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## In dedication

A crowd of hundreds gathered Sunday afternoon for a dedication ceremony at Freedom Park for the new Jay County Hometown Heroes banners that are hanging in Portland's downtown area. The banner project led by Krista and Troy Muhlenkamp in honor of their late son Jake and through his Jake's Little Patriot Fund so far has resulted in banners for 133 veterans.

## Council OKs 5% raises, but no longevity

*Portland city employees walked out of meeting in anger*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

With their salaries again on the docket Monday, Portland's city employees let their voices be heard.

They ended up with larger raises than had been discussed at a Portland City Council work session last week, but not quite what had been proposed by Mayor John Boggs.

After hearing from more than a half dozen city employees advocating for raises, council members on Monday on a 4-3 vote approved a 5% increase but no longevity pay as Boggs had proposed. (The current longevity pay for the police and fire departments would remain in place.)

The salary ordinance will be considered on second reading at council's Sept. 6 meeting.

Also approved were an adjustment to its golf cart ordinance and a fine schedule for violations.

Council chambers was full, mostly with city employees, with seven of them pushing for approval of Boggs' original salary proposal of 5% raises plus longevity pay of \$100 per year with a maximum of \$2,000. During a work session last week, council members, while still split, seemed headed for a 3.5% increase plus longevity pay.

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## Wastewater discussion scheduled

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — Proposed plans for a wastewater system in the village will be discussed next week.

Fort Recovery Village Council heard from village administrator Randy Diller that representatives of Poggemeyer's Design Group — the company is providing different options moving forward for the village's wastewater treatment — were not available for the meeting Monday. However, the group will be sharing a review of its findings with village council and members of the public at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 22.

Poggemeyer's Design Group conducted a wastewater system study for the village earlier this year. It suggested a few short-

### *Poggemeyer Design Group will present findings from study on village's system*

term solutions for the odor emanating from the village's wastewater lagoons, such as additional aeration treatment or a dredging process. (Residents who live along Wabash Road visited council in April and June to voice concerns about the stench reaching their properties.) The group has also put together suggestions for a long term wastewater treat-

ment plan, which it will be discussing next week.

"At the end of the day, it comes down to, can we make those lagoons work for us long term?" said Diller. "And if we can't, then we need to look at what the options are outside of that."

In terms of the lagoons, Diller noted, he's still looking into options for the dredging process.

Also Monday, police chief Jared Laux asked if council would consider setting regulations on days and times fireworks are allowed in the village. He noted his department received complaints about fireworks set off in July before or after Independence Day. (Currently there isn't punishment for setting off fireworks at late times, aside from a noise ordinance violation.)

He noted the Ohio Fire Marshal's Office will be setting regulations for consumer fireworks use sometime in October. (The updated fire code, which took effect July 1, allows Ohio residents to discharge fireworks on certain days leading up to or on holidays.

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## FR ready for new year

By BAILEY CLINE

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FORT RECOVERY — Classes begin in less than two weeks.

Fort Recovery Local Schools is nearly ready for the school year.

Fort Recovery School Board on Monday discussed projects finished through the summer as well as upcoming dates for students leading up to the first day of school.

Superintendent Larry Brown pointed out open building night for students to visit with teachers is slated for 3:30 to 7 p.m. Monday. The first day of school for Fort Recovery students is Aug. 24.

Tony Stahl, principal at Fort Recovery High School, added that schedule and computer pickup for upperclassmen begins Wednesday through Friday this week. Freshman orientation is scheduled for 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday.

Brown noted small projects completed, such as painting at various build-

### *Open house for schools will be held on Monday*

ings, replacing the water heater at the high school and resealing flooring at the middle and high schools. He added Regal Plumbing and Heating Company will likely be installing the new chiller at Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School on a weekend, with the process expected to take two days.

There are no new COVID-19 regulations this year, Brown said. Plans are to continue stipulations from the end of last year as suggested by the Ohio Department of Health. (Following Centers for Disease Control guidance, students or staff are advised to quarantine for five days after the onset of symptoms from the coronavirus.)

In other business, school board members Anne Guggenbiller, Sean Kahlig, Jake Knapke, Nick Wehrkamp and Don Wendel:

•Were informed Fort Recovery Middle School will celebrate Indian Way Day activities Sept. 2. The school will also feature a speaker Sept. 8.

•Hired 59 students are attending classes through Tri-Star Career Compact this year, with the precision machine and welding programs having the highest turnout.

•Hired Courtney Klosterman as a certified teacher (Knapke abstaining) and John Carpenter as freshman boys basketball coach.

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## Sweet treat

Redkey's Gas Boom Days festival was held Saturday and Sunday. Pictured, 6-year-old Annabeth McCoy enjoys some cotton candy while walking down High Street during the event Saturday.

### Deaths

Ronald Johnston, 72, Portland  
Edward Muhlenkamp, 75, Portland  
Jerry Binegar, 59, Portland  
Donn Lea, 85, rural Dunkirk  
Judy Conn, 81, Redkey

Cloyd Bergman, 61, Fort Recovery  
Patricia Kriegbaum, 82, Marion  
Martin Schmitt, 51, Fort Recovery  
Details on page 2.

### In review

Jay County had a high temperature of 79 degrees Monday. The low was 65.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 57. Skies will be mostly sunny Wednesday with a high of 79.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### Coming up

Wednesday — Results from tonight's JCHS boys soccer season opener.

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





# Singer's comments struck a chord

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

It won't be long before the garage sales burst into bloom all around the town.

We went to a free concert this past weekend. The featured singers were from Canada. At one point the lead singer was talking to the audience while the other performer fixed a broken string on his guitar.

She said that in one town in Canada a day is set aside for everybody to set out their unwanted stuff for anyone to have. It sounded like what happens on college campuses at the end of a semester. Anyway, the singers saw a box full of old trophies.

## As I See It



They grabbed the box and passed them out after their shows until they ran out of trophies. She said they gave preference to old hippies. They had already run out before last week's show. Instead of a trophy she offered up a bell to the one guy who had been yelling at them throughout the show. He was mostly telling them that he loved them. When asked his name he said, "Yes!"

Unfortunately Yes had either left early or suffered a bout of shyness as he wouldn't collect his prize. I imagine he had a bad headache the next morning.

Around here we also set out our unwanted stuff. The difference is that we put prices on our offerings. Most people know that the prices are merely suggestions and instead are starting prices for those who want to haggle.

I rarely have things to sell. Most of the time I don't think it is worth the hassle to drag everything out of the house, set it up, watch most of the people drive by without stopping, then haul the leftovers back to the house.

The other thing the singer mentioned was that every time they do a show in America there is a mass shooting, except for this time. Even though she didn't dwell on it, the statement broke my heart.

This is what we have come to. Other countries identify us by how many people get shot for no reason.

We keep telling ourselves that this is the greatest country on earth. We believe this in our very heart of hearts.

We are told over and over that we are the best. We watch middle-aged people patiently pushing a wheelchair for one parent or another. We point

to them as being one of those who tend to others, proof of our greatness.

We tell ourselves that our beautiful country is the best in the world but it would be even better if the elected officials in office belonged to the party we approve of. We tell each other that this would be an even better country if every person was issued a gun at birth.

And yet, there was this guy listening to a girl singing songs on a recent summer evening. He shouted, "I love you" several times. Thank goodness he didn't do anything else.

There are so many little things that point to people being kind to one

another. The media is full of stories about people saving kittens, puppies and such. Feel-good stories attempt to balance the ugliness that is featured on other pages. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't.

It was just a remark from a singer trying to kill some time while her partner fixed his guitar.

I have no answers. All I can do is to try to get you to realize that if we don't want a singer to remember our country as the one where people get shot then it is up to us to change it.

Oh, and if your name happens to be "Yes," there is a bell waiting for you to pick up.

# Boyfriend acts like life is a competition

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of seven years is very competitive. There is constantly this underlying contest about whose kid is better, whose dog is better, etc. It's silly. They are both great kids (and dogs) in their individual ways, and I suspect he likes to brag about his 11-year-old daughter just to publicize that she's "great."

He often criticizes my son. He also has "house rules" for us that he doesn't hold himself or his daughter to, and becomes upset if I bring it up. I like doing things with him and with his daughter, but not when they're together because it's always them against us. She also hangs on him constantly and whines when I'm around.

I realize I can't change how he acts, but I feel like I constantly need to prove myself to him and stick up for my son. Sometimes I'm a little jealous because he treats his daughter so differently than he treats us. I don't want to feel this way. Can you help me come up with a different way of reacting to it? — WEARY IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WEARY: Frankly,

## Dear Abby



your question, "Can you come up with a different way of reacting to the way your boyfriend treats you and your son?" surprised me. The traits you have described are obnoxious. I find it hard to believe that for seven years you've tolerated the double standard he exhibits and his constant criticism of your son — who by now probably thinks there is something wrong with himself — because of it. Put your foot down (better late than never)! Insist that he stop criticizing your boy and displaying the double standard. If he doesn't comply, for both your sakes, end the relationship.

DEAR ABBY: Last year a friend of mine had a baby shower, which I attended, and I bought

her an expensive gift. Shortly after, her baby was, unfortunately, stillborn. Rather than return the gifts or save them for a future child, my friend sold them on an online virtual yard sale. I was upset because I had spent a lot of money and, had she returned the item, I could've used it because I was pregnant. Needless to say, I didn't tell her how I felt.

Now, one year later, she's pregnant again. Honestly, I'm happy for her, but she's having another baby shower. What would be the rule of etiquette here? I want to go, but I don't feel I should have to buy her another gift. — UPSET IN THE EAST

DEAR UPSET: It's regrettable that the gifts from the first pregnancy weren't returned to the givers or kept for a future pregnancy, but chances are that your friend was an emotional wreck after having lost her baby, and she wasn't thinking straight. If you plan to attend this shower, you should absolutely bring a gift.

A side note: While reading your letter, I recalled that although the practice is well-

entrenched here, not all cultures have baby showers before a child is born. In China, Egypt and France, the celebration is held after the birth. And in Ireland, Russia and Japan, it's considered bad luck to have a baby shower before the baby arrives.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 62 and recently retired. My wife is 56 and still working. We have been married 32 years. She will retire at 60 to get a full pension from her company, and we have several million dollars in our retirement savings.

We travel together internationally once a year for about 10 days. I have talked to her about my desire to travel more often by myself or with my retired friends, since now is my "golden age" and I'm still physically able to do it. I enjoy classical operas/music and would like to go to some music festivals, such as the Salzburg festival, etc.

My wife thinks I'm selfish since she still works. I have explained to her that we can't predict our future physical abilities (my knees are deteriorat-

ing). If, by the time she retires, I'm no longer physically strong enough to travel, I may regret it forever.

If the situation were reversed and she wanted to travel by herself or with her friends after she's retired, I think it would be selfish of me to insist she not do it. Is she right? Is my desire to travel more before my wife retires selfish? — PONDERING IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PONDERING: I don't think so. You have worked hard for many years to be able to afford the luxury, and you should be "allowed" to enjoy the benefits of your labors with her blessing. In a few more years, she will have the same freedom.

P.S. I hope your health will allow you both to take many more vacations together in the future. And don't count yourself out because of your "deteriorating" knees. As I'm sure you are aware, knee replacements are common now. Several individuals I know say it has greatly improved their lives. (Hips, too!)

# Community Calendar

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

## Reunions

GOODYEAR FAMILY REUNION — Will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at Greek's Pizzeria, 1607 N. Meridian St., Portland.

## 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.

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

A BETTER LIFE - BR-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.

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 - BR-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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Level: Beginner

## Saturday's Solution

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

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.



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# Consider needs instead of refunds

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

The fact that Indiana has billions of dollars available to hand out in tax refunds might seem like a good thing, but is it really?

Few Indiana taxpayers are likely to turn down the \$200 refunds that will soon be coming their way, but should we really be happy about the idea that our state has managed to accumulate more than \$6 billion it doesn't need?

And just to be clear, these refunds don't come without a cost. State officials say the new round of refunds could cost somewhere around \$3.4 million to process and around \$800,000 to send out.

That's in addition to the \$1 bil-

## Guest Editorial

lion or so the state estimates it will spend on the actual refunds.

The windfalls approved last week will come on top of the \$125 rebates lawmakers approved during their regular session, refunds the Indiana Department of Revenue is still trying to distribute.

This new round of money was included in a bill that earmarked about \$75 million to

social services programs for mothers and children in anticipation of the needs prompted by the state's newly imposed abortion ban.

Speaking to Indianapolis television station WTHR (Channel 13), state Rep. Ed DeLaney, a Democrat from Indianapolis, asked if the repeated tax refunds didn't just represent a way for lawmakers to avoid investing in programs that might address the state's real needs.

"Is that what we're doing here?" he asked. "We're choosing between dribbling out money and making long-term investments in our schools and the possibility of things like

passenger rail or lower tuition? Is that the choice we're making? We'll dribble it out rather than have an investment strategy?"

Of course, he wasn't so offended as to vote against giving Hoosiers a tax break.

"I support the refund but want to move on to real planned investments in universities, passenger rail, public health and local roads," he said. "We have the resources. As the CEO of Lilly suggested, we are falling behind in attracting people and businesses."

DeLaney was referring to comments by David Ricks of Eli Lilly in a speech last spring to the Economic Club of Indiana. Ricks, CEO of one of Indiana's

largest employers, noted that Indiana's workforce was struggling to keep up with the skill set many employers need.

At the same time, he said, health care costs are too high, and Black and brown Hoosiers are the most likely to suffer.

Both Ricks and DeLaney are right. Tax refunds are nice, but programs to address our state's many needs are far more important.

What could \$6 billion do to improve public transportation or public health or public education? What could it do to improve the lives of Hoosiers?

Those are the sorts of questions our state's leaders really ought to be asking.

## Happiness ratings can be problematic

By MICHAEL S. MERRY

Progressive Perspectives  
Tribune News Service

When attempting to make sense of the news, comparing different countries can inform how we think about political problems and possible solutions. Yet international comparisons can be quite misleading.

The World Happiness Report, an annual survey that asks people across the world how happy they are, is an illustrative case in point. The 2022 report offers a numerical ranking based on a variety of scores aggregated to express how well respondents believe their life is going.

Yet the ranking is unhelpful for a variety of reasons — including the idea that an individual's quality of life can be neatly ranked on a scale of one to 10. Moreover, there are issues with collecting data using voluntary self-reporting. For instance, Scandinavian countries consistently rank highest, yet how likely is it that marginalized residents in the poorer neighborhoods of Copenhagen or Malmö filled in a survey? Then there is the curious choice of vocabulary: Are folks really "happy," or are they more content? And should we equate affluence with contentment?

Many studies suggest that higher incomes do not correspond to well-being, and even that clinical depression is more prevalent in wealthier countries. These data suggest that an individual's personal characteristics (such as illness, gender or temperament), family background, work life, and education level may matter more than their material wealth. Considering these factors can, therefore, make comparisons between countries much less informative than they may seem at first sight.

Each of the reasons above should give us caution in how we interpret international comparisons. But perhaps the greatest misstep in comparing nations concerns the artificial units of analysis, such that scale, scope and internal complexity become misaligned; the result is that apples are in danger of being compared to oranges.

Take another common survey topic: public trust in government.

In OECD data from 2020, the Netherlands, where I live, ranked very high on a comparative trust list at 78%. The United States, on

Michael S. Merry



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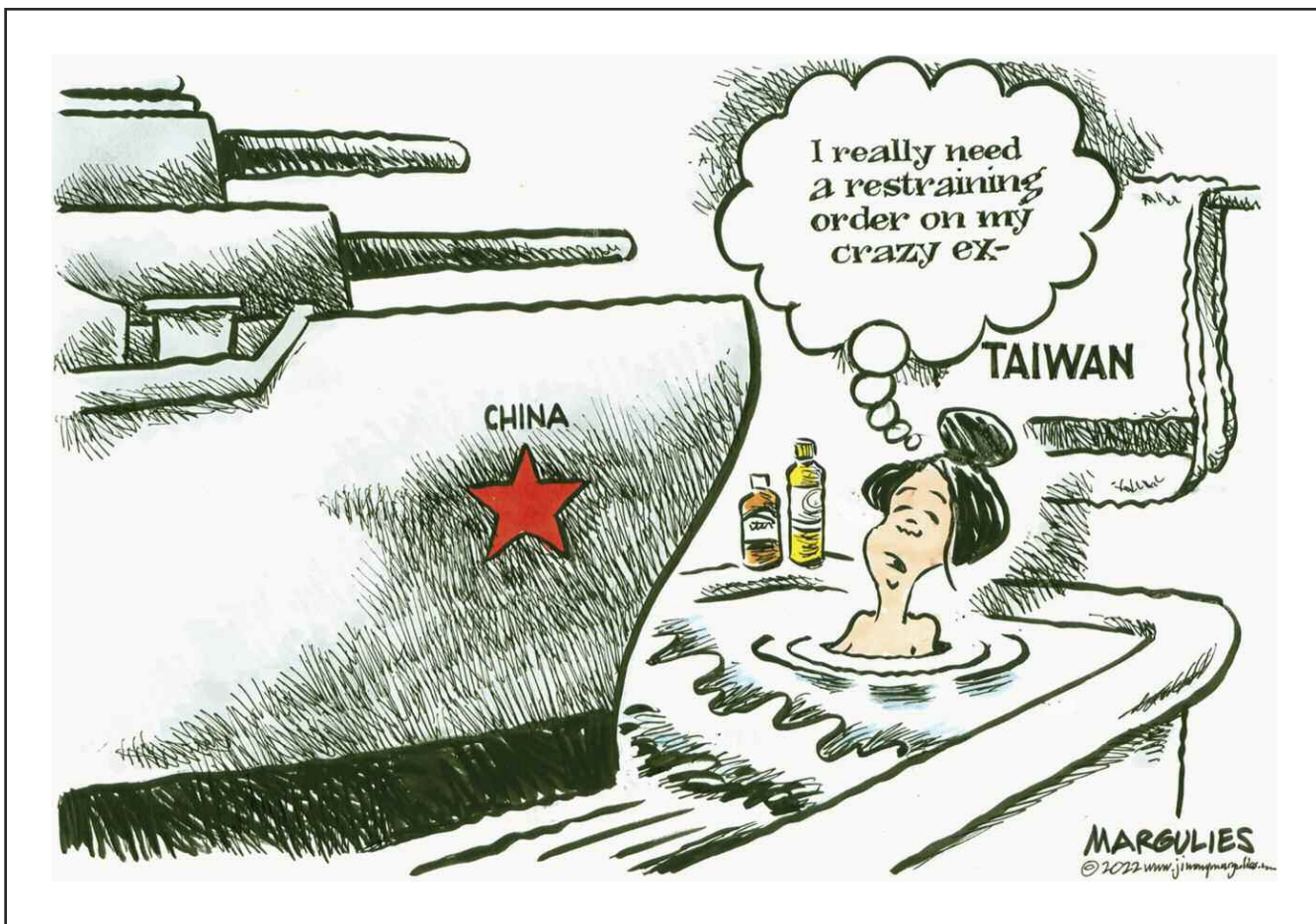
the other hand, though still higher than many European countries (e.g., Italy, Greece, Spain), fared poorly at 46.5%. Yet because the comparison focuses on national politics, it oversimplifies the issue of political distrust.

Many Americans who vehemently oppose the federal government, for example, are just as likely to passionately support state, county and municipal governments; indeed, most citizens want their local libraries, infrastructure, schools, fire departments, public transportation and parks to function well.

Conversely, in many European countries there often is more trust in the EU than there is in one's own national government. Meanwhile, the impressive Dutch figures cited above have taken a dramatic nosedive in the past 18 months.

International comparisons are sometimes both interesting and useful, but we must keep in mind that they often conceal more than they reveal.

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## Future of travel is less exotic

By TYLER COWEN

Bloomberg Opinion  
Tribune News Service

I am writing this from Amritsar, India, in the state of Punjab. The Sikh Golden Temple here is one of India's leading attractions, and last night I shared space with thousands of people over the course of four or five hours. In that time, I saw only two people who might qualify as white Westerners.

That simple observation — and my travels over the past year to Denmark, Switzerland, Ireland, Portugal, Mexico, England, Argentina and Colombia — have led me to a theory about the future of travel: The world is entering a new era in which exotic journeys are for more of a travel elite than a moneyed elite.

International travel is rebounding in comfortable "core" locations (for Americans, at least) such as Mexico, London or Dublin. But people are less keen on going farther afield. "Comfort travel" — by which I mean not just nice hotels but familiar surroundings — will be OK. "Challenge travel" — involving not only faraway places but also unaccustomed experiences — faces a more uncertain future.

It's not just my own experience. A colleague who is currently visiting Rajasthan relates that his guide says he hasn't worked with any foreign tourists for more than two years. The Chinese, the world's most frequent travelers, reduced their international travel by 95% in 2021. Or consider the island of Bali, which is admittedly luxurious but still, to many Westerners, exotic. It was formerly a major tourist destination for North Americans, Europeans and Asians, with 6.3 million foreign visitors at its pre-pandemic peak. In all of 2021, it recorded just 45 foreign visitors — and estimates are that the island will need 10 years to recover to previous levels.

One possibility is that interna-

Tyler Cowen



tional tourism will soon return to its 2019 composition, as people overcome their inhibitions and worry less about COVID risk. I am doubtful.

For one thing, domestic U.S. travel has already rebounded. Reservations for U.S. national parks are difficult to get, and West Virginia and Maine are enjoying a newfound prosperity. Most people are flying and walking through airports without masks, a sign of some comfort with baseline COVID risk. And London, Dublin and Oaxaca had plenty of North American visitors. People seem to be able to satisfy their travel itch without going too far or taking too many chances.

Another problem is that significant parts of Asia have yet to return to normal. China is pursuing a "zero COVID" policy, and the quarantines discourage foreign visitors. Japan still is not open to unescorted foreign visitors, with outdoor masks required. While those restrictions will eventually pass, people are getting out of the habit of thinking of Asia as a major tourist destination. I am even reluctant to take connecting flights through Tokyo, like I used to, for fear that if my connection were canceled, I couldn't stay the night in Narita and enjoy some sushi.

When people are forced to adjust, as happened during peak pandemic times, they learn new things. What many Americans and Westerners have learned is that they enjoy "comfort travel" as much if not more than "challenge travel." A lot of the new habits are going to

stick. Especially with group travel, the preferences of comfort travelers will tend to win out in choosing a destination.

One slightly sorry truth is that many people do not very much enjoy challenge travel, which can be stressful and almost like work. When the social and group pressures to do it are removed or lessened, challenge travel is likely to decline, although the hardcore challenge travelers will remain and perhaps even expand their ambitions.

The future for challenge travel, then, may be that it becomes both less popular and more intense. In this sense it may harken back to an earlier era of travel, where risk and difficulty were ever present and surprises were frequent. It was a time when there was not a Starbucks on every corner — or, as the case may be, a Subway sandwich shop. (There is one in the pedestrian district of Amritsar, but I don't think it is the future of dining here.)

In this re-emerging world of exotic travel, there will be less incentive to make everything comfortable and easy. Travelers who seek out the truly exotic will find new opportunities, and prices will stay low or perhaps fall further. The surrounding tourist infrastructure will be less likely to evolve toward familiarity. If you are a challenge traveler, maybe your favorite spot is less likely to get ruined.

This growing bifurcation of travel between comfort and challenge won't benefit everyone. Many people will play it safe, opting for Cabo rather than the wild Pacific coast of Colombia. They won't experience the world of challenge travel at all. I, for one, will not miss them.

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# Obituaries

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He loved his antique tractors, especially his Minneapolis Moline and White tractors. Each year, Cloyd enjoyed going to the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show where he displayed his tractors.

Family was important to Cloyd. He always had his wife at his side and enjoyed doing life together with one another. His children, grandchildren and his dog would always light up his face, and he liked taking them on golf cart or ranger rides through the woods. It was not uncommon to find him after a long day of work out in the shop with his wife and kids, doing projects for their business, Bergman Welding and Fabrication.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022, at

Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church in Fort Recovery with Father Mike Kapolka officiating.

Guests may visit with Cloyd's family on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022, from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. and again on Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home in Fort Recovery.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting [brockmanboeckmanfh.com](http://brockmanboeckmanfh.com).

## Patricia Kriegbaum

Feb. 14, 1940-Aug. 12, 2022  
Patricia A. "Pat" Kriegbaum, age 82, of Marion passed away peacefully at home on Friday, Aug. 12, 2022.

Pat was born Feb. 14, 1940, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the daughter of the late Richard E.

and Ruth Virginia (Gochenaour) Keller. She married Gerald Kriegbaum on June 12, 1965, and he preceded her in death on May 12, 2022.

Pat earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Ball State University in 1962 and 1967 and began her teaching career at Fort Wayne Community Schools. She later taught and was principal and vice principal at Bennett High School and then finished out her career at Marion Community Schools. She retired in 2008.

Pat was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Marion.

She is survived by her children, Pam (Bob) Kline of Phoenix, Arizona, Steve (Jen-



Kriegbaum

nifer) Kriegbaum of Brandon, Florida, Rob (Brooke) Kriegbaum of Portland, and Rick (Lianne) Kriegbaum of Valrico, Florida; and grandchildren, Kyle and Kristen Kline, Collin, Max and Jake Kriegbaum, and Carter and Brooke Miles.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Ron Keller.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 W. Kem Road, Marion, Indiana. A Rosary Service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 19, 2022, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1009 W. Kem Road, Marion, Indiana with Father Hilary Okeke officiating.

Burial will immediately follow the Funeral Mass in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul Catholic School, 1009 W. Kem Road, Marion, Indiana 46952.

Condolences and memories for the family can be shared at [ravenchoate.com](http://ravenchoate.com).

**Martin "Marty" Paul Schmitt**, Fort Recovery, Jan. 11, 1971-Aug. 15, 2022. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Recovery.

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# Raises ...

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The comments from city employees covered a variety of topics, including the city potentially losing employees to other municipalities, having enough cash reserves to cover raises, the pressures of being a police officer and larger raises being discussed or approved by other government units — the county, Dunkirk and Hartford City were mentioned.

Corey Cox, a longtime street department employee, referred to the raises as an issue of "respect." He pointed out that the difference between the 3.5% raise and 5% raise amounts to \$52,000 per year for the city, noting that the city approved \$160,000 toward the construction of a new Jay County Humane Society animal shelter.

"County (officials) are fighting for their employees to try to figure out how to give them more money," said Cox, who

also referenced the high inflation rate. "We're doing the opposite. How can we give them less?"

Jason Thobe, who works for the street and fire departments, pressed council members on their roles.

"I don't feel you guys do your jobs," he said, noting that six meetings have been spent discussing raises. "None of you know all of our names. None of you come to the fire department fundraisers. None of you come job shadow any of us. You don't know what goes on in the city."

When the salary ordinance came before council later, Boggs again asked for the 5% raise plus longevity pay. It was voted down 4-3 with Mike Aker, Matt Goldsworthy and Michele Brewster in favor and Kent McClung, Janet Powers, Dave Golden and Don Gillespie against. Following that vote, a city employee angrily left the chambers,

tossing his shirt toward Golden as he walked out the door.

During further discussion, Golden asked questions about cash reserves and funding available for any overruns on the city's upcoming storm sewer project (see details below). He said he had heard from several city employees and that his understanding was that the percentage raise was of greater importance to them than the longevity pay. (Wastewater treatment Brad Clayton, who had spoken with Golden, objected to that characterization of his comments.)

"As a lifelong resident of this town ... we've got a lot of good people doing a lot of good things," said Golden. "I truly feel that way."

He then proposed a 5% raise, but without the implementation of longevity pay.

That proposal was approved 4-3, with Golden, McClung, Powers and

Gillespie in favor while Aker, Goldsworthy and Brewster voted against.

After the 5% raise was approved, about 10 city employees paraded out of council chambers. Several talked about the possibility of quitting or retiring as they left, with one making a pointed comment at council members who voted in favor of the raise.

Council members also approved the penalty scale for violations of the city's golf cart ordinance that was passed in May at \$50 for the first offense and increases of \$25 for each additional offense within 12 months.

They also approved Boggs' proposal to adjust the ordinance to set golf cart registration fees at \$35 for those who live within Portland city limits and \$18 for those outside the city. (As originally passed, the \$35 fee was for all those with a Portland address, which includes many who live in

rural Jay County outside of the city.) The change passed 6-1, with McClung dissenting. He said he preferred to leave the ordinance as originally written.

Council also heard from two members of the public about the golf cart ordinance, including Wheel and Spoke Antique Mall owner Gary Clark. He asked that council consider a moratorium on the ordinance during the time of the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show as losing those patrons would be painful to Portland businesses.

Council members discussed the issue and seemed open to the possibility of a moratorium. But since it is too late to make any changes before this year's show — it starts in a week — they took a step back and will consider options for changes to the ordinance that could be implemented for future shows.

Boggs also reported

that the city has received confirmation that federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act are soon to be released from the state and that the city has been given permission to move forward with awarding a contract to Watson Excavating for the \$2.42 million Meridian Street storm sewer project. (The city's board of works is meeting today to do so.) The work will involve installing about 2,000 feet of new sewer line below Meridian Street from the north end of the downtown area to the Salamonie River. The catch basins that will be connected to the new line currently flow into the Millers Branch line to the east. Over the last decade-plus, it has had frequent issues with being overloaded, which has resulted in water backing up out of the sewer and flooding Meridian Street in the city's downtown area.

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## Five seek seat in House

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Following the unexpected death of Congresswoman Jackie Walorski, a handful of Republicans in the 2nd Congressional District have filed to run for the seat, vying to fill the vacancy during a caucus later this week.

The GOP must nominate someone for the remainder of Walorski's term, which ends January 3, as well as someone for the next two-year term, which starts the same day. The caucus will meet August 20 to select their candidates.

Both elections will be held Nov. 8.

Five candidates have filed with the Indiana Republican Party to run: former Attorney General Curtis Hill, attorney Tiernan Kane, Rep. Curt Nisly, of Milford, former State Rep. Christy Stutzman and executive Rudy Yakym.

Hill lost his 2020 re-election campaign at the state Republican convention, when delegates chose Todd Rokita over Hill. The snub followed a years-long battle over Hill's sexual misconduct at a 2018 party where

he groped four women. In response, the Indiana Supreme Court opted to suspend Hill's law license for 30 days.

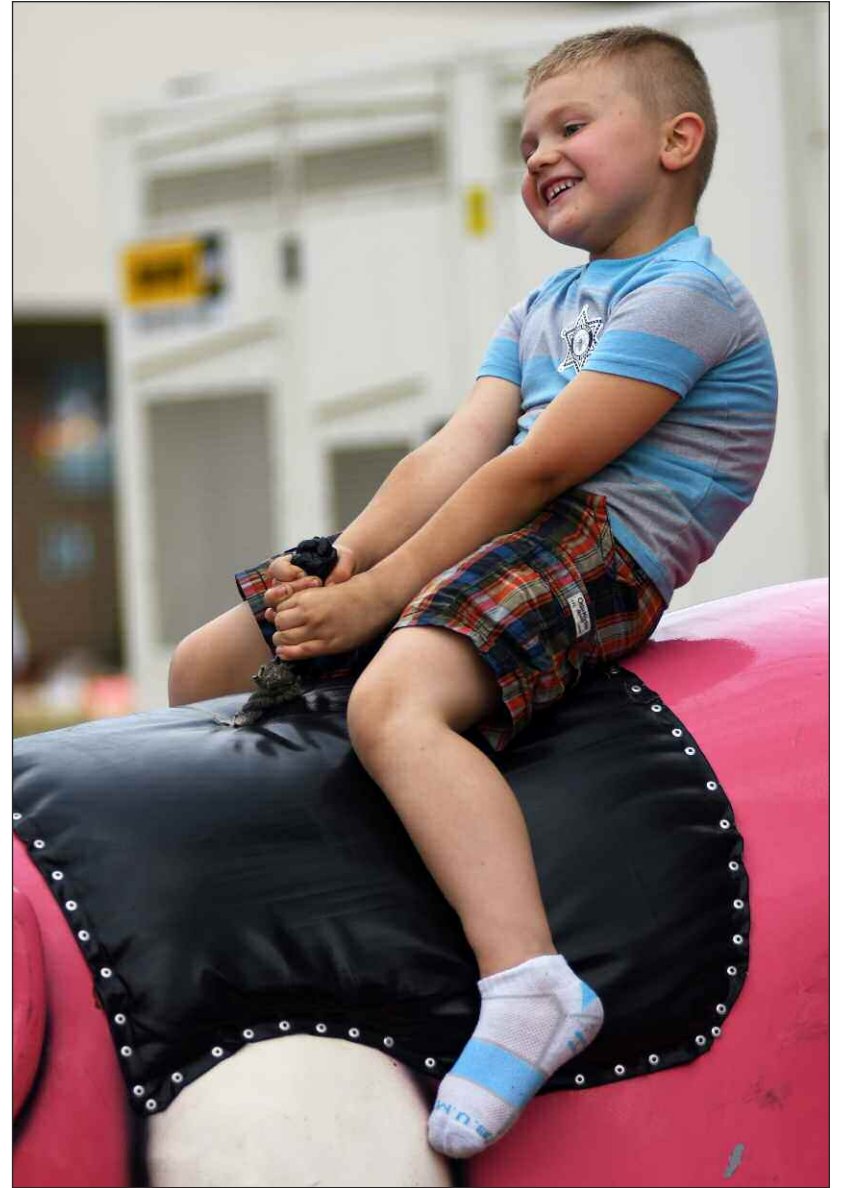
Tiernan Kane works as an attorney with Washington D.C.-based firm Cooper & Kirk and is a Ph.D. candidate in political science at the University of Notre Dame. Previously, Kane clerked for Judge Edith H. Jones of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Voters ousted Nisly in the May primary, after redistricting pitted Nisly against Rep. Craig Snow, R-Warsaw, for the same seat. He unsuccessfully introduced an amendment in the special session tightening the abortion ban by striking exceptions for rape and incest, winning just six votes.

"We need more Hoosier common-sense in Washington DC," Nisly said in a Facebook post. "I'm running to support limited government, to find solutions for inflation, and to help fix the immigration crisis. I'm excited for the future and look forward to continuing to bring Indiana values to help fix DC."

## 150th ride

Six-year-old Jaxson Dann of Geneva grins while riding a mechanical pig — the kid version of a mechanical bull — on Saturday during the town's sesquicentennial celebration. The two-day event featured music, food, vendors and a variety of activities.



## Felony court news

### No license

A Dunkirk man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to carrying a handgun without a license, a Class A misdemeanor, in exchange for dismissing a Level 5 felony charge for possession of an altered firearm.

Austin Whited, 24, 4128 S. 700 East, was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served. He was assessed \$185 in court costs. (As of July 1, Indiana residents are no longer required to

have a license in order to carry handguns. Whited was charged with the crime May 5, 2021.)

### Drunk driving

A Portland man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 felony.

Brian M. Ferner, 32, 1085 N. 600 East, was sentenced to 552 days in Jay County Jail and given 552 days credit for time served. He was fined \$1, assessed

\$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee.

The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his driver's license for 180 days retroactive to Aug. 11, 2021.

### Domestic battery

A man was sentenced to prison after he pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to domestic battery with bodily injury to a person younger than 14, a Level 5 felony.

Kyle L. Hartzell, 33, was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with two years suspended and given credit for time served. Hartzell was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$100 domestic violence prevention fee and \$50 child abuse prevention fee.

### Dealing drugs

Three people were sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to varying levels of dealing methamphetamine.

Johnny R. Morgan, 46, 600 Katelyn Drive, Portland, pleaded guilty to dealing in a narcotic drug and two Level 6 felonies for maintaining a common nuisance and unlawful possession of a syringe were dismissed. In a separate case Jay Circuit Court case, Morgan had been charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, which was recently dismissed.

Michael W. Davis, 62, 215 E. North St., Portland,

pleaded guilty to dealing methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony. (He was originally charged with a Level 2 felony for the crime.) As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: two Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of a syringe and maintaining a common nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He was sentenced to 12 years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Davis was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. The court recommended him for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, it would consider modifying his sentence.

Thomas D. Brinkerhoff, 46, pleaded guilty to dealing methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony. (He was originally charged with a Level 2 felony.) He was sentenced to 12 years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Brinkerhoff was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

### Common nuisance

A Portland man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony.

Jakob W. Gould, 20, 1610 E. Division Road, was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but four days of his sentence suspended and given four days credit for time served. Gould was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 361 days. As part of his plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

### Theft

A Pennville man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to theft, a Level 6 felony.

Brian S. Bickel, 27, 445 E. Maple St., was sentenced to 185 days in Jay County Jail and given 100 days credit for time served. Bickel was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

### Dismissed

Bryant L. Harden, 24, 10796 W. 400 South, Dunkirk, had a Level 6 felony charge for strangulation dismissed after he pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but two days of his sentence suspended and given two days credit for time served. He was placed on probation for 363 days, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee.

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## Capsule Reports

### Drove off road

A Muncie woman lost control of her vehicle after swerving to avoid a deer on Indiana 1 near Redkey about 8:06 p.m. Saturday.

Atshawntila S. Walker, 38, told police she was driving north on the highway and drove off the west side of the road in order to avoid hitting a deer, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. Her 2018 Chevrolet Equinox struck a telephone pole on the ground and rolled onto its side at 3614 S. Indiana 1.

Walker sustained an eye injury. Her vehicle was towed, with damage to it and the yard estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

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## Wastewater ...

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It gives municipalities the choice to ban fire-works completely or set days and times for fire-works.)

Council also established a fund for incoming dollars from the OneOhio settlement with national opioid distributors.

According to a press release from Ohio Gov.

Mike DeWine, more than \$8.6 million will be distributed to Ohio municipalities in order to "combat the opioid epidemic," with more payments to follow through the next 18 years.

Fort Recovery's allotment is projected between \$1,400 and \$2,000.

Also, council agreed to cancel its Sept. 5 meeting

in observance of Labor Day. Its next regularly scheduled meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 19.

In other business, village council members Greg Schmitz, Scott Pearson, Al Post, Erik Fiely and Luke Knapke, absent Cliff Wendel:

•Heard the village's aggregation program for natural gas is locked in at \$3.03 per 1,000 cubic feet

(MCF) through the end of 2023. Diller noted the standard rate is locked in at \$8.867 per 1,000 cubic feet or higher. "If (people) are not in our aggregation programs, they really need to be," he said.

•Were reminded Ambassador Pool's last day open for the season is Sunday. Its hours that day are from 1 to 5 p.m.

## Ready ...

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•Approved Karen Meiring as a volunteer for the elementary/middle school drama club.

•Accepted resignations from middle school language arts teacher Cassidy Wright and assistant technology coordinator Howard Wagner.

•OK's change in work assignments for Jessica

Niekamp and Jocelyn Meyer. (Niekamp is moving from fifth grade teacher to middle school language arts teacher, and Meyer is moving from elementary gifted teacher to fifth grade teacher.)

•Thanked several individuals or groups for their donations, including JR Manufacturing,

Mercer Savings Bank, Park National Bank and Hull Brothers for each donating \$5,000 toward replacing scoreboard panels at the Barrenbrugge Athletic Park.

•Approved Fort Recovery High School Music Department to go on a field trip to Orlando, Florida, from Nov. 12, 2023, to Nov. 17, 2023.

•Approved all sports for the 2022-23 school year, with high school boys and girls bowling approved as a tournament sport only.

•Heard from local resident Alex Thien, who asked the board to consider integrating Bible education into the school system.

•Approved bus routes for the 2022-23 school year.

## Felony arrests

Continued from page 2  
**Strangulation**

A Portland man was arrested Monday for strangulation and other related charges.

Christopher M. Grady, 46, 1320 W. Arch St., was preliminarily charged with three Level 6 felonies for strangulation, confinement and maintaining a common nuisance. He was also charged with a Class A misdemeanor for battery.

Grady is being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

**Common nuisance**

A Portland woman was arrested

Monday for maintaining a common nuisance.

Jaleesa J. Hampshire, 34, 919 E. North St., was preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and maintaining a common nuisance.

She was released on a \$4,500 bond from Jay County Jail.

**Probation violation**

A Coatesville woman was arrested Saturday for violating her probation.

Amy J. Karst, 23, 4346 S. Indiana 75, pleaded guilty in April 2021 to possession of methamphetamine,

a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given credit for time served.

She's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$700 bond.

**Drug possession**

A Portland woman was arrested Saturday for possession of methamphetamine.

Angela K. Timmons, 43, 623 E. Votaw St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

She was released on a \$4,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

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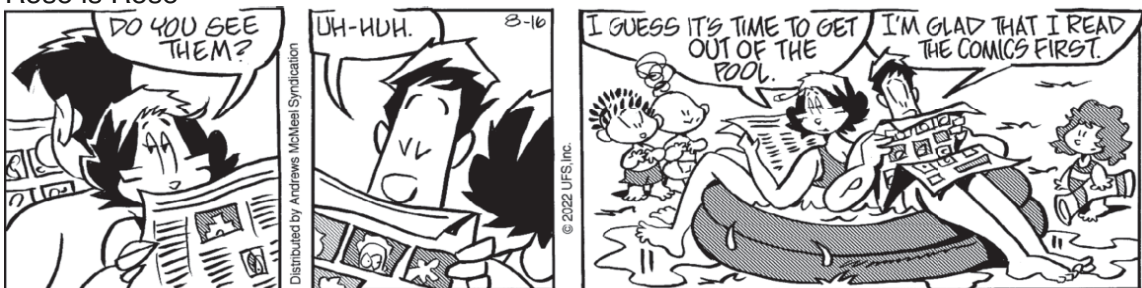
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# Loss ...

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The lone wins Saturday came from Eli Dirksen by a 6-4, 2-6, 10-7 score at No. 3 singles and the team of Muhlenkamp and Austin Dirksen by a 7-5, 6-2 score at No. 2 doubles.

## Seniors lead

RICHMOND — The Jay County girls soccer team's top returning scorers — both seniors and team captains — racked up five goals Monday as it opened with a 6-1 victory over the Richmond Red Devils.

A connection between those seniors — Mara Bader and Gabi Bilbrey — pushed the Patriots (1-0), who had lost 3-2 to Richmond to open the 2021 season, to a 3-1 advantage. Bader hit a corner kick that Bilbrey headed into the goal.

JCHS would add three more tallies for the dominant victory. Bader scored half of the Patriots' goals and also dished out one assist. Bilbrey added two goals and one assist.

Sophomore Morgan DeHoff chipped in with one goal and one assist. Goalie Angel Clairday finished with four saves.

Jay County's junior varsity squad won 3-1 with goals from Finley Hatzell, Sophia Sprunger and Molly Muhlenkamp.

## Indians still perfect

CELINA, Ohio — The Fort Recovery High School boys golf team pushed its undefeated record to 3-0 Monday with a 175-196 victory over the Midwest Athletic Conference rival Parkway Panthers at Celina Lynx Golf Club.

Isaac LeFevre shot a 41 to lead the Indians to the victory. He parred each of the first two holes on the back nine at Celina Lynx and closed out with four pars in a row, including on the 528-yard, par-5 18th. He shared medalist honors with Parkway's Roman Leszinske.

Eli Lennartz was one stroke back with a 42 in a round that included three pars as well as a birdie on the 415-yard, par-4 15th hole.

Alex Dues and Nate Jutte posted matching scores of 46 to complete the team total.

FRHS also beat Mississinawa Valley 178-205 Friday with LeFevre and Lennartz finishing at 41.

## Thwaits tagged

EASTLAKE, Ohio — Fort Recovery High School graduate Nick Thwaits took the loss Friday for the Fort Wayne TinCaps as they fell 3-1 to the host Lake County Captains.

Thwaits entered in the second inning and retired the Captains in order. But in the eighth he allowed back-to-back singles to opening the inning and then was tagged with a ground-rule double by Alexfri Plenez to give up two runs.

Fort Wayne, the Class A affiliate of the San Diego Padres, was unable to rally in the top of the ninth.

With the loss, Thwaits dropped to 3-5 on the season and saw his ERA bump up to 3.83. He has 42 strikeouts in 47 innings.



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# Breaking through

Jay County High School running back Kadin Ridenour tries to break through the middle of the Richmond defense during Friday's scrimmage. The Patriots will open their season at 7 p.m. Friday at Blackford. For a preview of the game, see Thursday's edition of The Commercial Review.

# Harvick ...

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Truex persevered after a difficult race, battling car issues and even getting caught in some carnage early in Stage 3. He finished seventh. Blaney finished 10th.

Logano remains second in points (with 766) and the only driver without a win in the 16-driver playoff pic-

ture. Truex remains fourth in points (740).

Chris Buescher's impressive run: Is he a dark horse playoff candidate?

With two regular-season races to go, every race poses the possibility for a new winner and thus more chaos.

Should Buescher be in that discussion?

The Roush Fenway Keselowski driver of the No. 17 car put together an impressive run on Sunday. For a moment, while Harvick and Logano were busy fighting for first, it looked like Buescher could sneak around them and obtain the lead late.

He ultimately finished third and said post-race

that he feels good heading into the final two races at Watkins Glen and then Daytona.

"It's a little easy with this format to think that third-place doesn't matter," Buescher said, "but it's nice to be close, and to keep progressing, getting better as we've gotten through the summer."

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Boys soccer vs. Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Boys tennis at Alexandria — 5 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Madison-Grant — 6 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Botkins — 10 a.m.; Girls golf vs. Arcanum — 4:30 p.m.

## TV sports

**Today**  
1 p.m. — Tennis: Western & Southern Open (Bally Indiana)  
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball:

Philadelphia Phillies at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — Soccer: Women's World Cup Under 20 — Germany vs. Mexico (FS1)  
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12:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
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7 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)  
7:45 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Colorado Rockies at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)  
8 p.m. — WNBA basketball: New York Liberty at Chicago Sky (ESPN2)  
8:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Milwaukee Brewers (FS1)

10 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Phoenix Mercury at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN)

## Local notes

**Tickets on sale**  
Fort Recovery Local Schools season tickets are on sale.  
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dents and \$25 for adults. Senior passes, which are for Fort Recovery residents 65 and older, are \$30.

## WJCC soccer registration open

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Forms are available at the community center or online at [www.wjcc.wix.com/wjcc](http://www.wjcc.wix.com/wjcc). The fee is \$45.  
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Complete details of the Bus Replacement plan may be seen by visiting the website of this unit of government at the following address: <https://www.jayschoolcorp.org>. Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of Jay School Corporation that the proper officers of Jay School Corporation will conduct a public hearing on the year 2023 proposed Bus Replacement Plan pursuant to IC 20-40-18. Following the public hearing, the proper officers of Jay School Corporation may adopt the proposed plan as presented or with revisions.  
Public Hearing Date: August 22, 2022  
Public Hearing Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Public Hearing Place: 414 Floral Ave, Portland, IN 47371  
Taxpayers are invited to attend the meeting for a detailed explanation of the plan and to exercise their rights to be heard on the proposed plan. If the proposed plan is adopted by resolution, the resolution will be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance as per IC 20-40-18-9(d). CR 8-16-2022-HSPAXLP

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Public Hearing Date: Monday, August 22, 2022  
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Public Hearing Time: 5:00 PM  
Public Hearing Place: 414 Floral Ave, Portland, IN 47371  
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# Sports



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Simon Dirksen keeps his eyes on the ball as he lines up a shot Monday during the Jay County High School boys tennis team's 5-0 loss to the visiting Madison-Grant Argylls. Dirksen went to a third set against Christopher Fox, but slipped in the final few games of a 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 defeat.

## Harvick is back with a Richmond victory

By ALEX ZIETLOW  
The Charlotte Observer  
Tribune News Service

If it wasn't clear last weekend at Michigan, it's clear now: Kevin Harvick is back.

The 46-year-old driver won his second-straight Cup race on Sunday, proving that last weekend's win was a sign that one of NASCAR's most accomplished drivers is in top form — and that Harvick, despite a disappointing beginning to 2022, is still worthy of his long-held nickname, "The Closer."

In his post-race discussion with NBC, fresh off a celebratory burn-out in front of fans at the finish line, Harvick was asked if he saw back-to-back victories in his future prior to Sunday. The win, after all — in a strange way and in this strange season — might've even been more unexpected than the victory that broke his 65-race winless streak last week.

But Harvick shrugged and offered a by-the-book response: "I didn't know," he said and laughed. "Like I said last week, the cars have been running well week-in and week-out."

The former Cup Series champion snatched the lead on Lap 335 out of 400, clearing Joey Logano on the outside. (It had been Logano's race to lose up until then; he'd led 222 laps.)

And once he obtained the lead, he didn't relinquish it. Chris Buescher took the veteran driver to task down the stretch, but Harvick didn't make any mistakes, passing and weaving through lapped cars as if it was 2014 again, holding the lead.

He extended his lead to 1.7 seconds at one point, and that lead shrunk with one final push from Christopher Bell, but it was too late: Harvick crossed the finish line first and thus notched his first win at Richmond Raceway in nine years and his 60th Cup series win in his storied career.

"I knew he was coming," Harvick said of Bell. "But I forgot to shift down the front straightaway. ... I was not paying attention, and he got closer than he should've, so I made a mistake there in those last couple laps."

He won anyway. Bell finished second in the No. 20 car, Buescher placed third in the No. 17.

The rest of the top-10 earning points in order: Denny Hamlin, Chase Elliott, Logano, Martin Truex Jr., Aric Almirola, Kyle Busch, Ryan Blaney.

"We're just going to keep doing the things that we're doing right," Harvick said. "I just think that we have to keep an open mind about things, keep progressing and keep understanding the car, understanding what we could've done better today ... And just keep doing the same thing over and over."

The coverage leading up to the Cup race at Richmond Raceway focused on Blaney and Truex.

Blaney entered Sunday second in points but was without a win and thus right on the 16-driver playoff edge. Truex entered fourth in points and on the outside of the playoff picture looking in — and he even admitted pre-race that this was probably his best chance to earn a win in the 2022 regular season.

But neither could bring to life a victory, and thus their playoff hopes are still up in the air.

See Harvick page 9

## Loss drops JCHS to 0-3

It's been a tough start to the season for the Patriots.

They hope the strong early competition will help them to play at a high level come conference and sectional time.

The Jay County High School boys tennis team dropped to 0-3 Monday with a 5-0 loss to the visiting Madison-Grant Argylls. The team also dropped both matches at Saturday's New Cas-

### Local roundup

tle Trojan Kickoff Duals, falling 3-2 to Knightstown and 5-0 to the host Trojans.



Simon Dirksen came closest to victory for the Patriots Monday, rallying from a first-set defeat to force a third set before falling 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 to Christopher Fox. Dirksen fell behind 5-4 in the final set when his shot sailed long and then was up 30-love in the next game before Fox won four of the next five points to end the match.

Elsewhere Monday, Abraham

Dirksen lost 6-1, 6-3 to Luke Gilman at No. 1 singles and Eli Dirksen fell 6-0, 6-0 to Clayton Hull at No. 3 singles. In doubles matches, Sam Myers and Gage Sims suffered a 6-4, 6-4 defeat to Soren Price and Brogan Brunt while Austin Dirksen and Luke Muhlenkamp lost 6-2, 6-0 to Davin Barton and Dalton Gibson.

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