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In business



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Steve Schwieterman poses outside of the former Westlawn Elementary School building early this month. He wasn't quite sure what he would do with the facility when he bought it from Jay School Corporation in August 2022, but now has three businesses as tenants and is expecting more to follow.

Three establishments are already open in the former Westlawn Elementary with more to follow

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The price was right. Steve Schwieterman's decision to purchase the former Westlawn Elementary School really came down to that simple assessment. "I really don't know why I bought it," Schwieterman said. "I just thought it was a good deal and I could think of something to do with it." He bought the former school from Jay School Corporation for \$60,000, with the school board approving the sale on Aug. 1, 2022. (His was the only offer the corporation had received for the school, which had been closed for a little over a year as stu-

dents shifted to the former West Jay Middle School as part of a consolidation process.) Schwieterman, who had been flipping houses in the community, wasn't quite sure what he would do with the building that had housed kindergarten through sixth graders. He thought about apartments as a possibility. Now, about a year later, three businesses have set up shop in the Westlawn building with more expected to follow. "I'm glad," said Schwieterman, adding that he never expected such a response. (He said he feels like he hears from someone new every other day.) "There's a lot of ideas."

He's planning on taking the process slowly. "I just take my time," he said. "I don't get too excited. Get some people in here before winter and just pay the bills." Schwieterman said he was initially approached about a jiu-jitsu studio locating in the Westlawn building. At that time, he didn't believe he was ready or would be able to generate enough business interest to make such a plan viable. But eventually he started hearing from other potential businesses. Schwieterman gave the OK, and The Cave Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu & MMA moved in early in July. Fat Cat Tattoos was right

behind, and this month Nicci Littler's Old School Speech got started. Dunkirk Barber Shop hopes to be moved in this fall. (He started filling classrooms from the west side of the building, where the kindergarten classrooms used to be, and is working his way around.) While he's had some painting and a few other minor maintenance items to handle, for the most part, Schwieterman's work to get the building ready has been minimal. "The building's in unbelievably good shape," he said. "They're basically remodeling their own rooms ... I let them do what they want to do." See Business page 2

Court won't rehear case

Indiana abortion law back in effect

By CASEY SMITH

Indiana Capital Chronicle
The Indiana Supreme Court on Monday denied a request to rehear its ruling upholding the state's near-total abortion ban.

That means the new law — which prohibits the procedure with only narrow exceptions — immediately takes effect once the ruling is certified on the court docket, which is expected to be a matter of days, according to court officials.

In a 4-1 decision, high court justices reaffirmed in their order that Planned Parenthood and other health care providers "cannot show a reasonable likelihood of success" with their challenge to the abortion restrictions because there are cases in which the ban could be constitutionally enforced.

Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush, who concurred with the ruling, reiterated in her opinion that Indiana's Constitution grants a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy "to protect her life or to protect her from a serious health risk ... under circumstances that extend beyond the current law."

"Given that possibility, I am deeply concerned about Senate Bill 1's impact on Hoosier women's constitutional right to seek medical care that is necessary to protect their life or to protect them from a serious health risk. And I am likewise concerned about the law's impact on healthcare providers who must determine whether to provide that care and potentially expose themselves to criminal penalties and professional sanctions," Rush wrote in her opinion. "But Plaintiffs have not properly put these concerns before us."

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Hundreds are missing

By JOSEPH WILKINSON
New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

An estimated 850 people are still unaccounted for following devastating wildfires across Maui, the island's mayor said Sunday night.

The death toll from the blazes climbed to 114, as authorities said they'd searched 85% of the destroyed historic town of Lahaina.

Maui County Mayor Richard Bissen said the list of missing people once topped 2,000, but the FBI and local authorities had been working hard to locate and identify people.

"We are both saddened and relieved about these numbers as we continue the recovery process," Bissen said Sunday night in a Facebook video. "Through the tireless work of the FBI and

Death toll from fires in Maui has climbed to 114

Maui Police Department, over 1,285 individuals have been located safe."

The complete investigation and damage assessment of the fires is expected to take months, as one blaze essentially reduced the 12,000-person town of Lahaina to apocalyptic rubble.

President Joe Biden planned to visit the island Monday, his first trip to Maui since the fires erupted Aug. 8. Early investigations showed the fast-moving infernos may have been caused by

downed power lines igniting dry grassy areas.

"Our whole town is gone. Our jobs are gone. Our house is gone. Our cars are gone and our whole community is just, I mean, it's the entire town," Lahaina resident Amanda Bratton told People magazine. "It's like, what do you do when you weren't expecting your entire town, all the buildings and businesses and houses, to just be wiped out?"

Of the 114 people killed in the fire, 27 had been identified as of Sunday night, Mayor Bissen said.



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Benefitting effort

The 615, a Portland venue owned by Tim and Cindy Morris, held its annual No One Fights Alone fundraiser Saturday evening. Proceeds from the event will go to help Jayland Homeless Shelter.

Deaths

Larry Phillips, 87, Ridgeville
John Rines, 67, rural Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 84 degrees Sunday. The low was 63.
Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the mid 60s. Expect mostly sunny skies Wednesday with a high in the upper 80s and winds gusting up to 20 miles per hour.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Today's edition of The Commercial Review features the special section on the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show, which kicks off Wednesday and runs through Saturday at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of the joint session of Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council.

Thursday — Results from the Jay County High School volleyball match against Winchester.



Obituaries

Larry Phillips

Larry E. Phillips, 87, Ridgeville, died Sunday at his home. Arrangements are pending at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier.

John Rines

Nov. 19, 1955-Aug. 18, 2023
John Stewart Rines, age 67, of rural Portland passed away Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, at his residence. He was born in Portland on

November 19, 1955 the son of John and Cletes (Glentzer) Rines. He was married on Oct. 8, 1983, to Vickie M. Evans and she passed away on Nov. 24, 2018. Stewart was retired from Harvestland in Bryant and also worked for FCC and Price Implement, and was a farmer. He was a 1974 Portland High School graduate where he



Rines

played football and basketball. He was prom king, was active in FAA and was a member of Portland Elks Lodge. He enjoyed camping and a good cup of coffee.

Surviving are one daughter, Janna Maitlen (husband: Andrew) of Indianapolis; his mother Cletes Rines of Portland; mother-in-law Shirley Evans of Portland; three brothers, Scott Rines (wife: Nancy) of Portland, Steve Rines (wife: Sarah) of Portland and Stan Rines (wife: Camille) of Port-

land; three sisters, Catherine Foss (husband: Peter) of Hilton Head, South Carolina, Corienne Brockman (husband: Randy) of St. Henry, Ohio, and Susan Huffman (husband: Chuck) of Dunkirk; two granddaughters, Eva and Hazel Maitlen; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Joe Boggs presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Ceme-

tery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Polycystic Kidney Foundation or the DNR.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city, 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 8/23	Thursday 8/24	Friday 8/25	Saturday 8/26	Sunday 8/27
88/73	95/72	88/64	77/54	75/52
Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast for Wednesday with a high of 88.	Sunny skies are expected Thursday, with a slight chance of thunderstorms late.	Friday looks to be mostly sunny with a high of 88 degrees.	Mostly sunny on Saturday, when the high may hit 77 degrees.	Another day of sun on Sunday, when the high may reach 75 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$291 million	54-62-65-72-73-76-77-80 Cash 5: 10-14-15-18-42 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$33 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 7-7-7 Pick 4: 9-1-5-3 Pick 5: 2-3-0-8-2 Evening Pick 3: 3-7-4 Pick 4: 5-5-5-0 Pick 5: 1-7-3-7-7 Rolling Cash 5: 5-11-13-16-18
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 7-6-1 Daily Four: 8-3-8-2 Evening Daily Three: 7-4-0 Daily Four: 1-3-9-3 Quick Draw: 9-10-14-22-25-28-33-38-42-45-47-49	Estimated jackpot: \$346,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.46 Oct. corn.....4.66 Wheat.....5.62	Sept. beans.....13.18 Wheat.....5.43
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.62 Sept. corn.....5.62 Late Sept. corn.....5.35	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.27 Sept. corn.....5.07 Beans.....14.03 Sept. beans.....13.98 Wheat.....5.27
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....5.22 Sept. corn.....4.61 Beans.....14.03	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....5.02 Sept. corn.....4.85 Beans.....13.93 Sept. beans.....13.13 Wheat.....5.42

Today in history

In 1485, the Wars of the Roses ended after Henry Tudor (later Henry VII) defeated king Richard III in the Battle of Bosworth Field.
In 1639, Madras, India, as founded by the British East India Company. It's now known as Chennai, India.
In 1775, George III, king of Great Britain and Ireland, proclaimed the American colonies were rebelling and ordered their suppression.
In 1865, the first patent in the United States for liquid soap was issued to William Sheppard.
In 1902, Theodore Roosevelt became the first United States president to ride in a car.
In 1986, Keiko Kitagawa was born in Hyogo, Japan. She's known for her role in "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift."
In 1989, Texas Rangers player Nolan Ryan became the first Major League Baseball pitcher to register 5,000 strikeouts after he struck out Rickey Henderson.
In 2004, two of Edvard Munch's paintings, "The Scream," and "Madonna," were stolen from a museum in Oslo, Norway. They were recovered two years later.

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Citizen's calendar

Wednesday 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Thursday 3 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort St.	Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Capsule Reports

Rear crash

A Berne woman crashed her car into the back of Decatur man's vehicle on U.S. 27 in Jay County about 7 p.m. Friday.

Paige N. Sollenberger, 25, was driving her 2007 Pontiac G6 north on the highway when she turned around to help her nephew in the backseat. When she turned forward again, the 2016 Volkswagen Jetta in front of her was slowing in traffic. She wasn't able to stop before hitting the car driven by 20-year-old Breken S. Smith.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Sollenberger's car was towed.

Off road

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a car veered off Indiana 67 and into a ditch about 2 a.m. Wednesday.

According to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report, 19-year-old Mikah S. Howard was driving north on the highway near county road 700 South when the 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer she was driving went off the west side of the road into a ditch. It got back onto the road and rolled onto its top.

Howard told police a man named Jake was driving the car, the report says, but police reported the measurements of the driver's seat match Howard's appearance and noted she was the only one at the scene of the accident. She told police she didn't know where Jake went because she had been asleep in the passenger seat.

Howard was transported to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, where she was treated for a broken finger. She was given a blood alcohol and drug test with results pending.

The vehicle is registered to Jack B. Morlan of Craigville. It was towed.

Disregarded sign

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Portland man disregarded a stop sign at the intersection of Arch and Harrison streets, causing an accident about 11:42 a.m. Monday.

According to a Portland police report, William A. Bice, 75, was driving his 2014 Ford F-150 north on Harrison Street and continued without stopping at the intersection, causing him to crash into a 1996 Chevrolet Blazer driven by 27-year-old Jacob W. Priest of Portland. (Traffic on Harrison

Street has a stop sign, but traffic on Arch Street does not.)

The Chevrolet Blazer is registered to Katherine E. Rich of Hartford City. It was towed.

Priest was preliminarily charged with a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license on Monday. He was released from Jay County Jail on a \$1,000 bond.

Struck sign

A Michigan truck driver broke a stop sign in Portland while driving off the truck route about 8:51 p.m. Wednesday.

Darwin A. Kalczyński, 60, Williamson, was driving a 2017 Freightliner Cascadia and turned off Votaw Street to go south on Wayne Street. As he turned, the semi trailer struck a sign in the southwest corner of the intersection and broke it, according to a Portland police report.

Jeff Hopkins witnessed the accident. Kalczyński continued driving until police stopped him.

The vehicle Kalczyński was driving is registered to Transway Incorporated of Holland, Michigan. Damage is estimated at less than \$1,000.

Felony arrests

Residential entry

A Redkey man was arrested Saturday for allegedly breaking and entering a home.

William A. Lawhorn, 50, 253 E. Bell Ave., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for residen-

tial entry, along with a Class A misdemeanor for criminal mischief and a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement.

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

Business ...

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"I didn't really have to do anything. ... Nothing really major."

Schwieterman grew up in rural Portland and attended Bryant schools before moving to the new Jay County High School for his final two years, graduating as a member of the Class of 1977. He's done "a little bit of everything" for work, including farming and several stints at Portland Forge.

Before moving back to Jay County and settling in Dunkirk, he lived in Austin, Texas, where he was helping out with his son's jewelry business. He started flipping houses, and the Westlawn project seemed to him a natural next step.

He's turned the former office area where secretary Susan Huffman and principal Jeff Davis previously worked into his new office, complete with decorative items from the former art rooms. (Classroom signs still have the names — Mrs. Loucks, Ms. Rion, Mrs. Farr — hanging in the hallways.) In addition

to the businesses that are already in operation or committed to move in soon, he's also had interest from a bakery and ice cream shop. He's talked to another regional business about possibly opening a retail site in part of the gym, hopes to have a restaurant take over the cafeteria and the remainder of the gym and wants to turn the former library and adjacent classrooms into a wedding reception venue. He'd also like to bring in a coffee shop.

"With everything in one spot, they kind of can feed off each other," Schwieterman said.

He doesn't have any plans yet for the outdoor space — Westlawn sits on about 8 acres — and said he will keep the playground equipment up for Littler's clients and/or visitors to other businesses.

Ultimately, he's just hoping to keep making progress step by step and have the building fill up with active businesses.

"This will be pretty cool for Dunkirk, Indiana," he said.

Felony courts

Drug possession

Several local residents were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in Jay courts to drug possession.

David L. Jacks, 44, 550 E. 900 South, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 20 months in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served. Jacks was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. Jacks was ordered to pay \$497.59 in restitution to Cody Linville. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a narcotic drug

and a Class A misdemeanor for theft were both dismissed.

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SERVICES

Thursday

Rines, John: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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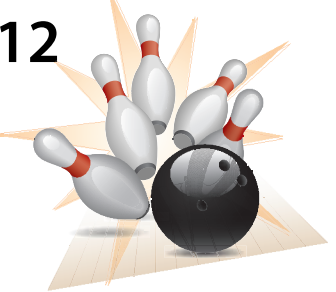
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Parent tired of neighborhood bully

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is the youngest kid in the neighborhood, and a girl up the street treats her horribly. She calls her a baby, tells her she's not a person and sends her home when everybody plays at her house.

The other kids are friendly with my daughter, and when they come to play at our house, the mean girl comes too. She's never mean to my daughter when I'm around, but I don't think it's right to let her enjoy our pool and games when she won't let my daughter play at her house.

How do I ask her to leave without seeming like a bully while allowing the other kids to stay and play? The other mother is of no help. — WANTS THE BULLY TO LEAVE

DEAR WANTS THE BULLY TO LEAVE: I assume the other mother is aware that her daughter refuses to allow your daughter to play at her house with the other kids. Because she hasn't intervened, the ball is in your

Dear Abby



court. Teach your daughter a lesson in assertiveness. The next time the bully shows up, your DAUGHTER should tell the girl she is not welcome and WHY.

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DEAR ABBY: We made plans on Sunday to get together with a couple the following Friday. We do this regularly. An hour before, I texted to be sure we were still on. I didn't receive an immediate reply. A half-hour later, I called and was told yes. I replied, "Great! See you soon."

Five minutes later, she texted me to say they were going out to dinner because friends from out of state had surprised them and "maybe tomorrow we can get

together." We are very disappointed in our close friends who made plans with us but changed their minds. Are we wrong to feel hurt? We could have changed our plans because some out-of-state friends showed up, but we didn't. — HURT ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR HURT: I understand your feelings, but I hope you won't nurse a grudge. Your friends made a snap decision on the spur of the moment which, unfortunately, lacked tact. It might have been better if, when these out-of-state friends appeared on their doorstep, the couple had contacted you and asked if they could bring the people along. They dropped the ball. Forgive them — this time.

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DEAR ABBY: What does it mean when our daughter's mother-in-law refuses to call my husband and me by our first names? In fact, she doesn't call us anything. I bend over backward to be hospitable and treat

her the way we want to be treated. — NAMELESS IN THE EAST

DEAR NAMELESS: How DOES she address you? "Mr." and "Mrs."? "Hey, you"? "Dear" or "Sweetie"? Have you told her this bothers you? It may mean she doesn't particularly like either of you and this is her way of distancing. It could also mean that she can't remember what your names are. You can't go wrong if you continue treating her as you want to be treated and try harder not to take this so personally.

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DEAR ABBY: I have two grandkids — a 4-year-old granddaughter, "Emily," and a 2-year-old grandson, "Earl." My husband is not blood-related to them. He treats Emily like a princess, but treats Earl badly. She can do no wrong; he can do no right. Anytime I have them both over, my husband and I have huge fights because of how he disciplines and ignores my grandson. He

doesn't show Earl any of the love he shows my granddaughter. I have tried talking to him about it, and he says, "Why can't you get it through your head? I don't LIKE boys." When I told him it hurts me, he just rolled his eyes. I see my options as not having my grandson over or ending my marriage. What should I do? — TROUBLED GRANDMA IN MICHIGAN
DEAR GRANDMA: Could your husband be going through a late case of the terrible twos? Has he explained the reason for his dislike of little boys? It's peculiar since, at such a tender age, Earl hasn't been in the picture long enough to have offended anyone. If your husband can't restrain himself around Earl, he should absent himself when Earl visits Granny. Or, tell your husband he must either manage an attitude adjustment or pack his bags. I can't imagine how, if Earl's parents are aware of this, they allow it to continue.

Family visits for Tri-State show

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

It is tractor and engine week. I know that is not quite what it is called, but saying The Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Show is a bit of a mouthful. It is billed as the "World's Largest Gas Engine and Tractor Show."

It is also clean out your house week, which goes hand in hand with yard sale week. And we mustn't forget golf cart week. I am always surprised that more people aren't hurt by golf carts as the drivers tend to stop on a whim and hand signals are seldom used.

I feel the need to warn visitors that if you ask for directions you will be instructed to turn where something used to be or someone used to live and not the name of a particular road. We can and will let you know of a shortcut around whatever road construction you may happen upon.

If you see something you want that is not for sale, make the owner an offer anyway. At worst, you will find a friend. At best you will go home with something you hadn't known you wanted.

At some point one or both of my brothers will stop by. My brother,

As I See It



Michael, specializes in rust-covered nonworking junk, I mean treasures. His wife has her own specialties. They both usually return happy with their new finds.

My other brother, David, is a little more discerning and tends to go for collectable lighters and other odds and ends. His wife tends to go for more decorative items. The only reason I go traipsing through the various booths is to spend time with them. It seems that the older we get the more we need a reason to get together.

I have found that many of the vendors have a regular route they follow. They spend a good bit of their time at one show or another. Selling stuff can take a backseat to meeting up with old friends and catching up on their lives.

Sometimes we time it right so we can see the tractors and engines do

what they were designed to do. That usually prompts people to say that modern machinery would never last as long as the antiques have. They seem to ignore all the work and dollars that have gone into the displays.

For my family, the tractor show is a time to relish the past. Sometime during the show one or both of my brothers will say, "Remember when Grandma almost tipped the tractor over?" Even though neither of them were born when that happened. They have heard the story so often that it has become part of their past.

By the time they were big enough to start the tractor, our grandmother's time aboard the hand-cranked orange beast had long passed. She had become a little old lady instead of a powerful and strong woman.

At some point during the show it will pour down rain. If we are lucky it will be a little shower but if not, it is wise to prepare to get a bit muddy.

The tractor show brings a lot of people to our town. It is a chance to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones. I hope you enjoy the time you spend with us and take home a new treasure that will remind you of the time you spent here.

Community Calendar

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

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRINNA'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.

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge. 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 - BRINNA'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.

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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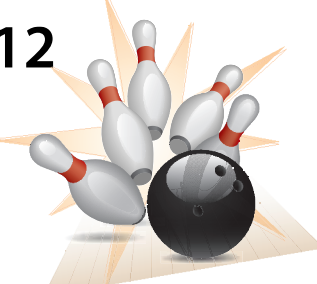
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New database can strengthen trust

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The police officers who patrol our streets are living, breathing representatives of a thing called “the law.” They range out as “peace officers” to help ensure public safety.

That’s another concept, like law, that we tend not to think much about. Until a sense of peace is shattered.

Three years ago, in the wake of the murder of George Floyd by bad cops in Minneapolis, Massachusetts lawmakers passed reforms designed to improve public accountability by police officers.

After delays, a key element of

Guest Editorial

that oversight is about to come online: a database listing officers against whom a complaint has been substantiated by their home departments. That includes any of the 438 police agencies in Massachusetts employing 20,000 cops.

The executive director of the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission

says that by month’s end, it will roll out a searchable database of roughly 4,000 substantiated complaints against 2,100 officers, including information on the nature of the infractions and details on discipline the officers received.

The database tool was supposed to become available a year ago. The POST Commission’s chief says it needed time to ensure the accuracy of reports on complaints it received directly from police departments. That early data was found to include errors. Fairness demanded complete accuracy regarding the names and complaints going online soon.

One reason for the delay, a MassLive reporter explained this week, is the presence of officers from across the state with the same first and last names. In fact, more than a dozen officers named “Michael Murphy” wear the badge in Massachusetts, including several with the state police alone.

Given that the database will be searchable, the identities of each officer could not be subject to confusion.

What matters now is that the POST Commission fulfills a specific requirement of the 2020 reform legislation.

To be sure, the information will subject around 2,000 public

employees to embarrassment. That’s not the purpose. By having a ready reservoir of data, the POST Commission, as well as police departments with openings, have a way to track whether an officer shows a troubling pattern of misbehavior. That is one facet of the commission’s duty, which includes re-certifying officers and rooting out those who should not wear the uniform.

The listed complaints do not include unfounded allegations. Because the database will detail consequences officers received, it sends a signal to the public that officers assigned the difficult job of upholding the law are not above it.

NPs can help healthcare field

By ANGELA THOMPSON
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As a nurse practitioner (NP) in Indiana, I have seen firsthand the effects of our state’s outdated health care workforce laws — patients suffering from preventable and chronic disease, conditions worsened by inadequate access to care.

Many people in Indiana must wait weeks or months for appointments, travel a significant distance to see a provider and endure costly inefficiencies and inequities within the healthcare system.

As the National Conference of State Legislatures brings together policymakers from around the nation to learn from each other in Indianapolis during its annual 2023 Summit, I know our host legislators will represent Indiana well.

But what I really hope for is our lawmakers will speak with their colleagues from the 27 states who have already modernized their state laws to ensure patients have full and direct access to nurse practitioner care and more choice in their health care.

Hoosiers are in desperate need of increased health care access. Indiana was a shocking 35th overall in the latest United Health Foundation’s America’s Health Rankings, which cites a high prevalence of multiple chronic conditions among state residents.

Appointment wait times are a very real obstacle to accessing care in Indiana. The American Association of Nurse Practitioners recently released the results of a new national survey of U.S. adults that found more than 40% of respondents experienced a “longer than reasonable” wait for a health care appointment. According to the survey, nearly half of those who experienced unreasonable wait times gave up trying to get an appointment and did not receive care, which includes patients seeking mental health services.

Tied to appointment wait times are significant shortages in health care providers. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there are now 100 million people living in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs). We have 138 primary care HPSAs in our state, affecting more than 2.4 million and leaving more than 31% of the state’s health care access needs unmet.

This must change. NPs are well-positioned to help meet our growing health care challenges and improve access to timely care for patients. However, Indiana law requires nurse

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practitioners to contract with a physician — essentially, obtain a permission slip — before we can legally provide care that we are educated and board certified to provide. This outdated requirement costs the state in reduced health outcomes, diminished access to care, impaired health workforce recruitment and efficiency — and real dollars. And it has no beneficial impact on the actual delivery of care.

More than half of U.S. states have retired this outdated requirement and taken steps to ensure patients have full and direct access to NPs.

In March 2023, Utah became the 27th state to adopt this policy, called Full Practice Authority (FPA). FPA authorizes NPs to provide the care they currently deliver patients — evaluating, diagnosing, ordering and interpreting tests, initiating and managing treatments and prescribing medications — under the exclusive licensure authority of the state board of nursing and without a state-mandated contract with a physician.

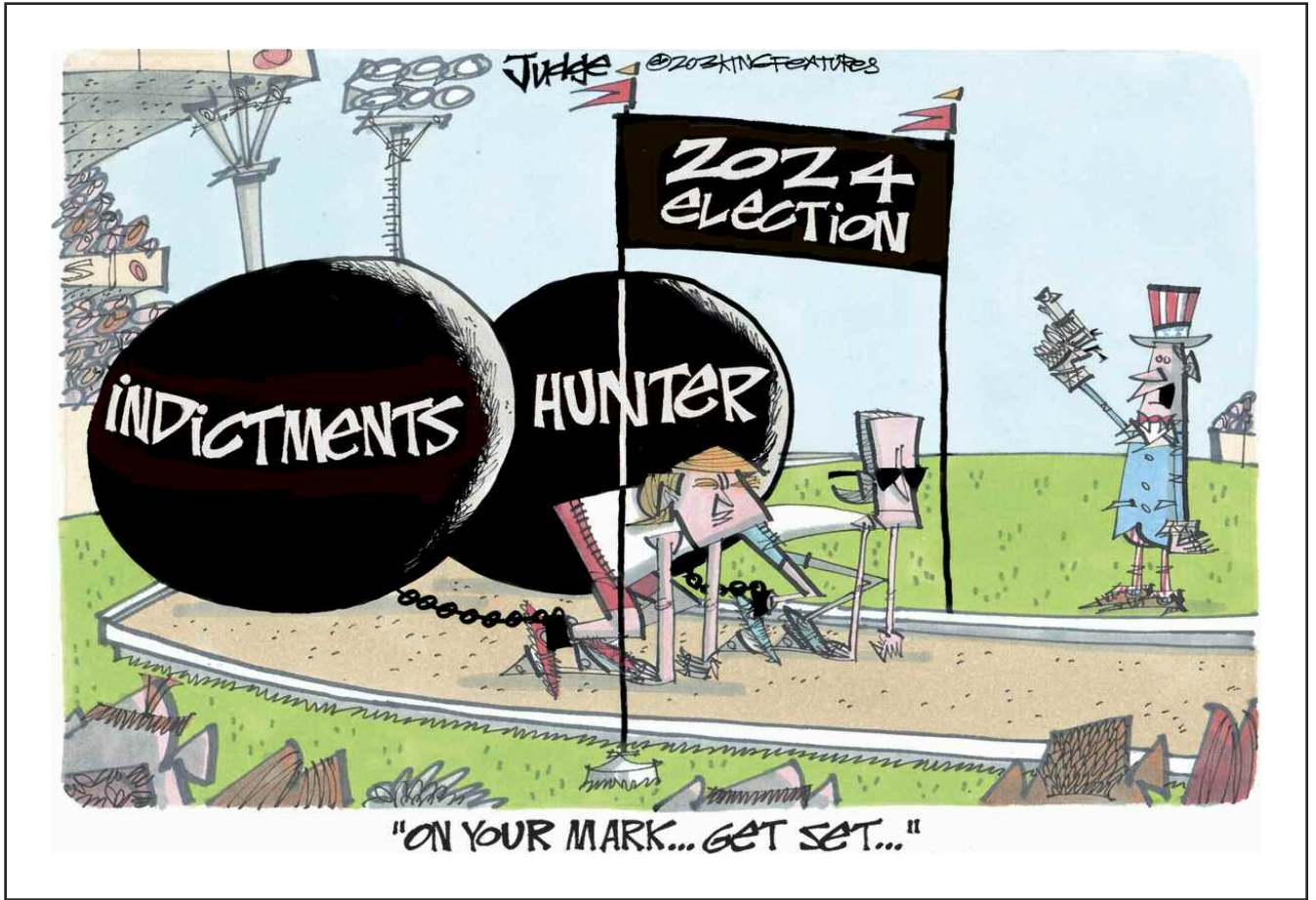
It is time to follow the lead of these other states as well as the evidence — including 50 years of research — confirming the high-quality care nurse practitioners deliver to patients.

Modernization of licensure laws is a no-cost, no-delay solution for states to help solve their growing health care challenges. Research has shown states with FPA are better positioned to offer access to care, grow their health care workforce and address health care disparities while also delivering high-quality care and better outcomes for their residents.

Indiana’s legislators have much to be proud of and share with their colleagues at the NCSL Summit. My hope is that by next year, Indiana will have joined the majority of states and acted to improve health care access and efficiency by providing patients with full and direct access to NP care.

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Immigrant left a legacy

By NATE LAMAR

In early August, I was asked to speak last-minute at a funeral for my “exchange father,” Yeheskel (Ezekiel in Hebrew) Nezarria.

He went by the nickname, Hezi, and was the father of my exchange brother, Yehuda (Udi) Nezarria, an Israeli exchange student my family hosted my junior year at Hagerstown High School. Udi’s family then immigrated to the USA. Our families became very close over the past few decades.

Hezi was born into a Jewish family in Kashan, Persia (now Iran), in 1934. At a young age, his family moved to Tehran. In high school, he investigated communism. In fact, he once told me of a time when he was riding a bus as a teenager and had a brochure of Tudeh (Iranian Communist Party) sticking out of his shirt pocket, when a member of the secret police boarded the bus. He was very lucky he wasn’t arrested.

Following high school graduation, at the age of only 18, Hezi made a dangerous aliyah (immigration journey to Israel), with his parents following later. As Farsi was his first language, he made it his goal to speak Hebrew like a sabra (native-born Israeli). He enrolled in an ulpan (intensive Hebrew school) at a kibbutz (communal farm), eventually losing his Farsi accent. He served in the Israel Defense Forces and in three wars. Hezi studied mechanical engineering, then was employed in Israel’s defense industry.

While Israel is a vibrant democracy, Hezi was fed-up with left-wing Israeli politics, so he and his family immigrated to the USA in 1986, knowing little English but quickly learning it as his fourth language (he had also learned Arabic in Israel). First residing in Brooklyn, New York, his wife, Sara, a nurse, teenage son Yair and young daughter Shira later joined him. Following completion of his

Nate LaMar



Israeli military service, Udi joined them. At the time, I was a cadet at West Point and able to get away some weekends to visit them.

Many Americans don’t realize it, but as is the case with many legal immigrant families, like the Nezarrias, Hezi was not allowed to work as a mechanical engineer and Sara was not allowed to work as a nurse without green cards. Therefore, Hezi worked many long hours driving a livery (a New York term for a vehicle between a taxi and limo), while Sara worked in her home studio as an electrolysis esthetician.

During my visits, Hezi and I loved talking politics. Hezi could not understand why so many “left parties,” as he called them, had taken over Israel, although today, Israelis have shifted much more to the right.

Tired of city life, Hezi and Sara moved to Manalapan, New Jersey. Sadly, they lost Shira to bone cancer in 1994. Having completed my active-duty U.S. Army service, my first post-MBA job was in Morristown, New Jersey, which allowed me to visit them often. Hezi and his sons became U.S. citizens, of which they are proud.

Over the years, my extended family has been blessed to attend weddings and bat and bar mitzvahs of the Nezarria family. Neither Orthodox, nor Reform, but rather Conservative Jews, I have learned so much about their faith from them. As an evangelical Christian, this knowledge has been beneficial to my faith.

Udi graduated from medical school and is a podiatrist and podi-

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atric surgeon on Long Island. He is married to Gamile, a realtor and office manager. They have three children, one of whom is a biomedical engineer, and twins who just graduated from college (one graduated from IU’s Kelly School of Business).

Yair, a successful entrepreneur, founded Shira Esthetics. He and his wife, Danna, an attorney from Iowa, co-founded Hatikvah International Academy, a high-performing 600 student K-8 charter school in East Brunswick, New Jersey. They have four children, three of whom are in college, and one still in high school.

Choking back tears at Hezi’s funeral, I tried my best to recite Psalm 1:3: “He [was] like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding his fruit in season, and whose leaves never wither, and whose legacy prospers.”

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LaMar, an international manager, served as Henry County Council president from 2009 to 2019.

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Walmart donates

Walmart made several donations during its Aug. 4 celebration of its store renovation in Portland. Donations included \$2,500 to Secret Families Christmas Charity of Jay County (pictured), \$1,600 to Arts Place and \$750 to American Legion Riders Post 211.

Landowners split on CO2 pipeline

By **CHRISTOPHER VONDRACEK**
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FORT PIERRE, S.D. — A carbon dioxide sequestration pipeline that may ferry climate-heating gas from the stacks of ethanol plants to burial points deep in Illinois rock bed may soon need Minnesota's approval. But first, the project must clear South Dakota regulators.

And the farmers attending last month's hearing in a rodeo museum were firmly opposed.

"We're all pro-ethanol," said Kay Burkhart, who farms outside Valley Springs, S.D., which hugs the Minnesota state line. "But they're going to force us to sign an easement that we don't want to sign."

A billion-dollar-plus bet is afoot to dramatically lower corn ethanol's carbon footprint by spider-webbing pipelines across the Upper Midwest. Omaha-based Navigator Carbon Solutions aim to sell more biofuel in green-house-conscious California and Canada, as well as qualify for lucrative federal tax credits.

That could translate into a premium price for many

Midwest farmers' corn. But to do so, they need to run pipe beneath private land, rivers and marshes.

For Burkhart and others, their opposition is largely over eminent domain. Under that legal authority, her land can be forcibly traversed for a court-approved sum of money — including by CO2 pipeline companies in South Dakota.

That's not the case in Minnesota, where farmer sentiment is more mixed on the subject.

Under Minnesota statute, only natural gas and oil pipelines possess that authority. So far, that's meant a world of difference in the attitudes toward the CO2 pipeline here compared to in Iowa and South Dakota. In those neighboring states, the proposal has stirred anger, with flurries of lawsuits, tense stand-offs between surveyors and landowners, and calls for legislative special sessions.

"You don't have eminent domain, but you have running water and electricity in Minnesota?" asked Burkhart, who wishes South Dakota's eminent domain law was more narrowly tailored. "How do you have civilization?"

BOND is part of KoBold investment

A firm founded by a former Jay County resident was part of a major investment.

BOND Capital, co-founded by Jay County High School graduate Mary Meeke, was part of a \$200 million investment round recently for KoBold Metals.

The California company explores for metals, including copper, lithium and cobalt, by utilizing artificial intelligence. The company now has more than \$1 billion in investments to help it develop copper reserves in Zambia.

BOND was part of the investing round along with the Bill Gates-led Breakthrough Energy Ventures and capital firm Andreessen Horowitz.

Career day set

Purdue Extension will host its inaugural Jay County Career Fair on Sept. 7 at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Businesses are being invited to participate in the event that will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the school's auxiliary gym. Representatives will get to speak with students about their fields, share education advice and provide tips about local opportunities in their industries.

Business roundup

Those interested in taking part should contact Allison Keen at keen12@purdue.edu. For more information, call (260) 726-4707.

Offering cups

Scooter's Coffee is celebrating National Dog Day on Saturday by offering free pup cups.

Dogs who visit Scooter's with their owners Saturday will receive a free pumpkin spice pup cup. The first 15 at each location will also receive a bandana.

"We know how much dogs mean to our customers, and with the upcoming launch of the Scooter's Coffee fall menu and popular pumpkin offerings, we wanted to provide something special for our pup friends to celebrate National Dog Day," said Scooter's Coffee chief community officer Bill Black in a press release. "It's always fun to see our customers' Pup Cup photos, and we

look forward to seeing how their dogs enjoy the new Pumpkin Spice Pup Cups."

Classes scheduled

John Jay Center for Learning is continuing to offer ServSafe training.

The courses for those in the food-service industry are scheduled for Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 30 and Nov. 27. Each runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at John Jay, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

For more information, call (260) 729-5525.

Collecting supplies

First Financial Bank is holding a cleaning supplies drive at its 112 N. Meridian St. location in Portland.

The bank will accept unopened and unexpired cleaning supplies at all of its locations from Aug. 21 through Sept. 1. Donations will be delivered to local organizations to help community members in need.

"First Financial has always recognized the importance that housing plays on our overall well-being, and we are excited to be working collaboratively with our communities to ensure that after our neighbors get into their dream home, they

can keep it just as beautiful as it was on move-in day," said Roddell McCullough, chief corporate responsibility officer for First Financial Bank, in a press release.

Construction complete

Leeward Renewable Energy on Thursday announced the completion of construction on its Oak Trail Solar Project.

The facility near Moyock, North Carolina, has begun commercial operation. It will produce 100 megawatts of energy annually.

"We are pleased to achieve commercial operation at Oak Trail Solar to help support Verizon's sustainability goals," said Leeward CEO Jason Allen in a press release. "Oak Trail Solar is another example of how LRE seeks to meaningfully contribute to the communities where we live and operate. Our engagement goes well beyond job creation, economic investment, and the generation of clean, renewable energy. We strive to build lasting partnerships with civic leaders, property owners, and community members. At Oak Trail Solar, we are committed to doing just that while preserving and protecting the environment."

Leeward is developing Rose Gold Solar north of Dunkirk.

Eli buys

Eli Lilly and Company completed its purchase of Versanis Bio last week.

Through the deal, Versanis shareholders could receive up to \$1.925 billion. The purchase includes the weight loss drug Bimagrumb, which was considered the top asset of Versanis.

"Combining our current incretin portfolio, including Tirzepatide, with activin receptor blockers such as Bimagrumb, could be the next major step in innovative treatments for those living with cardiometabolic diseases, like obesity," said Dr. Ruth Gimeno, group vice president for diabetes, obesity and cardiometabolic research at Lilly, in a press release. "The wealth of knowledge that our new colleagues from Versanis will bring to Lilly will propel our research and development efforts forward, ultimately benefiting patients around the world."

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Legion wave

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Court ...

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Rush said the original injunction — which prevented the near-total abortion ban from being enforced in its entirety — was improper, and that “there is simply no sound legal basis for an interim injunction that is even broader than the relief plaintiffs intend to pursue in the trial court.”

She added that, “for good reason,” the judicial system requires those challenging the law to first seek narrower relief in the trial court, which unlike the state Supreme Court, “can receive and weigh competing evidence, including expert testimony.”

But Justice Christopher M. Goff dissented, writing in a separate opinion that he would rather leave a revised statewide injunction in place, preventing the ban from being enforced “in circumstances where a physician has determined in good faith that an abortion is medically necessary.”

“This would be for a limited time — perhaps 60 days — so the trial court can hear arguments and evidence and consider whether to enter a new injunction,” Goff wrote. “Maintaining

this restriction for now would provide the added benefit of preserving a stable legal environment for women, healthcare providers, and law enforcement.”

Goff, who also dissented in the June ruling, said the new abortion restrictions do not prohibit the procedure when necessary “to prevent death or a serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function.”

But the justice noted that the exception does not include psychological or emotional conditions, including instances in which a woman shows signs that she intends to hurt herself.

Goff contended that the law, as written, does not allow abortions in response to:

- conditions that cause serious pain, suffering, or disability without irreversible impairment
- severe psychiatric illnesses, which may require medication that can't be taken during pregnancy
- psychiatric issues that may lead to suicide or self harm

“These are all potentially severe medical problems. And seeking medically necessary treatment for them likely falls within the ambit of the constitu-

tional right to protect one's life and health,” Goff wrote. “Unless our colleagues in the General Assembly act to address these deficiencies, the State must be enjoined from enforcing Senate Bill 1 in ways that prevent women from seeking necessary medical aid.”

“No one yet knows the precise contours of the life and health protections guaranteed by the Indiana Constitution,” he continued. “But, for the sake of the lives and health of Hoosier women, our healthcare professionals and our justice system need to know as quickly as possible. Having declared the right of a woman to protect her health, this Court should not now let that right go unprotected.”

In a similar split, 4-1 decision in June, the high court nixed a preliminary injunction that has kept the ban on hold since September. An injunction issued in a separate religious freedom challenge to the ban only applies to the plaintiffs in that case. The separate matter is continuing to play out in the Court of Appeals.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Indiana, Planned Parenthood and the other plaintiffs that challenged

the law in the constitutional case had 30 days after the Indiana Supreme Court's June ruling to seek a rehearing, before the decision was certified. In the meantime, that put the ban on hold. Rehearings are rarely granted, though.

Justices left open the possibility for other challenges in the future, however.

Even so, hesitancy persists among medical providers across the state — all of which have already stopped providing abortion care services altogether. Patients are instead being referred to clinics outside the state.

The five Indiana justices heard oral arguments over the constitutionality of the new law in January.

The court challenge was originally filed in Monroe County Circuit Court in August 2022 by the ACLU on behalf of health care providers and a pregnancy resource center.

A special judge in Owen County later ruled that the ban likely violates the Indiana Constitution.

An injunction issued by Judge Kelsey Blake Hanlon, a Republican, halted the state's new abor-

tion law one week after it took effect. Under the injunction, the state's previous abortion law stood — allowing abortions up to 20 weeks.

The Republican-dominated Indiana General Assembly advanced the abortion-restricting measure during a heated, two-week special session last August.

That action made Indiana the first state in the nation to approve such legislation since the high court ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade.

The ban outlaws all abortions except in the case of a fatal fetal anomaly and cases of serious health risk to the mother. One part of the law says these exceptions are up to 20 weeks but another part says they can be used anytime. Rape survivors can get an abortion up to 10 weeks post-fertilization. It also strips abortion clinics of their state medical licenses, and provides that only hospitals and hospital-owned ambulatory surgical centers can provide abortions.

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Felony court news

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Dawn M. Dasher, 44, 121 W. High St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. She was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Dasher was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle after being a habitual traffic offender, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.
Daniel I. Davidson, 43, 824 W. High St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 2.5 years of home detention. Davidson was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was given credit for time served. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana were dismissed.
Candace M. Good, 27, 310 E. South St., Pennville, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail. Good was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, two Level 6 felonies for dealing marijuana and maintaining a common nuisance and

Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.
Jeff E. Duke, 63, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Corrections and given credit for time served. Duke was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.
Tara L. Devoss, 44, 232 E. Bell Ave., Redkey, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given 170 days credit for time served. Devoss was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. She was also ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of her sentencing for substance abuse counseling and placed on probation for one year. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.
Cody J. Jackson, 35, 211 W. Butler St., Fort Recovery, Ohio, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. (The charge was lessened from a Level 4 felony) He was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Corrections with all but 96 days suspended and placed on probation for two years. Jackson was fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his

plea agreement, a Level 4 felony for dealing a narcotic drug and a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance were dismissed.
David L. Jacks, 44, 550 E. 900 South, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 20 months in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served. Jacks was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was also ordered to pay \$497.59 in restitution to the benefit of Cody Linville. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for possession of a narcotic drug and a Class A misdemeanor for theft were dismissed.
James L. Weaver, 38, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to six months in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for two days served. Weaver was assessed \$185 in court costs and \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fees. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license was dismissed.
Michael G. Stoner, 45, 126 Boundary Pike, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with two years and six months suspended and given credit for time served. He was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6

felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe were dismissed.
Richard D. Hough, 51, 375 W. 1200 South, Geneva, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail and given 132 days credit for time served. Hough was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia and a Class A infraction for driving with a suspended license were dismissed.
Terra S. Ogan, 40, 1762 N. Indiana 167 North, Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 730 days in Indiana Department of Correction and given 258 days credit for time served. Ogan was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe and a Level 6 felony for identity deception were dismissed.
Jacob M.J. Schwartz, 49, 10812 W. 800 South, Redkey, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given 110 days credit for time served. Schwartz was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for operat-

ing a vehicle while intoxicated was dismissed.
Common nuisance
A Portland woman was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony.
Dawn M. Dasher, 44, 121 W. High St., was sentenced to 18 months in Jay County Jail with all of her sentence suspended and placed on probation. Dasher was fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.
As part of her plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 4 felony for dealing in a schedule I controlled substance, a Level 6 felony for dealing marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.
Domestic battery
Several men were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty to domestic battery.
Nickolas P. Layton, 34, 25 Oakmont Place, Batesville, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given one year credit for time served. Layton was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge for intimidation was dismissed.
Kenneth E. Lundberg, 30, 128 West Third St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor. (His charge was lessened from a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all

but 12 days suspended and given 12 days credit for time served. Lundberg was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee. He was placed on probation for 353 days.
Rex A. Phelps Jr., 42, Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. Phelps was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all of his sentence suspended. Phelps was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee. He was also ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling.
William J. Williams III, 37, 4324 East 100 North, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to domestic battery, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Williams was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 5 felony for criminal confinement and a habitual offender enhancement were dismissed.
Jason T. Phillips, 48, 943 West High St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 30 months in Jay County Jail with 15 months suspended and given credit for time served. Phillips was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for criminal trespassing was dismissed.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A necessary assumption

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 6 4
♥ K 5 4
♦ K 9 3
♣ J 4 3 2

WEST
♠ K 7 2
♥ Q 8
♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ Q 10 8 6

EAST
♠ A Q 10 9 5
♥ 10 9 3
♦ 7 4
♣ A 9 7

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

The bidding:
West Pass North Pass East Pass South 1♥
Pass 2♥ 2♠ 4♥
Opening lead — two of spades.

To be a successful declarer, one must make assumptions during the play. Often these assumptions are based more on hope than expectation, since there is not much point in playing a hand on the basis that the cards are divided in such a way that you cannot make the contract. Here is an example of this principle at work. Let's say you're in four hearts and West leads a spade. East wins with the ace and returns the nine, your jack losing to the king. Back comes a spade, which you ruff, and the question is how to play the hand. Ordinarily, you would lead a heart to the king and finesse the jack on the way back, but this would be the wrong play to make in this case. Here it is right to lead a heart to the king, but it is wrong to finesse the jack. Instead, you should go up with the ace. As the cards lie, this anti-percentage play succeeds beautifully when the ace catches the queen and East later shows up with the ace of clubs. But how, you might well ask, can you possibly be expected to know that playing for the queen to drop is better than taking the finesse? The answer is that you have no chance for the contract unless East has the ace of clubs, and once you make this assumption, you cannot also play East for the queen of hearts. While it is conceivable that East would have passed in third seat holding five spades headed by the A-Q and the ace of clubs, it is inconceivable that East would have passed had he also held the queen of hearts. You therefore have no choice but to assume that West has the queen, and on that basis, you reject the finesse and hope the queen is doubleton.

Peanuts

Rose is Rose

Agnes

Hi and Lois

Between Friends

Blondie

Snuffy Smith

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8-22 CRYPTOQUIP

XAIJ BIKBWI THI LPGPLPJZ
RKSIMAPJZ PJ MXK MK RATHI
PM, VKE SPZAM RTV MAIV'HI
ATWGPJZ PM KEM.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HEADLINE PRINTED WHEN GENERAL GEORGE WAS STILL UNDECIDED ON A CRUCIAL ISSUE: "PATTON PENDING."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals P

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Dessert fruit
5 Joke
8 Actress Celeste
12 Juanita's home
13 Buck-eyes' sch.
14 Emmy-winner Falco
15 Traveler's need
17 Morays
18 Bit of ink
19 Gung-ho
21 — Heights (Midwest region)
24 New York Liberty's org.
25 Algerian port
26 Social service concern
30 "Nova" subj.
31 Goofed
32 Avril follower
33 Toned, muscular person

35 Faction creator
37 Young hoodlums
38 Lustrous fabrics
41 Wall St. wheeler-dealer
42 Bark
43 Cat-woman's garment
48 Gray's subj.
49 California fort
50 Coastal eagle
51 Turner and Danson
52 Director Craven

53 Ocean motion
DOWN
1 Mac whiz!
2 Vichy water
3 — was saying ...
4 Wicker material
5 Capricorn
6 Ninny
7 Dairy cattle type
8 Donkey's comment
9 Baltic Sea feeder
10 Country singer
11 Netting
16 Fire
20 Sleeping
21 "Gee whiz!"
22 Killer whale
23 Hideaway
24 Hospital sections
26 Medieval weapon
27 Warning sign
28 Poolroom prop
29 Young foxes
31 Black, in verse
34 Snow formations within a group
37 Snoop
38 Smack a baseball
39 First-rate
40 Frog's kin
41 Tosses in matter
44 Mine
45 Swiss canton
46 Ky. neighbor
47 Golf peg

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 8-22

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Richardson sits in preseason game 2

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

INDIANAPOLIS — The star attraction made just a cameo appearance Saturday night in the Indianapolis Colts' lone preseason home game.

To the displeasure of many in the announced crowd of 65,924 and more on social media, rookie quarterback Anthony Richardson did not play in the 24-17 victory against the Chicago Bears at Lucas Oil Stadium, with first-year head coach Shane Steichen noting the two joint practices this week played a significant role in the decision.

"To me, I look at those like a legit game," Steichen said. "You got all those reps, and a lot of starters didn't play on both sides of the ball (Saturday). And that was the decision that was made."

The quarterbacks who

did play for the Colts acquitted themselves quite well.

Veteran Gardner Minshew got the start and played almost the entire first half, finishing 13-of-15 for 107 yards with a 4-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Juwann Winfree.

Perennial preseason hero Sam Ehlinger came on in relief and was 9-of-14 for 124 yards while also being the game's leading rusher with 60 yards on eight carries, including a 5-yard touchdown run.

The score was part of a fourth-quarter comeback that saw Indianapolis erase a 17-7 deficit.

Running back Jake Funk provided the winning points on a 4-yard run with 4:28 remaining, adding the 2-point conversion for a 21-17 lead.

Kicker Matt Gay's 35-yard field goal capped the scoring with 1:10 to play.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Emma Hatzell of Jay County High School boots a ball downfield Saturday during the girls soccer match against Heritage. Jay County lost the match 3-2, falling by one goal for the second time in three days against Heritage.

Takes ...

Way, who had one goal and two assists against JCHS in a 4-3 overtime Heritage victory last season, has scored all six of her team's goals through its first three games of 2023. (She tallied the only goal of Thursday's game in the opening five minutes.)

Jay County had its fair share of scoring chances in the second half while moving Muhlenkamp back on defense to limit Way's touches. Lopez split the defense around the 28-minute mark only to have Bowers make a one-handed lunging save and then had a try midway through the half go just high over the right corner of the goal.

And, at times, the host Patriots were a bit timid on 50/50 balls and opportunities to crash the net.

"And I expect that for being the second game of the season," said Muhlenkamp. "They really need to just play that it's someone that they're playing against and if they don't win this ball it could result in us losing."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls golf at South Adams at Celina Lynx — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball at Winchester — 6 p.m.; Boys Soccer at New Castle — 7 p.m.; JV boys soccer at New Castle — 6:30 p.m.; Junior High cross country at Wes-Del/Delta — 5 p.m.; Junior High football vs. Blackford — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Tri-Village at Beechwood — 4 p.m.; Girls golf at Crestview — 4:30 p.m.; Cross Country Mercer County Meet at Ohio Progressive Sportsmans Club — 5 p.m.; Volleyball vs. St. Marys Memorial — 5:30 p.m.; Mid-

dle School cross country Mercer County Meet at Ohio Progressive Sportsmans Club — 5 p.m.; Middle School volleyball at Versailles — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
12:40 p.m. — World Athletics Championships (USA)
7 p.m. — WNBA: Las Vegas Aces at Atlanta Dream (FOX)
9:38 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Los Angeles Angels (Bally Indiana)
11:06 p.m. — Soccer: Liga MX — Pumas

UNAM vs. Juarez (FS1)

Wednesday
4 a.m. — World Athletic Championships (USA)
4 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Los Angeles Angels (Bally Indiana)
9:38 p.m. — PFL playoffs: Welterweights & Lightweight (ESPN)
10 p.m. — WNBA: Phoenix Mercury at Los Angeles Sparks (CBSSN)

Local notes

Adams Memorial Hospital 5K

The Worthman Fitness Center and the Diabetes Education Team of Adams Memorial Hospital will host the "Catch Your Breath ... while you Dash for Diabetes 5K Run/Walk" on Sept. 9 in cooperation with Adams County Parks and Recreation.

Pre-registration is open for \$20 through Friday, Sept. 1 at which point the entry fee will be raised to \$25.

Participants may also sign up at 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 9 at the Adams Memorial Hospital under the Cancer Institute terrace.

For more visit adamscounty5kchallenge.com or contact Macy Jauregui at (206) 724-2145 ext. 11036.

Hunt applications

Beginning Aug. 20, hunters can apply for a variety of reserved hunts by visiting on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

Applications for the following hunts can only be applied for online. They include waterfowl and deer hunts in fish and wildlife areas, deer hunts on state park property, November game bird area hunts, Indiana private land access hunts, and December game bird area hunts.

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Jay Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38-C01-2208-MF-000015 wherein The Huntington National Bank was Plaintiff, and Chastidy A. Russell, Capital One Bank (USA), N.A., Discover Bank c/o Discover Products, Inc. and Citizens State Bank were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on 9/21/2023 at the hour of 10:00 am, or as soon thereafter as is possible, at the Jay County Courthouse at 120 N Court Street, Portland, IN 47371 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana.

Lot Number Eight (8) in Block Number Seven (7) in the Original Plat of the Town, now City of Portland, Indiana.
Commonly known address: 322 West Walnut Street, Portland, IN 47371
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Nicholas M. Smith
Manley Deas Kochalski LLC
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Columbus OH 43216-5028
Telephone: 614-220-5611
Attorney for Plaintiff
Larry R. Newton, Sheriff of Jay County
Township: Wayne
Parcel No.1 Tax Id #: 38-07-20-104053.000-034
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
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Complete details of budget estimates by fund and/or department may be seen by visiting the office of this unit of government at City Hall 131 S. Main Street Dunkirk Indiana 47336.
Notice is hereby given to taxpayers of DUNKIRK CIVIL CITY, Jay County, Indiana that the proper officers of Dunkirk Civil City will conduct a public hearing on the year 2024 budget. Following this meeting, any ten or more taxpayers may object to a budget, tax rate, or tax levy by filing an objection petition with the proper officers of Dunkirk Civil City not more than seven days after the hearing. The objection petition must identify the provisions of the budget, tax rate, or tax levy to which taxpayers object. If a petition is filed, Dunkirk Civil City shall adopt with the budget a finding concerning the objections in the petition and testimony presented. Following the aforementioned hearing, the proper officers of Dunkirk Civil City will meet to adopt the following budget:
Public Hearing Date: Monday, September 11, 2023
Public Hearing Time 7:00 PM
Public Hearing Location: City Hall 131 S. Main Street, Dunkirk Indiana 47336
Adoption Meeting Date: Monday, September 25, 2023
Adoption Meeting Time 7:00 PM
Adoption Meeting Location: City Hall 131 S. Main Street Dunkirk Indiana 47336
Estimated Civil Max Levy: \$1,297,268
Est. Fire Max Levy: \$0
Est. Fire Territory Max Levy: \$0
Est. School Operations Max Levy: \$0
Property Tax Cap Credit Estimate: \$147,400
8-22, CR 8-23-2023 NS - HSPAXLP

Public Notice

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE
Date of Sale: 9/21/2023
Sale Location: 3rd floor, Courthouse, Portland, IN 47371
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38C01-2208-MF-000014
Plaintiff: MCLPAsset Company, Inc.
Defendant: Dennis M. Betterton, et al.
Required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00AM of said day as listed above, at fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN JAY COUNTY IN THE STATE OF INDIANA, TO WIT: THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF OUT LOT NUMBER SEVEN (7) IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE TOWN, NOW CITY OF PORTLAND, INDIANA. EXCEPT, A TRACT OFF THE EAST END THEREOF SEVENTY-ONE FEET SIX INCHES WIDE EAST AND WEST AND SEVENTY-TWO FEET THREE INCHES IN WIDTH NORTH AND SOUTH SUBJECT TO ALL VISIBLE AND/OR RECORDED ROADWAYS, EASEMENTS, RIGHTS OF WAY, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, CONDITIONS AND COVENANTS.
Parcel No. 38-07-20-101-073.000-034
Commonly Known as: 417 NORTH SHIP STREET, PORTLAND, IN 47371
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.
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Reisenfeld & Associates LLC
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Sheriff of Jay County
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90 SALE CALENDAR

stack bookcase; parking meter light; Goodyear Tire ash trays; cast iron skillet; GE window air conditioner; Toro 22 hp zero turn mower; Hobart Handler 150 welder; Pro Force 4 1/2 hp air compressor; Central Machinery 1500 watt steam cleaner kit; jacks; cement mixer on wheels; Sears 1/2 hp grinder; Craftsman 8" bench grinder; Kobalt 12" compact sliding dual-bevel miter saw; number and letter punches; C clamps; Craftsman sander; Rigid battery drill; Makita battery drill; circular saw; Sanders; Craftsman 8" bench grinder; and many other items not listed.

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Public Notice

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
JAY COUNTY
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC
PORTLAND, INDIANA
PLAINTIFF
vs
WAYNE E. STEVENS A/K/A WAYNE E. STEVENS, SR., DECEASED; GRACE STEVENS, DECEASED; TRACI STEVENS A/K/A TRACI OSTEEN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF WAYNE E. STEVENS A/K/A WAYNE E. STEVENS, SR., DECEASED; ESTATE OF WAYNE E. STEVENS A/K/A WAYNE E. STEVENS, SR., DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR DEVISEES OF WAYNE E. STEVENS, JR., DECEASED, HEIR OF WAYNE E. STEVENS A/K/A WAYNE E. STEVENS, SR., DECEASED; ESTATE OF WAYNE E. STEVENS, JR., DECEASED, HEIR OF WAYNE E. STEVENS A/K/A WAYNE E. STEVENS, SR., DECEASED; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; EVA BISHOP
DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO: 38C01-2305-MF-000013
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 08/11/2023, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Jay County, in Jay County, Indiana, located at Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Portland, IN 47371 on Sept. 21, 2023 at 10:00 am Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Jay County, Indiana, to-wit:
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Commonly known as: 434 West Main Street, Redkey, IN 47373
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It is further provided by law that there shall be no redemption from such sale, and the purchaser at such sale, upon complying with the terms of his purchase, shall be entitled to immediately receive from the undersigned, Sheriff of Jay County, a deed conveying to him, the purchaser, the fee simple title in and to said real estate. Taken as the property of the Defendant(s) stated above at the suit of Mortgage Assets Management, LLC. Said sale to be without relief from valuation and/or appraisal laws.
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15-23-00481
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Jay cross country opens season in meet at Taylor, see story below

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Sports

Patriots take second loss to Heritage

Jay County suffers second loss in three days after Heritage forward pulls off hat trick

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Jay County found some life on offense.

It got its first goal from the field in the 148th minute of the season.

And it put pressure on its conference rival down the stretch.

It was not enough to overcome Nin Way.

Jay County High School's girls soccer team gave up a hat trick to Way in the first half and came up short to the Heritage Patriots for the second time in three days Saturday, 3-2.

"I thought we looked better offensively today than we did on Thursday against them," said JCHS coach Kendra Muhlenkamp, whose team lost 1-0 to Heritage on Thursday in Monroeville. (A new wrinkle to the schedule this year has Allen County Athletic Conference rivals playing two games apiece against each other.) "We're just having a hard time connecting and crashing the goal. That's what's really hurting us on the offensive side."

Way's tally with 3 minutes, 55 seconds, left in the first half gave the visitors a 3-1 lead Saturday that stood until the host Patriots broke through with 11:13 left in the game. It was the second year in a row in which Jay County found itself trailing Heritage by two. But this time a comeback to at least force overtime was not to be.

The home team tried, as Jenna Dues sent a pass forward to fellow junior Morgan DeHoff after more than 32 scoreless minutes.

DeHoff took advantage of the breakaway and beat Heritage goalie Corinne Bowers to close the gap to a single goal.

It was the first of the season for JCHS (0-2, 0-2 ACAC) from regular play, as its first-half goal came on an Aixa Lopez penalty kick.

DeHoff had another chance seven minutes later, but her shot attempt to the left corner deflected off of senior defender Piper Pierce and just wide of the right post.

Heritage (2-1, 2-0 ACAC) was able to hang on for another one-goal win over Jay County, finishing the game off when junior Ava Smith beat Molly Muhlenkamp to the ball near midfield and booted it deep to run out what was left of the clock.

"We came out and played really hard," said first-year Heritage coach Kyleigh Gay. "I knew it was going to be a tough game after winning on Thursday only 1-0. I figured they would come out and they would change what they had to and we would change what we had to and it would be a tough game."

"They're always a tough game."

As has been the case so far this year for Heritage, the offense revolved around Way. She sent a loose ball to the right corner just 1:33 into the game and then broke past Jayla Huelskamp and Ellie Wendel on an assist from Rosalina Medina midway through the half before sending a shot to the left corner past goalie Angel Clairday.

After Lopez closed the gap to 2-1 — her PK goal came after Her-



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

JCHS junior Jayla Huelskamp uses her knee to control the ball during Jay County's 3-2 loss to Heritage on Saturday. Nin Way pulled off a hat trick on Jay County, before they held Heritage scoreless in the second half.

itage was called for a hand ball in the 18-yard box — Way took a pass from Medina, worked toward the left side of the box and then tapped a shot back to

the right corner for the two-goal advantage.

"She did awesome coming off of a little bit of a hurt ankle," said Gay. "She created the space

that she needed to.

"She is able to create the offense herself, which has been such a good help for us."

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Boggs and Sibray lead Patriot runners

Joseph Boggs was 11.8 seconds away from placing in opener

UPLAND — Joseph Boggs was just three spots away from opening his season with a ribbon.

Boggs' time of 17 minutes, 53.6 seconds led the Jay County High School cross country teams during the Trojan XC Opener at Taylor University on Saturday morning.

The time was over a minute better than his opening performance last season at Celina High School (18:58.2) and earned him 23rd place. (The top 20 individuals received awards at the meet.) Gabe Reynolds of Muncie Central took the 20th spot with 17:41.8.

Leading the girls team, Alexis Sibray crossed the

finishing line at 23:19.8, which was good enough for 31st-place. The 20th runner across the finish line was Aurilia Moulton of Yorktown, doing so in 22:25.4.

Just over a minute behind Sibray was Paityn Wendel in 49th with 24:38.4. Willow Hardy was the third Patriots to finish for the girls, placing 57th in 25:08.1.

The boys had two play-

ers finish back-to-back, only 0.5 seconds apart. Max Klopfenstein edged out freshman Beckett Brandenburg for 90th-place, with a time of 21:08.4.

The final Patriots to compete in the event were Darren Fisher (121st, 23:17.6) and Courtney Harris (87th, 30:20.6).

The Patriots did not have enough participants to qualify as a team.

Frankton tops JCHS in additional match

Dirksen earns third win of season, but Patriots can't find any more points against Eagles

FRANKTON — Abraham Dirksen picked up another win.

The Patriots just couldn't find another two to help him out.

The Jay County High School boys tennis team is still searching for their first win after falling to the Frankton Eagles 4-1 on Saturday.

Abraham Dirksen continued his hot start by defeating Sam Barr 7-6 (8-6), 6-2 in the No. 1 singles. He has now won three of his four matches, the only loss coming to Norwell's Grant Mishler on Thursday.

Sam Myers and Gage Sims had Jackson Alexander and Jon Hobbs on the ropes to begin the No. 1 doubles match. They developed a quick 5-2 lead, but the Eagles duo rattled off five straight wins to take the set and eventually the match, 7-5, 6-1.

The No. 2 doubles team

also had an early lead with Liam Garringer and Luke Muhlenkamp up 3-2 on Eli Birch and Ja'von Miller. They were then shut out in the set losing 6-3 before falling in the second 6-2.

Simon Dirksen (No. 2 singles) fell to Max Barr 6-0, 6-1 and Isaac Miller (No. 3 singles) to Aaron Hartley (6-1, 6-4).

Four players were active for JV in the match. Gabe Pinkerton played in a pair of singles events.

He narrowly lost to Braxton Mort 8-6 before he played Josh Hobbs and lost 8-1.

Frankton's Carter Wachs took down Dylan Chalfant 8-4 in a single match.

Blake Kahlig and Jacob Monroe paired up for the first time for the Patriots in a doubles match. In their first match, they fell to Eli Cox and Jackson Harrison 8-6 before losing the second 6-2 against Brady Alexander and Clayton Gillum.