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Charge dismissed as trial is underway

Crossland still faces murder, neglect

By BAILEY CLINE

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A Portland woman accused of neglecting and killing her son started her trial Monday.

Prior to jury selection, one of her charges was dismissed.

Chelsea L. Crossland's charge of molesting her 9-year-old daughter, a Level 1 felony, was dismissed during her trial in Jay Circuit Court on Monday. She also renewed a request for a change of venue.

Crossland, 28, is charged with murdering her 5-year-old son, Christian, as well as a Level 1 felony for neglect of a dependent resulting in death. Those charges, as well as the molestation charge, were filed in March 2022.

Her attorneys and prosecution also sought out a jury Monday for the trial, which is scheduled to go through July 25.

Police responding to a 911 call to Chelsea Crossland's home March 24, 2022, found Christian dead. He was "severely malnourished, had numerous bruises and contusions on his body and had abrasions and injuries to his face," according to a probable cause affidavit filed in connection to the case.

An autopsy indicated he suffered blunt force trauma to the head and mouth, as well as evidence he "failed to thrive," meaning he was malnourished and dehydrated.

Murder carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years with an advisory sentence of 55 years in Indiana.

A Level 1 felony for neglect of a dependent resulting in death and a Level 1 felony for child molestation when the person is at least 21 years old each carry a sentence of 20 to 40 years with an advisory sentence of 30 years.

2023 Jay County Fair



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Fair finishes

The 2023 Jay County Fair came to a close Friday night with rides on the midway and a demolition derby in front of the grandstand. Pictured above, Zac Brotherton's vehicle becomes the 'meat' of a T-bone sandwich during the demolition derby Saturday night. Brotherton ended as one of the final three competitors in the competition, but his vehicle gave out before he could secure the victory. At left, Nancy Livingston Fletter of Memory Lane Music performs Friday in the Farmer's Building. For more photos from fair week, visit thecr.com.



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Essay winner

By BAILEY CLINE

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A local elementary student won an award last month for writing an essay.

Ten-year-old Aria Barnett, a soon-to-be fifth grader at East Jay Elementary and a rural Portland resident, was named the National County Government Week essay contest winner in June. The award is given by the Association of Indiana Counties' Northeast District and Star Financial Bank.

Aria's entry was chosen over other entries from fourth graders across the district. Winners were chosen in each of the Association of Indiana Counties' six districts.

Aria wrote about the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Show, detailing its history and annual happenings. (Its show this year is slated for Aug. 23 through 26.)

"It's always really busy in town," she noted.

East Jay student won for entry about Tri-State show

While she wasn't initially a fan of writing, Aria said her fourth-grade teacher, Andrea Garringer, got her interested. Garringer pointed out Aria was the only student in her class to write an essay for the Association of Indiana Counties.

"She's very intrinsically motivated. She pushes herself to do extra," said Garringer. "I think she's just competitive and she likes to do those things."

Garringer recalled a story about Aria welcoming a new classmate by moving seats to sit next to him.

"She's very ... kind-hearted, upbeat," said Garringer. "I think she just wants to be helpful."

Lacey Barnett, Aria's mother, explained she asked her daughter questions throughout her writing process. But she didn't read Aria's essay until after it had been submitted.

"I'm just proud of her, because I don't have that confidence to get up and speak in front of people," said Lacey.

Aria also participated in an essay contest with Jay County Optimist Clubs in February. See Essay page 2

Deaths

Carol Myron, 87, Beaver-creek, Ohio
Rose Ullom, 85, Anderson
Amber Keen-Jenkins, 40, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 82 degrees Sunday. The low was 64.
Tonight's low will be in the lower 60s. Skies will be partly cloudy Wednesday with a chance of showers and a high in the lower 80s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Clifford the Big, Red Dog will visit Jay County Public Library from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday. Children will get a chance to meet Clifford, participate in a scavenger hunt and play games. The library is located at 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of this week's Jay School Board meeting.

Friday — Continued coverage of the Chelsea Crossland murder trial.



Obituaries

Carol Myron

Carol Sue Corle Myron of Beavercreek, Ohio, passed away peacefully in her home on Friday, July 14, at the age of 87.

She was born to Harry and Helen Corle in Portland, Indiana, and always considered herself a farmer's daughter. She moved to Dayton, Ohio, in the 1950s and began working as a coder at DESC until choosing to stay home to care for several family members. She returned to work and retired from Delco Products.

True to her farm upbringing, she was a hard worker. She took great pride in caring for her home and her yard and was fiercely independent. Her

greatest joy in life was her family. Her children were her treasure and her grandchildren were her gems.

She was survived by her brother Dick (Loretta) Corle; her children Dana (Stephen) Datz and Linda (John) Muran; her grandchildren Stephen (Ashley) Datz, Thomas Datz and Justin Muran; her great-grandchild Oliver Datz; and countless friends.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 20, at Davids Community Mausoleum Chapel, 4600 Mad River Road, Kettering, Ohio. Family will receive visitation from noon to 1 p.m. with the funeral service to follow.

Condolences may be

expressed at tobiasfuneral-home.com.

Rose Ullom

September 27, 2023-July 15, 2023

Rose Marie (Evans) Ullom, 85, of Anderson died July 15, 2023, at her residence in Anderson after an extended illness.

Rose was born in Jay County, Indiana. She graduated from Gray High School in 1955 and was a homemaker, a loving mother and grandmother, with a strong Christian Faith. She attended Bethany Christian Church faithfully.

Rose is survived by her husband of 66 years, Fred Ullom of Anderson; sons Luke, Mark and Matthew (Christine); grand-

children Hunter and Brynlee; a special niece, Danni (Bob) Madden; a brother, Gary (Eileen) Evans; and sisters Faye (Darrel) Williamson and Kay (Roger) Beck.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilson and Elsie Evans; sister Georgia Steed; and brothers Harold (Sandy) Evans and Earl (Tami) Evans.

She wished to leave quietly with no services.

She will be buried in Green Park Cemetery in Portland, Indiana.



Ullom

Service handled the local arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed at rozelle-johnson.com.

Amber Keen-Jenkins, Portland, Oct. 8, 1982-June 28, 2023. Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at The Rock Church in Portland.

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

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

CR almanac

Wednesday 7/19	Thursday 7/20	Friday 7/21	Saturday 7/22	Sunday 7/23
82/65	85/63	80/59	79/58	82/62
Another chance of showers Wednesday under mostly cloudy skies.	There's a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms Thursday under mostly cloudy skies.	Mostly sunny skies Friday with a high around 80 degrees. Mostly clear skies at night.	Sunny skies Saturday with a high of 79 degrees. Mostly clear late.	Sunday has a slight chance of storms. Otherwise, sunny skies.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$900 million	57-59-63-65-69-70-75-77 Cash 5: 10-13-15-42-45 Estimated jackpot: \$661,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$640 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 3-4-1 Pick 4: 8-1-4-2 Pick 5: 6-1-5-7-2 Evening Pick 3: 7-5-7 Pick 4: 9-4-3-6 Pick 5: 8-6-3-8-5 Rolling Cash 5: 1-15-22-30-37 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 2-5-2 Daily Four: 8-2-4-2 Evening Daily Three: 0-3-6 Daily Four: 4-2-3-7 Quick Draw: 6-10-18-23-25-39-40-41-42-46-52-53-	

Markets

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Today in history

In 1429, Joan of Arc led the French Army against the English at Patay, France.

In 1812, the War of 1812 began when President James Madison signed a declaration of war against Great Britain in response to frustration of British maritime practices and support its support for Native American resistance to U.S. western expansion.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte lost at the Battle of Waterloo, which ended 23 years of warring between France and other European powers.

In 1901, Russian grand duchess Anastasia was born near St. Petersburg. She died at the age of 17 when she and other members of her family were executed by the Bolsheviks during the October Revolution.

In 1977, Betty A. Binegar, 49, and her son, John R. Binegar, 22, of Portland died when the vehicle they were traveling in struck another vehicle at the intersection of county roads 400 North and 350 East.

In 2021, a tornado ripped through northeast Jay and southwest Mercer counties, leaving a swath of destruction in its wake. No injuries were reported, but about two dozen homes and many more outbuildings were damaged.

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Citizen's calendar

Today 5 p.m. — Jay School Corporation, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.	7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 Main St.
Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, courthouse auditorium, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	

Commerce secretary steps down

By CASEY SMITH

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Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers announced Monday that he's stepping down from his post, fueling speculation that he will enter the governor's race.

Chambers will leave the job effective Aug. 6, at the conclusion of his two-year term.

"The last two years as Indiana's secretary of

commerce have been an incredible journey and even more rewarding than I could've imagined," he said in a statement. "I am thankful for the opportunity to work alongside the amazing team at the IEDC and Governor (Eric) Holcomb in our determined efforts to grow the Hoosier economy."

Chambers signed a two-year contract with the state when he accepted the cabinet-level position

in June 2021. A longtime real estate developer, Chambers was appointed secretary of commerce by Holcomb following the resignation of Jim Schellinger.

His departure hints at a possible run for governor in 2024. Should he make a bid, Chambers joins an increasingly crowded Republican field that already has five announced candidates. That includes U.S. Sen.

Mike Braun, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and Fort Wayne businessman Eric Doden — all of whom have a head start on fundraising. Former Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill officially entered the race last week, too. Jamie Reitenour also has set up a campaign finance account.

Chambers did not specify Monday whether a gubernatorial run is his plan, however.

Felony arrests

Drug possession

Two Indiana residents were arrested recently for drug possession.

Thomas J. Calvert, 46, 1020 W. High St., Portland, was arrested Thursday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. Calvert is being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,500 bond.

Steven M. Tapley, 32, 2301 W. Barcelona Drive, Muncie, was

arrested Friday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Resisting law

An Anderson man was arrested Sunday for resisting law enforcement.

Shannon R. Newton, 49, 4038 Ridgeview Drive, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.

He's being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Intimidation

A man was arrested Sunday for intimidation.

Reynaldo Gonzalez, 27, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for intimidation and a Class A misdemeanor for battery.

He's being held on a \$11,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Battery

A Montpelier woman was arrested Friday for domestic battery.

Kati R. Curtis, 33, 423 Plateglass St., is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony.

She's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.

Essay ...

Continued from page 1
"I really liked it," she said. "I was a little bit more nervous that time, because it was my first speech, but I really liked it and I wanted to do it again. I think that will probably be my thing."

Her community engagement reaches beyond essay writing. She's the 2022 Little Miss Winterfest, having received the title during Jay County Chamber of Commerce's Winterfest activities in December, and a member of the Jay County Summer Swim Team. She's also a ballerina and a basketball player.

Aria loves animals, math and art, and she participates in Arts in the Park annually. She also joined the cooking club at her school this year. The owner of four cats and one dog, Aria's goal is to be a veterinarian someday. After winning \$100 for her essay, she decided to save the money for her college plans.

"I guess it just makes me feel so special about myself," said Aria.

SERVICES

Wednesday
Keever, Jerry: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Schoenlein, Robert: 3 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Thursday
Myron, Carol: 1 p.m., Davids Community Mausoleum Chapel, 4600 Mad River Road, Kettering, Ohio.

Friday
Keen-Jenkins, Amber: 3 p.m., The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Gardening became a new hobby

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

The first batch of green beans are bubbling on the stove. I picked the last handful this morning.

Planting, picking and preparing the slender beans is a labor of love. I hate them. They stink, the texture is nasty and they taste awful. The only reason I do all this is because my husband likes them.

He feels the same about many of the foods that I like. As far as he is concerned mushrooms and shrimp belong in the trash.

Sometimes having different tastes is good. This year the raspberries were

As I See It



sweet and juicy. In years past, he has told me that they taste sour. I think they taste sweet. As a result, I am free to eat the raspberries straight off the vine without having to share.

Several years ago I was blessed with a container of raspberries from a reader. I intended to write a thank you note but try as I might, I

couldn't find his address. It hasn't turned up yet. Perhaps someday it will and I can write a belated thank you.

Part of the pleasure of gardening is sharing with other people. I remember one year was cucumber year. They multiplied faster than I had ever seen. One afternoon a trucker saw me out in the garden and asked for a bucket of water. I think he was overheating. I gave him the water then made him take a few cucumbers home with him. He said I was doing it backwards and that he was the one who should give me some-

thing in exchange for the water. I told that he was doing me a favor by taking them.

My cucumbers are currently blooming. I have yet to see any fruit, or are they vegetables? I like them soaked in vinegar and cold water with a little bit of onion added. They are also good in salads. Once when we were visiting our daughter, her hubby added sliced cucumbers to a stir fry. It was good. I had never considered cooking them.

I always find it odd that I enjoy gardening. When I was growing up the garden produced enough veg-

etables to last the year. I hated it. It was hot, hard work. We canned or froze the produce. I had the job of carrying the jars to the cellar — not the basement, the cellar.

I was convinced that a troll or monster lived under the stairs. He was going to grab me through the open back of the steps. The fact that it never did was irrelevant. Every time I was sent down to the cellar the troll was waiting for me.

I think it was the same troll that was in the fairy tale about the "Three Billy Goats Gruff."

I am more than thank-

ful that my garden doesn't have a resident troll. Our house also doesn't have a cellar. I do not can anything and have no desire to start. I remember that instead of a sugary snack, we would pick a handful of green onions and leave them in an icy glass of water as a snack.

We grew a garden for food. I garden for fun. The childhood garden was huge by today's standards. My garden today is small enough to provide two people fresh vegetables for a season. But is it enough to satisfy my need for fresh food without being overwhelming?

Woman hopes for a deeper connection

DEAR ABBY: Twelve years ago, my son "Will" married "Mara." They dated in high school, wound up at the same college and eloped during their freshman year (way too young). In spite of their somewhat rocky relationship over the years, Mara and I always got along well. She became the daughter I never had, and she referred to me as "my other mom" when introducing me to her friends.

Through her, I also became close friends with her mother, "Ivy," a relationship that continues to this day. When the marriage was ending, I grieved not only for the marriage but also for what I thought would be the end of my relationship with both Mara and Ivy. It didn't happen. Mara and I are still in con-

Dear Abby



tact. We email, text and call each other often.

Happily, Will is fine with us being in touch and with my friendship with Ivy. He and Mara had what must be the most amicable divorce in history. The two of them (and their new spouses) are all great friends and see each other regularly.

Will married "Carrie" three years ago, and Carrie is perfect for him. I love her for the way she loves him and how great

they are together. But I'm sad to say that Carrie and I aren't close the way Mara and I were (and still are), and I'm not sure what to do about it. Carrie has had a busy life between going to college and a full-time job, and we don't get to see each other much. She doesn't like to talk on the phone, and I don't like Facebook, so we're not in contact except for a few random texts and emails here and there. I'd really like to be closer to Carrie, but I'm not sure how to get there. Any suggestions? — TORN BETWEEN TWO DAUGHTERS

DEAR TORN: Your relationship with Mara developed over a long period of time. Carrie hasn't had the time to devote to a relationship with you because of her

schooling and her job. As much as you might wish it, it isn't possible to "clone" relationships. The one you have with Mara and Ivy is deep-rooted.

If Carrie is finished with school now, her schedule may open up enough so the two of you can manage some one-on-one time if you take the initiative and invite her. A weekend "girls" lunch, spa afternoon or shopping together may be the way to approach it.

DEAR ABBY: I have a question about saying grace. I'm not religious, but I do consider myself respectful of others' religious practices. There is one issue, however, that I'd like some guidance on. When visiting some-

one's house and they ask me, the newcomer, to say grace, what do I do? I don't mind partaking in the custom; I understand it and I am not offended. But saying grace is beyond what I'm comfortable with. What's the way out of this situation without being disrespectful or compromising a strong view of my own? — WONDERING IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR WONDERING: In the moment, you could always offer a friendly, complimentary deferral such as, "Oh, I'm sure you'll do a much better job at it than I could!" If it happens again, talk privately with your hosts and explain you are not formally religious and not in the habit of saying grace before meals, which is why you would prefer not to be asked.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

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

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E.

Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for

Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

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

STITCH AND CHATTER QUILT CLUB — Meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center. Show and teal is at 1 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to sew. Bring unfinished projects and a sewing machine. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

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

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 5:30

p.m. July 20 at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Center, 200 N. Park St., Portland.

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

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.

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.

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. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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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American sorting is worrying trend

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The “Harry Potter” books famously feature a sorting hat, a magical way of determining in which house Hogwarts students truly belong: Gryffindor? Slytherin?

Last week, The Associated Press reported that Americans have no need for such sorcery to find the like-minded: Republicans and Democrats are separating physically at such a furious pace, the news agency reported, the ideological divide between the states is now starker than at any point in living memory.

The most striking evidence? A single party controls the legislature in all but two states. And only 10 states are led by governors of parties that differ from the one that controls the legislature.

Some of that is a consequence of pernicious gerrymandering, of course, but

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there is so little common ground these days that Americans increasingly are picking up and moving to where they feel at one with the dominant cultural norms and free to express themselves.

If you want to put out a gay pride flag, you might think twice about living in one of the seven states — Indiana, Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri and South Carolina — where the Republican attorneys general issued a threatening collective letter to the retailer Target last week over its display of LGBTQ-friendly merchandise, expressing concern

about “the company’s promotion and sale of potentially harmful products to minors” and how that might constitute a “possible violation of fiduciary duties by the company’s directors and officers.”

We consider the protection of a state’s children to be a primary duty of all attorneys general, and we respect the rights of parents to guide their children, but that letter was a political salvo, an offensive contextualizing of gay pride with harm to minors, the potential for which exists in people of all kinds. The letter represented time that would have better spent investigating prosecutable predators and products with far more capacity to harm than a slogan on a T-shirt and other items of clothing.

Target does not force anyone who does not wish to buy its products to walk through its doors, and Americans are free to insist that their children

shop elsewhere and to have them join them in protesting in the parking lot if they so choose.

The attorneys general should not be in the business of creating a chilling political climate for private businesses trying to navigate varying community standards. As Target and other businesses well know, the marketplace can do that by itself.

Conservatives, on the other hand, also told the AP that they can be made to feel uncomfortable, in their case if they display a pro-police flag in liberal communities or even the Stars and Stripes. That’s a sad state of affairs. Americans should have the right to indicate their support of law enforcement or express their patriotism with displays on their own property.

In some ways, of course, the so-called “big sort” is a harmless clustering of the like-minded: Certain college towns long have attracted progres-

sives just as other communities, offering lots of space and open air, have appealed more to conservatives. And we’d also note that these divides are not always marked by a state line; most small communities in downstate Illinois, for example, have more in common with rural Missouri than the towns in the Land of Lincoln’s northern reaches.

But the busy moving vans still represent a worrying trend. Homogenized states mean less incentive for politicians to work together and less incentive for Americans to see the other side of issues. They represent the diminishment of core American values that enhance the nation’s unity.

And on the most personal level, it means less chance to learn something from, and teach something to, a decent person with different views who just happens to live next door.

Lower barriers for young farmers

By DANIELLE BROWNE
OtherWords

I consider my days in the sun as a young, organic farmer to be the most rewarding work I’ve done. The days were long, hot, and unforgiving, but I felt free. Farmers have my utmost respect and I believe them to be the backbone of America.

But for young people like me, becoming a full-time farmer is nearly an impossible dream. If we truly care about the future of our food, we must unpack why — and offer solutions to preserve America’s farming culture.

According to the USDA, the median age for agricultural producers increased from 56.3 to 57.5 years old between 2012 and 2017 — making farmers among the oldest workforces in America. People 35 or younger account for only 9 percent of the country’s farm producers.

Why are so few young people going into farming? The 2022 National Young Farmers Survey names access to land, funding, health care, and the cost of production as the top challenges.

The average net income for family farms in 2023 is expected to be less than \$40,000, lower in real terms than a decade ago. Meanwhile, the costs of agricultural land and machinery have skyrocketed. Even a second hand John Deere combine can easily run more than \$750,000.

Only a young person with family wealth could even get a loan for that amount — and that’s if they can afford to buy farmland in the first place.

The average price per acre of cropland reached \$5,050 in 2022, nearly double the 2009 rate, according to USDA. With high inflation, prices shot up by more than 15 percent in the Midwest and by nearly 20 percent in the Northern Plains between 2021 and 2022.

The federal government spends billions every year on farm subsidies, but most of the money goes to the largest and wealthiest operators. And because of systemic racism, Black and Indigenous farmers have faced particular difficulty in accessing these funds. In 2022, white applicants for government support were approved 72 per-

Danielle Browne



cent of the time — compared to just 36 percent of Black applicants.

In 2021, Congress set aside \$4 billion in loan forgiveness for minority farmers to address the long history of discrimination against Black farmers. But the courts blocked the program, claiming it would be unfair to white farmers.

So what can be done to address the crisis of America’s aging farmers? The negotiations over the new Farm Bill are a huge opportunity to change course. Congress passes this omnibus legislation every five years.

The last one, in 2018, allocated some funding for loans and other support for a multitude of farming operations and rural healthcare. It supported outreach programs for beginning, veteran, and historically underserved farmers, as well as youth agricultural employment. But these initiatives made up just 1 percent of the 2018 Farm Bill’s total spending.

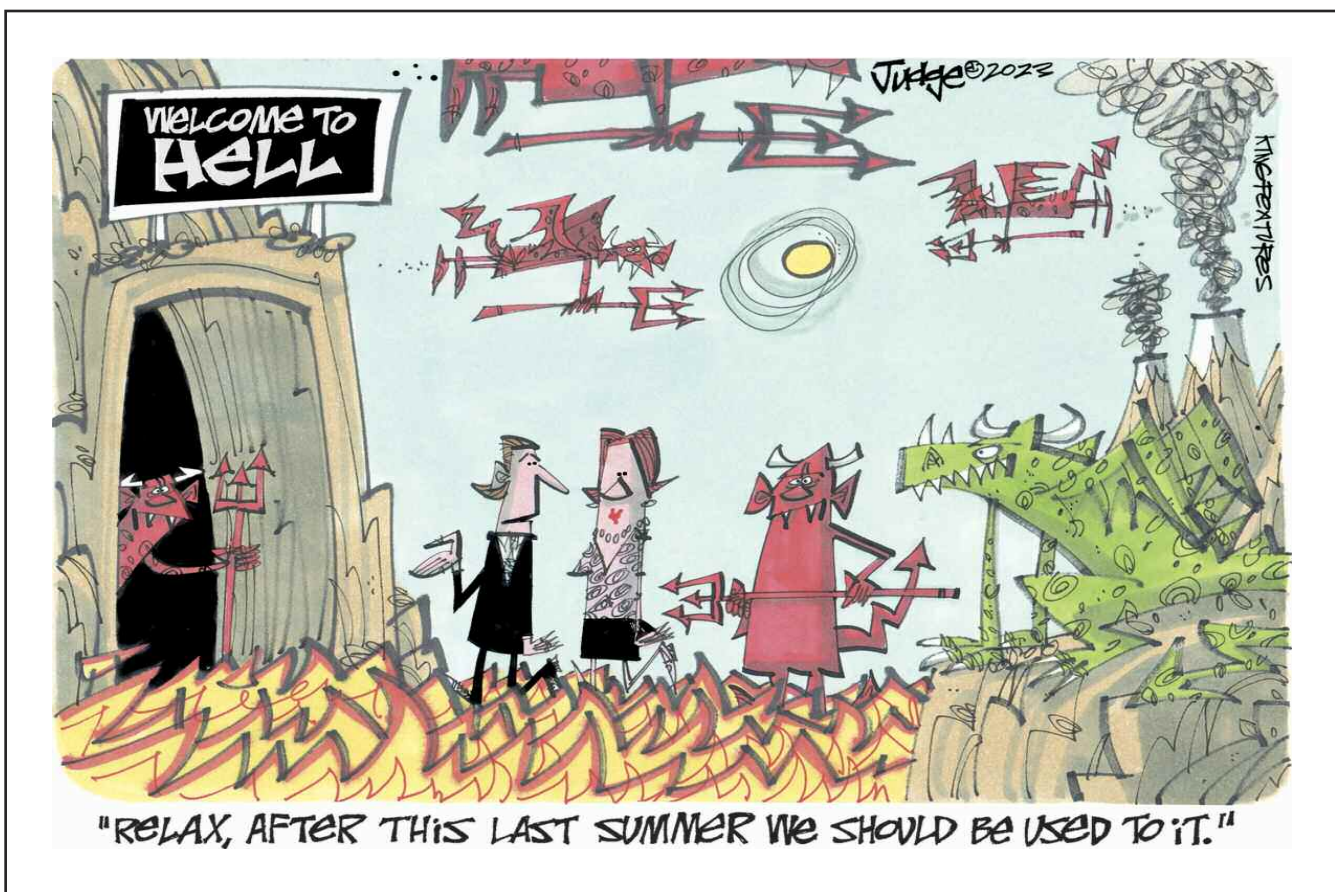
If we’re serious about cultivating the next crop of young farmers in America, we need to do much more to clear the roadblocks stopping young farmers from taking their place in the agricultural workforce.

I’ve been privileged to be able to experience what it’s like to work the land. At the end of every day, I slept well, partly from sheer fatigue but also because I felt the satisfaction of knowing I was helping to put healthy food on someone’s table.

I want other young people to have the opportunity to share in the experience of cultivating the earth, connecting with nature, and understanding the true value of sustainable food production.

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It’s time to blow up fireworks law

By NIKI KELLY
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Watching a great fireworks display — punctuated by bright colors and trailing sparks — is a delight. But Indiana’s wild west approach to fireworks is wreaking havoc and needs to be changed.

There is a middle ground between a month-long barrage of booms in tight quarters and a complete ban, and it’s time for state lawmakers to find it.

Before 2006, you could buy fireworks in Indiana but had to sign a waiver saying you wouldn’t set them off here. The wink-and-nod arrangement was admittedly stupid.

The Indiana General Assembly passed a bill — and Gov. Mitch Daniels signed it into law at a nearby fire station — allowing Hoosiers to set off fireworks on their own property. In addition, the state started charging a “public safety” tax on the sale of fireworks to fund \$1 million in annual firefighter training.

In 2022, that tax brought in more than \$5 million.

It was the latter point that Daniels and legislators focused on, not the carnage left by the pyrotechnics.

Local government can crack down on fireworks use most of the year. But the state law protects certain days during the year in which all Hoosiers are allowed to blast them off with no consequences:

- Between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and two (2) hours after sunset on June 29, June 30, July 1, July 2, July 3, July 5, July 6, July 7, July 8, and July 9;
- Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on July 4; and

Niki Kelly



- Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. on December 31 and 1:00 a.m. on January 1.

You read that right, local units of government can do nothing about incessant fireworks for 11 days around the Independence Day holiday.

The fireworks lobby insists that Hoosiers must be protected in their ability to blow %&! up in case the weather the weekend before or after doesn’t cooperate. And that leads to days on end of noise and danger.

That could be easily tweaked — and a bill in 2022 would have done that, but didn’t receive a vote after being heard in committee. Police and local officials testified in support of clamping down on some of those days, and spoke of the strain fireworks put on emergency services.

“One day — not 11 days,” one now-retired lawmaker said during that hearing while noting a local barn that burned down due to fireworks. “I have replaced my back screen door three times because it petrifies my dog.”

But that’s not the worst part of the law. It’s that it doesn’t protect urban dwellers at all.

You can set your neighbors’ house on fire and disturb families for days on end. And police simply use the state law as an excuse to not respond to complaints, even

when they are legitimate. There were numerous news reports of damage caused by fireworks in the last week, including one apartment complex fire in Indianapolis.

And what about injuries? I wish I could give you statistics, but lawmakers in 2018 decided to eliminate an annual report on fireworks injuries. At the time, the Indiana Department of Health said it’s because not all health care providers were filing reports so the data wasn’t comprehensive.

Fair point — but it did provide at least a minimum number of injuries and a trend line. For instance, one of the last reports found at least 238 Hoosiers were injured by fireworks between September 2016 and September 2017 — including a 1-year-old child — in the highest numbers of the past decade.

Now, I’m not saying I haven’t set off fireworks from time to time. But I live on several acres of land outside city limits with a fair amount of distance between my neighbors. I didn’t do it when I shared walls at my Indianapolis condo — out of both courtesy and safety concerns.

Lawmakers need to put Hoosiers before money and make common sense adjustments to the law, including limiting the number of days fireworks can be used and allowing densely populated cities to clamp down.

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LIFT to meet

The next meeting of LIFT Jay, a lunch and networking session for women involved or interested in business organized by the Jay County Chamber of Commerce, will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 25. Pictured, Brooke Aker, owner of Lifeworks Counseling and The Pool Barn, talks with Allison Smiley and Shawnda Roussey of Arts Place at the first meeting of LIFT Jay on May 30 at John Jay Center for Learning. Karen Lloyd, regional director of the Indiana Small Business Development Center's east central office in Muncie, will speak about "Building Alignment Through Your Mission" at next week's meeting. Tickets are \$18 for chamber members or \$23 for non-members. RSVP by July 20 at jaycountychamber.com or call the chamber at (260) 726-4481.

Heart association honors IU Health, Reid

Two health care organizations were awarded last week. The American Heart Association recently honored IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital and Reid Health with its Get With The Guidelines - Stroke Gold Plus quality achievement award.

It recognizes commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive treatment according to research-based guidelines. Get With The Guidelines - Stroke is a program for improving stroke care in order to minimize the long-term effects of a stroke and prevent death.

"IU Health Ball is committed to improving patient care by adhering to the latest treatment guidelines," Dr. Alan Schmitt, IU Health Ball neurologist, said in a press release. "Get With The Guidelines makes it easier for our teams to put proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, which studies show can help patients recover better."

IU Health Ball also received the American Heart Association's Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll Elite award.

Reid Health earned the stroke award for the third consecutive year.

"It's wonderful to see our stroke team receive recognition for the incredible work they do every day," said Misti Foust-Cofield, vice president/chief nursing officer for Reid Health in a press release. "Their pas-

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sion and dedication for serving our patients is inspiring."

Accepting applications

Indiana Michigan Power is accepting applications for its I&M Neighbor to Neighbor Program.

The program offers assistance for financially qualified customers to help cover cooling costs. Applications are open through Aug. 31.

For more information, visit indianamichiganpower.com.

New leader named

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance on Thursday announced the promotion of Jo Lee Hayes to chief information officer.

Hayes has been with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance for about a decade, most recently serving as executive director of systems development. She was previously senior vice president of enterprise technology for Sallie Mae.

She takes over for Greg Clancy, who retired.

"I'm thrilled that Jo Lee has brought her unique set of strategic leadership skills to our executive team," said Indiana Farm

Bureau Insurance CEO Kevin Murphy in a press release. "She has the vision and drive to conceive, design and execute mission-critical business and technology strategies ..."

Program launched

CVS announced last week that it has launched the Caremark Cost Saver program.

Caremark is intended to help lower out-of-pocket costs for drugs. Members will have automatic access to pricing available through the GoodRX program.

"We work every day to provide a more affordable drug benefit for our CVS Caremark clients and their plan members, and this collaborative prescription discount solution enables us to dynamically shop for the best price on their behalf," said David Joyner, president for CVS Caremark in a press release. "By lowering out-of-pocket costs for our clients' members, Caremark Cost Saver will help patients afford to take their medicine as directed."

Purchase planned

Eli Lilly and Co. announced Friday it will buy drug company Versanis.

The purchase price was announced at "up to \$1.93 billion." The purchase is designed to strengthen its position in the fast-growing market for weight-loss treatments," Reuters reported.

Lilly's drugs for weight loss are hormone-based and designed to regulate blood sugar while

decreasing Appetite. Drugs from Versanis act directly on fat cells for weight loss.

Board changing

Motherhood Sumi Wiring Indiana Limited announced that Yuichi Shimizu has been named to the company's board of directors.

Shimizu serves as president of Sumitomo Wiring Systems Limited. He has held a variety of positions over his three decade career after earning his bachelor's degree in business administration from Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo.

Motherhood Sumi Wiring Indiana Limited is the parent company of MSSL Wiring of Portland.

Sponsoring team

Leeward Renewable Energy announced Thursday that it will sponsor a University of Michigan Solar Car Team for the next two years.

Leeward will give financial support and other assistance to the team to develop a solar car for the 2023 Bridgestone World Solar Challenge.

"We are excited and proud to sponsor the U-M Solar Car Team in pushing the bounds of transformative vehicle technology, and we strongly support programs that cultivate innovation and ingenuity to create the next generation of leaders in renewable energy," said Leeward chief development officer John Wieland in a press release. "The

U-M Solar Car Team is one of the most successful solar car racing teams in the world."

The company is developing Rose Gold Solar north of Dunkirk.

Dean named

Purdue University on Thursday named Jim Bullard as the first dean of its Daniels School of Business.

Bullard has spent the last 15 years as president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He started his career as an economist in the research division for the bank in 1990.

"Dr. Bullard has been an extraordinary leader for our country and will be a transformational leader of Purdue's Daniels School of Business," said Purdue president Mung Chiang in a press release. "His track record has the perfect combination of national impact, scholarly excellence, and innovative leadership ..."

Items being removed

McDonald's announced last week that it is discontinuing its McCafe bakery items — apple fritter, blueberry muffin and cinnamon roll — and will phase them out beginning this month.

The company told CNN it's "always listening to our fans and adjusting our menu based on what they crave," signaling that perhaps the items weren't selling as strongly as they once were.

The bakery items joined the menu in October 2020.

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The theory of anticipation

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 7 6 5 3
 ♥ 8
 ♦ 6 3 2
 ♣ A Q 10 5 4

EAST
 ♠ J 10 4 2
 ♥ K J 9 6
 ♦ 10 9 7
 ♣ 7 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A K Q 8
 ♥ A 5 4
 ♦ K 8 4
 ♣ K J 6

The bidding:
 South West North East
 2 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass
 3 ♣ Pass 4 ♣

Opening lead — three of hearts.

A competent declarer always tries to find a way to assure his contract whenever possible to do so. He does not relax his efforts merely because it looks like the contract is safe if the defenders' cards are divided normally. Instead, he attempts to cater to the possibility that the cards might be divided unfavorably.

Take this case where West leads a heart, with South with the ace. There doesn't seem to be much to the play at this point.

Declarer notes that he can ruff a heart in dummy, lead a trump to the ace, ruff another heart, then play the K-Q of trump, after which he can run dummy's clubs and score 12 tricks.

However, though this method of play is very promising, it presupposes a 3-2 trump division, an assumption declarer cannot safely make. In the actual deal, if South follows the line of least resistance and proceeds as described above, he winds up one trick short of the mark, losing a trump trick and three diamonds.

Instead, South should try to arrange the play so that he can make the contract whether the trumps are divided 3-2 or 4-1. He does this by ruffing a heart in dummy at trick two, then leads a trump and "finesses" the eight. South certainly doesn't expect the eight to win; rather, he plays the eight to maintain control of the hand if the trumps are divided 4-1.

In the actual case, West wins the eight with the nine but cannot stop declarer from scoring 11 tricks.

It is true that if the spades turn out to be divided 3-2, South loses a trick he did not have to lose by adopting this safety measure. But the 30-point loss is a very cheap price to pay for avoiding the possible loss of a vulnerable game.

Tomorrow: A sophisticated play. ©2023 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Peanuts

Rose is Rose

Agnes

Hi and Lois

Between Friends

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Snuffy Smith

Beetle Bailey

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 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Quasi-modo's creator
 5 Zorro's garment
 9 Baseball execs
 12 Portent
 13 Mideast gulf
 14 Tic-tac-toe win
 15 Big name in crystal
 17 Texter's chuckle
 18 Currier's partner
 19 Sill
 21 Blubbers
 24 Calico's call
 25 Ellipse
 26 Book addendum
 30 Volleyball barrier
 31 Zodiac ram
 32 — kwon do
 33 Glitch-causing gnomes
 35 Alpha follower

DOWN

1 "In what way?"
 2 Ms. Thurman
 3 Retrieve transport
 4 Playwright Eugene
 5 Parisian eatery
 6 Big fusses
 7 Apiece
 8 Infinite
 9 Candid date of
 10 Synthesizer pioneer
 11 Only homes
 16 Motor goddess
 20 Dawn

21 Sound from Big Ben
22 Declare
23 Harbor transport
24 "The Simpsons" bar
26 Clench
27 —
28 Assess
29 Pro votes
31 Loser
34 Avril follower
35 Marketplace
37 Lawn coating
38 Cover with blacktop
39 Cain's brother
40 Book blurbs, basically
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That would be a welcome development with one of the major goals for 2023 being the nurturing of rookie quarterback Anthony Richardson, the fourth overall pick in April's NFL Draft.
While Nelson and Kelly are entrenched at their positions, right guard remains the most open spot on the offensive line.
Will Fries begins training camp atop the depth chart after making nine starts last year.

PFF charged Fries with just one sack in 2022, but he was flagged for four penalties — including a pair of holding calls — in just 645 snaps. His overall grade was just 58.4.
The 25-year-old remains a solid pass protector, and a full off-season of preparation in the starter's role should help bring about improvement.
Still, there are challengers in the wings.
Former Ball State star Danny

Pinter held the right guard spot for just three starts in 2022 and appears to be best suited as Kelly's backup at center. But he is the most experienced of all the other guard options on the roster.
The most intriguing challenger is former Indianapolis Cathedral star Emil Ekiyor Jr. Despite starting 40 games at right guard over the past three years at Alabama — including all 13 during a national championship season in 2020 — Ekiyor went undrafted.

Concerns about a knee injury suffered early in the 2019 season scared off several suitors. The 23-year-old landed as a free agent with his hometown team and could push for an increased role at some point during the season.
The remaining interior depth options lack experience.
Guard Arlington Hambricht was a seventh-round pick by the Chicago Bears in 2020 and spent last year on the Colts' practice squad after being released by the

New England Patriots on the final shutdown before the regular season. He appeared in nine games with one start for Chicago as a rookie and hasn't played in the regular season since.
Center Wesley French spent last season on Indianapolis' practice squad after being signed as an undrafted free agent out of Western Michigan, and center Dakoda Shepley was claimed off waivers from the Dallas Cowboys in January.

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO:

38C01-2305-ES-000002
IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ESTATE OF:
ROBERT C. CORN
(Deceased)
NOTICE OF SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Barbara Mullins was appointed as Personal Representative of the estate of Robert C. Corn, deceased, on the 21st day of June, 2023, who died on the 3rd day of April, 2023.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated: 7/5/2023

Jon Eads
CLERK OF THE
JAY CIRCUIT
COLDREN, FRANTZ &
SPRUNGER
Attorneys at Law
940 N. Meridian St.
Portland, IN 47371
260-726-4220
CR 7-11,18-2023- HSPAXLP

Public Notice

Pennville Town Ordinance Number 2023-

ORDINANCE REGARDING TRASH RECEPTACLES
WHEREAS, the Town of Pennville has determined that there is a need to adopt regulations regarding trash receptacles
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PENNVILLE,

INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:
1. All residents and businesses shall place their trash receptacle at the street, curb or alley where their trash is collected no earlier than 7:00 p.m. of the evening before the day of trash collection;
2. All residents and businesses shall remove their respective trash receptacle from the street, curb or alley no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day following the day of trash collection;
3. All residents and businesses who have their trash receptacles out on the street, curb or alley during times not permitted shall be assessed a fine in the sum of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00). Each day in which the trash receptacle remains on the street, curb or alley in violation of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense;
4. This ordinance does not apply in situations where trash cannot be collected by the Town's trash removal contractor due to weather conditions, construction or other factors that prevent the contractor from collecting the trash during its normal route days and times.
5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Town Council and publication, as required by law.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the Town of Pennville this 11 day of July, 2023
Alicia Corwin, Brandy Manns, Josh Miller
Attested:
Krista M. Scholer, Clerk-Treasurer
CR 7-18-2023- HSPAXLP

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Notice of Public Hearing to establish Ordinance Regulating Animals
Notice is hereby given that the Town Council for the Town of Pennville shall conduct a public hearing on August 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, Pennville, Indiana for the propose of the following:
To repeal Ordinance Number 17 (Including all Amendments) regarding animals.
The public is invited to attend and be heard.
Krista M. Scholer
Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Pennville
CR 7-18-2023-HSPAXLP

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

Pennville Town Ordinance Number 2023-

NO SALVAGE ORDINANCE - Revised (2023)
WHEREAS, the Council for the Town of Pennville, Indiana did adopt Ordinance Number 1997-6 prohibiting the maintenance of salvage facilities within the Town of Pennville;
WHEREAS, the Council for the Town of Pennville believes that Ordinance Number 1997-6 should be repealed and replaced;
WHEREAS, there exist conditions in the Town of Pennville that requires the revision of Ordinance Number 1997-6 and to allow the existence of certain salvage facilities that are necessary to the operations of businesses in the Town of Pennville;
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PENNVILLE, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

A. DEFINITIONS
Salvage or junk shall mean scrap iron, tin, brass, copper, lead, zinc or other metals and alloys, bones, rags, used cloth, rubber, rope, tinfoil, bottles, old/used machinery, tools, appliances, fixtures, utensils, lumber, boxes or crates, pipe or pipe fittings, used tires and other manufactures goods that are so worn, deteriorated or obsolete as to make them unusable in their existing condition, but are subject to being dismantled.
Salvage yard shall mean an area where salvage or junk materials are bought, sold, exchanged, bailed, packed, disassembled or handled. A salvage yard shall include auto wrecking yards, dismantling of machinery, house wrecking yards, used lumber yards, and places or yards for the storage of salvaged house wrecking and structural steel materials and equipment. A salvage yard shall constitute only that portion of a lot where waste materials, papers, rags, or discarded or salvaged materials, automobiles not in running condition, house wrecking materials, dismantled machinery, and equipment are concentrated upon. The term shall not include areas specifically designated by the Town for the collection of recycled materials, the selling of antiques or other items inside of a properly licensed business or the sale of merchandise at an approved fair or festival.
Person means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind.
B. NO SALVAGE OPERATIONS OR SALVAGE YARDS
It shall be unlawful for any person to establish or maintain any salvage operation or facility or salvage yard within the Town of Pennville. Any person establishing or attempting to establish a salvage facility within the Town of Pennville is in violation of this ordinance. This prohibition against salvage facilities includes any licensed or unlicensed facilities whether license by the State or any other entity and applies to any future establishment of said facilities. This ordinance does not affect any legally and properly existing, licensed salvage facilities.
C. PENALTIES
Any such person, upon being found in violation of this ordinance, shall be subject to the General Penalties Ordinance. Each day that any person is in violation of this Ordinance, shall constitute a separate violation.
D. NO LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY
Nothing within the Ordinance shall limit the powers and authority given to the Town pursuant to Indiana Code §9-22-1 et seq (or any amendment thereto).
E. SEVERABILITY
All sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed separate and independent, and the invalidity of section or provision thereof shall not affect the remaining sections.
F. EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Town Council and publication, as required by law. Passed and Adopted by the Council of the Town of Pennville this 11 day of July, 2023.
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COUNTY OF JAY, SS:
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO:

S38C01-2307-EU-000020
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF:
JANET STUMP
(Deceased)

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Keith Neil Rinker was appointed as Personal Representative of the estate of Janet Stump, deceased, on the 3rd day of July, 2023, who died on the 26th day of May, 2023.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
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Alicia Corwin, Brandy Manns, Josh Miller
Attest: Krista M. Scholer, Clerk-Treasurer
CR 7-18-2023-HSPAXLP

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

ORDINANCE 2023-Water
AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2022-W & S RELATING TO THE WATER & SEWAGE RATES AND GALLON USAGE

THE TOWN OF PENNVILLE DOES HEREBY AMEND THE ORDINANCE 2022-W & S SECTION 10F WATER RATES IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) Consumption per Month Rate Per 1,000 Gallons
Next 5,000 \$14.78
Next 15,000 \$12.29
Next 30,000 \$13.68
Next 50,000 \$7.36
Over 50,000 \$4.93

(B) Minimum Charge
Each User shall pay a minimum charge in accordance with the size of the meter installed, for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set in the metered schedule of rates. This charge will be for up to 3,000 gallons usage.

Size of Meter	Per Month
5/8 - 3/4 inch meter	\$41.15 up to 3,000 gallons
1 inch meter	\$73.89
1 1/4 inch meter	\$135.61
1 1/2 inch meter	\$197.33
2 inch meter	\$345.37

(C) Flat Rate
The minimum flat rate charge per month shall be based on the size of meter service that you have.
There is no charge to have your service turned off.

	\$41.15	5/8-3/4" meter up to 3,000 gallons
	\$73.89	1" meter
	\$135.61	1 1/4" meter
	\$197.33	1 1/2" meter
	\$345.37	2" meter

(D) Fire Hydrant Rental
Public and private hydrant rental shall be Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per year

(E) Tap Charges
A tap charge shall be collected from each customer, prior to connection to the water system, in an amount sufficient to reimburse the Town for the labor and material necessary for tapping the main and installation of service from the main to the curb stop and the cost of furnishing and installing a suitable water meter. The charge for the 5/8" - 3/4" installation shall be in the amount of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00). The charge for a 1" or larger service shall be labor and material cost incurred.

(F) Water Deposit
A water deposit in the amount of One Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$175.00) shall be collected from each customer prior to service of the water. Your service starts from the day it is turned on, be it one day or 30 for the month you will be charged a minimum bill. A property owners deposit shall be reimbursed after one year of no delinquent payments. For renters the Deposit Shall be returned to the renter upon payment of all bills and after moving. After 30 days the deposit shall be applied to any balance due.

(G) Collection and Deferred Payment Charges
All bills shall be due and payable monthly, and bills unpaid more than 10 days following the date of billing shall include a collection charge of 10% on the balance of unpaid water billing. An additional charge of Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00) shall be collected for turning off or turning on thereafter any water service that is delinquent in payment.

(H) Real Estate Owner Liability
That the owners of all real estate located in the Town of Pennville, Jay County, Indiana, be liable and responsible for the payment of all water services furnished by the Town of Pennville to the Owners of said real estate.

SECTION 2
All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed; provided, however, that the existing schedule of water rates and charges shall remain in full force and effect until the schedule of rates and charges fixed by this ordinance shall be approved by the Pennville Town Council.

SECTION 3
This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Pennville Town Council.

SECTION 3 OF SEWAGE RATES IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS

(A) The quantity of water used per month by all user classes shall be as follows

Quantity of Water Used Per Month	Rate Per User	Month Per Debit	Per 1,000 Gallon Service Total
By All User Classed	Charge		
Next 5,000 gallons	\$5.42	\$2.93	\$13.28
Next 15,000 gallons	\$5.42	\$1.98	\$12.33
Next 30,000 gallons	\$5.42	\$1.06	\$11.40
All over 30,000 gallons	\$5.42	\$0.12	\$10.47

Domestic users who do not have a metered municipal supply of water shall be charged a Flat Rate of \$38.03 per month.
(B) The minimum charge for any service where the user is a metered water customer shall be based on the size of such water meter and shall be as follows

Size of Meter Per Month	Rate
5/8 - 3/4 inch meter	\$27.49
1 inch meter	\$52.98
1 1/4 inch meter	\$75.70
1 1/2 inch meter	\$113.51
2. inch meter	\$208.01 school
3 inch meter	\$340.34
4 inch meter	\$661.78
6 inch meter	\$1,323.51

(C) Tap Charge

A tap charge shall be collected from each customer, prior to connection to the sewage system, in an amount sufficient to reimburse the town for labor and material necessary for tapping the sewer main to the property line and the cost of furnishing and installing a suitable sewage system. The charge shall be in the amount of Six Hundred Dollars \$600.00.

Please note that this water rate change is due to a change in the General Assembly doing away with the URT taxes.
In all other respects said ordinance shall remain in full force and effect July 11, 2023. Passed and adopted by the Pennville Town Council, Pennville, Indiana, on the 11th day of July, 2023.

Alicia Corwin, Town Council President
Branda Manns, Town Council Member
Josh Miller, Town Council Member
Attest: Krista M. Scholer
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Pennville
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Sports



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Maria Laux swims the butterfly for the Jay County Summer Swim Team's 11-12-year-old girls medley relay team during the Wabash Valley Conference Championship on Saturday. Laux's team which included Elly Byrum, Kenna Arnold and Kali Wendel won the race to help Jay County to a second place finish falling to Souther Wells by 423.5 points. Laux won all three of her individual events to remain perfect on the season.

JC swim finishes second in conference

Three swimmers closed out perfect seasons by winning a trio of events.

Jay County had two more triple-event winners.

It wasn't enough to take down Southern Well's depth.

The Jay County Summer Swim Team's season ended on Saturday as they finished second at the Wabash Valley Conference Championships.

Jay County's 2,420 points was good enough to be the runner-up, behind Southern Well's 2,843.5. South Adams was third with 923.

Cori Arnold (8-and-younger), Addisyn Champ (9-10-year-old) and Maria Laux (11-12-year-old) all won a trio of events to finish

Local roundup

the year without losing a single event at their respective age levels.

Arnold and Champ both won the individual medley, long freestyle and short freestyle for their age levels while Laux topped the long freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke.

Elly Byrum also won a trio of events for the 11-12-year-old girls.

She was victorious in the short freestyle, butterfly and individual medley.

Mara Bader was the final triple-winner, taking the butterfly, breaststroke and individual medley.

Jay County won nine out of the 20 relays in the championship.

Double event winners were Emme Theurer, Sophie Warvel, Jackson Westgerdes and Raif Beiswanger.

Grady Warvel, Grant Glentzer and Cooper Glentzer all won one event.

Rockets struggle

The Rockets struggled the

whole way through the week-end.

From pitchers giving up 19 total runs (16 earned) to the offense failing to give run support, the team struggled.

The Portland Rockets' struggles led to a doubleheader sweep on Sunday by the first-place Fort Wayne Jackers 7-0, 12-4.

In game one, the Rockets were able to muster up five hits and reach scoring position in two innings, but couldn't find a way to score a run.

Singles by Joel Kennedy and Gavin Gleason and a walk from Garrison Brege loaded the bases in the fourth, but a

strikeout ended the inning stranding the runners. The Rockets struck out 12 times in the game.

Brege suffered the loss after giving up seven runs on 11 hits. TJ Deherra and Mason Meyer both hit home runs off Brege.

The offense picked up in game two, led by Kennedy with a solo homerun and an RBI-double.

They finished with four runs total, but it wasn't enough as Tyler Reynolds and Trevor Sheets gave up a combined 12 runs.

All but two of the Jackers drove in runs, only Deherra remained hitless.

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Nelson, Kelly seek bounce-back season

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

INDIANAPOLIS — There's no bigger boost available to the Indianapolis Colts' offensive line this season than a return to form for left guard Quenton Nelson.

Slowed by back and ankle injuries, the past two seasons haven't lived up to the three-time All-Pro's lofty standards.

The slippage was especially evident in 2022, when Nelson was charged with five sacks surrendered by Pro Football Focus — more than his previous four seasons combined.

The 27-year-old finished with just a 68.4 overall grade from PFF, his second straight season under 70.

But he came out of the season in good health and has had no limits on his offseason workouts.

Nelson and center Ryan Kelly formed the backbone of the Colts' dominant offensive lines from 2018-20. But injuries, illness and inconsistency have hampered both multi-time Pro Bowlers the past two seasons.

Like Nelson, Kelly appears poised for a bounce-back season.

He also was charged with five sacks surren-

dered in 2022 by PFF, and the 30-year-old recorded a 64.3 overall grade.

The slumps for the two interior stars were also evident in the running game.

A year after Jonathan Taylor led the NFL in rushing and set a host of single-season franchise records, Indianapolis managed just 4.3 yards per carry and ranked 23rd in rushing offense.

If Kelly and Nelson can return to their respective Pro Bowl forms, the offensive line stands a tremendous chance at bouncing back as a whole.

See Colts page 7

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Portland Rockets at Fort Wayne Renegades — 7:15 p.m.

TV sports

Today
6 a.m. — Soccer: West Ham United at Tottenham Hotspur (CBSSN)
7 p.m. — MLB: San Francisco Giants at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
10 p.m. — WNBA: Connecticut Sun at Phoenix Mercury (CBSSN)

Wednesday
9 a.m. — Soccer: Olympique Lyonnais at Manchester United (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — MLB: San Francisco Giants at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — Golf: Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational (Golf Channel)
7:30 p.m. — Soccer: Wrexham at New Mexico United (ESPN2)

Local notes

Hunt applications open
The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications for reserved hunts. Applications can be made for dove, deer, squirrel, teal and goose hunts. Hunters will be selected through a random drawing. To apply, visit on.IN.gov/reservedhunt. The deadline is Aug. 6.

5K circuit continues July 22
The next race in the Jay County 5K Circuit is scheduled for July 22. The Bonus 5K is scheduled for 8 a.m. July 22. The race will be at the IU Health Jay trail. Registration is \$20. The circuit features eight races running from April through August. Awards are presented in nine divisions. For more information, visit runjaycounty.com.

Chamber outing scheduled
Jay County Chamber of Commerce will hold its golf outing July 21. The event will begin with registration at 9 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Registration is \$250 per team and is open now by emailing tabby@jaycountychamber.com or visiting the chamber office at

118 S. Meridian St., Portland. The event is limited to 20 teams and the deadline is July 10. For more information, call (260) 726-4481.

Swiss Days race set
Registration is open for the 50th annual Swiss Days Race. The event is scheduled for July 29 with a 5K at 8:15 a.m. and a 1-mile race for children 11 and younger at 9:15 a.m. Awards will be presented to the top 10 in each age group and there will be refreshments for all participants. To register, search for "Swiss Days Race" at runsignup.com.

Flag football registration open
Registration for Jay Community Center's Boomer Fall Flag Football is now open. The league is for children ages 3 through 12. Games will be played on Saturdays from Aug. 26 through Oct. 7 at Jay County Recreation Complex, 5363 W. 450 South, Portland. Registration is \$30 for those who sign up by July 31. For more information, visit jaycc.org.

Soccer sign-ups available now
Registration for Jay Community Center's Boomer Fall Soccer league is now open. The league is for children ages 3 through 14. Games will be played on Saturdays from Aug. 26 through Oct. 7 at Jay County Recreation Complex, 5363 W. 450 South, Portland. Registration is \$60 for those who sign up by July 31. For more information, visit jaycc.org.

JC season tickets
Jay County Junior-Senior High School will begin selling season tickets for the 2023-24 season on Monday, July 17. Tickets will be available for purchase Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. After Monday, tickets may be purchased during the school's office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Patriots Passes and Senior Patriot Passes that provide admission to all high school and junior high events will be available. They cost \$105 and \$60 respectively. Also available are super tickets. High school adult super tickets cost \$80, junior high super tickets come out to \$60 and senior super tickets are \$45. A pre-paid sports pass that is good for 12 regular season events may be purchased for \$50 as well. Boys basketball and football season passes will cost \$50 and \$25 respectively. To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.