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Study group will be formed

Committee will look at options for Jay County Country Living

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

It's time to start thinking about the future.

Jay County Commissioners discussed plans Monday for a study committee to look into Jay County Country Living's finances. (Commissioners agreed to look into the matter but decided to hold off on a vote until their next meeting.)

The study committee — commissioner president Chad Aker suggested a group of five to seven — would determine options for a path forward as well as a potential plan for closing the facility.

Jay County Council president Jeanne Houchins briefed commissioners Monday on council's recent discussion about Jay County Country Living.

Council member Cindy Bracy recommended at last week's meeting that county officials put together a board to delve into the matter of either finding solutions to keep the facility open or putting together a plan to close it. Council decided on a 4-3 vote not to cut Jay County Country Living's budget in half for 2024, with Houchins breaking.

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Sawmill slicing

Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association director Rex Beckom runs the sawmill Friday morning during the organization's show. The 58th annual Tri-State show concluded Saturday.

Florida faces hurricane threat

By BRIAN K. SULLIVAN
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Tropical Storm Idalia is set to strengthen as it heads north through the Gulf of Mexico, threatening to strike Florida's west coast Wednesday as a tree-snapping major hurricane.

Idalia's winds held at 65 miles per hour and are forecast to reach Category 3 strength at 115 mph as the storm makes landfall Wednesday after hitting western Cuba, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said in

an advisory at 11 a.m. New York time. Depending on its exact track, Idalia could cause up to \$10 billion in damage and losses, according to a disaster modeling firm Enki Research.

"Steady to rapid intensification is predicted beginning Tuesday," Daniel Brown, a senior hurricane specialist at the center, wrote in an analysis. The forecast "calls for Idalia to reach major hurricane strength before landfall along the Gulf coast of Florida."

Rapid intensification means

Idalia's winds could jump by 35 mph or more in a day, a burst of strength that sometimes takes officials and residents by surprise as a storm approaches.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis extended his emergency declaration to cover 46 counties, up from 33 earlier this weekend. President Joe Biden also approved federal emergency declarations for Florida, allowing the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate relief efforts.

ACLU sues Indiana DOC

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

A new Indiana law that prohibits gender-affirming sexual reassignment surgery for inmates is at the heart of a federal lawsuit filed Monday, which claims the state's correctional agency denied the procedure to a transgender woman who is currently incarcerated.

The legal challenge was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana against the Indiana Department of Corrections (DOC) by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Indiana.

The DOC's denial of the surgery is the result of a law passed during the 2023 legislative session, which bans state and federal dollars from being used for gender-affirming sexual reassignment surgery for offenders imprisoned in Indiana.

"The DOC cannot deny necessary treatment to incarcerated people simply on the basis that they are transgender. To do so is a form of discrimination," said ACLU of Indiana Legal Director Ken Falk in a statement. "Gender-affirming care is life-saving care. If the legislature can deny a form of healthcare arbitrarily, they could just as easily deny other lifesaving treatments to people who are incarcerated."

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Fort Recovery honors

The families of Joe Bruns (above) and Ed Wehrkamp (below) were invited onto the field at Friday night's Fort Recovery High School football game against Urbana as each was honored for their contributions. Bruns, who died Thursday, was a longtime teacher and coach at FRHS, including the girls golf coach at the time of his death. Wehrkamp was one of the driving forces for the creation of the Indians' football program and longtime support of Indian athletics.



Deaths

Carol VanPelt, Fairview
Richard Miller, 82, Churubusco
Jack Schwartz, 7 months, rural Bryant
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 73 degrees Sunday. The low was 61.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the mid 50s and a 20% chance of showers. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday with a high in the lower 70s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Portland Board of Works has scheduled a special meeting for 4 p.m. Wednesday at the mayor's office in city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

The Jay County and Portland EDIT advisory committees will meet in a joint session at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of this week's Dunkirk City Council meeting.

Thursday — Results from the Jay County vs. Fort Recovery volleyball match.



Study ...

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Her vote came with the stipulation the county look into the facility's future long-term, such as forming a board per Bracy's recommendation.
Aker explained that he spoke with Bracy recently and agreed with her idea.
"I think it's going to be the best thing to do moving forward here, again, either carrying on with it or closing it down," said Aker. "So, that's something we need to take a deep look into."
He suggested having commissioner and council appointments to the board, along with a few members of the public.
Commissioners Rex Journey and Brian McGalliard both voiced their agreement.

McGalliard noted he has been the commissioner appointee for overseeing the facility, with Aker pointing out McGalliard has invested a significant amount of time into Jay County Country Living's operations.
"It would help take a lot of work load off my shoulders," said McGalliard. "It would free up some time for me, get some more open input."
Jay County Country Living's proposed budget for 2024 sits at

approximately \$450,900 in expenses. That doesn't factor in the facility's income, McGalliard pointed out on Monday. If the facility had a full 31 residents for one year, said Aker, the facility would bring in \$468,720, and it would also profit an additional \$90,000 for leasing the surrounding farm ground.
Jay County Country Living had 22 residents as of last week. Houchins and McGal-

liard both pointed out the facility is open to anyone.
Local resident Virginia Burkey noted the county could look into grants or other fundraising to keep the facility open. Aker asked newly hired community coordinator Nate Kimball to search for grants that may fit within the category.
Aker also noted if the facility were to shut down, the county would need a plan for staffing

and finding current residents new housing.
County attorney Wes Schemenauer suggested creating a deadline for the study committee, such as requiring a report by the first quarter in 2024. (If county officials ultimately decide to shut down the facility, council could approve an appropriation reduction sometime in 2024, which would terminate the remainder of the facility's budget.)
Commissioners verbally agreed to move forward with creating a study committee but chose to hold off on a formal motion until their next meeting, with Aker planning to further flesh out details about the study committee with Houchins in the interim.

Jay County Country Living had 22 residents as of last week

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Wednesday 8/30	Thursday 8/31	Friday 9/1	Saturday 9/2	Sunday 9/3
72/49	76/51	83/58	88/65	88/65
Mostly sunny skies are expected Wednesday, with temperatures dipping to the upper 40s late.	Thursday's weather looks to be sunny, with temperatures cooling to the 50s at night.	Sunny skies and warm temperatures in the low to mid 80s. At night, the low may be 58.	Another day of sun is in the forecast for Saturday. The temperature may reach 88.	Hot and sunny on Sunday, with another high in the mid to upper 80s.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$363 million	54-56-64-67-70-72-77 Cash 5: 1-9-20-22-24 Estimated jackpot: \$165,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$67 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 9-3-2 Pick 4: 8-2-2-9 Pick 5: 7-3-5-4-5 Evening Pick 3: 7-9-5 Pick 4: 0-4-2-3 Pick 5: 0-2-0-0-8 Rolling Cash 5: 2-10-22-26-39 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 8-8-7 Daily Four: 0-4-5-6 Evening Daily Three: 3-6-6 Daily Four: 0-0-0-4 Quick Draw: 4-7-11-20-21-22-34-43-48-49-51-52-53-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.00 Sept. corn.....6.00 Wheat5.48	Sept. beans13.55 Wheat5.32
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Today in history

In 1862, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing began operations at the United States Treasury.
In 1943, responding to a clampdown by Nazi occupiers during World War II, Denmark managed to scuttle most of its naval ships.
In 1944, 15,000 American troops of the 28th Infantry Division marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.
In 1957, the Senate gave final congressional approval to a Civil Rights Act after South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster that had lasted 24 hours.
In 1995, The Portland Foundation awarded a \$100,000 grant to Jay County Public Library's capital campaign for construction of a new facility.
In 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near Buras, Louisiana, bringing floods that devastated New Orleans. More than 1,800 people in the region died.
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Citizen's calendar

Tuesday
6 p.m. — Jay County Council and Jay County Commissioners joint session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
7 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District CISMA call-out meeting, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
Wednesday
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.
4 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, USDA Service Center, 1331 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
Thursday
5:30 p.m. — Jay County EDIT Advisory Committee and Portland EDIT Advisory Committee joint session, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Obituaries

Carol VanPelt

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Carol J. VanPelt on Aug. 23, 2023. Carol was a resident of Fairview, Indiana, for 43 years along with her husband, James VanPelt, and a long line of beloved dogs.
Carol was a shining beacon of love, generosity and compassion. Her faith was the guiding star of her life, a source of strength and resilience that she used to inspire those around her. As a registered nurse and then nurse practitioner, Carol helped countless people in their times of need before and after her retirement from Jay County Hospital in 2007.



VanPelt

Carol was a loving wife and mother and so many other things. She was a creative and prolific seamstress, crocheter, gardener, baker, reader and football fan. She loved watching the Indianapolis Colts and Florida State University but, to be honest, she would watch any team play football whenever possible. She had an adventurous soul and loved to travel, visiting 49 of 50 states and numerous countries over the course of her life. Most of those 49 states were reached by car as she loved road trips. Carol grew up as a PK (preacher's kid) and she spent countless hours putting her beautiful singing voice to good use in various community activities and churches, but primarily at Fairview Church, where she was an active member for years.
Carol leaves behind a legacy of love and faith. She is survived by her devoted husband of 43 years, James VanPelt; her loving daughters Lisa (Drew) Livezey Comingore and Jeanine (Wes) Northcut; dear sister Barbara (John) McMunn; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father the Rev. John Robert Boggs; mother Doris Maxine Boggs; sister Betty Kissinger; and brother Robert "Bobby" Boggs.
As we mourn the loss of Carol, we also celebrate the remarkable life she led and the many ways she enriched our lives. As Maya Angelou once said, "I've learned that people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." True to this, Carol's warmth and empathy touched the hearts of many and will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.
A memorial service will be held at Fairview Church on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023. Visitation will take place at 1 p.m. followed by the memorial service at 2 p.m. Fairview Church is located at 11048, W. Indiana 28, Redkey, Indiana.
Wilson Shook Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.
Condolences may be expressed at wilsonshookfh.com.

Richard Miller

June 17, 1941-Aug. 24, 2023
Richard "Hefty" N. Miller, 82, of Churubusco passed away on Aug. 24, 2023, at his home.
He was born on June 17, 1941, in Jay County to the late Charles "Ben" and Hazel (McAfee) Miller. He spent his formative years in Jay County and graduated from Portland High School in 1959.
Richard was a devoted husband, to the late Connie Jean Miller. They were married in Kimmell on Sept. 3, 1965, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 15, 2014.
Known for his charismatic personality and loving nature,



Miller

Richard made a profound impact on everyone he met. He was a hard-working man, spending his career at Dana Corp, Fort Wayne. Richard retired in 1997, after 33 years of dedicated service.
Richard's passion extended beyond his work. He was an avid fan of Indiana University basketball, Indianapolis Colts football, Notre Dame football and NASCAR, dedicating much of his time and energy to cheering on his favorite teams.
Richard is survived by his daughter, Susan (Jim) Crowell; his siblings, Marilyn (Dick) Moon, Donald (Kay) Miller and Jon (Cindy) Miller; and his grandchildren, Katherine and Matthew Crowell.
In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Phillip Miller; and a sister, Roberta Miller.
A public calling will be held in honor of Richard at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco Chapel, on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023, from 4 to 7 p.m. A graveside service will be held at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Jay County, on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023, at 11 a.m.
Memorials may be directed to My Autism Ally, P.O. Box 15, Huntertown, IN 46748.
Sheets & Childs Funeral Home has been entrusted with these arrangements.

Jake J. Schwartz, Bryant, Jan. 7, 2023-Aug. 27, 2023. Services will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Jake Schwartz residents, 1415 E. 800 North, Bryant.
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obit uaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

SUES ...

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DOC did not immediately return a request for comment.
Autumn Cordellioné is an adult transgender female prisoner confined in the Branchville Correctional Facility, an all-male institution within the DOC, according to the lawsuit. State records indicate Cordellioné is serving a 55-year murder sentence.
Cordellioné has identified as female since she was 6 years old, the lawsuit continues.
In 2020, while incarcerated, she was diagnosed with gender dysphoria and was prescribed a female hormone and a testosterone blocker.

SERVICES

Today
Teegarden, Larry: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Wednesday
Schwartz, Jake: 9 a.m., Jake Schwartz residence, 1415 E. 800 North, Bryant.

Friday
Cook, Mary: 1 p.m., Claycomb Cemetery.

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40th anniversary

Ken and Erin Schwieterman

The Schwietermans celebrated 40 years of marriage on Sunday. Ken Schwieterman and Erin Kenney wed Aug. 27, 1983, in Portland. Ken is a farmer. Erin retired from nursing and helps on the farm. The Ridgeville couple have three children, Scott and Cybill Schwieterman, Justin and Ashley Schwieterman and Kenzi Schwieterman, and four grandchildren, Klay, Kali, Alex and Warren Schwieterman.

Slugs have returned

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

Welcome to Slug Wars part two. We were hoping that the Slug Wars were over. We were disappointed and downright wrong.

We went to a concert Friday and got home around 10 p.m. or so. To my dismay, there were a dozen slugs climbing up the outside of the house. It looked like something out of a B-grade horror movie.

I told hubby where the salt shaker was. He picked up the salt shaker and managed to persuade each and every one of them to drop off the siding by salting all of the slimy creatures. Meanwhile, I stepped on four of them that had made it to the front porch. I had salted the porch before we left but it was not as effective a deterrent as I had hoped.

I called my daughter, Beth, on Saturday. I wasn't sure I had my grandson Jacob's phone number. He is the grandson with a vast knowledge of all things creepy-crawly.

Of course, he didn't answer. I called Beth again and she said to call Nicholas as sometimes the boys will pick up each other's phones.

I called again and Nicholas picked up the phone. He happily gave the

As I See It



phone to Jacob. I was startled that nobody had mentioned that Jacob's voice had changed. Give a kid a year and he turns into a delightful young man.

We talked about slugs and the best ways to get rid of them. Jacob thought I should get a pan of water and set it up so they can fall in but not get out. I wasn't sure how to do that. I figure they can get out if they get in. Nevertheless, there is a bucket halfway full of water near the slugs' climbing wall.

I spent much of Saturday with a scrub brush in my hand, scrubbing the remains of the slimy creatures off of the siding. It took many, many trips inside to refill the bucket with soapy water and the gallon jug holding rinse water whenever I had one area cleaned.

I treated myself to a break when my brother, David and his wife, Apryl, dropped by. They had gone out to the tractor show but because they got there late, some of the exhibitors

were in the process of packing up to go to the next show. They did find a rather unusual necklace that Apryl liked.

We had a nice visit and after they left, I finished scrubbing that part of the house.

The next day I wanted a few things from our local store. After I found what I needed, I walked down what I call the aisle of death to see if they had any kind of slug deterrent such as diatomaceous earth. They didn't. I may go up to the nursery sometime this week to see if they offer anything to discourage the slimy things.

Most of the time I have a live and let live attitude towards creepy crawlies. As long as wildlife stays outside and doesn't cause any trouble, I tend to leave wild things alone. Once they venture into the house or cause a problem then I do what I can to kill them. The slugs have crossed that line. They are among the many creatures that I would rather not see.

I sincerely hope that this is the last time I ever write about slugs. They need to go back to hiding under stray boards and other damp places. They should also stay off of the vinyl siding and don't ever again venture into the house.

Dog jeopardizes wedding

By THERESA BRAINE

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

A golden retriever named Chickie was in the doghouse after chowing down on a groom's passport, threatening his and his fiancée's destination wedding in Italy.

Donato Frattaroli of South Boston and his fiancée, Magda Mazri, discovered the decimated document hours after filling out their intention-of-marriage forms at city hall in Boston.

They were scheduled to fly to Italy a week later, for their Aug. 31 wedding.

"I'm just a little stressed," Frattaroli told WCVB-TV as he faced being the only one absent from his wedding. All the guests and his soon-to-be bride were going to go without him if he couldn't get a new passport.

The couple reached out to local officials

and got help from the offices of U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch and Sen. Ed Markey, who Frattaroli said were "super responsive."

The politicians pulled some strings with the State Department as Frattaroli and Mazri crossed their fingers and hoped their updated "dog-ate-my-homework" story would generate enough sympathy for an expedited passport.

The wish worked, and Chickie was out of the doghouse — though the pooch is not invited to the wedding. Frattaroli snagged a passport appointment for Monday, with promises of a new one on Wednesday — two days before their Friday flight.

Frattaroli said a filing cabinet or safe tops his post-nuptial purchase list.

"We're just really fortunate and optimistic that everything is going to work our way," Mazri told WCVB. "The most important thing is that we get married."

Woman cuts out grandparents

DEAR ABBY: I have had a wonderful relationship with my only grandson for nine years. Since I retired, he visits every other weekend, which makes me so happy. He has autism and didn't speak for the first six years, but now he talks constantly. It's wonderful. I'm very close to my son as well.

I guess you know what's coming: My daughter-in-law cut my grandchild out of my life four months ago. She says he was molested in my care by my husband. I took my husband of 13 years, who has never been alone with my grandson, ever, to the police station. He passed all lie detector tests, and the police said they believe my husband.

My grandson didn't say a word; only my DIL spoke. I had CPS come out and they did a thorough investigation. They said that, in their opinion, she was making this up. She hasn't spoken to her family in 12 years. She cuts everyone off if they upset her.

My grandson needs me. What can I do? My son says if I move and live next door to them, I can see him every day. But, I don't believe that would last either. I'm sure she would just come up with something else. Any

Dear Abby



while, then starts drinking again. She hasn't yet realized that she can't drink one glass of wine and stop there. It seems to get worse each time. We work together, and I have had to take all her hours away because she's not reliable. I'm holding on to our job and taking care of my aging parents.

I went to my first Al-Anon meeting. It was OK, but only a few of the people in the room were male. Throwing a man out is a lot easier than throwing a woman out. I think about leaving her all the time, but there are risks to my house, our dog and even the general public if I leave her alone. Is there any solution for someone like me? — AT WITS' END IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR AT WITS' END: Talk to a family law attorney and ask what your options are. You cannot save your wife from herself or her addiction. When she picks up that glass, she has already made a choice, and it is NOT your marriage or your partnership. She will not become responsible for herself unless she is forced to be. By staying with her, you are enabling her. I apologize if this seems harsh, but it is the truth.

ideas? — ACHING HEART IN TEXAS
DEAR ACHING HEART: If your son is suggesting that you move next door — presumably without your husband — it is a nonstarter. The person who could fix this is your son. Because the accusation your DIL made was groundless, your son should insist you have visitation with your grandson. However, if that doesn't happen, then remember Texas is a state in which grandparents DO have some rights. Therefore, it may benefit you to discuss this matter with an attorney specializing in family law.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married to the same woman for 35 years. She has been an alcoholic for the last 20. She has done four stints in rehab facilities. She comes out healthy for a

Community Calendar

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

Monday
PORTLAND BREAK-

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

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

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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

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

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday 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.

Tuesday
BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each

Tuesday. The public is welcome.

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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Sudoku

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5		2	1	4		7		3

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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.

JOB OPENING
FULL TIME HEALTH DEPARTMENT IMMUNIZATION CLERK
JAY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
2023 SALARY: \$31,922.80

DUTIES

- Schedules/coordinates appointments for clients and sends out reminder/recall notices regarding upcoming and/or missed appointments
- Maintains patient immunization records and enters immunization data into Children and Hoosier Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP)
- Conducts billing to insurance and Medicaid companies for vaccines administered
- Maintains current knowledge of CDC guidelines and immunization/vaccination standards and attends educational training/seminars as necessary
- Issues certified birth and death certificates to authorized individuals
- Receives/receipts monies for permits, certificates, and immunizations and files reports as necessary
- Answers telephones and greets office visitors, responding to inquiries, providing information and assistance

REQUIREMENTS

- High School diploma or equivalent
- Possession of or ability to obtain TB skin testing certification and CPR/AED certifications
- Possession of or ability to obtain Notary Public License and National Incident Management (NIMS) Certifications
- Ability to serve the public with diplomacy and respect, including occasional encounters with difficult persons
- Ability to problem solve and collaborate as a team player
- Ability to operate standard office equipment
- Ability to travel off-site (active Indiana driver's license)

HOURS

- 35 hours weekly (Monday through Friday)
- Occasional evening and weekend hours as needed for department operations and out of town meetings
- Follows the Jay County government office holiday schedule

All interested applicants can submit their resume to the Jay County Health Department at:
504 W. Arch St., Portland, IN 47371
Ph. 260-726-8080 Fax 260-726-2220 Environmental@jaycountyhealthdept.org
Applications will be accepted until September 8, 2023

Deadline for help is approaching

To the editor:
Indiana is fast approaching a critical deadline that affects Hoosier children with intellectual disabilities.

More than 180,000 Hoosier students have learning needs that require greater care to meet their abilities, and nothing is more important than ensuring the education of a child. As a proud school-choice parent, my wife and I were lucky to have options available for all of our children that met each of their learning needs.

But finding the correct educational choices can be intimidating, and parents can feel lost getting their children the services and support they need to

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receive a well-rounded learning experience.

The Indiana Education Scholarship Account is intended to help parents readily access the educational environment that best meets their student's learning needs.

But the deadline to apply for these funds is Sept. 1, 2023 — just days away.

INESA allows parents to cus-

tomize education for their children with disabilities who are receiving non-public education — such as private education, at-home learning, and other hybrid educational settings.

Parents can receive up to \$19,000 in scholarship funding for their child.

Parents of eligible students, or emancipated eligible students, can spend this scholarship money on pre-approved educational programs, therapies, services, and other expenses related to their child's education.

There are more than 300 providers throughout the state where INESA funds can be applied, including private-

school tuition, educational services such as tutoring, camps, social/life skill programs, Applied Behavior Analysis therapy and speech/language, to name a few.

To qualify, students must be five years of age or older, in a K-12 grade level, and be less than 22 years of age by Oct. 1 of the school year they're currently participating in — and the student must have a disability requiring special education services and at or below the income qualification. For a family of four, that income qualification limit is \$222,000.

Time is running out to apply for the 2023/2024 school year with the Sept. 1 application

deadline. To date, \$3.86 million has been allocated to 333 students. There are still available funds for parents needing this support to ensure a quality education for their child.

Applying takes less than 10 minutes, and most applications are reviewed the same day. To learn more about the INESA and how to apply, parents should visit in.gov/tos/inesa.

About \$10 million of funding and support are available — and we want to see every Hoosier student with disabilities in Indiana receive a quality education.

Sincerely,
Daniel M. Elliott
Indiana Treasurer of State

Hospital fees can cripple families

By TOMMY AHLQUIST
The Idaho Statesman
Tribune News Service

I spent 18 years of my career in an emergency room, treating close to 45,000 patients.

This up-close view of the delivery of critical care made one thing abundantly clear: America's health care costs are out of control.

Exorbitant hospital prices hurt hard-working Americans by straining family budgets, burdening seniors with unexpected debts, increasing our government's spending — and limiting the care patients need.

Large corporate hospital systems play a pivotal role in health care costs. Hospitals will tack on hefty "facility fees" to medical bills, raising the costs of life-saving services through superficial prices. Frequently, this is done without a patient being aware, leaving Americans with sticker shock when they receive their bill weeks later.

The consequences of these practices are profound for patients, resulting in out-of-control consumer expenses, increased government spending on Medicare, and a growing distrust and disdain toward the health care system at large.

I am not the only physician that is calling out this alarming trend. My colleagues across the medical profession, from practicing pediatricians to respected specialists, have collectively drawn attention to this pressing issue. Politicians such as Newt Gingrich, the former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and Bobby Jindal, the previous governor of Louisiana and Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, have underscored how corporate hospitals conduct their medical billing and have called for reform. Politicians and think tanks on both sides of the aisle agree that fair billing reform will help lower health care costs.

There is consensus across the country that change is necessary, and the first step toward progress is to pass legislation focused on fair billing reforms. Fair billing necessitates that hospitals stop over-charging consumers for medical services. And a pivotal part of fair billing is the implementation of site-neutral payments, which would make significant strides to

Tommy Ahlquist



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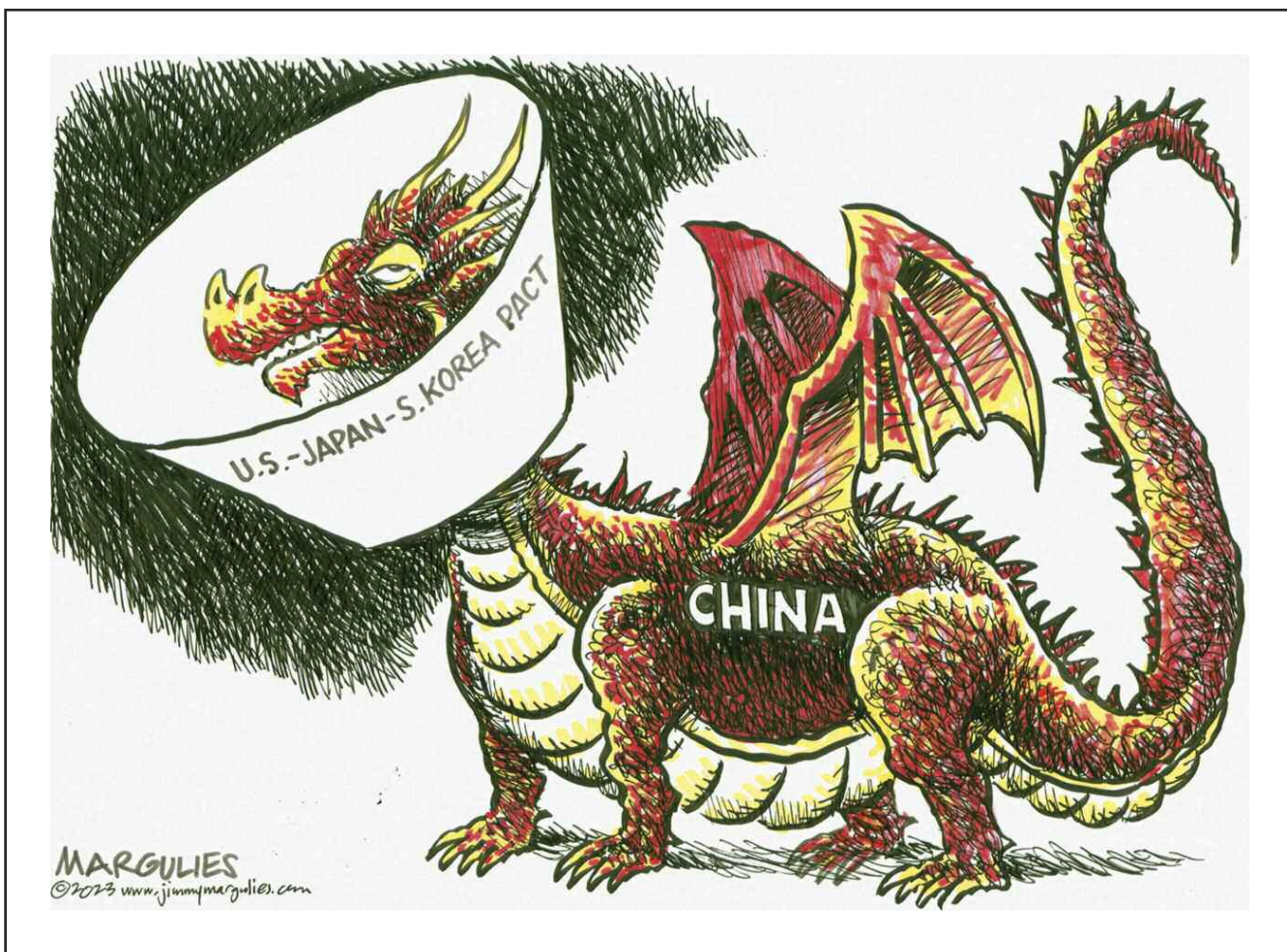
end unjust billing practices.

There is legislation in Congress that would do just that. The Site-based Invoicing and Transparency Enhancement Act (SITE) would ensure that hospitals follow fair billing practices. The bill would end up lowering both patient costs and government spending.

According to a study by the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, enforcing site neutrality could potentially curtail Medicare spending by \$153 billion within the coming decade, and spillover to the commercial market could further reduce the federal budget deficit by up to \$279 billion. Beyond the benefits that the federal government would see, this policy could alleviate premiums and out-of-pocket expenses for Medicare beneficiaries by an estimated \$94 billion.

In an economy where families are forgoing summer vacations due to high inflation and the high costs of everyday essentials such as groceries and fuel, projected savings from fair billing reforms could positively impact the lives of countless Americans.

I encourage Idaho's senators, Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch, to support the SITE Act. By doing so, they would help hold hospitals accountable for their billing practices, reduce government spending, and give Americans much-needed financial relief from mounting health care expenses.



Raid is an ominous threat

By NIKI KELLY
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As a longtime reporter, I can only imagine the scene of police busting into a newspaper office — and a private home — confiscating computers and cell phones. It is a threat to the First Amendment that can't be overstated.

But that's what happened in Marion, Kansas on Aug. 11 to the Marion County Record.

I started to write something that day but decided it was best to simmer down and understand more of the facts before jumping into the fray. Those facts now are clear: police and the judge who authorized the search screwed up.

The Kansas Reflector reported that Marion County Attorney Joel Ensey has now withdrawn the search warrant. He said there was "insufficient evidence" to justify seizure of computers and other materials from the newspaper.

But the damage is done. To have a truly free press not afraid to hold those in power to account, you can't allow this type of chilling effect.

"Newsroom raids in this country receded into history 50 years ago," said John Galer, chair of the National Newspaper Association and publisher of the Journal-News of Hillsboro, Illinois.

"Today, law enforcement agencies by and large understand that gathering information from newsrooms is a last resort and then done only with subpoenas that protect the rights of all involved," Galer said. "For a newspaper to be intimidated by an unannounced search and seizure is unthinkable in an America that respects its First Amendment rights."

The small weekly newspaper got pulled into a contentious divorce when it received a tip that a local restaurant owner drove without a license after a DUI. The newspaper did their due diligence and looked into the allegation.

Niki Kelly



It decided not to write that story — which should have been the end of it. But the restaurant owner went to police claiming the newspaper was out of bounds in checking her criminal record.

The police jumped the gun on a simple issue that could have been handled by phone call or use of a subpoena. Instead, officers sought and received a search warrant that led to the national embarrassment.

It was based on the theory that someone at the Marion County Record engaged in a prohibited search of a public state database documenting status of driver's licenses issued in Kansas. A spokesman for the Kansas Department of Revenue said it is legal to access driver's license information on the agency's website, the Associated Press reported.

The raid, by the way, was even more devastating for a small weekly newspaper that didn't have backup computers and severely limited its ability to put out an edition.

And, the co-owner of the paper — the mother of the publisher — was present when police raided her home. She lived with her son. Body cam footage showed her extremely upset. She died of a heart attack the next day.

Look, I have been served a subpoena and it's not fun. But it is a simple process that protects everyone involved. Never mind the fact the police seemed far more concerned with going after journalists than whether other crimes were committed by those involved in this case.

That entire situation got me thinking about freedom of the press in

Indiana, and I was pleased to say I hadn't encountered anything like this.

While some public agencies are better than others responding to records requests — and Indiana law really doesn't have teeth when they don't respond — the majority of my interactions have been straightforward and respectful. Occasionally, an entity will hold a public meeting without notice or ice a specific reporter out but these instances are the exception, not the rule.

We haven't had any reporter arrests. Several states have taken access away from reporters covering their legislatures. But we saw the reverse here.

In 2021, when lawmakers were processing how to have a legislative session safely in the midst of COVID-19, House and Senate leaders made sure reporters still had a place in the chambers to cover the events of the day. Yes, there were fewer seats, but that's because space was at a premium, and leaders still ensured access.

I also know of school boards that reserve seats for reporters who regularly attend, and many public information officers who quickly and efficiently pass on public data.

The Kansas raid, however, is a good reminder that the First Amendment is just as important as the other amendments that others hold dear — and saying "oops" isn't going to cut it.

Allowing a free press to gather information, investigate possible wrongdoing and ultimately bring accountability to society is a mark of a healthy democracy.

Let's remember that here and elsewhere.

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PCC installs new equipment

By LOUISE RONALD
The Commercial Review

The first of three new machines arrived last week at Pennville Custom Cabinetry in Portland, part of a \$500,000 investment to expand the company's product line.

Until now, cabinets manufactured at the Votaw Street facility were all made of wood. With the introduction of the new edge-bander, razor-gauge cutoff saw and large-scale sander, Pennville Custom Cabinetry will be able to create high-gloss acrylic and glass-look cabinets as well.

"Normally, manufacturers can do one or the other," said Michele Goldman, Pennville Custom Cabinetry's showroom experience manager. "This will enable us to do both."

It also will allow the company to keep up with the interior design trend of mixing traditional and modern styles of cabinets, while allowing customers to get all their cabinets from a single manufacturer.

"This puts us in a class all our own," said Pennville Custom Cabinetry president Mark Goldman.

When Portland resident Terry Freyburgher heard about the new product line, he left his big-box store position to join the Pennville Custom Cabinetry design team. A total of five new employees have been hired so far.

Experienced cabinet-makers are being trained on the new machinery. New factory hires will build wood cabinets.

Pennville Custom Cabinetry's investment was made with the help of a matching grant from Next Level Manufacturing Institute (affiliated with the Indiana Economic Development Corp.) and a tax abatement from the City of Portland and supported by the Jay County Development Corporation.

"Without abatements, it would be almost impossible to justify any investment," said Mark Goldman.



Photo provided

A new edge-bander was delivered to Pennville Custom Cabinetry on Aug. 17. The machine is part of an investment that will enable the company to produce modern as well as traditional cabinet styles.

Career fair scheduled for Sept. 7

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.

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

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 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

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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.

Services expanded

Mercer Health last week announced that it has expanded services at its Mendon, Ohio, location.

The site at 128 Drake St. will offer occupational health and wellness services. Women's health providers will also offer specialized services.

Free walk-in screenings for weight, blood pressure and blood sugar will be available from 8 a.m. to noon each Wednesday.

For more information on the new services in Mendon, visit mercer-health.com or (419) 795-2050.

Tyson donating

Tyson Foods is donating more than 100,000 pounds of protein to help those impacted by the wildfires in Hawaii, the company announced last week.

The food will be donated to Hawaii's Foodland Supermarket

for distribution to Maui Food Bank, Hawaii Food Bank and other nonprofit organizations in the affected area.

"As we see the continued impact of the devastating wildfires in Hawaii, Tyson Foods remains committed to supporting impacted communities in times of need," said Tyson senior director of business operations Tim Grailer in a press release. "We are committed to doing our part in helping the residents of Hawaii and those on the ground by providing support."

Program added

Indiana Wesleyan University has added a doctoral program in business administration with a specialization in data analytics to its degree offerings.

The program is designed to prepare students for careers in business education, consulting and business leadership. Entering the program requires a master's degree in a business discipline.

Airport hits high

Indianapolis International Airport announced last week that it broke a record with more than 4.7 million passengers traveling through the facility during the first half of 2023.

Volume at the airport is up by 11.5% so far this year.

"We had more enplanements in the first six months of 2023 than we've seen in the first half of any year to date," said Indianapolis Airport Authority executive director Mario Rodriguez

in a press release. "And for a single month, this June was the biggest June we've had in the airport's history."

Agreement reached

The U.S. Department of Labor announced last week that its Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has reached a settlement agreement with Dollar Tree and Family Dollar to improve workplace safety.

The deal requires the retail chains to conduct "a comprehensive, nationwide assessment of the root causes of the violations OSHA has repeatedly cited at multiple stores, with a plan to identify causes and make operational changes to correct them within a two-year period." The companies will also face fines if they do not promptly address future violations within 48 hours of being notified by OSHA.

"At the Department of Labor, we know that every worker deserves to come home safe at the end of the workday," said acting Secretary of Labor Julie Su in a press release. "Through our robust enforcement of workplace protections and use of innovative legal methods that resulted in this agreement, thousands of workers will have a healthier, safer and more certain future."

Restaurant sold

The sale of Subway restaurants to Roark Capital was announced Thursday.

Subway will be sold to the private equity firm as part of its

"multi-year transformation journey." Roark specializes in franchise businesses.

"This transaction reflects Subway's long-term growth potential, and the substantial value of our brand and our franchisees around the world," said John Chidsey, CEO of Subway, in a press release. "Subway has a bright future with Roark, and we are committed to continuing to focus on a win-win-win approach for our franchisees, our guests and our employees."

New leader named

Advance Auto Parts has announced that Shane O'Kelly will take over as its president and CEO beginning Sept. 11.

O'Kelly most recently served as CEO of HD Supply, a subsidiary of The Home Depot and has also served as CEO of Petro-Choice and AH Harris. He will take over for Tom Greco, who in February announced his plans to retire.

"On behalf of the entire Advance Auto Parts board, I am delighted to welcome Shane to the Advance family," said Advance interim executive board chair Gene Lee in a press release. "Following an extensive search over the past several months, we are confident that Shane's robust operational background leading complex supply chain organizations makes him the ideal next leader for Advance."

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Partnership defense

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K J 5 2
♥ 6
♦ A K Q 9 7 4
♣ K 9

WEST
♠ Q 9 7 6 4
♥ 8 3
♦ 10 6
♣ Q J 10 2

EAST
♠ 10
♥ Q 10 5 2
♦ J 8 5 2
♣ A 8 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A 8 3
♥ A K J 9 7 4
♦ 3
♣ 6 5 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
2♥ Pass 3NT Pass
4♥

Partnership defense is what West should do next. Only two tricks have been played, but West knows a great deal about declarer's hand. Judging from the bidding, South must have at least six hearts and must also have the ace of spades for his opening bid. So, from West's viewpoint, the only hope of defeating the contract is that East can somehow score two trump tricks.

In order to protect whatever East's trump holding might be, West should continue with the jack of clubs at trick three, forcing dummy to ruff. How does West know that South has another club? He knows because East, in accordance with convention, returned the three of clubs, his original fourth-best club. Since West has the deuce of clubs, East cannot have five clubs, so West knows declarer started with exactly three clubs.

After ruffing the third club in dummy, South can do no better than lead a spade to his ace and play the A-K of trump, hoping the ten or queen will fall. When neither of them appears, South leads another trump, hoping the ten and queen will fall together. When they don't, the contract is down one.

Observe that if West does not return a club at trick three, declarer can make the contract by leading a trump from dummy and finessing the jack.

Tomorrow: The feline philosophy.
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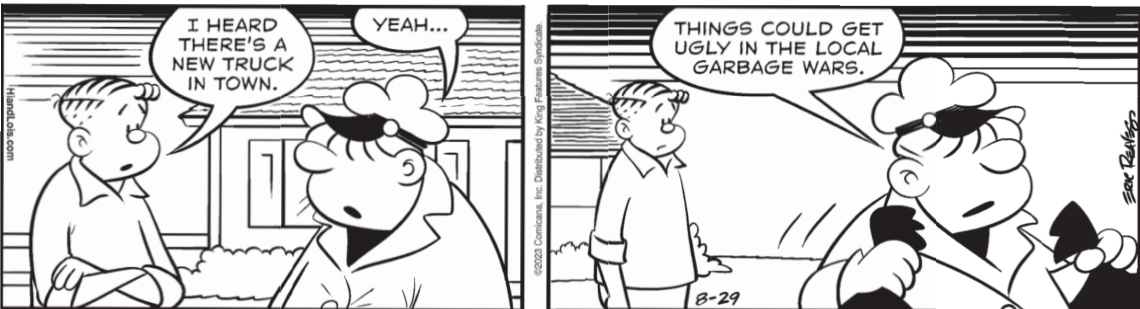
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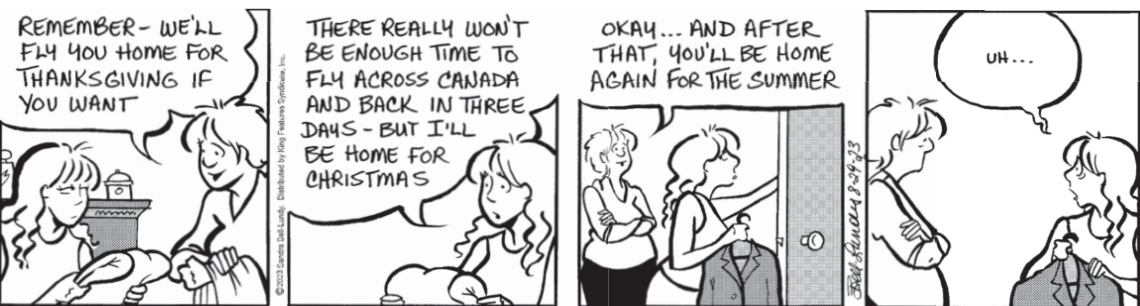
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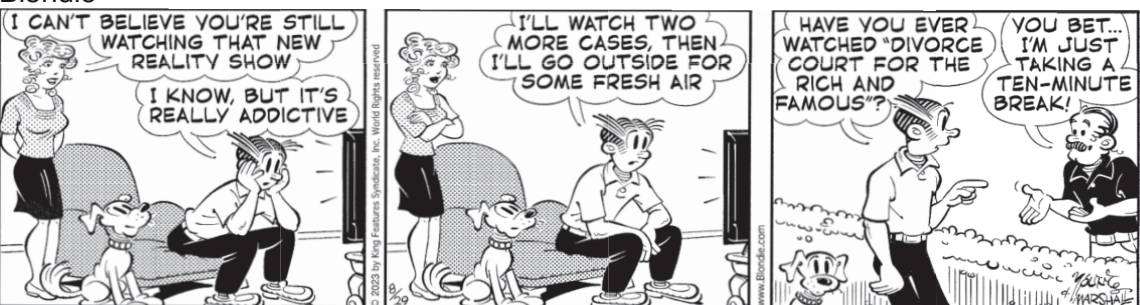
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Between Friends



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Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SOMEONE STOLE ALL OF THE FRENCH PAINTER'S BRIMLESS FELT CAPS, HE WAS BEREFT OF BERETS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals P

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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12 Six-sided state
13 Very long time
14 Skin care brand
15 Large medicinal measure
17 Educator Horace
18 Downing St. VIPs
19 Away from WSW
20 Feel
21 Inlet
22 Tampa Bay NFLer
23 Venomous viper
26 Mexican chili pepper
30 Motown genre
31 Cotillion celeb
32 Poet Khayyam
33 Lacking depth
35 Plus

DOWN
23 Ninny
24 "What was I thinking?"
25 Singer Lipa
26 Church seat
27 Mornings (Abbr.)
28 Scot's denial
29 Scrap
31 Mafia boss
34 Non-clerical
35 Opposite of "sans"
37 Island off Venezuela
38 New corp. hires
39 Actor Estrada
40 Frost-covered
41 Prudish
42 Pop flavor
43 Sparkling Italian wine
44 Blue shade
46 Winter bug
47 Indent key

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Early score bites the Patriots

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review

The Patriots have been bitten by early goals in the first two games of the year. Another early goal bit them again.

The Jay County High School girls soccer team fell by one goal in its third-straight Allen County Athletic Conference game this year as the Woodlan Warriors 2-1 Saturday morning.

The Heritage Patriots found a way to score on Jay County (0-3, 0-3 ACAC) in the first five minutes of both games.

Woodlan (2-0-1) also scored in the first five minutes. Leah Hathaway got a ball through the midfield to Ava McAlexander, who had a one-on-one with Jenna Dues. McAlexander was able to get past Dues and put the ball into the back of

the net with only 2:12 coming off the clock.

"We are getting so ahead of ourselves that we feel like we have to be on our side and score a goal right away but we're not ready," Patriots coach Kendra Muhlenkamp said. "We can do all the warm up we want but gametime is a lot different than warm up. We've just got to get our passes down before we even try to make a run."

The Warriors scored a second goal in the 33rd minute against Ellie Wendel, who filled in for Angel Clairday who didn't play in the first half. McAlexander kicked the ball with a lot of arc, so that it got just past the outstretched arm of Wendel as she jumped. The goal, assisted by Brooke Kneubuhler, came with 6:10 left in the half.

The Patriots only goal came in the 23rd minute of the second half. After the ball was batted around before Sophia Sprunger chipped it over goalie Jenna Mackin's head.

"I just knew we had to get it in," Sprunger said. "I have been working in practice, just trying to get my ball up, because mine used to just roll on the ground. I was trying to get it up and past (Mackin)."

In the absence of senior captain Molly Muhlenkamp, Aixa Lopez became a focal point in the midfield. She was the main ball-handler, and led the team with nine shots on the goal while tying Jayla Huelkamp with 12 steals.

Lopez's footwork allowed her to burn Woodlan defenders on multiple occasions, leading to the War-

riors sending multiple defenders at her and forcing her to give it up.

"They stepped up and they knew what they had to do after the first time (Lopez) had possession of the ball," Woodlan coach Matt Stebing said. "They communicated out there. I didn't even have to tell them. So that was definitely a good thing."

Muhlenkamp pointed out how the Patriots are still struggling to connect with one another on the field. Despite the struggles, she looked at Saturday's game as a learning opportunity for her players.

"I'd say the girls got better after today and that they realize anything could happen," Muhlenkamp said. "I'm swapping girls constantly. We're still trying to figure it out."



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Natalie Wilson (7) and Ariel Beiswanger (8) chase after a loose ball during the Jay County High School girls soccer match on Saturday. Woodlan scored a goal in the first five minutes and went on to win 2-1.

JCHS netters roll at Muncie Central Invitational

MUNCIE — The Patriots are starting to figure things out.

Coach Donald Gillespie made a few changes to the lineup Saturday as the Jay County High School boys tennis team swept Blackford and Muncie Central to win the Muncie Central Invitational.

Abraham and Eli Dirksen both swept their opponents from Blackford in the No. 1 singles and No. 2 singles matches. Abraham faced Charlie Crabtree while Eli beat Carson Miller. In his first match as a single, Liam Garringer beat Lucas Penrod 7-6 (7-5), 6-0 in the No. 3 singles.

Both doubles pairs for the Patriots (3-4) only lost one game to Blackford. In No. 1 doubles Sam Myers and Gage Sims beat Trenton Norton and Tanner Roberts (6-1, 6-0) while Isaac Miller and Luke Muhlenkamp teamed back up to beat Colt Pen-

Local roundup

nington and Zaden Stone (6-0, 6-1).

Abraham Dirksen, as well as the No. 2 doubles, swept their matches against Muncie Central's Toby Byrn and Jackson Clark and Charlie Kirby, respectively.

Eli Dirksen made quick work of Thomas Walker 6-1, 6-0. The No. 1 doubles duo beat Toby Michilini and Micky Ryder 6-1, 6-1. Garringer defeated Corby Byrn 6-4, 6-2.

Heitkamp paces Tribe

WEST MILTON, Ohio — The Fort Recovery cross country

teams competed in the Bob Schul Invite hosted by Milton-Union on Saturday where the girls finished seventh (185 points) and the boys 17th (419).

West Liberty-Salem (69) ran away with the victory for the boys while Minster won for the girls.

Trevor Heitkamp set the pace for the Indian boys, finishing second (16 minutes, 23.7 seconds), only falling to Asher Long of Covington (15:50.7). Next was Parker Brunswick who finished 43rd overall.

Rounding out the boys were Reece Diller (113th), Evan Evers (164th) and Russell Hart (226th).

Natalie Brunswick and Makenna Huelskamp were at the top for the girls. Brunswick's time of 20:07.4 earned her seventh place while Huelskamp's 20:20.2 put her into 11th.

Ellie Will crossed the finish line 35th to score for the Indians.

Rounding out their score was Anna Roessner (68th) and Jenna Hart (85th).

The junior high boys team finished in 19th-place out of 31 teams while the girls were 18th of 27.

Alex Roessner paced the boys, scoring 55th. Behind him were Gavin Heitkamp (104th), Charlie Stammen (112th), Evan Diller (138th) and Andrew Rehmert (140th).

Riley Heitkamp scored 20th to lead the girls. Also scoring were Courtney Klenke (61st), Kendall Ranly (104th), Claire Grube (118th) and Yoselin Juarez-Gomez (149th).

JV wins MAC

The Fort Recovery JV boys golf team were crowned the victors of the Midwest Athletic Conference Invitational on Saturday at Portland Golf Club.

Caleb Smith shot a 40 in the round to earn the individual MAC championship while helping his team to a score of 169, 12 strokes better than second-place Coldwater.

The highlight of Smith's match came on the 471-yard, par-5 sixth hole. Smith got near the green in two shots and then chipped in for an eagle. He also shot two pars in the match.

Only one stroke behind Smith was Reece Evers who shot five pars in the round.

Evan Keller and Colson Post shot a 43 and 45 respectively to round out the team score. Sage Wendel and Riley Grieshop's scores of 48 did not factor into the final. Evers won the closest to the pin golf skills challenge while Grieshop sank the longest putt.

In the JV2 individual exhibition match, Mason Diller recorded the best score, shooting a 46.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls golf at Winchester — 4:30 p.m.; Girls soccer vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Fort Recovery — 6 p.m.; Junior High volleyball at Muncie

Northside — 5 p.m.; Junior High football at Bluffton-Harrison — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls golf at Winchester Golf Club — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball at Jay County — 5:30 p.m.; Middle School volleyball at Parkway — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
12 p.m. — U.S. Open (ESPN)
7 p.m. — U.S. Open (ESPN)
9:45 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at San Francisco Giants (Bally Indiana)

Wednesday
12 p.m. — U.S. Open (ESPN)
3:45 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at San Francisco Giants (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — U.S. Open (ESPN)

Local notes

Cheer clinic scheduled
The Jay County Junior/Senior High School cheerleading clinic is scheduled for Sept. 5 and 6.
The clinic will be at East Jay Elementary

School with sessions for kindergarten through second graders from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. and third through sixth graders from 5:45 to 7 p.m.
For details, contact Lindsey Peterson via email at lpeterson@jayschools.k12.in.us.

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Larry R. Newton, Sheriff of Jay County

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Parcel No.1 Tax Id #: 38-07-20-104053.000-034

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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.

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Girls soccer falls behind early vs. Woodlan, see story page 7

Jay County volleyball host Fort Recovery today, see Sports on tap

Sports

Win it in a minute

Patriots attack early in defeat of Warriors

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

The Patriots weren't happy with their 1-1 tie with New Castle on Tuesday.

They took that frustration and turned it into aggression as they attacked the Warriors early to score in less than a minute.

Dylan Marentes wasted no time putting Jay County High School's boys soccer team on the board Saturday in a 4-1 Allen County Athletic Conference victory over the Woodlan Warriors.

The Patriots (1-1-1, 1-0 ACAC) started with control of the ball and quickly moved downfield. The fast attack capped off with Marentes sliding to kick the ball past Woodlan's freshman goalie Keaton Delagrange for a score after only 58 seconds ran off the clock.

"Scoring in the early game gives you the mental (confidence)," Jay County coach Bobby Ruiz said. "Everyone says, 'Yeah, we can do this.' They set their mind into a positive pattern. Everybody works better when you have an early score in your favor."

The Patriots weren't satisfied with the first early score. They continued to apply pressure to the Warriors (0-5, 0-1 ACAC), keeping the ball between the midfield line and Woodlan's goal throughout the first half.

Six minutes after the initial goal, freshman Blake Collins found himself with the ball near the midfield line up with Jakson Hamrick to his back. He made a



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Alan Ortiz kicks a ball past Woodlan's Evan Koch during the first half of the Jay County High School boys soccer match on Saturday. The Patriots scored three early goals en route to a 4-1 victory.

hard turn around Hamrick towards the sideline and found an angle to take the ball upfield uncontested. Once Collins was near the penalty box the defense collapsed on him, and he found Levi Muhlenkamp near the center of the box for the Patriots'

second goal at 32:51.

"Since we tied New Castle 1-1, we were pretty frustrated with that one," Muhlenkamp said. "So we wanted to come out hot and prove ourselves and that's what

we did."

The pair connected for a second time later in the half. Collins again worked his way down the field until Tanner Martin cut him off. He found Muhlenkamp in the center of the penalty box.

The Warriors' Lucas Gramajo slid in to try and stop the shot, but Muhlenkamp was able to connect, scoring for a second time to make it a 3-0 game at 20:20 in the first half.

Collins said working on making quick decisions, good communication and focusing on timing helped him connect with Muhlenkamp for the goals.

"He's been crossing in practices and they've all been pretty good," Muhlenkamp said of Collins. "We've been working from there and just had to put it out on the field."

Despite going with a different lineup for the second half to get some different players' game experience, the Patriots had a strong start and found another early goal.

In the sixth minute, Caleb Schwartz of Woodlan committed a hand ball just outside of the penalty box, leading to a free kick. Muhlenkamp took the kick, but it was saved by Delagrange.

The save wouldn't matter, as Oskar Alart Mateo crashed the goal to put in the rebound for an easy score at 34:15.

Ruiz was impressed by Alart Mateo's play throughout the match as he was bounced around positions when trying out different lineups.

"Oskar did pretty good today," Ruiz said. "He showed me that he can be a multi-position player because he can play in the front, he can play in the back and he can play in the middle."

After starting the season with a loss and a tie, the Patriots' coach looked at Saturday's game as a must-win.

"I told the guys 'there is no option, this is a win,'" Ruiz said. "We can't even think about a tie or a loss. We can't afford another result like that. We have to win today no matter what."

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Building lineups

Jay Co. working to fill in behind returning regional qualifiers



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

CELINA, Ohio — The Patriot boys are looking for someone to step up in their No. 5 spot.

The girls are looking forward to having a full roster.

The pair of returning regional qualifiers led Jay County High School again Saturday in the Celina Rotary Invitational at Wright State University — Lake Campus as the teams continue to work to build the lineup behind them.

Joseph Boggs' 17th-place finish topped the list for the Patriot boys, who scored 234 points to finish in front of Blackford with 265 and Elida (Ohio) with 315. New Haven was well in front of JCHS in eighth place with 181 points. Bryan (Ohio) won with 53 points by 43 over runner-up Eaton (Ohio).

Alexis Sibray was 24th for the Jay County's girls, who did not have enough runners for a team score. Fort Loramie dominated the meet with 24 points as all of its seven scoring runners finished in the top 13.

"I was really glad the temperatures dropped from the week," said JCHS coach Bruce Wood, referencing Thursday's highs in the 90s. (Temperatures were in the 70s at race time Saturday.) "It was kind of a messy week of practice because of it. So I'm really kind of happy with the performance today based off of a weird week of practice, of modified practices, because of the heat."

Both Boggs and Sibray

Jay County High School sophomore Max Klopfenstein runs between Theodore Gaier (1551) of Fort Loramie and Michael Fomin (1464) of Eaton during Saturday's Celina Rotary Invitational at Wright State University — Lake Campus. He was the No. 4 runner for the Patriots as he finished 61st overall in 21 minutes, 5.67 seconds.

established a spot early and were able to pick off a handful of runners over the course of the race.

For Boggs, that meant sitting in 22nd out of the field of 122 at the mile mark. He stayed there through the mid-point of the race before climbing to his finish in 18 minutes, 30.99 seconds.

Sibray ran a similar race for the Patriot girls, sitting in the low 30s early on before climbing to 28th midway through the race and 26th with a kilometer to go. She picked up two more spots down the stretch as she posted a time of 23:29.99.

After missing the first meet of the season last week at Taylor University while attending a funeral, freshman Caleb Garringer started his career in the No. 2 spot for the JCHS boys as he placed 39th in 19:45.37. "I was super happy to get

him in a race and see where he's at," said Wood. "He's doing real well."

Beckett Brandenburg, another freshman, was 57th in 20:45.48, and sophomore Max Klopfenstein finished 61st in 21:05.67. There was more than a two-minute gap to Jay County's fifth runner, with Lukes Powers closing out the team score in 23:23.8. (Teammate Darren Fisher was two places back in 23:31.16.)

Sophomore Paityn Wendel followed Sibray for the Patriot girls in 40th place in 25:05.92. Courtney Harris had a time of 29:20.86 for JCHS, which was without Willow Hardy because of an illness and has a pair of exchange students who have yet to join the lineup.

William Hawbaker was the seventh runner for the Jay County boys, crossing the line in 25:56.84 for 111th.