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Sewer work gets green light

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The Meridian Street storm sewer project can finally, officially move forward.

Portland Board of Works during a special meeting Monday approved a notice of award to Watson Excavating of Redkey for the \$2.42 million project that is designed to mitigate downtown flooding.

Following the meeting, Bill Watson of Watson excavating said the work will begin this fall a date. He said that will be

Project timeline is 275 days once construction is underway

sary materials.

The project is scheduled for 275

dependent on getting the neces- start would push the end date to July.

The board of works had days. That means if it started already voted more than two although it's difficult to pinpoint Sept. 1, the completion date months ago to award the project would be early June. An Oct. 1 to Watson Excavating. But it had

because Portland's \$1.355 million in federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue of Transportation has a 2023 Plan Act that are being used to cover part of the cost had not yet been received by the city. Those funds were deposited into the city's account Tuesday.

The rest of the project will be funded through a \$780,450 State Transportation and Stormwater Grant from the State Water Infrastructure Fund and \$350,000 from the city's redevelopment commis-

Portland Mayor John Boggs

get the project started as soon as possible, as Indiana Department project on the schedule to pave U.S. 27 (Meridian Street) through

Wessler Engineering originally proposed the project in March 2021 as a way to eliminate problems during what is referred to as "10-year-flood." (Its estimated cost at that time was \$1.3 million, but costs have increased dramatically in the 17 months since then.)

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set to

Giuliani

testify in

Former Trump attorney is target of

investigation

By TAMAR HALLERMAN

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Giuliani, the onetime

personal attorney of former President Donald Trump, entered the Ful-

ton County courthouse this morning to testify before the special purpose grand jury examining Georgia's 2020 elec-

Pryor Street in downtown Atlanta took on a circus-like atmosphere as

reporters and camerapeople from local and national news outlets jockeyed for the best view of the former New York City

mayor. He arrived around 8:30 a.m., accompanied by his lawyer and former

GOP gubernatorial candidate Vernon Jones. The commotion came after one of Giuliani's

attornevs confirmed that

his client was notified on

Monday that he's a target

of the investigation and

development as evidence

that "we're starting to

Giuliani later cited the

could be indicted.

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and BILL RANKIN

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tions.

Georgia

Duane donates

Duane Monroe holds up his arm while phlebotomist Brooklyn Cripe puts away his blood donation Tuesday at Jay Community Center. The American Red Cross blood drive brought in 50 donors.



raun advocates for ag spending

By CASEY SMITH Indiana Capital Chronicle

indianacapitalchronicle.com

LEESBURG, Ind. Indiana Sen. Mike Braun said increasing government spending on agriculture research should be a top priority for the ing from Bayer and Pur- and former U.S. Ambassa-

craft their ongoing issues.

The Republican senator

federal government as due University, during a dor Kip Tom, who moder-lawmakers in Congress panel talk on Tuesday at ated the discussion. Tom Farms in Leesburg, response to food security a rural farm community just north of Warsaw.

met with agricultural largest in Indiana — is industry leaders, includ- owned by mega-farmer

Panelists emphasized that the world's food system is under increasing pres-The farm — one of the sure due to supply chain issues affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine, severe

weather events, and high fertilizer costs.

Rising input costs for farmers translates to higher prices for consumers and creates challenges for mitigating record levels of global hunger.

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naturedly taunting McManus

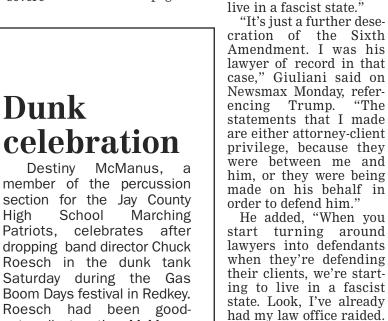
prior to her throws. She

warned that it was not a good

idea to taunt a softball player

and then promptly struck the

target on her first attempt.



see that happen." Giuliani's appearance is undoubtedly one of the most high-profile for the 23-person grand jury, which was selected in May and has already interviewed dozens of witnesses.

I never thought I'd ever

See **Testify** page 5



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In review

The Arts Place summer concert series continues Thursday with The Barefoot Movement taking the stage at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Hudson Family Park amphitheatre. The roots and bluegrass group was founded in North Caroli-

na in 2006. Admission to the concert is **Coming up**

Thursday — Coverage of today's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.

Saturday — Results from Friday's JCHS football season opener at Blackford.



Deaths

Teresa Teeple, 61, Geneva

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Tuesday. The low was 58.

Tonight's low will be 56. Expect sunny skies Thursday with a high of 80.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

Sewer

Continued from page 1 The work calls for the installation of a new sewer line about 2,000 feet long from the north end of the downtown area to the Salamonia River. It would be used to drain three Meridian Street catch basin systems — those that drain the area between Main and North streets — and take them off of the Millers Branch line that is about a half-block to the east. The Millers Branch line has experienced issues with being overloaded and having water back up onto the

Flap gates will be installed on the Dunmoyer regarding a planned way are necessary for Indiana new line in order to stop water from backing up through catch

Watson said Tuesday that when work begins, crews will start between the Salamonia River and Water street, working north one block at a time. (That section of street will need to be closed for the project. Other blocks from Water Street to the north will be able to maintain traffic during construction.)

Also Tuesday, the board heard streets over the last decade-plus. from Blaine Pike resident Corey

sidewalk project on his street. Dunmover was one of the residents who rejected city offers for the purchase of the right of way on his property. The process then went to court-appointed appraisers, which set the amount at \$7,000.

Dunmoyer said he rejected that amount and asked what the next step in the process is.

Boggs said he was unsure and that Dunmoyer should work through his attorney regarding the matter.

The purchases of the rights of

Staffers push for run

Department of Transportation to move forward with the installation of a new sidewalk along Blaine Pike from near Water Street to Bittersweet Lane. Construction is expected in 2023.

Blaine Pike resident Fred Bailey also commented on the project, saying the area currently staked out for the sidewalks is too far away from the road.

Monday, the board Also approved the hiring of Jonathan Peterson to the city's street depart-

Obituaries Teresa Ann Teeple, Gene-

va. Feb. 8, 1961-Aug. 13, 2022. There will be no serv-

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Thursday 8/18	Friday 8/19	Saturday 8/20	Sunday 8/21	Monday 8/22	
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80/60	83/62	83/63	81/63	78/63	
Sunny skies are set for Thursday with the high reaching 80 degrees. Most- ly clear at night.	mostly sunny skies with a	of showers Saturday, with	Sunday has a higher chance of rain, with a 70% chance of thunder- storms.	Rain is possible Monday with a 40% chance of showers and thunder- storms.	

Lotteries

Powerball

million

Mega Millions

33-35-41-45-51 Mega Ball: 1 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$99 million

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 8-3-0 Daily Four: 8-0-1-7 Quick Draw: 2-3-4-5-6-9-11-15-19-27-28-31-32-34-42-48-64-67-75-76 Evening

Daily Three: 0-6-9 Daily Four: 8-3-0-9

Quick Draw: 6-13-17-Estimated jackpot: \$66 18-19-20-26-27-28-34-47-54-58-60-61-62-63-64-69-71

Cash 5: 3-9-21-27-34 Estimated jackpot: \$176,000

Ohio

\$216,000

Whoat

Midday Pick 3: 0-0-9 Pick 4: 7-5-4-2 Pick 5: 6-3-9-4-4 **Evening** Pick 3: 4-1-0 Pick 4: 9-0-1-0 Pick 5: 4-4-5-9-3

Rolling Cash: 12-26-32-34-39 Estimated jackpot:

Retiring Purdue president served

for two terms

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle

Staffers who worked under former governor Mitch Daniels filed with the Indiana Secretary of State's office last week to create a political action committee urging Daniels to run for governor in 2024.

Daniels led the state from 2005 until 2013 and announced his intention to retire as president of Purdue University at the end of the year. During his two terms as governor, Daniels curtailed state spending, implemented Daylight Savings Time and introduced the ground-breaking Healthy Indiana Plan.

Christine Hurst and Ben Ledo spearhead the committee as chairperson and treasurer, respectively, under the name Frugal Hoosiers for Mitch 2024. The organization, in its filing, simply says, "We are encouraging Mitch Daniels to run for Governor in 2024."

Hurst, Daniels' former communications director, previously worked at Angie's List before becoming the vice president of marketing at MakeMyMove, an Indianapolisbased relocation firm, according to her

sales at MakeMyMove, also worked for website is indianacapitalchronicle.com.

Angie's List and held positions for nearly five years in various capacities in Daniels' administration. During Daniels' initial campaign, Ledo drove Daniels around the state to various events in his signatureladen RV.

Ledo is also a board member for the Mitch Daniels Leadership Foundation.

"I cherished the time I worked for him; he really inspired me," Ledo told the Capital Chronicle. "(The committee is) a conversation starter; We are encouraging him to consider it. Who knows if he will.

The filing doesn't include any fundraising so far, but Hurst told the IndyStar that a website would go live later this week to accept donations.

"We know he loves the state, and we know he's got big ideas," Hurst told the Star. "But not sure what he's going to do next, so we just are sort of gathering the voices to encourage him to consider running.

Gov. Eric Holcomb is term limited and cannot pursue another term in 2024. Daniels served two consecutive terms but politicians seeking the office can seek a new term after an eight-year gap. Publicly, Daniels has declined to announce his retirement plans following his time leading Purdue University.

Though several other prominent Republicans are rumored to be considering a run, including Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, only Fort Wayne businessman Eric Doden has publicly announced his campaign.

Indiana Capital Chronicle is an inde-Ledo, the vice president of enterprise pendent, nonprofit news organization. Its

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Thursday

Muhlenkamp, Edward: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.

Binegar, Jerry: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Lea, Donn: 2 Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Friday

Kriegbaum, Patricia: 10 a.m., St. Paul Catholic Church, 1009 W. Kern Road, Marion.

Schmitt, Martin: 10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery.

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Today in history

In 1790, the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island, presented a congratulatory address to President George Washington during his visit to the city. According to the Library of Congress, Washington's response was the "first presidential affirmation of the free and equal status of Jewish-American citizens."

In 1807, the Clermont, the first practical steamboat, had its maiden voyage. It was designed by American engineer Robert Fulton.

In 1933, Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees played his 1,308th consecutive game. His record for consecutive games played stood for more than 60 years.

In 1943, actor Robert De Niro was born in New York City. De Niro's first film was Brian De Palma's "The Wedding Party" and he went on to

star in movies including "The Godfather, Part II, "Taxi Driver," "Goodfellas" and "Raging Bull," for which he won the Academy Award for best

In 1999, an earthquake hit Izmit, Turkey, killing more than 17,000 and leaving about 500,000 homeless.

In 2008, American Michael Phelps was part of the winning U.S. 4x100-meter medley relay team in Beijing, becoming the first athlete to win eight medals in a single Olympics.

In 2021, the Jay County High School boys tennis team won its home opener 4-1 over Alexandria-Monroe. Picking up wins were singles players Crosby Heniser, Abraham Dirksen and Simon Dirksen, and the doubles team of brothers Gavin and Sam Myers.

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Ernest Martinez Jr., 29,

2021, in Jay Superior Court to theft, a Level 6

1020 1/2 W. High St., from Jay County Jail on a

Felony courts

serve time after pleading guilty in Jay courts to varymine possession.

Brittney M. Shewmake, 30, 1237 N. U.S. 27, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 18 months in Jay County Jail, with all but 178 days of her sentence suspended and given 178 days credit for time served. Shewmake was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance was dismissed.

E. North St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. (He was originally

charged with a Level 4 felony for the crime.) Davis was sentenced to two year 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

Dakota A. Baker, 23, 640 S. Main St., Piqua, Ohio, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 178 days credit for time served. Baker was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for resisting law enforcement and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

See page 5

Felony arrests

lating his probation.

pleaded guilty Aug. 11, \$350 bond.

probation for one year. Martinez was released

Possession

dents were sentenced to ing levels of methampheta-

Michael W. Davis, 62, 215

Probation violation A Portland man was arrested Tuesday for vio-felony. He was placed on

Several Indiana resi-

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Today Thursday

Citizen's calendar

4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, air- Board port, 661 W. 100 North.

5 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conser- St. vation District, USDA Indiana 67, Portland.

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

6 p.m. — Redkey Service Center, 1331 Town Council, fire station, 400 W. Railroad St.

Mothers mend all types of tears

By KWAME DAWES

"Mend" is a poem of great intimacy. L. Renée, remembers American her mother as the mender of garments, and as someone who Life in Poetry had a life of rich experiences before the poet was born. This moment of separation described in this poem is a testing and revelatory rite of passage for mother and daughthat mends whatever may seek Harrisonburg, Virginia.

to separate mother and daugh-

Renée's work has been nomiter. Her mother's gift of pre- nated for Best New Poets and a cise hand-sewing is also a gift Pushcart Prize. She lives in

Mend

My Mama had the gift of hand sewing—one perfect stitch after another perfect stitch, eyeballing the precise length

of thread needed to repair what had ripped a gaping hole, unmaking the whole swath of cotton-polyester fabric

she draped across her delicate boney shoulders before a night out with my father—painting the town red

she said of those early dates when he handed her his fat quarters hoping they would be enough to make something

beautiful like the outfits she sewed: plaid culottes with matching vests, paisley dresses, fringed halters—she tells me this while

I watch the needle bully a ruby rivulet from her thumb, sullying the myth of cotton without the blood, when she tries to mend

my middle-school uniform skirt, a navy pleat I never noticed had been stretched into splitting-

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Ex requests affection

DEAR ABBY: I have been separated from my husband for a year and a half. The divorce became final five months ago. He had major mood swings, and was nice one minute and hateful the next. We have two children together.

I have a boyfriend I've been seeing for about a year. We are casual, but monogamous. Suddenly, my ex is being really nice, telling me he loves me and if I "change," he'd want me to come back. He has a lot of changing to do as well, and he acknowledges that. Lately, he has been asking to come over to cuddle, he says, for some type of human contact. I doubt my boyfriend would agree this is a good idea. Sex is not on the table, and everyone knows that. What do you think? — MOVING ON IN **ARKANSAS**

DEAR MOVING: I think it's a terrible idea. It isn't your job to cuddle with your ex so he has human contact. Unless you actually plan to reconcile with him, do not buy what he's trying to sell. Tell him you will always want a cordial relationship with him — for the sake of the children — but it's time he finds himself a girlfriend to cuddle with.

I enjoy wine and the tasting take to discuss this with 90069.

Dear Abby



and selecting of fine vintages. We also enjoy learning more about and tasting fine spirits like single malt scotches and Kentucky bourbon. The challenge is, my wife pours whiskey like it's wine. She fills a glass halfway to the brim and drinks these spirits at the same pace she would drink wine. As you can imagine, she quickly becomes very intoxicated.

She seems unaware that her behavior changes when she's drinking large volumes of spirits. I don't think she's an alcoholic because she goes for weeks without drinking. But when she does, the amount of whiskey she imbibes makes her very drunk. There have been times at social events when I had to intervene because her behavior became erratic. This is new behavior and I'm concerned she is developing a depend-

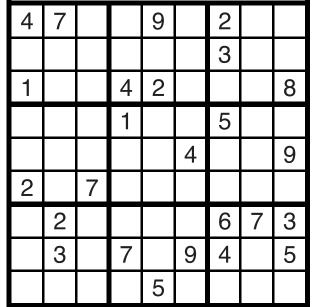
her? — WHISKEY'S NOT WINE IN OREGON

DEAR W.N.W.: Your wife appears to have gone from a connoisseur to a binge drinker. If you haven't pointed out that her behavior changes after she drinks large quantities of hard liquor (how many ounces do those hold?), glasses should. That you have had to intervene in social situations should be a clue to both of you that she can't handle the amount she's drinking.

Because this is new behavior, it should be discussed with her doctor. It could be a symptom of a physical problem or even her age. Her doctor can explain how drinking large amounts of alcohol can damage her health, safety and cognition, and recommend a path to follow. Please don't procrastinate, because this is seri-

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. DEAR ABBY: My wife and ence. What strategy can I Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA

Sudoku



Level: Intermediate Tuesday's Solution

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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2	9	6	1	4	8	3	5	7	
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Community Calendar

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

Today

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 faith-ANNA'S HOPE 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.

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at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — 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.

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

ORGAN TRANSPLANT A BÉTTER LÍFE – BRI- SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month 964-6075 main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on County Public Library. The public is welcome.

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-CLASS — Meets each based recovery group for

Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

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

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY — Is open the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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will meet from 6:30 to 8 LEAGUE — Will meet at p.m. each Thursday at The noon Friday, Aug. 19, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

Saturday

JAY COUNTY DEMO-CRATIC PARTY — Will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Democrat Party headquarters, 221 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, contact party chairman Joel Bowers at chairjaydems@gmail.com.

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 ANONY-For more information, call MOUS — 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.

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Northeast Ohio exit brings a smile

(Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Aug. 18, 2004. Columns connecting to vacations in New England were regular fodder for Jack's column. Often, like this one, they involved the trials and tribulations that can come with vacations that are supposed to be relaxing. At least it made for a good story.)

By JACK RONALD The Commercial Review

Plugging down Interstate 90, heading for home after two vacation, passed the exit for Geneva on the Lake, east of Cleveland, and I found myself smiling.

The memories were much too

It was 1979, I think, when we were taking the same route in a VW camper bus that we'd bor-

rowed from my parents. They only owned the thing for a couple of years, and I think their children camped with it almost as much as they did.

taken

Back in the Saddle



on the Lake exit in search of a campground there and had stopped at a supermarket to get some supplies before heading

It was a horribly hot day, a classic August oven, and everyone was getting a little grouchy. By everyone, I mean my wife and I and our twins, who were at that point just two years old.

Doing anything with two-yearold twins requires planning, maneuvering, and logistics, even if it's just a matter of going to the supermarket. So we unloaded a double-wide, collapsible stroller, plonked the girls into the Geneva it, and enjoyed the air-conditioning in the supermarket for about talked about what to do next. 20 minutes.

Then we loaded up the groceries, including things which were starting to melt in the heat, put the twins back into their car seats, collapsed the stroller, and got ready to take off.

But when I turned the key, the engine wouldn't start. There was plenty of juice, but the VW had an early version of fuel injection and the engine wasn't getting enough gas. Opening the engine cover did no good because I didn't have a clue what the heck I was looking for. The air-cooled VW engine looked as much like a sewing machine as it did a motor.

So there we were. It was about 6:30 p.m. It was hot and muggy. The two-year-olds were getting fussy, and so were their parents.

We did the only thing we could think of. We took a walk. Actually, it was an attempt to keep the kids occupied while we

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MAR-A-LAGO HOME

Someone had suggested that VW fuel injectors were balky in hot weather, so we figured that letting the engine cool off wasn't a bad idea either.

Still, when you're as all-thumbs mechanically as I am and you're a long drive from home and the ice cream's melting, you're not far from panick-

Maybe that's what prompted me to flag someone down. We'd walked about a block from the store when I spotted a VW bus. It wasn't a camper, and it was a newer model. But VW are famous doing their own service when they can. I figured the driver could help.

And boy did he help.

Before we knew it, the driver his wife scooped us into their van, took us back to the parking lot, and set to

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either, but they weren't willing to give up.

Next thing we knew, we were at their house and the driver was on the phone to a guy he knew who was a VW mechanic for a Cleveland dealership.

It was about half an hour later reassembled with the mechanic at the supermarket parking lot. The ice cream, as I recall, had already been consumed. And, sure enough, the fuel injection system had cooled off sufficiently so that the engine started.

There were thank-yous all around as we headed down the road.

It was a long, long time ago. The twins are grown and living in Boston. The VW camper didn't stay with the family more than another year, and I have no whatever idea became of the folks who were so kind to us that hot August afternoon.

But it still brings a smile to my They couldn't start the thing face as I pass Geneva on the Lake.

Textbooks need state investment

By NIKI KELLY

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There was lots of talk during special session on how to get money in Hoosiers' hands from the state's unprecedented \$6.1 billion surplus. Cutting gas taxes, suspending utility taxes and sending refund checks were just a

Ultimately lawmakers settled for a \$1 billion rebate. The problem is millions of Hoosiers are still waiting for the first automatic taxpayer refund. And the second one could take months.

One change that would have had an immediate impact is eliminating state textbook fees.

Kids around the state returned to schools this week - don't get me started on that — and parents are shelling out hundreds in textbook fees for what is supposed to be a free public education.

How can Indiana still be one of only seven states to charge parents for books in the first place?

To make matters worse, tax deduction for children pretty clear who go to private school or has plenty of money and are homeschooled. Parents can claim any approved educational expenses such as tuition, textbooks, fees, software, tutoring and supplies.

But parents of public school children are not eligible.

And they are sued for those textbook fees too – even during the pandemic.

A ProPublica report noted hundreds of lawsuits filed in 2020 by Mishawaka City Schools.

A bill is filed virtually every year on the topic - usually by a Democrat.

Earlier this year it was Sen. Jean Breaux, D-Indianapolis. Senate Bill 335 would have required each public school to provide curricular materials - i.e. textbooks and other materials — at no cost to the public school. It estabthe Curricular lished Materials Fund to provide state advancements for costs incurred by public schools.

The cost would have been a maximum \$68 mil- cle is an independent, nonlion annually to the state General Fund.

Those bills are never talchronicle.com.

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How can Indiana still be one of only seven states to charge parents for books in the first place?

given a hearing, and often similar amendments are voted down by Republi-

Perhaps this can be part can afford these long-overdue investments.

And while they are at it, legislators should invest in another low-hanging education issue — the learning gap for poor and/or minority students. The best way to do this is to put their money where their mouth is — the complexity index in the state's school funding formula.

That index takes into account that some students have increased needs and funds them at a higher

A WFYI story from the last budget cycle in 2021 said in the past seven years, the amount of state dollars budgeted for complexity decreased by 41%. And the definition of how those kids are counted has also been changed.

Legislators have been each student enrolled in more focused on per student base funding than lifting up those who need extra help. Here's the thing though — the state can and should do both.

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On July 11, Sen. Elizabeth Warof the conversation when ren and Rep. Nikema Williams lawmakers return in Janu introduced the Youth Voting Indiana General ary to craft a new biennial Rights Act, which if enacted would Assembly created a \$1,000 state budget. After all, it is be perhaps the most significant the state expansion of voting access for young people in more than 50 vears. It's the second major action intended to make voting easier for young people, including and especially college students, in just the past few months, following an April Dear Colleague letter from the Department of Education to every college campus in the United States reminding them of their obligation under the Higher Education Act to conduct voter registration efforts at their institutions.

To be clear, both actions were taken separately, by different public officials in different branches of the federal government. But their proximity in timing is no coincidence. There is a burgeoning student vote movement on college campuses throughout the country — one that could help revitalize U.S. democracy. And national leaders are beginning to

It used to be seen as gospel that college students don't vote. That narrative simply isn't true anymore. During the last two presidential elections, the college student voting rate grew from 52 percent to a record-breaking 66 percent, virtually matching the general population's sky-high turnout while growing by 14 points twice as much as overall turnout growth. During the last two midterms, the student voting rate more than doubled — from 19 percent in 2014 to 40 percent in and against the Vietnam War in dents Vote Coalition.

Clarissa Unger

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2018. And polling indicates a similar turnout rate is likely in 2022.

Perhaps even more encouraging is the rising institutional support that is necessary to ensure these gains are sustainable. As of this week a record 413 college and university presidents have signed the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge's Presidents' Commitment, a pledge to strive for 100 percent registration and turnout rates among eligible student voters at their institutions. And in 2020, nearly 1,200 campuses (also a record) participated in the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement, a study performed by Tufts University's Institute for Democracy & Higher Education that provides an in-depth look into student voting behavior at the campus

The Dear Colleague letter and introduction of the YVRA which would, among other things, require public colleges and universities to provide voter registration services, guarantee that student IDs are accepted as voter IDs where required, and require public colleges and universities to set up a polling place for all federal elections — will fuel this movement further. But its potential benefit to our democracy goes beyond voter participation.

the 1960s and 1970s to antiapartheid protests in the 1980s, college campuses have long been home to movements through which young people have helped elevate issues on the national stage. In 2022, with our country's emocratic values and institution backsliding, democracy itself could use a similar jolt of energy from the communities that house millions of our youngest voters.

That's why it's vital that leaders, both national and local, seeking to support the rising student vote movement view voter participation as the start — and not the end result — of a deeper renewal of the civic values and practices that sustain democracy over the long term. The same elements that often make college campuses the center of protest movements shared spaces that encourage social interaction, a common identity and the exchange of ideas - make them ideal places to foster a culture of active civic engagement, civil discourse across differences, and inclusivity.

At minimum doing so would help ensure institutions of higher learning help produce more informed and engaged participants in our democracy, especially among first-time voters, for whom the voting process is frequently habit-forming for life. But if history is any indication, widespread student movements are capable of impacting the rest of the country.

For a country in sore need of a democratic revitalization, college campuses are a great place to start.

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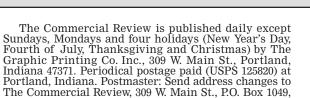
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Testify

Continued from page 1 It's tasked with investigating whether Trump or his allies like Giuliani broke any state laws as they tried to overturn Georgia's 2020 presidential election results.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis, who is advising the grand jury and will ultimately decide whether to press charges, has faced increasing resistance from witnesses as she's gotten closer to Trump's inner circle.

It's unclear whether Giuliani plans to plead the Fifth Amendment to avoid self-incrimination, though he's likely to cite attorneyclient privilege to avoid answering questions about specific conversations he had with Trump.

That may cut off many queries from jurors and prosecutors, but some legal experts argue that Giuliani won't have blanket legal immunity. That's because of what's known as the "crime-fraud exception," which exempts discussions from attorney-client privilege if the objective was to commit a crime or perpetrate a fraud.

Some believe that prosecutors could try and cite the exception by pointing to the fact that Giuliani's law license was suspended in June 2021.

In their honor

Krista Muhlenkamp speaks Sunday during the Jay County Hometown Heroes banner dedication Freedom Park in Portland. Muhlenkamp launched the project through Jake's Little Patriot Fund in remembrance of her late son Jake. The result, so far, has been the creation of banners — they are hung in downtown Portland and Dunkirk honoring more than 150 local veterans.



Continued from page 1 Tom said those issues have increased the need for the U.S. to invest in agricultural research and development.

We've relied heavily on the private sector in the past, but we need to get the government involved in some of these activities," said Tom, who ran an unsuccessful GOP bid for the U.S. House in 2016 and later served on a Trump agricultural advisory

committee. "We can help prevent lawmakers haven't talked enough another further food crisis.'

He noted that the country's public investment in agricultural research has declined since 2003, putting U.S. trade and competitiveness at risk. Agriculture is particularly important to Indiana, where the sector contributes \$31.2 billion to the state's econo-

When asked about the upcoming 2023 Farm Bill, Braun said Braun said, adding that he

about food security issues but maintained that would be part of his focus as discussions within the Senate Agricultural Committee continue.

He said the bill will originate in the House and focus primarily on nutrition, conservation and 'securing the food supply."

'When it comes to the Farm Bill, I don't expect any drama,"

wished lawmakers in the Senate would have started the bill's crafting sooner. "(The emphasis is) putting that long-term research and development into things that are going to increasingly allow us to get more out of the acres.'

Braun continued that investment by businesses, whether towards agriculture or manufacturing, "has got to be part of our

Felony court news

Continued from page 2 Brandin M. Herniak, 28, 3115 S. Hackley Muncie, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to two years in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served since Jan. 21. The rest of his sentence was suspended, and he was placed on probation for 400 days. Herniak was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, was lessened from a Level 6 felony for main-

and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony, possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor, and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor.

Ariel M. Stewart, 28, 321 W. Vine St., Union City, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, Level 5 felony. (Her charge

prosecution, interdiction 2 felony for dealing in taining a common nuimethamphetamine.) Stewart was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with one year suspended and given credit for time served. She was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 5 felony for possession of a narcotic drug, a

sance, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Cassandra R. Myers, 44, 202 N. Meridian St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 240 days in Jay County Jail and given 186 days credit for time served. Myers was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to

pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for obstruction of justice and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana. În a separate Jay Superior Court case, she pleaded guilty to another Level 6 felony charge for possession of methamphetamine. Myers was sentenced to 240 days to Jay County Jail, with her sentence to be served lia.

consecutive to her other guilty charge. She was given eight days credit for time served, fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: two Class A misdemeanors for resisting law enforcement and possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of parapherna-



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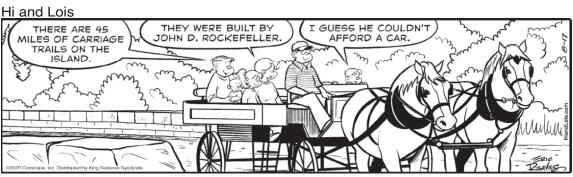
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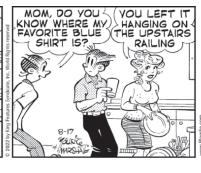
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ers would finish with three trump tricks and two diamonds. With any other return, declarer would also

finish with eight tricks, eventually

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Both sides vulnerable.
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\$ A K 7 3 2 might lose 170, which means you are giving odds of about 3.5 to 1 that the contract will fail. cate game where West made a very close double of two spades. This was an especially risky double because, if West's hopes failed to WEST EAST because, it wests nopes failed to materialize, he would be doubling the opponents into game.

West led a diamond, and East took dummy's king with the ace.
East very correctly returned a trump, won by West with the jack. ♦ A Q J 9 7 5 ♣ 10 6 SOUTH ♠ K 10 9 7 5 4 ♥ K Q ♠ 10 4 3 ♣ 9 5 Back came another diamond, won by East with the jack.

At this point, it was no longer possible to defeat the contract. With a diamond return, the defend-

For example, let's say you double an opponent in four hearts not vul-nerable, expecting to set the con-tract one trick. If you're right, you gain 50 points, scoring 100 points instead of 50. But if you're wrong and declarer makes four hearts doubled, you lose an extra 170 points because of your double. So. in trying to gain 50 points, you

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discarding his third diamond on dummy's ace of hearts. So South made two spades doubled for a score of 670 points.

However, West could have defeated the contract and scored 200 points had he cashed his ace of trump after winning. Early trump. the fact that you might not get one of the tricks you are counting on, there is the simple matter of the scoring itself. 200 points had ne cashed ins ace of trump after winning East's trump return with the jack at trick two. He would then lead the deuce of diamonds to East's jack at trick four. East would next cash the queen of diamonds and continue with a diamond, promoting West's queen of spades as the setting trick

spades as the setting trick Close doubles require tight defense

Tomorrow: It's not that difficult.

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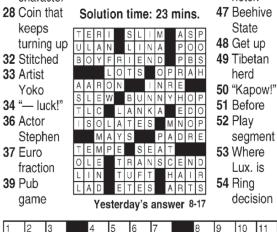
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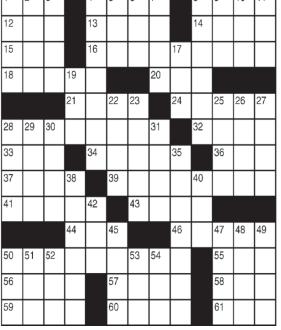
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Thwaits put a couple of

tough outings behind him

and picked up his first

career save Tuesday in the Fort Wayne TinCaps' 4-2

victory over the Dayton

High School graduate who

had taken losses in each of

his previous two outings,

entered the game to start

the top of the ninth pro-

tecting a two-run lead. He

gave up a leadoff single to

Agustin Ruiz but then got a

pop up, a fly ball and a pop

It marked the first save

in four seasons and 219

innings as a minor leaguer.

He now has a 3.75 ERA with

42 strikeouts in 48 innings

for Fort Wayne, the High-A

affiliate of the San Diego

Boys take first loss

SIDNEY, Ohio — Fort Recovery's boys golf team

shot right at its season

average Tuesday but need-

ed to be a little bit lower as

it suffered its first loss 173-

175 to the Botkins Trojans

at Sidney Moose Golf

Senior Isaac LeFevre led

the Indians (3-1), who

entered the match with an average of 174.7 in nine-

hole matches. He opened with a birdie and added another on the seventh

hole while also recording

four pars on the way to a 4-

Ross Dietz of Botkins

was the match medalist

up to end the game.

Thwaits, a Fort Recovery

Dragons.

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over-par 39.

Thwaits earns save FORT WAYNE — Nick

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Errors

Continued from page 8 The Argylls scored the next three points, pushed to an 18-12 lead and went on to end the match when sophomore Reese Box tipped over the JCHS block for the final point.

"When we were in system passing, I thought that we did a really good job with our offense," Madison-Grant said coach Kayla Jump, who got 15 kills, 12 digs and four blocks from senior middle hitter Alexis Baney. "When we were on a run with serving, I thought our serving did really well.'

The Patriots were at their best in the second set when a Brunswick ace pushed them to a 5-1 lead and an Abbie Fields kill — she led the team with eight while also recording three blocks — made it 9-2. Madison-Grant rallied to pull even at 14-14, but **JCHS** immediately responded with a kill and an ace from Brunswick to start a 7-1 run. The serving set, so we need to Argylls made a late run again to get within 24-23 before another Brunswick kill ended the set.

Madison Brunswick, a Jay County High School hits senior, over Madison-Grant's Maddy Moore during the fourth set of the Patriots' 25-16, 23-25, 25-10, 25-15 loss Tuesday in their season opener. Brunswick finished with four kills, eight digs and a pair of blocks.



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Patriot attack with four

kills apiece. Elizabeth

do that well. We need to be putting balls in play.

lon. "We have a very good run, we're missing the second serve."

Lauren Brewster followed Fields with four "I feel like in some of kills and Bella Denton those other sets, we were and Brunswick added "We started putting our missing key serves. three apiece. Brenna serves in play," said Dil- When we needed to get a Haines totaled 16 digs,

and Joske Herndon put Kendel Rowles led the up nine assists.

Junior varsity

victory over the Argylls, 25-15, 25-5. Mya Kunkler

Barnett racked up seven Jay County cruised to aces while turning in a 100% serving percentage. Muhlenkamp Lani and recorded 10 assists.

Handles

Continued from page 8 "We played as much as we could," said JCHS coach Bobby Ruiz, referencing the short-handed status of the roster. "We had to use some players who were not even in the plan ... because the numbers are not there. ... We tried to do as much as we could with what we have.'

With Dowlen as the only returning defensive player and Young also expected to start along the back line, the Patriots who remained were left to contend with a Muncie Central squad that effectively passed through them early.

The Bearcats (1-0) needed just over four minutes to get on the board when junior Isaac Musgrove took the ball on the right side and passed to Ezra Fuller, who chipped the ball forward. Finn Gruver got to it behind the JCHS defense and sent a shot to the left side of the net for the early lead.

Josh Sexton scored on a penalty kick less than three minutes later after Gruver was tackled inside the 18-yard box, and then Gruver scored again to the right corner off of a pass from Sexton.

"The entire focus of practice yesterday ... was just creative, toward a shutout, but Carter Link for JCHS.

dynamic possessions in the attacking third, trying to find give and goes, trying to find onetwos, trying to connect not two or three passes, but four or five to set the goal up," said Muncie Central coach Shea Hill, who said his team had been dependent on long strikes in its scrimmage Saturday against Delta. "We had a lot of really good things to build off of.'

The score remained 3-0 for about 30 minutes of game time before Sexton netted Muncie Central's final goal at the 35:12 mark of the second half.

The Patriots seemed headed

the 18-yard box in the final minute. A Levi Muhlenkamp shot was deflected by goalie Tucker Lowe, but Muhlenkamp was there to knock the rebound into the net for a goal. "It was a good play," said Ruiz.

moved to the right spots and Levi was there right at the moment ... as he was taught to be in the Muhlenkamp and Dylan Mar-

three shots on goal apiece.

was able to send the ball inside

"It was a plan by them. ... They Keegan Muhlenkamp score with a 46.

entes shared the team lead with Kaleb Coppock made 14 saves

with an even-par 35 and his teammate J.J. Meyer shot

and Nate Jutte followed LeFevre with matching scores of 45. Alex Dues completed the Tribe team

A 50 from Eli Lennartz and a 57 from Reece LeFevre did not factor in the team score.

Sports on tap

Local schedule Thursday

Jay County — Boys tennis at Norwell – 5 p.m.; Girls soccer vs. Heritage – 6 p.m.; Volleyball at Delta – 6 p.m. Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Versailles – 4:30 p.m.; Girls golf vs. Ver-

sailles - 4:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today 12:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Cincinnati

Reds (Bally Indiana) 1 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN) 3 p.m. — Baseball: Little League

World Series (ESPN) 4 p.m. — Tennis: Western & Southern Open (Bally Indiana) 5 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)

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World Series (ESPN) 7:45 p.m. — Major League Base-

ball: 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 Base ball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Milwaukee Brewers (FS1)

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

Thursday 1 p.m. — Baseball: Little League

World Series (ESPN)

1:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Colorado Rockies at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana) 3 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN) 5 p.m. — Baseball: Little League

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8 p.m. — NFL football: Chicago Bears at Seattle Seahawks (ESPN, FOX) 8:05 p.m.

at Santos Laguna (FS1) 10 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Washington Mystics at Seattle Storm (ESPN2)

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Argylls, errors

Pattern of miscues hurts Jay in opener

The Commercial Review When they were connecting on serves and getting into the flow of their offense, the Patriots looked good.

But that only happened in one set, with the other three marred by too many unforced errors to keep them in the match.

The Jay County High School volleyball team built a couple of big leads and held off the visiting Madison-Grant Argylls in the second set, but the other three were not particularly close as it dropped the season opener 25-16, 23-25, 25-10, 25-15.

"A lot," said JCHS coach Amy Dillon of the errors. "A lot of hitting errors. A lot of not being in position. A lot of looking and not just playing the

"I really think it was just a little bit of learning how to play with each other on the floor. ... And figuring out what defense is going to work best for us.

After dropping the first set, the Patriots (0-1) had pulled even as they held off Madison-Grant (1-0) in the second when a Madison Brunswick attack barely stayed inside the baseline. The third set started out competitive, with JCHS trailing only 11-9 when Dillon called her first timeout. The rest was all Argylls, as they scored 14 of the next 15 points with many of them coming on unforced

The score was tied 7-7 in the fourth set before a Patriot service error gave the ball back to Madison-Grant.

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The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School senior Abbie Fields smacks an attack past Madison-Grant junior Maddy Moore during the Patriots' four-set loss Tuesday in their season opener. Fields led JCHS, which will play again Thursday at Delta, with eight kills.

FRHS girls earn first victory

The young Indians now have their first taste of

victory. The Fort Recovery High School girls golf team posted four scores in the 50s — coach FR Joe Bruns'

goal at the roundup beginning of the season — and knocked off the Parkway Panthers on Monday at

Portland Golf Club. Ella Schoen came up big for the Indians, who graduated their entire starting lineup from last season and opened with back-toback losses to Tri-Village and Arcanum. She recorded five bogeys, including four in a stretch of five holes from No. 2 through 6 at PGC, to lead the team

with a 53. Parkway's Sarah Sheppard was the match medalist with a 50.

The rest of the Tribe scores lined up in a row with Ella Westgerdes notching two bogeys en route to a 54, Emma Will recording two bogeys for a 55 and Eva Kahlig totaling three bogeys to round out the team score with a 56.

Also playing for Fort Recovery but not factoring in the team score were Brynn Stammen at 60 and Georgia Wenning at 65.

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JC netters top Tigers

opener Monday, the Patriots were happy to get right back on the court.

first win of the season 4-1 over the Alexandria Tigers.

The Patriots' No. 1 doubles team of Sam Myers and Gage Sims set the tone, dominating their way to a 6-1, 6-1 victory over

Jesse Lipps and Tanner Norris. The other three JCHS points came in the singles matches, where Eli Dirksen evened his 2022 record at 2-2 with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Benjamin DeVault. His

ALEXANDRIA — After a difficult home cousin Abraham Dirksen earned his first career No. 1 singles victory, defeating James Ward 6-4, 6-1. And Simon Dirksen, On the road Tuesday, the Jay County Eli's brother, bounced back from a tough High School boys tennis team earned its three-set loss Monday in the Patriots' match against Madison-Grant to top Owen May 6-3, 6-4.

Luke Muhlenkamp and Austin Dirksen suffered the lone loss of the night for Jay County (1-3) at No. 2 doubles by a 6-2, 6-2

The Patriots, who opened the season with losses to Knightstown and New Castle on Saturday, will return to action

Thursday with a trip to Norwell.



Brenden Runyon of the Jay County High School boys soccer team battles for the ball against Muncie Central's Brady McNabb during the Patriots' 4-1 loss Tuesday in their season opener. JCHS gave up three goals in the first 14 minutes and got its only tally with 41 seconds left on the clock.

IC handles Patriots

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

The Patriots entered the season with a small roster and minimal experience following the graduation of eight seniors.

Down three more expected starters in the season opener, they were in a tough spot against a sectional rival.

Jay County High School's boys soccer team gave up three goals in the first 14 minutes Tuesday night and Small Jay squad can't keep up with Wildcats

in a 4-1 loss to the visiting to be eligible, Gavin Young Muncie Central Bearcats.

The Patriots were without senior Josh Dowlen, who did not yet have narrowly avoided a shutout enough practices complete

with an injury and another projected starter who was deemed academically ineli-

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