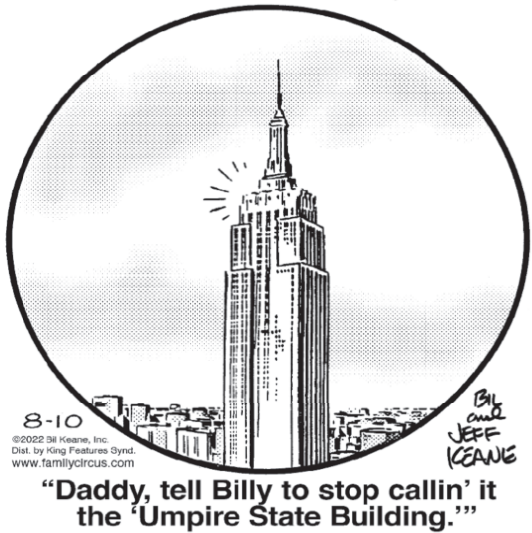
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Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 10 5 3  
♥ J 8 2  
♦ A Q 7 4  
♣ J 3

**WEST**  
♠ 9 2  
♥ K 9 7 5 4  
♦ 10 3  
♣ K 10 9 2

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q J  
♥ A 10  
♦ K 6 2  
♣ A Q 8 7 5 4

The bidding:  
South 1♠ West Pass North 1♦ East Pass  
3♣ Pass 3♠ Pass

3 NT  
Opening lead — five of hearts.  
No doubt one of the most tiresome admonitions for the aspiring bridge player is to "count your tricks at notrump." But until that advice is heeded on every occasion, it cannot be repeated often enough. Today's deal provides a case in point. West led a heart against three notrump, and South won the queen with the ace. Without giving the matter much thought, declarer then crossed to dummy with a diamond, led the jack of clubs and let it ride, losing to the king. West returned a low heart to

South's ten, whereupon South cashed the ace of clubs, disclosing the 4-1 club division. From this point on, the situation continued to deteriorate. With only eight tricks in view, declarer first tried cashing two more diamonds, but the suit failed to divide evenly. He then tried a spade finesse, but East won, cashed the jack of diamonds and returned a heart to put the contract down two.

It is hands like this that have driven many a dummy to drink. After the heart lead, South had nine ironclad tricks. All he had to do was to take the spade finesse at trick two. Whether it won or lost, he would have been assured of three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and a club for nine tricks.

In failing to make his contract, declarer fell victim to a common temptation — to attack the longest suit first at notrump. While this approach is often right, there are occasional exceptions to the rule, and this deal was one of them.

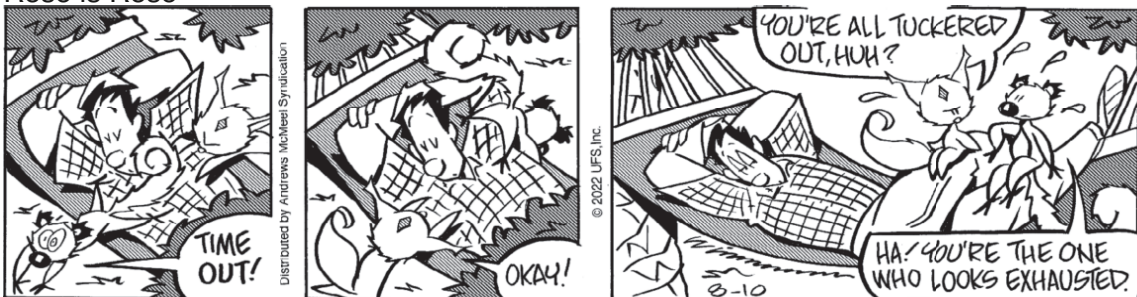
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Tomorrow: The art of slam bidding.  
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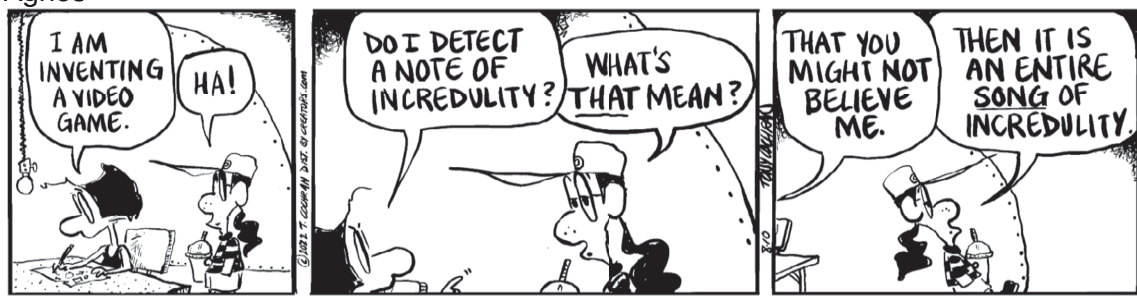
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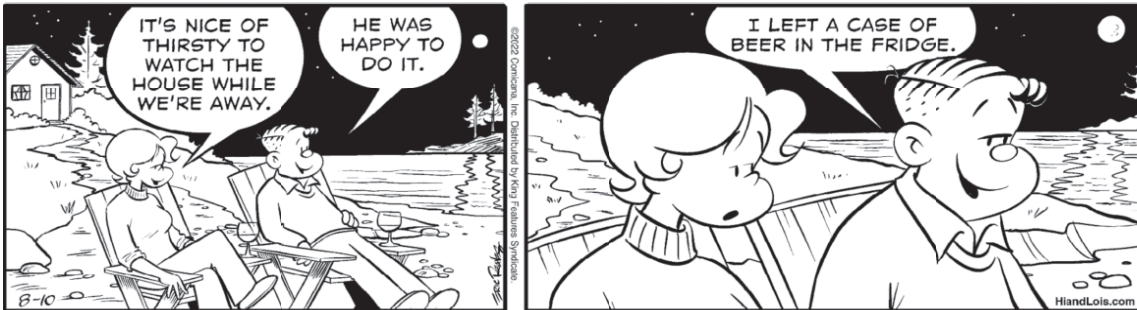
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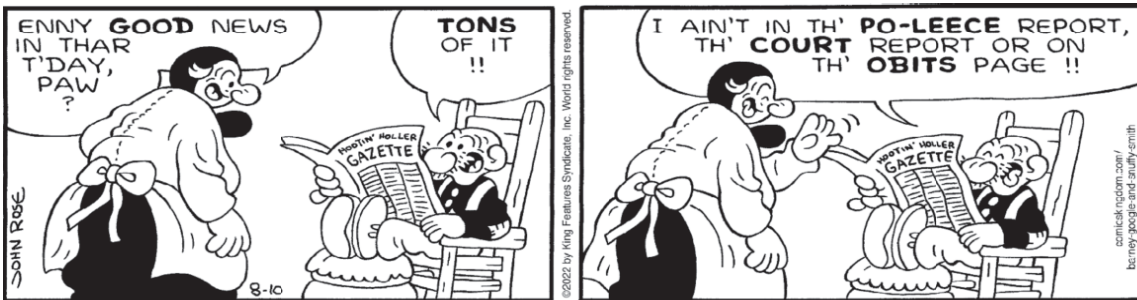
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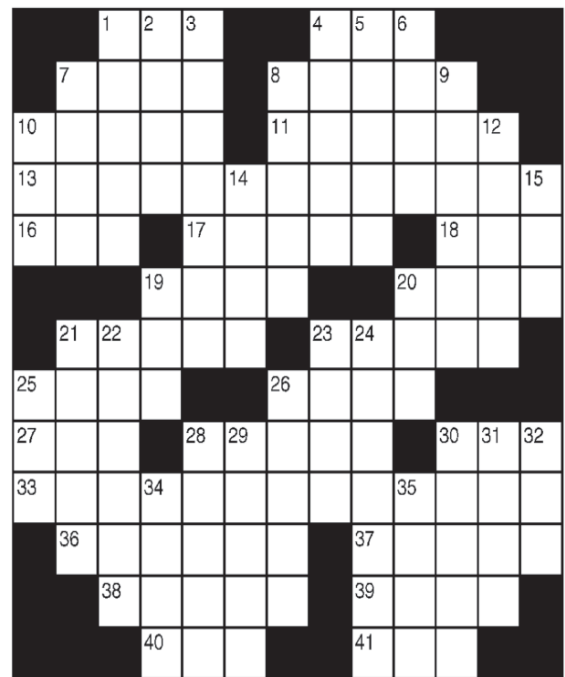
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Lindy and Elise Mercer showed the supreme champion heifer and reserve supreme champion heifer, respectively, and Kelsey Frantz had the supreme champion cow July 13 during the Jay County 4-H Dairy Show at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Frantz showed the senior champion ayrshire and reserve senior champion grade holstein.

Lindy Mercer followed close behind her, showing the reserve supreme champion cow. In addition to having the supreme champion heifer, Lindy Mercer also won the title of advanced showman, along with winning the junior and senior champion registered holstein and guernsey.

Other results are as follows:

## Spring calves

**Ayrshire**  
Champion: Ava May  
Reserve champion: Porter Clamme  
3. Kelsey Frantz  
4. Kelsey Frantz

## Brown swiss

Champion: Elise Mercer  
Reserve champion: Seth Degler

## Grade holstein

Champion: Kelsey Frantz  
Reserve champion: Joseph Kunk  
3. Adalyn Broering

## Registered holstein

Champion: Veronica Dirksen  
Reserve champion: Lindy Mercer

## Jersey

Champion: Ava May

## Winter calves

**Ayrshire**  
Champion: Corey Emery  
Reserve champion: Cody Jacobs

## Brown swiss

Champion: Elise Mercer  
Reserve champion: Seth Degler

## Grade holstein

Champion: Henry Dirksen  
Reserve champion: Adalyn Broering  
3. Bailey Muhlenkamp  
4. Kelsey Muhlenkamp

## Registered holstein

Champion: Lindy Mercer

## Jersey

Champion: Courtney Harris

## Fall calves

**Brown swiss**  
Champion: Seth Degler

## Guernsey

Champion: Lindy Mercer



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Kelsey Frantz showed the supreme champion dairy cow July 13 during the Jay County 4-H Dairy Show at the Jay County Fair.

## Registered holstein

Champion: Henry Dirksen

## Red and white holstein

Champion: Elise Mercer

## Summer yearling

**Ayrshire**  
Champion: Elise Mercer  
Reserve champion: Courtney Harris

## Grade holstein

Champion: Eli Dirksen

## Jersey

Champion: Corey Emery

## Red and white holstein

Champion: Elise Mercer

## Spring yearling

**Brown swiss**  
Champion: Elise Mercer  
Reserve champion: Seth Degler

## Grade holstein

Champion: Simon Dirksen

Reserve champion: Joseph Kunk

## Registered holstein

Champion: Lucas Lyons  
Reserve champion: Eli Dirksen

## Brown swiss

Champion: Seth Degler

## Winter yearling

**Registered holstein**  
Champion: Lindy Mercer

## Milking shorthorn

Champion: Porter Clamme

## Fall yearling

**Ayrshire**  
Champion: Cody Jacobs  
Reserve champion: Lucas Lyons

## Registered holstein

Champion: Simon Dirksen

## Milking shorthorn

Champion: Elise Mercer

## Junior 2-year-old

**Brown swiss**  
Champion: Seth Degler

## Guernsey

Champion: Courtney Harris

## Registered holstein

Champion: Lindy Mercer

## Red and white holstein

Champion: Joseph Kunk

## Senior 2-year-old

**Ayrshire**  
Champion: Elise Mercer

## Registered holstein

Champion: Simon Dirksen

## Junior 3-year-old

**Guernsey**  
Champion: Lindy Mercer

## Registered holstein

Champion: Eli Dirksen  
Reserve champion: Simon Dirksen

## Senior 3-year-old

**Ayrshire**  
Champion: Kelsey Frantz

## Grade holstein

Champion: Kelsey Frantz

## Registered holstein

Champion: Corey Emery

## Five-year-old

**Brown swiss**  
Champion: Seth Degler

## Grade holstein

Champion: Joseph Kunk

## Aged cow

**Brown swiss**  
Champion: Cody Jacobs

## Dry cow

**Registered holstein**  
Champion: Lucas Lyons  
Reserve champion: Porter Clamme

## Junior champions

**Ayrshire:** Elise Mercer

## Grade holstein:

Henry Dirksen  
**Brown Swiss:** Elise Mercer  
**Jersey:** Courtney Harris  
**Milk shorthorn:** Elise Mercer  
**Red and white holstein:** Elise Mercer

## Reserve junior champions

**Ayrshire:** Ava May  
**Grade holstein:** Eli Dirksen  
**Registered holstein:** Lindy Mercer  
**Brown swiss:** Elise Mercer  
**Jersey:** Corey Emery  
**Milk shorthorn:** Porter Clamme  
**Red and white holstein:** Elise Mercer

## Senior champions

**Grade holstein:** Joseph Kunk  
**Brown swiss:** Cody Jacobs  
**Red and white holstein:** Joseph Kunk

## Reserve senior champions

**Ayrshire:** Elise Mercer  
**Registered holstein:** Lucas Lyons  
**Brown swiss:** Seth Degler  
**Guernsey:** Courtney Harris

## Showmanship

**Beginner:** Adalyn Broering  
**Junior:** Ava May  
**Senior:** Joseph Kunk

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250 PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SALE  
Jay County Indiana  
Beginning 10:00 AM Local Time,  
September 23, 2022  
Commissioners' Room  
Jay County

Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly, notice is hereby given that the following described property is listed for sale for delinquent taxes and/or special assessments. The county auditor and county treasurer will apply on or after 09/06/2022 for a court judgment against the tracts or real property for an amount that is not less than the amount set out below and for an order to sell the tracts or real property at public auction to the highest bidder, subject to the right of redemption. Any defense to the application for judgment must be filed with the Jay County Superior Court and served on the county auditor and treasurer before 09/06/2022. The court will set a date for a hearing at least seven (7) days before the advertised date of sale and the court will determine any defenses to the application for judgment at the hearing. The county auditor and the county treasurer are entitled to receive all pleadings, motions, petitions, and other filings related to the defense to the application for judgment.

Such sale will be held on 09/23/2022 at the Commissioners' Room and that sale will continue until all tracts and real property have been offered for sale. At the discretion of local officials, the tax sale may switch to an online format. If those measures are taken place, the public auction will be conducted as an electronic sale under IC 6-1.1-24-2(b)10 at www.zeusauction.com commencing on the same date / time listed above. All location updates will be posted at www.sriservices.com prior to the tax sale. Property will not be sold for an amount which is less than the sum of:

- (A) the delinquent taxes and special assessments on each tract or item of real property; and
- (B) the taxes and special assessments on the real property that are due and payable in the year of the sale, whether or not they are delinquent; and
- (C) all penalties due on the delinquencies, and
- (D) an amount prescribed by the county auditor that equals the sum of:

- (1) twenty-five dollars (\$25) for postage and publication costs; and
  - (2) any other costs incurred by the county that are directly attributable to the tax sale; and
  - (E) any unpaid costs due under IC 6-1.1-24-2(c) due to a prior tax sale.
- No property listed below shall be sold if, at any time before the sale, the Total Amount for Judgment is paid in full. If the real property is sold in the tax sale, the amount required to redeem such property will be 110% of the minimum bid for which the tract or real property was offered at the time of sale, if redeemed not more than six (6) months after the date of sale, or 115% of the minimum bid for which the tract or real property was offered at the time of sale, if redeemed more than six (6) months after the date of sale, plus the amount by which the purchase price exceeds the minimum bid on the real property plus five percent (5%) per annum interest on the amount by which the purchase price exceeds the minimum bid on the property. All taxes and special assessments upon the property paid by the purchaser subsequent to the sale, plus five percent (5%) per annum interest on those taxes and special assessments, will also be required to be paid to redeem such property.

In addition, IC 6-1.1-25-2 (e) states the total amount required for redemption may include the following costs incurred and paid by the purchaser or the purchaser's assignee or the county before redemption: (1) The attorney's fees and cost of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (2) The costs of title search or examining and update the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property. The period of redemption shall expire on Monday, September 25, 2023 for certificates sold in the tax sale. For certificates struck to the county, the period of redemption may CR/NS7-27.8-3.10-2022-HSPAXLP

expire Monday, January 23, 2023.  
If the tract or item of real property is sold for an amount more than the minimum bid and the property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus. The Auditor and Treasurer specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to 09/23/2022 or during the duration of the sale.  
This notice of real property tax sale, and the tax sale itself are undertaken and will be conducted pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of Indiana which regulate the sale of land for delinquent taxes, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-24-1 et seq.  
The County does not warrant the accuracy of the street address or common description of the property, and a misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale. Minimum bid amounts are prescribed by law and are subject to change prior to the auction date.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may be obtained at www.sriservices.com or in an alternative form upon request.  
Registration For Bidding On the Tax Sale:

If you are interested in bidding on the tax sale for an Indiana county, you may register online at https://sriservices.com/. This registration is good for all counties that SRI services. You need to register only once for all counties. Make sure to bring the completed form with you to each sale. This will speed up the registration process for you the morning of the sale. If you do not have access to a computer with internet service you may register the morning of the sale.

Please arrive the morning of the tax sale at least 30 minutes before the beginning time to be assured you will receive your bid number before the start of the sale.  
Please bring your registration form and W9 form with you the morning of the tax sale. You will be able to print these forms from the registration web site.  
Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1 a business entity that seeks to register to bid at the Jay County Tax Sale must provide a Certificate of Existence or Foreign Registration Statement in accordance with IC 5-23 from the Secretary of State to the Jay County Treasurer.  
Dated: 7/27/2022

382200002	38-01-15-402-007.000-010	\$318.73	KING MICHAEL L & ROBIN L PT W 1/2 SE 1/4 84A PT W 1/2 SE 1/4 16A S15 T24 R12 648R N SR 1 PENNVILLE 47369
382200003	38-01-27-404-009.000-011	\$557.37	MCCOLLUM STEPHEN D & CARLA LALL LOT 32 & 20' E SIDE LOT 31 70' E SIDE LOT 48 GRISSELLS 2ND ADD 1/2 VAC WASHINGTON ST 195 E PLEASANT ST PENNVILLE 47369
382200004	38-01-27-404-035.000-011	\$774.45	FRAGA JACK JR LOT 6 A GRISSELL 1ST ADD 445 N UNION ST PENNVILLE 47369
382200005	38-01-27-404-054.001-011	\$1,301.73	MYERS JENNIFER S 'A' 66' X 103' VACANT LAND 250 E MAPLE ST PENNVILLE 47369
382200006	38-01-34-101-049.000-011	\$817.16	ROWLES CHARLES L N 1/2 OF LOT 11 WALLING ADD 110 S BROADWAY ST PENNVILLE 47369
382200007	38-09-04-300-029.013-014	\$1,095.38	BIGGS INC PT SW 1/4 S4 T22 R12 QUINCY PLACE (DRIVE) QUINCY PLACE ADD SOUTH PART OF HART DRIVE DUNKIRK 47336
382200008	38-09-04-300-030.030-014	\$1,647.54	BIGGS INC PT SW 1/4 S4 T22 R12 QUINCY PLACE (DRIVE) QUINCY PLACE ADD NORTH PART OF HART DRIVE DUNKIRK 47336
382200009	38-09-08-101-016.000-014	\$3,143.24	CLARK RYAN A LOT 6 BLK 43 O P 518 N MAIN ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200010	38-09-08-101-030.000-014	\$716.44	BOYLE DAVID & JESSICA JT TENS WR OF SURVIVOR LOT 8 GEORGE R SULLIVANS ADD 449 N MAIN ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200011	38-09-08-101-045.000-014	\$1,629.83	LIKENS WILLIAM LOT 5 GEORGE R SULLIVANS ADD 431 N

382200012	38-09-08-101-070.000-014	\$748.13	BOWLER ERIC T PARCEL B PT OF O L 2.12A PT OF OL 3 GEORGE B SULLIVANS ADD VACANT LAND NE OF MT AUBURN ST & W OF ALLEY DUNKIRK 47336
382200013	38-09-08-101-085.000-014	\$1,943.03	GREAT FUTURE LLC 45' W PT LOT 7 BLK 32 O P 210 W NORTH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200014	38-09-08-101-113.000-014	\$1,950.55	GREAT FUTURE LLC 105.5' X 130' BLK 29 OP 320 N INDIANA ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200015	38-09-08-101-117.000-014	\$998.35	MAY RONALD W PT E 1/2 BLK 29 OP PT LOT 86 HOOVERS ADD ON CONTRACT DOC# 201501089 CONTRACT DOC# 201802377 319 N INDIANA ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200016	38-09-08-101-121.000-014	\$604.68	RITENOUR MARCUS & SUMMER PT (21 X 12) BLK 29 O P VACANT LAND N INDIANA ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200017	38-09-08-102-028.000-014	\$1,183.08	MEADOWS DANIEL LOT 10 BLK 25 OP 399 LINCOLN Ave DUNKIRK 47336
382200018	38-09-08-103-005.000-014	\$1,988.83	FISHER HOWARD LOT 19 BLK 37 O P VACANT LOT W WASHINGTON ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200019	38-09-08-103-037.000-014	\$788.25	SNYDER TERRY LOT 2 MANNINGS SUB DIV (OF A PART OF OL 5 AND LOTS 1 & 2 IN BLK 26 SUTTONS 3RD ADD 220 S MERIDIAN ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200020	38-09-08-103-060.000-014	\$904.41	MOORE RICK A & TONIA LOT 7 BLK 39 O P 345 1/2 W PLEASANT ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200022	38-09-08-103-063.000-014	\$952.75	WILLOUGHBY BETH ANN LOT 4 BLK 11 OP 225 W WASHINGTON ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200023	38-09-08-103-070.000-014	\$2,145.61	SOLLARS MEGAN LOT 14 BLK 39 O P 356 W JAY ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200024	38-09-08-103-074.000-014	\$584.97	BLUMENHORST TERRY & LEXI JT TENS WR OF SURVIVOR W 40' OF LOT 15 BLK 39 O P PART OF VACANT LOT W JAY ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200025	38-09-08-103-075.000-014	\$451.98	BLUMENHORST TERRY & LEXI JT TENS WR OF SURVIVOR E PT 20' OF LOT 15 BLK 39 O P PART OF VACANT LOT W JAY ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200026	38-09-08-103-078.000-014	\$817.04	BLUMENHORST TERRY & LEXI JT WR OF SURVIVOR LOT 16 BLK 39 OP 344 W JAY ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200027	38-09-08-103-121.000-014	\$840.94	MCCORMICK ANGELA DAWN W 1/2 LOT 7 BLK 14 O P 210 W JAY ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200028	38-09-08-103-149.000-014	\$1,122.37	SARGENT LARRY D 35 X 130 PT OF LOT 2 BLK 15 OP 121 W JAY ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200029	38-09-08-104-010.000-014	\$582.50	SINGH RAJA S 1/2 S 1/2 LOTS 3 & 4 BLK 28 OP PART VACANT LOTS N INDIANA ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200030	38-09-08-104-083.000-014	\$807.46	DUTY DONNA LOT 5 RAILROAD ADD VACANT LOT E RAILROAD ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200031	38-09-08-104-084.000-014	\$1,328.37	DUTY DONNA J & ELLEN KATHLEEN JT WRIGHTS OF SURV LOT 6 & W 1/2 LOT 7 RAILROAD ADD 225 RAILROAD St DUNKIRK 47336
382200032	38-09-08-104-091.000-014	\$1,560.24	DUTY DONNA & LARRY SARGENT JT TENS WR OF SURVIVOR E 1/2 LOT 7 & LOT 8 RAILROAD ADD 231 E RAILROAD St DUNKIRK 47336
382200033	38-09-08-104-096.000-014	\$1,971.20	SIMMONS DREMA LOT 9 RAILROAD ADD. 235 E RAILROAD St DUNKIRK 47336
382200034	38-09-08-201-030.000-014	\$972.92	BOWLER ERIC T 30' S SIDE W 1/2 LOT 2903 10' N SIDE W 1/2 LOT 2904 D L CO 4TH & W 1/2 LOT 2901 & 30' N SIDE LOT 2902 DLC 4TH ADD & 10'S SIDE W 1/2 OF LOT 2902 30' N SIDE W 1/2 OF LOT 2903 DUNKIRK LAND CO 139 W EIGHTH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200035	38-09-08-201-031.000-014	\$1,097.25	POOR SONNY L W 1/2 LOT 2905 & 10' S SIDE OF W 1/2 OF LOT 2904 D L CO 4TH ADD 141 W EIGHTH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200037	38-09-08-402-086.000-014	\$2,830.31	RQ TAX LIEN INVESTMENT INC RICHARD QUIZON LOT 8 EVANS & WILSON ADD

382200038	38-09-08-402-098.000-014	\$512.66	HUNT CHASITY 50' PT O L 10 141 ORANGE AVE DUNKIRK 47336
382200039	38-09-08-404-004.000-014	\$423.75	BUCKNER RICHARD E & SANDRA J LOT 14 HARRY JOHNSONS 1ST ADD 125 HAROLD AVE DUNKIRK 47336
382200040	38-09-09-202-028.000-014	\$423.75	TRUSTEES OF THE FIRST LOT 29 MT AUBURN ADD 216 E OHIO ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200041	38-09-09-202-029.000-014	\$395.00	TRS OF FIRST PENTECOSTAL LOT 30 MT AUBURN ADD 216 E OHIO ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200042	38-09-09-202-029.000-014	\$395.00	FIRST PENTECOSTAL CH TRSTS LOT 31 MT AUBURN ADD 216 E OHIO ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200043	38-09-09-202-052.000-014	\$423.75	REED BRENDA LOTS 60-63 MT AUBURN ADD 315 E OHIO ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200044	38-09-09-203-003.000-014	\$4,639.91	MOREHEAD STEVEN MICHAEL LOT 1 - 2 J M SMITH SUB DIV 341 E HIGH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200045	38-09-09-203-051.000-014	\$588.54	ADAMS DONNA SUE LOTS 25 & 26 SNIFF & JOHNSON SUB DIV 363 E NORTH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200046	38-09-09-203-093.000-014	\$3,254.45	NORRIS LOGAN JAMES & CASEY RAE BROCK LOT 8-10 SNIFF & JOHNSON SD 509 E NORTH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200047	38-09-09-203-101.000-014	\$3,143.70	DUTCH LLC LOT 7 SNIFF & JOHNSON SUB DIV VACANT LOT E NORTH ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200048	38-09-09-203-110.000-014	\$706.27	WHETSEL ABIGAIL M 70' X 90' LOT 3 & 54' X 90' W 1/2 LOT 4 MARGARET SULLIVANS ADD PT LOT BEHIND OR EAST OF 135 S BROADWAY ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200049	38-09-09-203-114.000-014	\$850.91	WHETSEL ABIGAIL M LOTS 11 & 12 BROAD ST ADD 135 S BROAD ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200050	38-09-09-203-119.000-014	\$1,362.43	GLESSNER ALDEN H LOT 4 SNIFF & JOHNSONS SUB DIV 446 E CENTER ST DUNKIRK 47336
382200051	38-09-09-302-025.000-014	\$951.70	JONES ELIZABETH LOT 6 CARLES ADD VACANT LOT A STREET DUNKIRK 47336
382200053	38-03-17-204-014.000-021	\$1,081.37	DAVIS FARREL LOTS 3 & 4 BLK 4 205 N FRANCIS BRYANT 47326
382200054	38-03-17-204-023.000-021	\$1,658.53	DAVIS DEON FARREL LOT 8 BLK 5 202 W ELM ST BRYANT 47326
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## Serena to step away

Serena Williams plays a forehand against France's Harmony Tan during their first-round Wimbledon match at All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club on June 28 in London. In a "Vogue" essay published Tuesday, the 41-year-old announced plans to leave the sport. She is still scheduled to play in the U.S. Open, which begins Aug. 29 in New York City, and has not yet set a firm date for when she will depart.



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## Impact ...

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There's been no buyer's remorse this summer during training camp practices at Grand Park.

Listed at 6-foot-2 and 246 pounds, Ngakoue physically resembles Indianapolis career sacks leader Robert Mathis. His relentless motor off the edge and non-stop competitive nature also are reminiscent of Mathis.

He's notorious for grabbing the red flag off the ground at the end of every 1-on-1 pass-rush rep — no matter what position he finds himself in when the whistle blows. In one memorable instance, Ngakoue reached around the foot of an offensive lineman while lying flat on his back just to make sure he reached his goal.

No play is out of reach in his mind. During one long run by the offense earlier this week, Ngakoue chased the ballcarrier 30 yards downfield.

"I think one of the first things we do when we go into a meeting is we critique our effort first, and there is a standard and we told them, 'You already have a high standard, but now we have to take that standard to another level,'" Bradley said. "Each day we look at our effort to make sure it is on par with what is the standard, and when you can show a play like that with Yannick and him running down the field, it's a good sign that they are holding that standard very high."

Tradition means a lot to Ngakoue.

Mathis has remained in touch with the top edge rushers throughout the NFL since his retirement after the 2016 season, and he's carved out a second career as a position-specific trainer.

Ngakoue has been in communication with Mathis in that role for years. But now that he's a

Colt, that relationship is going even deeper.

The two men plan to have conversations each week during the season, breaking down the opposing offensive linemen and allowing Ngakoue to get a faster jump off the snap.

It's a partnership the 27-year-old welcomes with open arms.

"That's a guy that did it at a high level for a very, very long time and did it here all the way to like 37 years old," Ngakoue said.

Mathis recorded 123 sacks over 14 seasons with the Colts after being drafted in the fifth round out of Alabama A&M in 2003.

Ngakoue makes no secret of the fact he desires such longevity with a franchise. He played four years with the Jaguars after being taken in the third round out of Maryland, but Indianapolis is his fourth team in the past three years.

He's been productive at every stop, never finishing a full season

with fewer than eight sacks. And he's made a habit of quickly fitting into the locker room.

Ngakoue was named a team captain in his lone season with the Raiders before recording 10 sacks and helping the franchise make the playoffs for the first time in five years.

"He's always been a guy that takes tremendous pride in his work, but he's a man and he's a true pro," Bradley said. "Being a great teammate is extremely important to him, and providing everything he can for this team is extremely important to him, and there is not a selfish bone in his body. And I think that part of it — when you are a rusher, there is a tendency to be that."

"I have to get my sacks. I have to get this. But I have really seen him involved to where (if) the team does well, everything for him will be taken care of."

That unselfish nature extends off the playing field.

This week, Ngakoue started a social media campaign asking Indianapolis-area teachers to send him their Amazon wish lists of supplies for the new school year. Surprise packages soon began arriving in classrooms around central Indiana.

Ngakoue called teachers "one of the biggest superheroes we have in this country" and recalled educators going the extra mile to ensure he had everything he needed during his own childhood.

He's been overwhelmed by the wide-spread response to his generosity, but he feels a calling to serve this community.

"I just feel like here it's different," Ngakoue said. "I just feel like this is home for me. It's just a different vibe here. Everybody has humility. There's no ego. So I just felt like it was my duty to be able to put my best foot forward and make an impact in this community."

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**Local schedule**  
Today  
Fort Recovery — Girls golf at Gary Broering Invitational — 8:30 a.m.

Thursday  
Jay County — Girls golf at Muncie Central — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball at Mississinewa — 6 p.m.

**TV sports**  
Today  
1 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
1:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at New York Mets (Bally Indiana)  
3 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
4:30 p.m. — Tennis: Canadian Open (Bally Indiana)  
5 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
8:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Kansas City Royals (FS1)  
8:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Colorado Rockies (Bally Indiana)  
9 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)

Thursday  
11 a.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
1 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
3 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
3:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Colorado Rockies (Bally Indiana)  
5 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
7 p.m. — NFL preseason football: New York Giants at New England Patriots (CBS)  
7 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (FOX)  
7:30 p.m. — NFL preseason football: Tennessee Titans at Baltimore Ravens (ABC)

**Local notes**  
Tickets on sale  
Fort Recovery Local Schools season tickets are on sale.  
Tickets are on sale from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the high school office.  
All sports tickets for junior high and high school are \$50 for students and \$150 for adults. Junior high passes are \$10 for students and \$25 for adults, and football season tickets are \$15 for students and \$25 for adults.  
Senior passes, which are for Fort Recovery residents 65 and older, are \$30.

**Tryouts scheduled**  
Jay County Baseball Club will hold tryout sessions Saturday at Jay County High School's Don E. Selvey Memorial Field.  
The baseball club will offer teams for players 12 and younger with a six-tournament guarantee. Tryout times are as follows:  
10 a.m. — 8-and-younger  
Noon — 9 and 10 year olds  
2 p.m. — 11 and 12 year olds  
For more information, visit the Jay County Baseball Club Facebook page.

**WJCC soccer registration open**  
Registration is open for the West Jay Community Center fall soccer program for third through eighth graders.  
Forms are available at the community center or online at thewjc.wix.com/wjcc. The fee is \$35 for those who sign up by today. It will then increase to \$45.  
Registration is open until Aug. 19, with a clinic and skills assessment to follow Aug. 20. Games will be held on Saturdays from Sept. 10 through Oct. 15 at West Jay Elementary School.



# Sports

## New DE is making a big impact

By **GEORGE BREMER**  
The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)  
Tribune News Service

WESTFIELD — It wasn't a long discussion as the Indianapolis Colts debated trading for defensive end Yannick Ngakoue.

New defensive coordinator Gus Bradley coached Ngakoue as a rookie with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2016 and again last season with the Las Vegas Raiders. And he was on board immediately with the deal that sent cornerback Rock Ya-Sin to Vegas in March.

But the clincher might have been the support from former Raiders defensive line coach Rod Marinelli. Considered one of the finest position coaches in the NFL prior to his retirement this spring, Marinelli has a long-standing relationship with Indianapolis general manager Chris Ballard dating back to their years together with the Chicago Bears.

"That was a huge piece, the Marinelli factor was," Colts head coach Frank Reich said. "Because he's the best. Marinelli's report on Yannick was off the charts."

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# FRHS third in county



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Fort Recovery High School senior Isaac LeFevre follows through on his swing on his drive Monday on the fifth hole at Portland Golf Club. LeFevre shot an 86 Tuesday to help the Indians to a third-place finish in the Mercer County Tournament at Mercer County Elks Country Club in Celina.

CELINA, Ohio — Through two events, Eli Lennartz has been the team leader.

Lennartz shot a team-best 85 Tuesday to lead the Fort Recovery High School boys golf team as it finished third in the Mercer County Tournament.

The Indians' 365 put them behind champion Coldwater (323) and runner-up Marion Local (336) in the six-team field. St. Henry was fourth at 385.

Lennartz, who shot Fort Recovery's low score of 42 in its season opener Monday against Tri-Village at Portland Golf Club, carded an 85 Tuesday. He recorded back-to-back pars on the 354-yard, par-4 third hole and the 393-yard fourth and finished with six on the day.

Isaac LeFevre, the lone senior on the team, followed with an 86, racking up six pars while shooting 41 on the back nine. (He had nine pars in all.) Alex Dues recorded a 96 and Keegan Muhlenkamp shot 98.

Rounds of 108 from Reece LeFevre and 110 from Nate Jutte did not factor in the team total.

### Streak ends

EASTLAKE, Ohio — Fort Recovery graduate Nick Thwait's 12 1/3-inning scoreless run came to an end Tuesday as the Fort Wayne TinCaps lost 3-1 to the host Lake County Captains.

Thwait's, FRHS Class of 2018, entered the game in the fifth inning and tossed a scoreless frame. In the

### Local roundup

sixth, however, Milan Tolentino hit a leadoff double and scored two batters later on a Johnathan Rodriguez sacrifice fly.

That was enough to saddle Thwait's — he gave up the run on one hit and one walk in two innings of work — with the loss as the TinCaps failed to score again while Lake County got another run off of reliever Luis Madrazo in the seventh inning.

Thwait's now has a 3.60 ERA with 41 strikeouts in 45 innings this year.

### Girls fall to 0-2

GENEVA — The Fort Recovery girls golf team dropped to 0-2 on the season with a 212-244 loss Tuesday to the host South Adams Starfires at Wabash Valley Golf Club.

Eva Kahlig paced the Indians with a 60. She recorded her lone bogey on her seventh hole.

Julia Arnold of South Adams was the match medalist with a 48.

The Ellas — Westgerdes and Schoen — each bogeyed their third hole, a par-3, en route to following Kahlig with matching scores of 61. Brynn Stammen rounded out the team total with a 62.

Marissa Schoen's 65 did not factor in the team total.

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