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Jay rate was 3.3%

Local number tied for 33rd-lowest in Indiana

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

For each of the first two months of 2023, unemployment was above 3%.

Estimates Indiana Department of Workforce Development released Monday show Jay County's unemployment rate for February at 3.3%.

That number is up 0.2 percentage points from January and 0.9 percentage points from February 2022.

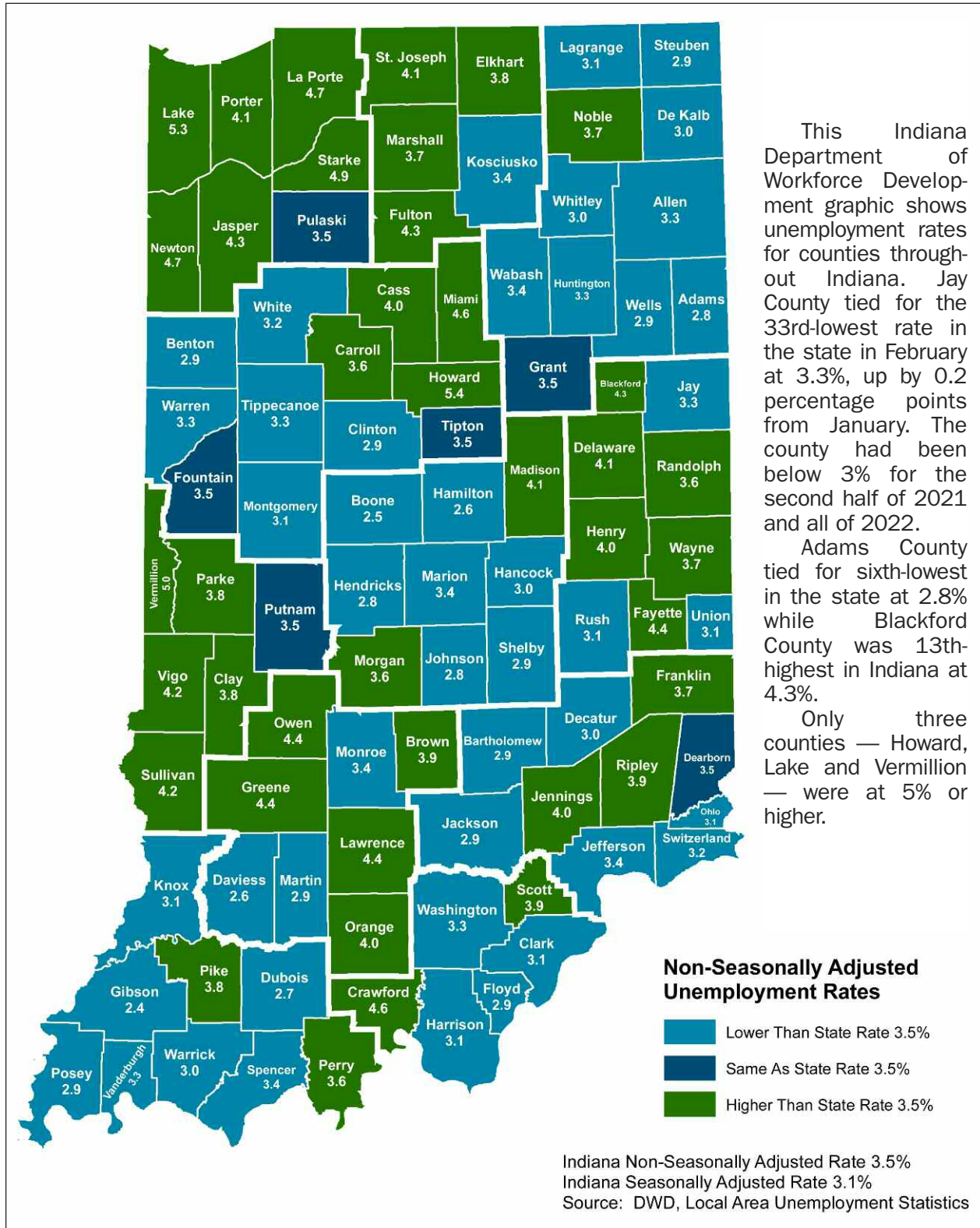
Prior to January, local unemployment had been below 3% for 18 consecutive months. It was last above that mark when it came in at 3.3% in June 2021 and had not been above 4% since July 2020. (It had spiked to 19.9% in April 2020 at the height of the coronavirus pandemic shutdowns.)

While Jay County's unemployment rate went up, its status as compared to other counties continued to improve slightly. It was tied for 33rd-lowest among Indiana's 92 counties, tied with Washington, Warren, Vanderburgh, Tippecanoe, Huntington and Allen counties.

The local rate was 34th-highest in the state in October but has been improving incrementally each month since then.

The Indiana average for February was 3.5%.

Estimates also showed a slight overall labor force increase in the state, with about 23,000



Senate health care bill gets trimmed

Revised measure passes House committee

By **WHITNEY DOWNARD**
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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A Senate proposal with multiple provisions to ease the health care process looks a lot simpler following a flurry of House committee amendments.

As passed by the Senate chamber, Senate Bill 400 included an alternative licensing path for students who don't match with a residency and revoked a dental compliance fee — the latter of which is moving in a separate House motion.

The bill still includes a pilot program for state employees that eases the prior authorization process for certain health services as well as a requirement for emergency departments to have a physician on site when open. Current law allows for a physician to be on call, rather than physically present.

The proposal, authored by Sen. Liz Brown, R-Fort Wayne, passed out of committee unanimously.

Public Health Committee Chair Brad Barrett, a retired physician from Richmond, introduced five amendments to the bill and praised the cooperation between various health care factions to negotiate a middle ground.

Barrett, a Republican, noted that the removal of the associate physician language, which created a new license for medical students who don't match with a residency, occurred at the same time that many students "matched" with their various residency programs.

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more individuals seeking employment last month as compared to February 2022.

Gibson County, which tied with Boone and Hamilton counties for the lowest rate in the state in January, stood alone atop

the rankings in February at 2.4%. Boone County was next at 2.5%.

Howard County recorded the highest rate in the state at 5.4%. Lake County was next at 5.3%.

Area rates are as follows:

Adams County: 2.8%, up 0.3 percentage points, tie-sixth lowest

Blackford County: 4.3%, up 0.5 percentage points, tie-13th highest

Delaware County: 4.1%, up 0.4 percentage points, tie-18th highest

Jay County: 3.3%, up 0.2 percentage points, tie-33rd lowest

Randolph County: 3.6%, up 0.1 percentage points, tie-37th highest

Wells County: 2.9%, up 0.1 percentage point, tie-ninth lowest

Shooter was 'under doctor's care'

By **ALEXANDRA E. PETRI**
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

New details have emerged from Monday's shooting in Nashville, Tennessee, that left three children and three adults dead when an assailant targeted a Christian school, making it the latest American community to be rocked by the despair and trauma of gun violence, as police search for a motive.

At a news conference Tuesday, Metro Nashville police Chief John Drake said authorities learned through interviews with the assailant's parents that the shooter had legally purchased seven firearms from five local gun stores. Three were used in the attack at the Covenant School, Drake said.

The parents said the shooter, whom authorities identified as 28-year-old former student Audrey Hale, was "under doctor's care for emotional disorder," Drake said. "Law enforcement knew nothing about the treatment (the shooter) was receiving, but the parents felt (the shooter) should not own weapons."

Drake said the assailant's parents believed that the shooter had

Police reveal new details about attack at Tennessee school

sold their only weapon and were unaware other weapons were hidden within the home. The attacker left their parents' home Monday carrying a red bag and dismissed questions about what was inside, Drake said. The shooter's mother told police that because she didn't know her child had additional firearms, she "didn't think any differently."

"If it had been reported that (the shooter) was suicidal or ... was going to kill someone, had that been made known to us, then we would have tried to get those weapons," Drake said. He did not explain what that would entail or how that might work legally.

According to Everytown for Gun Safety, a gun violence prevention organization, Tennessee does not currently have an

extreme risk law, also known as a red flag law, which allows law enforcement and family members to petition for a court order to temporarily prevent someone in crisis from accessing guns. It does have a law that prohibits gun possession by people who have been involuntarily committed or are found to be a danger to themselves or others, but the bar for that is incredibly high, said Jonathan Metz, the director of the Department of Medicine, Health and Society at Vanderbilt University and an expert on gun violence and mental illness.

Drake said police are still searching for a motive.

The updates came after police on Tuesday released body camera footage worn by two of the officers who responded to the shooting.



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Brendan Smialowski

A woman hugs a police officer Tuesday at the entrance of the Covenant School at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, in Nashville, Tennessee. A former student killed three children and three adults in what appeared to be a carefully planned attack at a private elementary school in Nashville on Monday before being shot dead by police.

Deaths

Lucinda Mixon, 78, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 49 degrees Tuesday. The low was 31.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the lower 20s with a 20% chance of rain and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. Skies will be mostly sunny Thursday with a high in the mid 50s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

A Jay County Ag Week breakfast of coffee, donuts and juice will be held from 6 to 9 a.m. Thursday in Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall at Jay County Fairgrounds. The event is open to the public.

Coming up

Thursday — Berlin-based ATOS Trio to close out performance series Friday at Arts Place.

Saturday — Results from the FRHS baseball and softball teams against Mississinawa Valley.



Capsule Reports

Award added

Jay County Chamber of Commerce on Monday announced the addition of a new category for its Jay County Community Awards. The category Community Group of the Year has been added following review of award nominations in the existing nine categories. Nominations have been re-opened for the new award and will be accepted through Thursday.

To nominate a group, visit bit.ly/CGOY23.

Missed stop sign

A Fort Recovery woman's vehicle and a Portland man's truck collided at the intersection of county road 300 North and

State Line Road about 4:20 p.m. Friday.

Patricia L. Manor, 69, was driving her 2013 Ford Explorer south on State Line Road. She told police she didn't see the stop sign and continued into the intersection with county road 300 North. Her vehicle was hit by a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado driven by 26-year-old Jordan J. Brumbaugh.

Manor complained of pain all over her body and was hospitalized. Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Drunk driving

A Portland man was arrested for drunk driving after he

crashed his truck into the back of another Portland man's vehicle at the intersection of Meridian Street and Industrial Drive about 6:51 a.m. Friday.

Joshua P. Bower, 32, was driving his 2011 Chevrolet Silverado south on Meridian Street. He told police he didn't see the traffic signal turn red. He continued without stopping and crashed into the back of a 2011 GMC Sierra driven by 36-year-old Matthew C. Fisher.

Bower was given a blood alcohol test and arrested Friday. He was charged today in Jay Superior Court with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and endangering a person younger than 18 years old, a Level 6 felony, and

neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 felony. His vehicle was towed.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Lost control

A Portland man was charged with drunk driving after he lost control of the vehicle he was driving and crashed along Boundary Pike about 7:55 a.m. March 22.

Michael J. Young, 34, Portland, was driving north on Boundary Pike near Floral Avenue when he lost control of a 2008 Chrysler Town and Country. He went left of center and drove off the road, hitting a light pole.

Young was taken to IU Health Jay for a minor head injury.

Young was charged Tuesday with a Class A misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and endangering a person.

His vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Pole hit

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000 after a Portland man crashed his semi into a pole along county road 500 South about 1 p.m. Monday.

John B. Lyons, 70, Portland, was driving his 1993 Peterbilt 379 along the road near the intersection with county road 1100 West. Lyons told police he felt he was getting sick and drove off the road, hitting a pole.

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Thursday 3/30	Friday 3/31	Saturday 4/1	Sunday 4/2	Monday 4/3
54/44	61/38	44/25	55/45	68/50
There's a 30% chance of showers after 2 a.m. Otherwise, windy, with gusts up to 25 mph.	Friday's forecast shows rain with a thunderstorm also possible. Winds may reach 35 mph.	There's a slight chance of showers in the morning and early afternoon. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Sunny, with highs in the mid to upper 50s and a low around 45 degrees.	There's a chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with the high skyrocketing to the upper 60s.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$132 million	Quick Draw: 2-7-17-22-28-29-37-39-46-55-57-59-60-64-65-66-68-72-75-80 Cash 5: 16-24-26-36-43 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Mega Millions 2-3-18-32-68 Mega Ball: 24 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$355 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 6-3-0 Pick 4: 0-0-3-0 Pick 5: 4-4-9-2-6 Evening Pick 3: 5-6-0 Pick 4: 9-1-5-6 Pick 5: 0-7-5-2-2 Rolling Cash: 13-16-23-27-34 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 3-5-1 Daily Four: 5-7-2-6 Quick Draw: 1-5-13-15-16-29-39-40-41-48-51-52-54-58-61-63-65-69-72-74 Evening Daily Three: 1-1-9 Daily Four: 6-0-6-2	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.60 April corn.....6.62 Wheat.....6.95	Wheat.....6.54 July wheat.....6.99
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.68 April corn.....6.70 May corn.....6.72	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.50 April corn.....6.50 Beans.....14.67 April beans.....14.71 July wheat.....6.98
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.57 April corn.....6.57 Beans.....14.60 April beans.....14.60	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.32 April corn.....6.32 Beans.....14.44 April beans.....14.44 Wheat.....6.57

Today in history

In 1790, John Tyler was born in in Charles City, Virginia. He became the 10th president of the United States following the death of William Henry Harrison just 32 days into his term.

In 1867, the Dominion of Canada was created as the British colonies of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were united via the British North American Act. The legislation also split the province of Canada into Quebec and Ontario.

In 1951, the musical "The King and I" by Rodgers and Hammerstein made its debut on Broadway. It is considered a stage classic and was also adapted into a motion picture starring Yul Brynner.

In 1973, U.S. troops evacuated Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City), signaling the end of American involvement in the Vietnam War.

In 2022, Mara Pearson broke her own Fort Recovery High School record in the long jump during the opening meet of the season at Marion Local. She went on the break her record two more times and finished seventh in the state in the event.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 Main St.

Tuesday
4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corpora-

tion, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.
7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
7 p.m. — Salamonias Town Council, school-house community center.

Obituaries

Lucinda Mixon

March 12, 1945-March 28, 2023
Lucinda Mae Mixon, age 78, a resident of Portland, passed away on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at The Waters Nursing Home in Dunkirk.

Lucinda was born on March 12, 1945, in Winchester, Indiana, the daughter of David and Harriett (Coffman) Moody. She graduated in 1963 from Lynn High School and worked as a wire operator for Paine-Weber Inc. in Dallas. She was a member of Portland Friends Church.

Survivors include:

Her siblings — Sally LeMaster (husband: Mike), Portland, Indiana, and Mark Moody (wife: Brenda), Lynn, Indiana

Four nieces, five nephews, eight great-nephews, six great-nieces, two great-great-nieces and three great-great-nephews

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Nancy Snyder. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home



Mixon

in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 4 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Private burial will be held at a later date in Spartanburg Cemetery, east of Lynn, Indiana.

Memorials may be directed towards Portland Friends Church.

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.

Health ...

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"In the event that students don't match, this was to create a category for them to get clinical experience," Barrett said. "But now that we vetted this with many of the providers, it's come to a realization that it's not quite the format we'd prefer at this time."

Additionally, the committee opted to add language to require insurance policies to cover wearable cardioverter defibrillators — an external version of a device that allows patients to go home while they wait to get the internal version placed.

Manesh Parikshak, a cardiovascular surgeon practicing at Franciscan Health, said there are 500,000 sudden cardiac deaths annually in

the United States where one's heart abruptly stops.

He used the recent and highly publicized collapse of Buffalo Bills player Damar Hamlin, who had a cardiac event on live television. Parikshak said most, between 85-90% of Americans, who suffer similar health emergencies don't survive.

"It was witnessed, there was immediate CPR and he was defibrillated and that's why he's alive," Parikshak said.

Patients, after a set period of observation, can go home with a wearable defibrillator — a vest that has electrodes to monitor the heart. After 90 days or so, patients can get an internal defibrillator placed.

"Patients will pass out (from a sudden cardiac death) but the vest will take over and basically defibrillate and bring them back. And it's highly successful at doing that," Parikshak said. "It's peace of mind for me... but also peace of mind for the patient and their family."

But Parikshak said that some insurance plans don't cover the treatment, meaning patients spend that time in a hospital instead.

One area that's attracted much attention is the portion on prior authorization, a process in which an insurer guarantees payment for a service to a provider. But both sides agree the time-consuming process needs to be reformed.

Felony arrests

Probation violation

Two Indiana residents were arrested Tuesday for violating their probation orders.

Cory R. Walburn, 30, 1013 W. 10th St., Muncie, pleaded guilty in February 2021 to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 270 days suspended and given 270 days credit for time served. A petition alleging he violated his probation conditions was filed in September 2021. Walburn was released on a \$600 bond from Jay County Jail.

Ryan S. Jones, 39, 8300 S. 800 East, Selma, pleaded guilty in February 2021 to unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all of his sentence suspended and six days and given credit for time served. Jones was placed on

probation. A petition alleging he violated his probation was filed March 15. He's being held on a \$1,200 bond in Jay County Jail.

Failed to appear

A Muncie man was arrested Tuesday for failing to appear in court.

Thomas L. Carmichael, 25, 315 E. Willard St., failed to appear January 2021 for a Jay Superior Court case in which he is charged with a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of a controlled substance and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana.

He's being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

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Jay County FFA Parent - Member BANQUET

6:30 p.m.
Friday,
March 31



in the Jay County Junior-Senior High School auxiliary gym

A pork chop or cod dinner will be provided.
Awards and a live auction will follow the dinner.

SERVICES

Thursday

Brown, Deloris: noon, Williamson, Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 190 S. Union St., Pennville.

Friday

Shreeve, Janet: 3 p.m., Reichard Funeral Home, 440 W. Deerfield Road, Union City.

Saturday

Mixon, Lucinda: 4 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

May 13

Warrick, Clarice: 11 a.m., West Richmond Friends Meeting, 609 W. Main St., Richmond.

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Ivy Tech hosting open house April 14

Go Ivy Day is nearly here.

Ivy Tech Community College in Fort Wayne is inviting high school students to its Go Ivy Day from 9 a.m. to noon April 14 at its student life center.

Visitors may learn about campus life and other opportunities at the college, such as exploring degree and certificate programs, meeting faculty, touring the campus, learning about scholarships and other activities. The event at 3701 Dean Drive in Fort Wayne will include a free lunch for

Taking Note

those who pre-register. To sign up, visit link.ivytech.edu/ivyday.

Home Tour

Taylor University Chorale and Sounds will present their Home Tour concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Rediger Auditorium. The choirs will share

songs and stories from their recent spring break tour to Cuenca and Quito, Ecuador, where they sang in churches, schools, hospitals, city squares and up in the Andes Mountains. The concert features music in a variety of languages, including Spanish, English, Latin and Hebrew. Admission is free.

Craft fair

Fort Recovery's annual craft fair returns next month. Brick Street Market, an event hosted by the Fort Recovery chapter of Psi

Iota Xi, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 29 in the village along Wayne Street.

For those interested in setting up as a vendor, visit the chapter's Facebook page, email theta.zeta.fortrecovery@gmail.com or contact Mandy Wendel at (419) 733-2541.

ArtWorks

Blackford County Arts Center has a list of art classes going on in April. Classes scheduled include: •Needle felting in the shape of mushrooms and

toadstools, led by Carol Tropf, from 6 to 9 p.m. April 10. Tickets are \$35.

•Making a decorative bowl, led by J.B. Goodrich, from 2 to 4 p.m. April 16. The cost is \$20.

•Making pinch pots, led by J.B. Goodrich, from 2 to 4 p.m. April 30. Tickets are \$20.

•Practicing advanced phone-friendly photography, led by Nick Martin, from April 11 to April 25 and May 2. The cost is \$40.

WOW scholars

There's still time for high school seniors to apply for Win on the

Wabash Super Raffle scholarships.

The organization will award 22 seniors with \$500 scholarships, according to a press release. Two seniors from each of the following high schools will be selected: Fort Recovery, Coldwater, St. Henry, Marion Local, Versailles, Fort Loramie, Parkway, New Bremen, Minster, New Knoxville and Jay County.

Applications are available online by visiting wowaffle.com/scholarships/. The deadline to apply is March 31, with scholarship winners notified by April 30.

Partner's open sex talk makes man uncomfortable

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 50-year-old man who has been divorced twice. The last one was two years and eight months ago. Last year, I met a wonderful woman, and we have been dating and building a beautiful relationship together. A month ago, I proposed to her, and she accepted.

Everything is going great, but I'm intimidated by all the men she has been with prior to us. She had a lot of toxic relationships and was sexually active with a lot of different men. When we have sex, she tells me I'm not assertive enough and she wants me to be more aggressive. It makes me feel like she isn't happy with me sexually and she will soon-

Dear Abby



ners. Your lady friend's past isn't a problem unless you make it one. She is trying to tell you what she needs from you. If you are not clear on what that means, ask her to elaborate. If it's not to your liking, be honest, but do not advance this relationship further until you get this worked out.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter "Claudia" has been dating and living with "Justin" — the boy next door. They moved to Florida months back and loved each day together. Then, the unthinkable happened. Justin's father was diagnosed with a rare disease and died two weeks later. His last words to Justin were,

"Take care of your mom." Justin and Claudia immediately returned to New York. Each day has been a nightmare with his mom. She ignores Claudia and talks only to her son. Justin is 25 and hasn't lived at home for years. When she calls, she yells at him and he goes running to her. She no longer talks to us, although we had a nice relationship when her husband was alive.

Justin loves his mom, but he's torn. What can my daughter do? Justin ignores how she's being treated and the tears it has caused. It breaks my heart. We love and adore him. Please help. — HURTING FOR THEM

DEAR HURTING: Justin is going through a painful emo-

tional period right now. If you have any influence on him, express to him that you are concerned for him AND his mother, that she may need grief counseling beyond what he can offer her, and that he might also benefit from counseling until things settle down.

A licensed mental health professional would help him deal with his mother more effectively than he's doing presently, as well as provide him with a safe place to vent. As to your daughter, tell Claudia this period probably won't last forever, so she may want to give it time. If not, she'll have to decide whether she needs to move on.

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 BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each

Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Saturday

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

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8

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

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m.

each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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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Piece of history was fascinating

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from March 28, 2007. Jack was our in-office resource on Jay County history. With the exception of college and a few years after, he lived here his whole life. His ancestors included Jacob March Haynes — Judge Haynes — and automobile inventor Elwood Haynes. When it came to knowing about this community, there were few who were his equal.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

Genealogy is one rabbit hole I've successfully managed not to fall down.

There's a marginal interest, of course. But I'm content to let a cousin in New Jersey reconstruct how the Ronalds came from Scotland, farmed in Ontario, then drifted south into the United States.

He's doing a tremendous job, and his updates via the Internet are always interesting.

Still, I found a book that crossed my desk the other day remarkably intriguing.

It's called "Family Maps of Jay County, Indiana," and it was written by an attorney in Okla-

Back in the Saddle



homa by the name of Greg Boyd.

In some ways, it's as much a toolkit as it is a book. And it's assembled to help folks who think their family's roots might lie in Jay County get a handle on things.

Boyd's a genealogist, obviously, but he must also be something of a techie, and he's incredibly well-organized. He has used the web site of the General Land Office of the Bureau of Land Management to put together maps showing all the original owners of parcels of ground in Jay County during the county's earliest years as a unit of government. Then he has developed a series of indexes that allow a reader to track down specific details.

Here's how it works.

Say you're curious if your ancestors were original patent holders of land in Jay County. Those are folks whose deeds were the first recorded as having owned the land.

First you turn to the index of "Surnames in Jay County, Indiana Patents." Some of the names are familiar even today.

A quick look yields the following, for instance: Ashcraft, Banta, Bray, Brubaker, Buckmaster, Cochran, Current, Frazee, Gaunt, Isenhardt, Jetter, Lare, Manor, Paxson, Priest, Ritchey, Shannon, Sibery, Starbuck, Thornburg, Tullis, Vore, Wehrly, and Zimmerman.

And that's just a small sampling of the familiar names found on a quick browse through.

Say you find your family name. The index tells you how many parcels of land were recorded for that last name in original patents.

Then you turn to the "Surname/Township Index." Here's where it gets more specific.

Let's say your ancestors were named Bigalow. The index tells

you there are two parcels recorded under that name. It also gives you the meridian, township, and range information. On top of that, Boyd simplifies things by giving you a "map group" reference.

In the case of Bigalow, for instance, the index refers you to "map group" 10. Turn to that group of maps and you find yet another index. This one lists the individuals named in the patent deed, the section, the part of the section, and the date the patent was issued.

In the case of Bigalow, it turns out that William Bigalow had two parcels of land in section 24, dating from Aug. 20, 1838.

The first map in the group looks like a plat map from about 1838-1840, and you can quickly spot the two parcels of Bigalow land.

They abutted properties owned by people named Finch, Lare, Taylor and Heckman.

The next map shows the same sections but instead of the individual properties, it shows towns, highways, county roads, and cemeteries.

So, if you were looking up your Bigalow relatives, you could quickly learn that their land was southeast of New Mount Pleasant.

The two closest cemeteries — where you could go looking for Bigalow gravestones — are the Bost Cemetery and the Wentz Cemetery, both of which are marked clearly on the map.

A third map drops out the roads and highways but adds creeks streams, and railroad.

William Bigalow, it seems, was farming not far from Bost Run, which feeds into Brooks Creek.

That may not mean much to those of us whose roots don't go so far back into Jay County history, but for someone on a genealogical treasure hunt it could prove to be invaluable.

Just for the record, the book is published by Arphax Publishing Company in Norman, Oklahoma.

As for the free copy they sent me, I think I'll take it down the street and donate it to the Jay County Genealogical Society.

Sounds like a good addition to their library.

What will history make of Pence?

Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

There's a popular saying in politics that goes like this: "Never wrestle with a pig. You get filthy, and the pig enjoys it."

Mike Pence may have gained new appreciation for that metaphor recently when he flopped into the mud pit with his former boss, Donald Trump, who plucked him from the heartland in 2016 to become his vice presidential running mate. Pence was a beleaguered candidate in his reelection bid for Indiana's governor's office when Trump was trying to shore up flagging support among evangelical voters. The GOP presidential nominee tapped Pence as the guy to give him a boost with that critical conservative voting bloc.

The partnership worked out well for both Trump and Pence — at least for a while. Trump won a tight election to become president, and Pence became vice president. But Trump's piggishness is never far from the surface.

Having lost his reelection bid in 2020 to Joe Biden, Trump encouraged Pence to violate his constitutional oath and refuse to certify Biden's Electoral College victory in Congress on Jan. 6, 2021.

Pence declined, triggering a riot on Capitol Hill by an angry mob of Trump supporters encouraged by Trump himself. The mob even erected a gallows outside and chanted "Hang Mike Pence" as they trashed the Capitol building and temporarily halted the peaceful transfer of power. The partnership hasn't been the same ever since. Trump viewed his VP's refusal to cooperate with his attempted coup as a betrayal. Pence was slow to respond but eventually expressed his anger and disappointment about the predicament foisted upon him that day.

Pence is now mulling a primary run for president in 2024. With Trump already a declared candidate, Pence treads carefully when criticizing the former president. But he isn't staying quiet.

Pence, at a recent media banquet, increased the intensity of his ire toward

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Trump over what happened on Jan. 6.

"President Trump was wrong," Pence said at the event. "I had no right to overturn the election. And his reckless words endangered my family and everyone at the Capitol that day, and I know history will hold Donald Trump accountable."

It didn't take long for Trump to retaliate. "Had he sent the votes back to the legislatures, they wouldn't have had a problem with January 6, so in many ways you can blame him for January 6," Trump told the Washington Post.

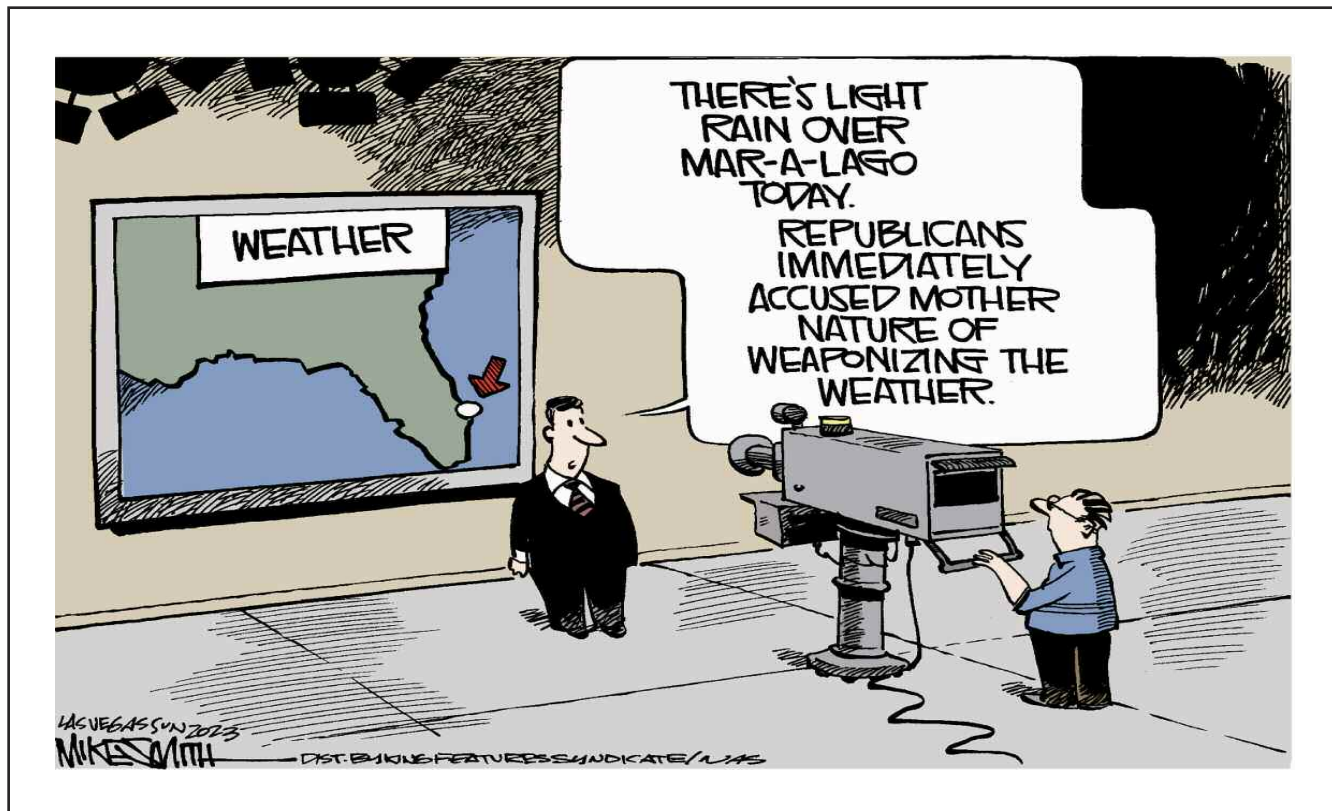
Pence's new tone with Trump demonstrates a willingness to challenge the former president for his actions on Jan. 6. But we can't ignore the fact that Pence was often complacent and compliant during Trump's presidency. As Trump grew bolder in flouting the rule of law, Pence's courage was not on display, at least not publicly.

When news broke last weekend that Trump was expecting to be indicted in the 2016 scheme to pay hush money to an adult film actress over an alleged affair years earlier and declare it as a campaign legal expense, Pence wasn't as willing to hold Trump accountable. Rather, he adopted the partisan position of suggesting Trump was being treated unfairly.

"It just feels like a politically charged prosecution here," Pence said during a news show.

Once again, Pence is his former boss's apologist and defender. Will history judge Mike Pence as a hero with regard to Trump's worst instincts?

While the vice president did the right thing standing up to Trump's undemocratic and illegal actions of Jan. 6, 2021, Pence's legacy remains far more complicated.



Denial leaves little hope

By **DAOUD KUTTAB**
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

"Mr. Chairman," read the letter signed by the prime minister of Israel Yitzhak Rabin sent to Yasser Arafat. "In response to your letter of September 9, 1993, I wish to confirm to you that, in light of the PLO commitments included in your letter, the Government of Israel has decided to recognize the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people and commence negotiations with the PLO within the Middle East peace process."

The exchange of letters of recognition, followed by an uneasy handshake on the White House lawn, ended years of attempts at mutual negotiation by Israelis and Palestinians. The Declaration of Principles that was signed that same day and witnessed by President Bill Clinton has since failed, in part due to the assassination of Rabin by an Israeli extremist named Yigal Amir.

Now, nearly 30 years later, another Israeli extremist is negating what is stated about the Palestinian people while holding a top position in the Israeli government. However, this extremist is not only allowed to spew his hatred and incitement, but he is also able to execute policies as part of his special status in the government overseeing what happens in the occupied Palestinian territories.

Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, who called for the Palestinian town of Hawara to be "erased," has now said that Palestinians have no rights because "there is no such thing as a Palestinian people." He called Palestinians an invention. "Is there a Palestinian history or culture? There is none," he said.

His speech was made in France on Sunday, while standing at a podium

Daoud Kuttab



with a map in the colors of the Israeli flag showing Israel with expanded boundaries that include the occupied Palestinian territories, Jordan and parts of Lebanon and Syria.

Palestinians should not have to defend themselves and restate their history on their land. Nor should countries in the region have to defend their sovereign lands. There is a lot to be said for the silence of the Israeli government and other nations on Smotrich's comments. France's silence is particularly disturbing, since it is a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council.

If Smotrich's vile statement and the expansionist map are not representative of the current Netanyahu coalition government, then Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu needs to remove Smotrich from his top position. But in fact, much of Smotrich's sentiment does reflect the agenda of the government itself.

After all, the coalition agreement that allowed Netanyahu to win a thin majority in the Israeli Knesset states clearly that the Palestinian lands — the West Bank and home to nearly 3 million Palestinians — is part of the God-given land of Israel, and that Israel will annex those lands when the time is appropriate.

Denying the existence of the Palestinian people and even the hints of Israeli expansions in the region wipes out hope for promise of the

two-state solution. While the world has recognized Israel since its inception in 1948, it has hinted at recognizing Palestine. Many European parliaments have called on their executive branches to recognize Palestine, but apart from Sweden, that has not happened.

Palestinians at the U.N. have asked that the Security Council recognize Palestine as a state under occupation, but Washington has balked at the idea. A Gallup poll this week shows that 49% of Democrats support Palestinians, while only 38% support Israel. Public views, in Israel and abroad, are shifting as the Netanyahu government embraces extreme right-wing views and policies.

The U.S., along with Jordan and Egypt, have been working hard in Aqaba and Sharm el-Sheikh to de-escalate tensions before the start of the holy month of Ramadan this week, but Israeli leaders appear to be intent on adding fuel to the fire of conflict. What is needed now is not another useless attempt at de-escalation or even the lip service of a two-state solution. What is needed is a political horizon.

Without hope, it is hard to convince ordinary Palestinians that there will be peace. The Israeli occupation, along with the unruly and illegal Jewish settlers, must not be allowed to continue oppressing Palestinians. Unless there is hope, there will not be any prospects for long-term stability or peace. Allowing Smotrich to deny the existence of the Palestinian people is to give license to further violence. The only way forward is to begin a real political process now.

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Putting it all together

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 7 6 4
♥ A 8 5 3
♦ 7
♣ A 9 8 3

WEST
♠ K Q 8 5 3
♥ K 6 4
♦ A K 10 8 4
♣ —

EAST
♠ J 10 2
♥ J 10 9 2
♦ Q J 9 6 5 2
♣ —

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ Q 7
♦ 3
♣ K Q J 10 7 6 5 4 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ 1♠ 2♠ 2♠
4♠ 4♠ 5♠ 5♠
6♠ Dble

Opening lead—king of diamonds.

Many squeezes come ready-made, but occasionally declarer must do some advance preparation to construct the position he requires to make the squeeze work. Here is such a case.

West leads the king of diamonds and shifts to the king of spades, taken by South with the ace. At first glance, it seems that declarer must eventually lose a heart trick and go down one, but considering the bidding, he actually has a good chance to make the slam.

West almost surely has five spades for his initial overall, so all declarer needs in addition is for West to have the king of hearts. In that case, with proper play, a squeeze is sure to develop later on.

Proceeding on that basis, declarer leads a trump to dummy's eight, ruffs a spade, then leads a trump to the nine and ruffs another spade. The purpose of the two spade ruffs is to eliminate East's spades and thus place the burden of guarding against dummy's nine solely on West.

Declarer next plays four more rounds of trump, creating this position:

North
♠ 9
♥ A 8

West
♠ Q
♥ K 6

East
♥ J 10 9

South
♠ Q 7
♥ 7

When South leads his last trump, West is a goner. If he discards a spade, declarer discards a heart from dummy; if he discards a heart, declarer discards dummy's spade. Either way, South scores the last three tricks and makes the slam.

Tomorrow: The moment of truth.
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Peanuts



Rose is Rose



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Hi and Lois



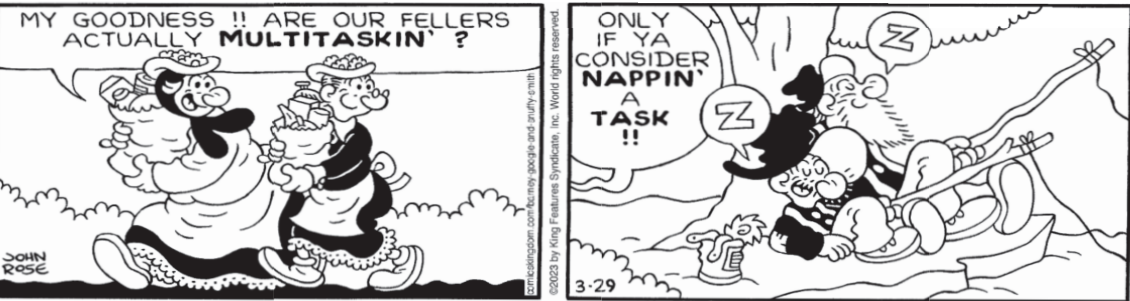
Between Friends



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



3-29 CRYPTOQUIP

KVOR ZEZ RVT NORVTNOREMEOL
GOA RH VEG GWEZT UDWT
KVTL VT KOG ZHLT KERV ER?
"MOWM AHD WORTU!"
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SOMEBODY WITH A PULLED HAMSTRING PROCEEDS VERY GENTLY, WOULD THAT BE TENDON-LOVING CARE?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals H

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

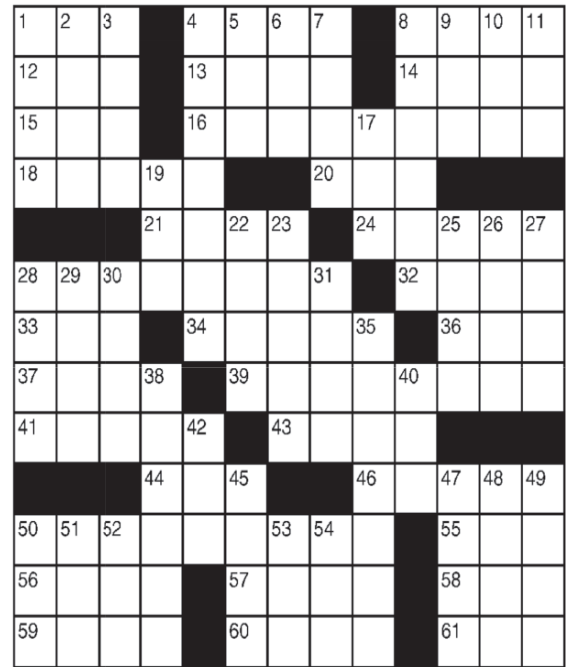
ACROSS
1 "Hum-bug!"
4 Cribs
8 Dazzle
12 Before
13 Opera house solo
14 Super-girl's first name
15 Istanbul honorific
16 Place in the heart
18 Seoul setting
20 Bro, maybe
21 Lady of the haus
24 Evade
28 Blog post with numbered topic items
32 Resumes
33 Play part
34 Mom's sisters
36 Airline to Sweden
37 Furnace fuel
39 Speck
41 NBC foreign correspondent Richard

DOWN
2 Jason's ship
3 Get bone
4 Nuremberg
5 Hot temper
6 Diarist Anaïs
7 Pre-college exams
8 Winter vehicle
9 Tic-toe
10 Web address
11 Scot's denial
17 Abolish
19 Newt
22 "Care for — of tea?"
23 Of an arm
25 Platter
26 Soccer score
27 Being, to Brutus
28 Lingerie trim
29 PC picture
30 Men-only
31 To be, in Paris
35 Pupil
38 Snicket of kid lit
40 Wall St. debut
42 Architect Maya
45 Present
47 Author — Neale Hurston
48 Part of Q.E.D.
49 Yuletide tune
50 Nashville awards org.
51 Hem's partner
52 Genetic letters
53 Browns, on scoreboards
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County General	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066	0.4066
County Health	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283	0.0283
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Twshp Fire Fighting	0.0251	0.0000	0.0000	0.0259	0.0000	0.0198	0.0153	0.0221	0.0000	0.0066	0.0000	0.0097	0.0234	0.0256	0.0000	0.0159	0.0569	0.0000
Twshp General	0.0557	0.0557	0.0139	0.0368	0.0368	0.0088	0.0311	0.0119	0.0000	0.0135	0.0135	0.0144	0.0257	0.0139	0.0139	0.0248	0.0065	0.0065
Twshp Poor	0.0161	0.0161	0.0160	0.0024	0.0024	0.0017	0.0016	0.0000	0.0000	0.0034	0.0034	0.0054	0.0000	0.0160	0.0160	0.0000	0.0168	0.0168
Twshp Recreation	0.0161	0.0161	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Township Total	0.1130	0.0879	0.0299	0.0651	0.0392	0.0303	0.0480	0.0340	0.0000	0.0416	0.0169	0.0295	0.0491	0.0555	0.0299	0.0407	0.0802	0.0233
Library Debt Service	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Library General	0.0426	0.0426	0.1948	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710
Library Total	0.0426	0.0426	0.1948	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710	0.0710
School Education	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
School Operation	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599	0.5599
School Debt Service	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446	0.4446
School Pension Debt	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664	0.0664
School Total	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709	1.0709
Corp Aviation/Airport	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0493
Corp Cum Cap Improv	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0973	0.0000	0.0500
Corp Cum Capital Dev	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0500
Corp Police Pension	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Corp General	0.0000	1.0818	1.4094	0.0000	0.6436	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.2019	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.4365	0.0000	0.0000	8.208
Corp Parks & Recreation	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0496	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.005
Corp Park Bond	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0095
Corp Street (MVH)	0.0000	0.0000	0.1583	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.3367
City Total	0.0000	1.0818	1.5677	0.0000	0.6932	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.2019	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.5338	0.0000	0.0000	1.4168
Total Tax Rate	1.8395	2.8962	3.4763	1.8200	2.4873	1.7852	1.8029	1.7889	1.7549	1.7965	1.9737	1.7844	1.8040	1.8104	3.3186	1.7956	1.8351	3.1950

State of Indiana, Jay County, SS: I, Emily Franks, Auditor of Jay County, hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of all tax levies for the taxes collectible in the year 2022 pay 2023.

Emily Franks, Jay County Auditor

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL BONDS

\$6,105,000

AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS, SERIES 2023

BUILDING CORPORATION OF JAY SCHOOLS

Upon not less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice given by the undersigned Secretary, the Building Corporation of Jay Schools (the "Corporation") will receive and consider bids for the purchase of the following described Bonds. Any person interested in submitting a bid for the Bonds may furnish in writing to the Corporation c/o the Corporation's municipal advisor, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC ("Baker Tilly"), 8365 Keystone Crossing, Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240 (317) 465-1500, or by e-mail to bids@bakertilly.com, on or before 11:00 a.m. (Indianapolis Time) April 6, 2023, the person's name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number. The undersigned Secretary will notify (or cause to be notified) each person so registered of the date and time bids will be received not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the date and time of sale. The notification shall be made by telephone at the number furnished by such person and also by e-mail, if an e-mail address has been received.

Notice is hereby given that electronic proposals will be received via PARITY®, in the manner described below, until the time and date specified in the Notice provided at least 24 hours prior to the sale, which is expected to be 11:00 a.m. (Indianapolis Time), on April 11, 2023. Bids may be submitted electronically via PARITY® pursuant to this Notice until the time specified in the Notice, but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY® conflict with this Notice, the terms of this Notice shall control. For further information about PARITY®, potential bidders may contact the Corporation's municipal advisor, Baker Tilly at (317) 465-1500 or PARITY® at (212) 849-5021.

At the time designated for the sale, the Corporation will consider bids for the purchase of the following described Bonds:

Building Corporation of Jay Schools Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2023 (the "Bonds") in the principal amount of \$6,105,000*; Fully registered form; Denomination \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof (or in such other denomination as requested by the winning bidder); Originally dated the date of delivery of the Bonds; Bearing interest at a rate or rates to be determined by bidding, payable on July 15, 2024, and semiannually thereafter; Interest payable by check mailed one business day prior to the interest payment date or by wire transfer to depositories on the interest payment date to the person or depository in whose name each Bond is registered with the trustee on the fifteenth day immediately preceding such interest payment date; Maturing on January 15 and July 15 beginning no earlier than July 15, 2024 through no later than January 15, 2036 on the dates and in the amounts as provided by the Corporation prior to the sale.

As an alternative to PARITY®, bidders may submit a sealed bid or e-mail the bid electronically to the Corporation's municipal advisor at the address described above until the time and on the date identified in the notice given by, or on behalf of the Corporation, twenty-four hours prior to the sale of the Bonds. Upon completion of the bidding procedures described herein, the results of the sealed, non-electronic bids received shall be compared to the electronic bids received by the Corporation.

If a potential bidder has questions related to the Jay School Corporation (the "School Corporation"), the financing or submission of bids, questions should be submitted by email to the addresses above no later than 11:00 a.m. (Indianapolis Time) on April 11, 2023. To the best of the School Corporation's ability, all questions will be addressed by or on behalf of the School Corporation and sent to potential bidders, including any bidders requesting 24 hours' notice of sale, no later than 11:00 a.m. (Indianapolis Time) on April 12, 2023. Additionally, upon request, the written responses will be emailed to any other interested bidder. Bidders should review this notice as well as the Preliminary Official Statement and submit any questions in advance of this deadline to submit questions.

The Corporation reserves the right to adjust the maturity schedule following the sale in order to accomplish the Corporation's financial objectives by reallocating debt service based upon the rates bid by the successful bidder (the "Purchaser"). The Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

A bid may designate that a given maturity or maturities shall constitute a term bond, and the semi-annual amounts set forth in the schedule provided prior to the sale shall constitute the mandatory sinking fund redemption requirements for such term bond or bonds. For purposes of computing true interest cost, the mandatory redemption amounts shall be treated as maturing on the dates set forth in the schedule set forth provided prior to the sale.

Each bid must be for all of the Bonds and must state the rate of interest which each maturity of the Bonds is to bear, stated in multiples of 1/8th or 1/100th of one percent (1%). The maximum interest rate on the Bonds shall not exceed five percent (5.00%) per annum. All Bonds maturing on the same date shall bear the same rate. Bids shall set out the total amount of interest payable over the term of the Bonds and the true interest cost on the Bonds covered by the bid. No bid for less than ninety-nine and five tenths percent (99.5%) of the face value of the Bonds will be considered. The Bonds will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder who has submitted a bid in accordance herewith. The winning bidder will be the one who offers the lowest true interest cost to the Corporation. The true interest cost rate is that rate which, when used to compute the total present value as of the date of delivery of the Bonds of all debt service payments on the Bonds on the basis of semiannual compounding, produces an amount equal to the sum of the par value of the Bonds minus any premium bid plus any discount. In the event of a bidder's error in interest cost rate calculations, the interest rates and premium, if any, set forth or incorporated by reference in the official bid form will be considered as the intended bid. No conditional bids will be considered. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. If an acceptable bid is not received for the Bonds on the date of sale hereinbefore fixed, the sale may be continued from day to day thereafter without further advertisement, during which time no bid which provides a higher total interest cost to the Corporation than the best bid received at the time of the advertised sale will be considered.

A good faith deposit ("Deposit") in the form of cash, wire transfer or certified or cashier's check in the amount of one percent (1%) of the par amount of the Bonds payable to the order of the Corporation may be required to be submitted by the Purchaser not later than 3:30 p.m. (Indianapolis Time) on the next business day following the award. If a requested Deposit is not received by that time, the Corporation may reject the bid. No interest on the Deposit will accrue to the Purchaser. The Deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds. In the event the Purchaser fails to honor its accepted bid, the Deposit will be retained by the Corporation as liquidated damages.

The Purchaser shall make payment for such Bonds and accept delivery thereof within five days after being notified that the Bonds are ready for delivery, at such place in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, as the Purchaser may designate, or at such other location mutually agreed to by the School Corporation and the Purchaser. The Bonds will be ready for delivery within forty-five (45) days after the date of sale. If the Corporation fails to have the Bonds ready for delivery prior to the close of banking hours on the forty-fifth day after the date of sale, the Purchaser may secure the release of the bid upon request in writing, filed with the Corporation. Unless otherwise requested by the winning bidder, the Purchaser is expected to apply to a securities depository registered with the Security and Exchange Commission ("SEC") to make such Bonds depository-eligible. If the Bonds are reoffered, at the time of delivery of the Bonds

Dominance ...

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"I just tried to go out as fast as I could. I haven't ran it since last year so I just wanted to see what I could do the first meet," Will said. "I think our 4x800 did really well today so I'm really excited to see where that will go."

Heitkamp was able to place first in both the 1,600 run and 3,200 run with times of 4:36:39 and 9:55:5, respectively. In the latter event, Heitkamp jumped out to a 10-meter lead almost immediately and was up by about 100 meters with three laps still remaining.

Both times were the second-best of his career.

"I think the mindset going in — at least for the 2-mile — I was strongly confident. I had a race plan and I executed it," Heitkamp said. "I trained a lot over the winter and that set me up for a lot of good success. It feels very good."

In the girls 1,600 run, the Indians took the top three spots. Will once again led the way with a time of 5:53:09. Jenna Hart was fighting for second place during most of the race, and pulled away in the third lap, while Brynn Stammen was able to barely eke out third in the final 50 yards as she passed Marion Local's Josie Bruns.

Natalie Brunswick showed herself to be with-in striking distance of the school record for the 3,200

run, coming up just 10 seconds short with a time of 12:04:10. Hart finished with a time of 13:02:44 to give the Tribe a one-two finish.

In the 800 run, the Indians had first- and second-place finishes here with Megan Diller clocking in at 2:43 flat and Kaup at 2:50:14.

"Almost all of them come from cross country in the fall. So they had a really good season in the fall and that carries over to now," coach Christy Diller. (FRHS finished 13th at the OHSAA Division II Girls Cross Country State Finals in November, with Natalie Brunswick placing 33rd individually while Heitkamp was 35th in the boys race. "They're feeling confident, they've been running well at practice. That makes me very excited for the year and hopefully it's a sign of good things to come."

Anna Roessner was another highlight for the girls team as the sophomore won the 400 dash in 1:05.84 and was second in both the 100 dash and 200 dash.

Mara Pearson started strong in the long jump after her state-medalist effort in 2022, winning by nearly 2 feet at 17 feet, 2 inches. She was also third behind Roessner in the 200 dash, and in her first time competing in the hurdles she placed third in both the



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Freshman Gabe Acheson of Fort Recovery clears the final hurdle during the 110-meter race Tuesday at Barrenbrugge Athletic Park. Acheson narrowly missed a spot in the top five in the event, finishing sixth in 20.63 seconds.

100 and 300. Kiana Matsuda was the runner-up in the 300 hurdles.

Izzy Zahn starred for the Coldwater girls in the battle of MAC rivals, winning the 100 dash and 200 dash.

Parker Brunswick was the only individual other than Heitkamp to score in a track event for the Fort Recovery boys. He finished

fourth in the 1,600 run and third in the 800 run. Connor Kaikala was fourth in the long jump.

Nate Buschur powered the Marion Local boys to their victory as he finished first in the 100 dash, 200 dash and pole vault.

The FRHS boys were without Lucas Acheson, who was sidelined after

suffering an ankle injury earlier in the day.

"He is a key component of all of our sprint relays so we were scrambling a bit to try and move people around," coach Diller said. "We'll see. I don't know what to think about that yet."

Overall, the goal for the Indians was to set a bench-

mark for themselves and get times in to learn what events to place each individual in.

"It was good to get a meet in now we can sit down and see where we are going to put people to optimize stuff for them and for us," coach Diller said. "In terms of that, we hit our goals."

Hyde ...

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White stands courtside at practice and says, "We joked over the weekend (in New York) we had more people at a random watch party at a bar in New York City than we did at our games five years ago."

They typically had about 200 fans at games when White hired May in 2018. There are other numbers to measure the past few weeks. The school website spiked to a record 100,000 hits twice during this NCAA Tournament. Then last Friday, entering the Sweet 16, there were 300,000 hits.

They're waiting numbers from

last weekend, said Lisa Metcalf, the school's director of communications, as well as another telling number in coming weeks: Student admission applications can have a significant rise after a defining athletic run.

Then there's the sight campus bookstore manager Cheri McLeod-Pearcy saw Monday morning. Twenty people were waiting for it to open.

"That never happens," she said, noting they were swamped all day, even though the Final Four merchandise wouldn't be all in until Wednesday.

May, at the center of this beau-

tiful storm, has done more media interviews in the past few weeks than he did his first five years. CBS and ESPN set up cameras on Monday. But nothing told him of his changed world more than his nightly stroll around his Boca Raton neighborhood with his wife, Anna.

Normally a quiet walk, people have streamed out of houses the past couple of weeks to greet and congratulate them.

"It was great, though my wife said, 'I kind of liked being anonymous,'" May said.

May's run is a transforming one for him and the school. The

only question is how transforming. Penn State, among other schools, is looking for a coach. May is a hot commodity. So are some of his players, who the coach admitted already are being recruited by other schools.

That's for tomorrow. The Final Four is next, and May finished practice Monday with a question for his team at center court.

"Why are we still here?" he asked.

This wasn't some trick question. He wanted his players to think of the ingredients they'll rely on again.

"Because of our brotherhood,"

forward Giancarlo Rosado said. "Toughness," guard Bryan Greenlee said.

"Scrappiness," forward Brandon Weatherspoon said.

Down the line they went, throwing out ideas. May swept the answers together with one word, "Intangibles."

Every surviving team has the tangibles of talent. These intangibles are as central to FAU's story heading to the Final Four, May thinks, as the sight of coaches talking outside on cell phones and the percussive boom-boom-boom from the coach's ceiling.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Houston — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Anna — 5 p.m.; JV softball at Shawnee — 5 p.m.

Friday
Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Mississinawa Valley — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Mississinawa Valley — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Islanders at Washington Capitals (TNT)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Minnesota Timberwolves at Phoenix Suns (ESPN)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Minnesota Wild at Colorado Avalanche (TNT)

Thursday
4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

7:08 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Houston Astros (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks (TNT)

7:30 p.m. — College basketball: State Farm College Slam Dunk and 3-point Championships (ESPN2)

7:30 p.m. — High school basketball: The Throne National Championship — Quarterfinal (FS1)

9 p.m. — High school basketball: The Throne National Championship — Quarterfinal (FS1)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: New Orleans Pelicans at Denver Nuggets (TNT)

Friday
2:30 p.m. — High school basketball: Geico Nationals — Semifinal (ESPN2)

4:30 p.m. — High school basketball: Geico Nationals — Semifinal (ESPN2)

7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Oklahoma City Thunder at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — LSU vs. Virginia Tech (ESPN)

9 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Iowa vs. South Carolina (ESPN)

9 p.m. — High school basketball: The Throne National Championship — Semifinal (FS1)

Local notes

Wrestling club hosting event
Jay County Wrestling Club will host Delaware County Championship Wrestling for a professional wrestling event April 8. The DCCW show scheduled for 7

p.m. April 8 at Jay Community Center will feature an appearance by Olympic gold medalist and WWE Hall of Famer Kurt Angle. The card also features an appearance by WWE Hall of Famer Rikishi.

Tickets start at \$20 for general admission. To purchase tickets, call James Myers at (260) 726-5088 or Andy Frasher at (260) 251-2842, or visit Jacks & Associates, 954 Industrial Drive, Portland.

5K circuit registration underway
Registration is open for the Run Jay County 5K Circuit.

The circuit features eight races running from April through August. Awards are presented in nine divisions.

The opening race in the circuit is the Sprint to Spring 5K at 9 a.m. April 22. Registration is \$20.

For more information, visit runjay-county.com.

T-Ball/coach-pitch registration open
Registration is open for Jay Community Center's Boomer t-ball and coach-pitch leagues.

The leagues are open to players ages 3 through 6. The registration fee is \$60 and the deadline is May 22.

For more information, visit jaycc.org.

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Winchester model 74 22cal. tube fed, Japanese 7.7 military rifle, Smith & Wesson 22cal. 6 shot revolver w/box, holsters and barrels.
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Located: 8909 S 1150 W REDKEY, IN SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023
10:00 A.M
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2019 Buick Envision 40,380 miles (nice), 2005 Chevy Monte Carlo Tony Stewart edition 93,640 miles (1 of 1100 made), 2020 5ft x 8ft utility trailer w/ ramp gate.
PEDAL—TRACTORS—TOYS—ANTIQUES
JD 4440, JD 720, AC D17, JD 10 w/ 3 holes and engine compartment pedal tractors, Standard oil glass crown for premium fuel, 7-up cans w/advertisement from the Anderson.
COINS—FURNITURE—HOUSEHOLD
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Jay County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of Jay County Council at the Jay County Court House, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., on the 12th day of April, 2023 will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.
Amount Approved

COUNTY GENERAL	
1000-009-10-0017	Prosecutor-Employer Social Security \$165.50
1000-009-10-0018	Prosecutor-Employer PERF \$242.30
1000-009-10-0024	Prosecutor- Wages Investigator \$2,163.20
LIT- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
1112-001-30-0224	Jay County Humane Society \$137,500.00
COUNTY PLAT BOOK	
1181-001-30-0161	39 Degrees North Contract (Elevate) \$4,672.00
INNKEEPERS TAX- TOURISM	
7304-001-30-0027	Contractual Services \$120,346.67
TITLE IV-E REIMBURSEMENT	
8891-001-30-0087	Pauper Counsel \$1,000.00
	Total \$263,518.67

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriation as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action time.
Emily Franks
Jay County Auditor
CR/NS 3-29-2023 -HSPXLP

Sports

Distance dominance

FR girls, Heitkamp own long races in season opener

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

The Indians wasted no time proving their distance dominance.

In Tuesday's season opener, the Fort Recovery High School girls track team won every individual race 400 meters or longer while Trevor Heitkamp obliterated the field in the two longest boys races.

That distance strength carried the Tribe girls to a tie with 2022 Midwest Athletic Conference runner-up Coldwater at 88 points in the four-team meet that also included MAC rival Marion Local (62) and Union City (0).

Heitkamp's scoring was about all the boys team could muster as it finished with 22 points to trail Marion Local (121.5), Coldwater (68.5) and Union City (26).

The Indians were dominant from the start in the distance events as Ellie Will rolled out to an early lead in the meet-opening 4x800-meter relay. She had about a 15-meter advantage over Coldwater's MacKenzie Hammons after the opening lap and just continued to open her lead until handing off to sophomore teammate Joelle Kaup. The advantage just kept getting wider as Megan Diller and Natalie Brunswick joined Will and Kaup for a winning time of 10 minutes, 41.5 seconds, topping the runner-up Cavaliers by nearly two minutes.

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Ellie Will of Fort Recovery High School runs the opening leg of the 4x800-meter relay Tuesday during the Indians' home meet against Coldwater, Marion Local and Union City. Will staked the Indians to a big early lead as they won the relay. She was also first in the 1,600 run as FRHS won every individual event 400 meters and longer.

David Hyde



FAU's Final Four journey echoes

By **DAVE HYDE**
South Florida Sun-Sentinel
Tribune News Service

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Come on, get up, Dusty May has something to show you. It'll help explain little, bitty Florida Atlantic University's journey to the big stage of the men's Final Four.

"Hear that?" May said, pointing to the ceiling above the desk in his small office at Florida Atlantic University.

Hear what? "Yeah, it's quiet," he said. "There's usually a ball bouncing like a drum set — boom, boom, boom — when we sit here. You know why?"

He walks through the cramped basketball offices — pardon the heat, the air conditioning is out — and into the lobby of the 2,900-seat arena.

"Look it there," May said, pointing at assistant Kyle Church pacing outside the arena doors on his cell phone.

That's not what he wants to show, but it offers another glimpse into FAU's rare journey. The coaches have a rule: If you get a phone call, you go outside to talk. Otherwise, everyone in the small office has to listen in, too. May has walked eight miles outside some days talking on the phone.

He takes a turn and goes up the concrete stairs, taking the steps two at a time, to the arena's second floor. "Here we are," he said, entering an elongated room that used to be a yoga studio with wall mirrors when he took the FAU job five seasons ago.

Now it looks like a yoga studio transformed into a practice basketball court for shooting. There's not room for actual five-on-five play. But there are some baskets for players come to practice shooting if the main court is being used, typically by the other team.

"My office is right below here," May said, standing under a basket. "So we'll be working and we get the percussion drum of the ball bouncing — boom, boom, boom. Sometimes I'll come up here and say, 'Can you go shoot on another basket?'"

Does that help you understand what's at work here? Can America begin to see why FAU isn't Duke or North Carolina or, yes, this Final Four's blue-blood basketball entry of Connecticut, with money and resources and tradition out the wazoo?

May has just finished practice, where an emphasis was on players using hand signals to communicate due to the expected noise at the 71,000-seat NRG Stadium in Houston. That capacity is more than FAU's total attendance in going 17-0 at home this season.

That was a record attendance for FAU, too. The final seven games were the seven biggest crowds in school history, all over 3,100 thanks to people standing behind the last rows in the upper deck. Athletic Director Brian White said he was getting calls from people, asking, "What do you mean, it's sold out?"

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This week's spring specials

 <p>PC0050</p> <p>2014 Dodge Challenger Rallye</p> <p>Redline, 2 dr coupe, low miles 50,245, leather, 3.6L V-6, 305 HP MUST SEE</p> <p>Only \$24,495</p>	 <p>PT0124</p> <p>2015 Nissan Frontier King Cab S</p> <p>2WD, 4 cyl, 2.5L, Automatic, Power Windows, 15k miles, very nice work truck</p> <p>17/23 City/Hwy Only \$19,495</p>
 <p>PC0051</p> <p>2020 Mustang GT Coupe</p> <p>One of a kind, A/T P/s P/B T/W C/C American alloy, Alpine stereo system, custom paint, MUST SEE THIS BEAUTY</p> <p>only \$38,495</p>	 <p>PT0090</p> <p>2016 Ford F-150 Supercrew</p> <p>4x4, 3.7 EcoBoost P/J P/B T/w C/C, Power driver seat, 77k miles, nice truck</p> <p>21/28 City/Hwy Only \$29,995</p>
 <p>PT0151</p> <p>2016 GMC Sierra Crewcab</p> <p>4x4, z71, 5.3L V8, loaded Tonneau cover tri fold</p> <p>16/21 City/Hwy Only \$34,995</p>	 <p>PT0154</p> <p>2017 Ford Expedition EL Platinum Max</p> <p>4x4 Loader/Flipdown, DVD, Low mlls, 3.5L Eco Boost</p> <p>19/25 City/Hwy Only \$30,995</p>

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Bids roll in for Commanders

Sources say several billionaires are in the mix

By **SAM FARMER**
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

PHOENIX — The process of finding a new owner for the Washington Commanders has entered a new phase.

According to multiple reports, a group led by Josh Harris and Mitchell Rales — and including Lakers legend Magic Johnson — has submitted a fully financed bid for the franchise, now owned by the embattled Daniel Snyder. ESPN, citing an unnamed source, has reported the group has met Snyder's \$6 billion asking price.

But there are more billionaires in the mix, among them Canadian developer Steve Apostolopoulos — ESPN has reported he too has submitted a bid of \$6 billion — and Houston Rockets owner Tilman Fertitta. Some people anticipate Amazon founder Jeff Bezos to enter the fray.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, who spoke at the conclusion of the meetings, said the league got an update on the Commanders' situation Tuesday afternoon.

"The Washington Commanders are obviously the ones conducting the process on the sale," Goodell said. "If there's a sale, they will notify us and we will proceed on that one."

Speculation about new owners has been percolating since November, when Daniel and Tanya Snyder announced they had hired

Bank of America to begin the process of potentially selling part or all of the team.

The anticipated sale of the Commanders, which requires approval of three-quarters of the other 31 clubs, is a major topic at the annual league meetings. The Denver Broncos were the last NFL franchise to change hands, selling for a record \$4.65 billion in August.

The widely unpopular Snyder is at the center of multiple investigations into the running of his team. According to a congressional report released in December, Snyder "permitted and participated" in the club's pervasive and toxic work culture, worked to dissuade and intimidate witnesses from cooperating in a 14-month inquiry and claimed more than 100 times in testimony that he could not recall answers to basic questions.

In July 2021, the NFL fined the then-Washington Football Team \$10 million and required that Snyder relinquish day-to-day operations of the franchise for several months after an independent investigation found the club's workplace "highly unprofessional," particularly for women. At that point, the team had been under investigation for a year stemming from dozens of sexual harassment allegations by previous employees over a 15-year period.

Although a sale of the Commanders could require weeks or even months, there's a possibility a vote could take place at the league's May meetings in Minnesota.

Harris owns the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers and NHL's New Jersey Devils, and teamed with Rales, a Maryland billionaire originally from Pittsburgh. Johnson owns a minority share of the Dodgers and long has expressed interest in being part of an NFL ownership group.