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County selects **REA** proposal

Firm will assist with plans for property

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Another step has been taken toward developing the land county officials purchased this year.

Jay County Commissioners selected a \$395,000 proposal Monday from Rundell Ernstberger and Associates (REA) of Indianapolis for planning development of countyowned land on the western edge of Portland. The decision moves next to Jay County Council, which meets Sept. 6.

County officials pur-chased 68 acres of farm ground on the north side of Indiana 67 in March with about \$1.1 million in federal coronavirus relief dollars through the American Rescue Plan Act. (Proposed plans for developing the land have included constructing infrastructure for housing and building a new multi-faceted public safety building.)

Commissioners opened bids July 24 from REA, RQAW of Fishers (\$145,000) and Butler, Fairman & Seufert of Indianapolis (\$148,750). After taking the bids under advisement, they discussed their options at a meeting Aug. 14. Commissioner Brian McGalliard noted he sent the same request for scope of services to all three companies, and he favored the lowest

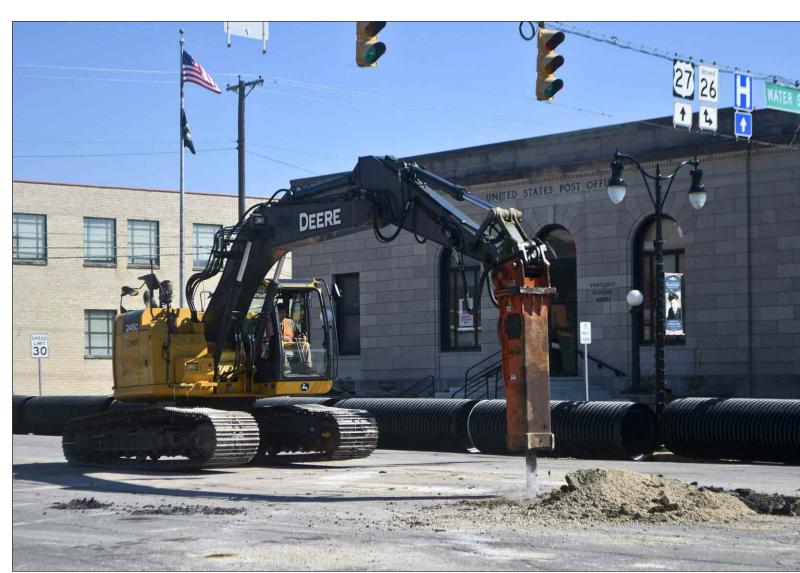
offer from RQAW. Answering a question from commissioner Rex Journay, East Central Indiana Regional Planning District director Bill Walters confirmed Aug. 14 the planning aspect should present development phases and how much they are

anticipated to cost. After discussion, McGalliard made a motion Aug. 14 to table the decision in order for county attorney Wes Schemenaur to have time to review the materials and make sure they are fair comparisons of one another. (At that time, he noted RQAW's proposal included a line stating "additional services will be negotiated.")

Schemenaur explained Monday he reviewed the ing. proposals from RQAW and REA and told commissioners he thought REA's proposal seemed to include more of a complete package of the work needed.

"The REA proposal more comprehensive, start-to-finish plan, or proposal, the RQAW proposal indicated these were preliminary phases of the project," he said. "Yeah, it's more money, but it looks to me like ... you're going to have a finished product to take to developers, with a design, a layout, road layout, stormwater, site research and analysis. That was my take on it."

See Proposal page 5



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Project progressing

Portland's Meridian Street storm sewer project expanded Tuesday morning with the closure of the street between Water and Main streets. The intersection of Meridian and Water streets is expected to be closed for three weeks.

Status of delta-8 is in dispute

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Matt Wall estimates that he's got a month left in business.

He owns Wall's Organics, a retailer of delta-8 and other hempderived products that, until this year, had encountered "no problems" legally.

That was until August 4, when Evansville Police Officer Nathan Hassler entered one of Wall's four stores and told him to get such products off his shelves in 10 days — or face arrest on charges of selling marijuana.

And Hassler handed him a document: an advisory opinion from the state's chief legal officer.

When Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita issued the opinion in January this year declaring that the products are illegal, law

Wall is among them. "It's killing our business," he told the Capital Chronicle.

Delta-8 and the other products accounted for 90% of sales, and since mid-August, he's dropped from \$2,000 days to \$300 days. Now, he's facing staff layoffs, store closures and angry customers some of whom, he said, are returning to more dangerous substances.

Manufacturer and distributor 3Chi and the Midwest Hemp Council originally filed suit on June 26 against Rokita's Office and the State of Indiana, in the U.S. District court for the Southern District of Indiana. Wall joined in an amended complaint filed August 16, which also added several local law enforcement defendants.

note — and some members of the industry promptly filed suit. the 14-page stack of paper Hassler and legalized the industrial hemp brought to Wall's store reads. And industry. And the state used the it offers a definitive interpreta-

Rokita opined that Indiana law designates all natural and synthetic forms of tetrahydrocannabinol the major psychoactive component in the cannabis plant — as Schedule I controlled substances. That designation means a substance has no accepted medical use but does have a high potential for abuse.

That's although, on the federal level, such hemp-derived substances are generally considered legal and unregulated — as long as they are below 0.3% delta-9 THC. Above that, hemp or hemp products are considered banned mari-

Following 2018's federal Farm Hemp-derived products have for Bill, which removed hemp from enforcement around the state took years occupied a legal gray area, the definition of marijuana, Indi-

industry. And the state used the same 0.3% delta-9 THC cutoff in legalizing "low THC hemp extract" products.

"Indiana law does make exceptions for hemp and hemp products, as well as low THC hemp extracts, but delta-8 THC does not appear to fall into any of these named exceptions, either," Rokita's office wrote. It said Indiana's list of Schedule I substances "applies to all cannabis plants" and "clearly includes derivatives" with similar chemical structures

"The plain language of the statute and the legislative history indicate a clear intent to declassify hemp so it could be used for agricultural purposes, not 'as a backdoor way to legalize THC, the office continued.

and effects.

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Council OKs loan for Fuqua

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — A local businessman will get help restoring another build-

Dunkirk City Council on Monday approved a \$25,000 downtown revitalization loan for Rock Fuqua for upgrades at 128 S. Main St.

Fuqua and his wife seemed to be the much Kathy recently purchased the former pet store building, which is just north of Dunkirk Police Department. They plan to renovate it in hopes of attracting a business to the downtown area.

The downtown revitalization loan will follow the same parameters as previous loans, with a promissory note from the Fuquas and zero interest over five years. The funds must be used for building improvements.

The Fuquas, former owners of Dunkirk's Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Ram dealership, have been involved in a variety of renovation projects in the city. Among those projects are Glass Capital Grill and the former News and Sun building, which now houses The Pink Barn.

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins also informed council members Jesse Bivens, Bryan Jessup, Kevin Hamilton and Christy Curts, absent Tom Johnson, that a change order was turned in Monday for the storm sewer and detention basin project that is underway on the southeast side of the city.

Plans originally called for line upgrades to run along Rick Street and Second Street to A Street.

See Loan page 2

Dunkirk City Council on Monday approved a downtown revitalization loan for Rock Fugua for the former pet store building at 128 S. Main St. Fugua and his wife Kathy plan to renovate the structure in hopes of attracting а business to the city.



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Deaths

Douglas Lewis, 75, Port-Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 73 degrees Monday. The low was 54.

Tonight's forecast calls for lows dropping into the 40s. Thursday's high will be in the mid 70s under sunny skies.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The deadline to apply for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship in Jay County is 5 p.m. Friday. The scholarship provides full tuition and fees for any Indiana college or university. Applications are available at portlandfoundation.org. For more information, call (260) 726-4260.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from tonight's Jay County versus Fort Recovery volleyball match.

Saturday — Coverage of Thursday's joint Jay County and Portland EDIT advisory committee meeting.



Capsule Reports

Backing accident

A Winchester man backed the car he was operating into a Jay County officer's patrol vehicle and continued driving along Division Road about 2 a.m. Sunday.

Derek M. Bogenschutz, 35, Dunkirk, was driving a 2021 Dodge Durango and pursuing a 1999 Chevrolet Silverado along the road near State Line Road. The Silverado driver, 30-vear-old David W. Atkinson, backed the vehicle into Bogenschutz's car and continued north, according

to an accident report from Jay County Sheriff's Office.

The vehicle Atkinson was driving is registered to Chad J. Timmerman of Portland, and it was towed. Atkinson was cited with a felony for battery. According to the report, he was driving without a license.

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Intersection crash

A Muncie man crashed into a Fort Recovery teen's car at the intersection of Indiana 16 and without insurance.

State Line Road about 12:22 p.m. Monday.

Christopher J. Smith, 24, Muncie, was driving his 2004 Chevrolet Malibu south on State Line Road and failed to stop at the intersection with Indiana 26, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. He continued south and struck a westbound 2009 Toyota Camry driven by 16year-old Reed T. Albers of Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Smith was cited for disregarding the stop sign and driving

Both vehicles were towed. Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Moped hit

A Portland man's moped hit the side of another Portland man's car, causing him to fall off the bike at the intersection Middle and Main streets about 11:26 a.m. Sunday.

Daniel S. Knipp, 67, was driving his 2020 Baodiao east on Main Street and following a 2014 Honda Crosstour, driven by 48year-old Bryan L. Henkle of

Portland. Henkle told police he was driving east and slowed to turn north onto Middle Street when Knipp tried to pass him, causing Knipp's moped to hit the front driver's side of Henkle's car and fall off his moped.

Knipp sustained a cut on his forehead and may have had a broken nose, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. He was taken to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie for his injuries.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

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Thursday 8/31	Friday 9/1	Saturday 9/2	Sunday 9/3	Monday 9/4
75/50	80/57	85/63	89/65	90/68
Sunny skies are on the horizon for Thursday with a high of 75 degrees.	with a high of 80 degrees. At	The high may reach the mid	Another day of sun is slated for Sunday, when the temperature will hit the upper 80s.	Labor Day looks to be sunny and hot. The high temperature is expected to be 90.

Lotteries

Powerball

Monday 4-6-25-55-68 Power Ball: 26 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$386 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$67 million

Hoosier

Monday Midday Daily Three: 8-8-7 Daily Four: 0-4-5-6 Quick Draw: 8-9-10-11-13-14-15-23-26-29-38-43-47-48-54-61-62-70-74-80 Evening

Daily Three: 2-7-6

Daily Four: 7-0-7-9 Quick Draw: 5-6-10-12-14-18-19-25-26-29-50-52-55-

57-59-62-66-71-77-80 Cash 5: 20-32-33-36-40 Estimated jackpot: \$178,500

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Today in history

In 1862, the Second Manassas Battle of (also known as Bull Run) ended in a decisive Confederate victory in northern Virginia during the Civil War.

In 1905, Ty Cobb made his debut for the Detroit Tigers.

In 1918, Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin survived an assassination attempt during which he was shot twice.

In 1930, businessman and philanthropist Warren Buffett was born in Omaha, Nebraska. Buffett took majority control of textile manufacturer Berkshire Hathaway in 1965. Today the company has a wide range of subsidiaries including GEICO, Duracell, Dairy Queen and Pilot Flying J.

In 1967, the U.S. Senconfirmed the

good Marshall to the Supreme Court, making him the first Black man to serve as a Supreme Court Justice.

In 2007, the Jay County High School boys tennis team defeated Anderson Highland 4-1 to stay in control of the race for the Olympic Athletic Conference championship. Adam Horn and Mark Alberson led the Patriots with a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 2 doubles.

In 2021, The Portland Foundation announced scholarship awards of \$143,075 for its summer cycle. It included five Dr. Ara C. and Gay B. Badders Medical Scholarships of \$3,200 each for Kellie Fortkamp, Jared Lizzie Katy Schoenlein, Smeltzer and Abbigayle Smith.

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appointment of Thur-

Citizen's calendar

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 Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Advisory Committee and Portland EDIT Advisory Committee joint session, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Obituaries

Douglas Lewis

Douglas Duane Lewis, age 75, of Portland passed away at his residence in Portland.

He was born in Kansas City, Missouri on March 17, 1948, the son of Robert and Mary Lucille (Lyons) Lewis. He was a self-employed contractor and had worked for D & J Construction. He was a U.S. Army veteran, 1966 Portland High School graduate and member of Ameri-

can Legion Post #211 and Portland Eagles Lodge.

Surviving are a son, Brentton Lewis of Berne; a daughter, Brittany Ricole Lewis of Maui, Hawaii; and a sister, Sherry Ann

McClung of Portland. There will no funeral services. Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

choice of the donor.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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, Memorials can be made to the which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

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The opinion was a direct response to a request by Indiana State Police Executive Director Doug Carter and Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council (IPAC) Executive Director Chris Naylor.

The document explicitly says, "The OAG cannot opine on the charging or prosecution of individual cases and defers to the prosecuting attorneys and law enforcement officers for those decisions."

Spokespeople for the entities didn't provide comment. IPAC noted it hadn't provided guidance to counties, but said each was aware of the opinion.

Law enforcement and prosecutors were reading Rokita's opinion — and acting on it.

"I am writing to inform you that if you continue to possess and/or sell these products, you ... could be charged with dealing in a controlled substance," reads a letter from Wayne County Prosecutor Michael Shipman to Low Bob's Tobacco, in an exhibit for the lawsuit. Shipman's office didn't return a request for comment.

"We are aware of ongoing civil litigation regarding the legal status of certain THC products and look forward to more clarity in the future,' wrote Huntington Police Chief Corv R. Boxell. "For now, we are requesting that our local businesses cease all purchase, sale, and possession of any substance containing THC, with the exception of strictly delta-9 products with a concentration below 0.3%."

The Huntington Police Department, Huntington County Prosecutor Jeremy Nix and the Evansville Police Department — named in the lawsuit alongside two individual law enforcement officers — did not return requests for comment.

Vanderburgh County Prosecutor Diana Moer's office said it had sent out letters but hadn't yet filed any

They are among numerous law enforcement entities throughout the state that have mass-mailed letters to businesses selling products containing delta-8 THC and other variants.

Some businesses received surprise visits, like Wall's. Some were even raided, the lawsuit alleges, and their products seized.

In the lawsuit, 3Chi alleges that its previous Indiana-based bank told it to either stop selling its products or switch banks, forcing a transition. The Midwest Hemp Council alleged that its members have been turned down for financing and other banking services, and that they're at risk for criminal prosecution.

The plaintiffs argue that Rokita's opinion violates the 2018 federal Farm Bill and provisions in Indiana law by "unilaterally reclassify(ing) low THC hemp extracts as Schedule I controlled substances." They also request an injunction to halt enforcement.

Still, Rokita's office stands by its

"We were asked by law enforcement for our legal advice on Indiana law as passed by the elected General Assembly. We are confident in that opinion, which notes the exception for Delta-9 THC under 0.3%," Rokita said in a February statement. His office directed the Capital Chronicle to the statement when asked for comment.

... Those concerned with the current law can contact their state legislators and senators," he continued. Wall has little left to sell without

delta-8: blue lotus flower vapes, mush-

rooms, products of less 0.3% delta-9 THC, and the like.

There are ripple effects.

The sale restrictions, Wall said, have forced him to halt orders from vendors, and the financial hit has led him to pull advertisements from billboards and radios. Lower revenue also means less in taxes — at one point, Wall said, he was paying over \$20,000 a month in taxes, which fund

public services. Customers are also affected.

"People come into our stores mad," Wall said. "You know, 'You've got it in there somewhere!' ... No, we don't, sorry. You're going to have to complain to the state about that.

"And all these people are going mad because nobody can get their delta-8 ... or all the other stuff that would help them," he said. "You know, (they're) going back to using drugs again, or going back to the street. I mean, we've heard it firsthand.

There are several thousand retailers of delta-8 and similar products across Indiana, estimated Midwest Hemp Council President Justin Swanson. But enforcement thus far, he noted, has been markedly countyby-county.

That's something Rokita acknowledges.

"Businesses who sell synthetic products or products with a higher concentration of Delta-9 THC could be in jeopardy at the discretion of their county prosecutor," he said.

Wall, meanwhile, is pursing a move: to Henderson, Kentucky, which lies just across state lines from Evans-

It's close by, he said, requiring no staff relocations. And it'd remain accessible to much of his current customer base.

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The change order calls for utilizing Palace Street and Rick Street to avoid other underground infrastructure on A Street.

Robbins said the change is unlikely to impact the timeline for the project and also will not increase the cost.

In other business, council: ·Heard a final walk-through with Indiana Department of Transportation on the Highland Avenue sidewalk project will be held Thursday. A previous walk-through led to fixes in minor issues such as a sign that was reinstalled incorrectly and some areas that needed to be re-seeded.

•Answering a question from Jessup, Robbins said paving of the trail on the east side of Dunkirk City Park will be completed by the end of fall. In further discussion, Robbins said the city will be

applying for a grant to continue the trail from its intersection with Speedcat Alley near Highland Avenue around the west side of the park and back to West Jay Community Center to complete the loop. He added that he is also working on possible funding to install a sidewalk from Dunkirk City Pool south along Hoover Street to North Street.

•Was asked to review a draft of the city's new handbook. Council in May hired Indianapolis human resources consulting firm New Focus to review its existing handbook and make updates at a cost of \$5,000. The updates are being made to reflect changes in ordinances and policies that have been implemented since the last update about seven years ago.

•Approved the following: A water bill adjustment of \$296.94; and claims totaling \$168,222.08.

SERVICES

Wednesday

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

Friday

Cook, Mary: I p.m., Claycomb Cemetery.

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65th anniversary



Priscilla and Richard Knoth - 1958

Priscilla and Richard Knoth

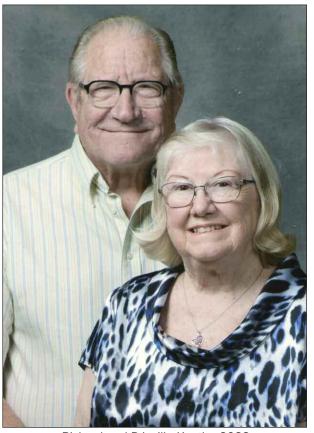
The Knoths are celebrating their 65th anniversary today.

Richard Knoth and Priscilla (Winans) wed Aug. 30, 1958, at St. John the Baptist-Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

A Portland couple for 63 years, they raised seven children: Priscilla Larsh of Charlotte, North Carolina; Veronica Mertz (husband John) of Fort Wayne; Dave Castle (wife Loretta) of Mount Pine, Arizona; Sandra Orrell of Hot Springs, Arizona; Christopher Knoth (wife Stephanie) of Yorktown; Matthew Knoth (wife Amber) of Williamsburg, Virginia; and David Knoth (wife Nicole) of Fort Wayne. They also have 16 grandchildren.

Richard Knoth retired as an excavating contractor, and Priscilla Knoth retired as a daycare

They celebrated in July with a week-long family reunion at Lake Webster in Kosciusko County.



Richard and Priscilla Knoth - 2023

Marriage licenses

Rayna M. Brenner, 33, Langenkamp, 26, Saint Portland, and Eric L. Gar- Henry, Ohio ringer, 31, Portland

Portland, and Nathan R. M. Bailey, 39, Portland

Alexander C. Alicea, 32, Clare E. Dirksen, 22, Fort Wayne, and Danielle

Portland, and Tyler J. ginia Jarvis, 29, Portland

Wirtz, Virginia, and Barry Mertz, 34, Bryant

Ashton E. Destouet, 31, C. Wray, 61, Wirtz, Vir-

Cheynne D. Caldwell, 32, Pamela J. Turner, 61, Bryant, and Lonnie D.

Kendal R. Bowser, 23, Upland, and Jevin L. Malkey, 23, Redkey

Portland, and Amy M. land

Vanlue, 50, Portland Amanda L. Riddlebarger, 31, Portland, and Bradley G. Strait, 46, Skyler M. Sibery, 28, Port-

Wandering eye isn't a secret

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 18 years. It's a second marriage for both of us. He cheated on his ex with me. Soon after we were married, he told me that, given the chance, he would cheat on me, but that I shouldn't worry because no really pretty woman would ever want him.

Six years into our marriage, I needed to find something on his phone and saw he had signed up on a dating website for married people looking to cheat. We went to counseling. He said he wasn't planning on following through; he just wanted to see what was out there.

Not long afterward, I noticed he had checked a website for dating foreign women, but he needed a credit card, so he gave up. Off to counseling again. I told him that was strike

with my daughter. Last week, he acci- to have it all. But since she's been dentally deleted something on his phone and asked me to find it. What I would estimate that she now weighs gain and sedentary lifestyle also found were emails from women around 250 pounds. She has no eneroffering their services, all of them gy, doesn't walk at all, and sits in front lems if they aren't addressed. sent while I was away. ("Send money, of the TV when she's not at work. She That said, the intervention I'll send more titillating photos.") He refuses to allow her picture to be should come from your daughclaims he didn't ask for them. There taken; she always insists on being the ter's doctor, if she has one, are eight or 10. My question: Is this one taking pictures.

Dear Abby



strike three? — FOOLISH LADY IN MARYLAND

DEAR LADY: It should be obvious to you by now that your husband isn't interested in being faithful. If you're looking for a reason to leave him, this is strike three. If not, it's strike 2 1/2. (Please get yourself tested for STDs.)

DEAR ABBY: My beautiful daughter has a great job, two lovely sons Last month, I went on vacation and a fiance who loves her. She seems with him, she has gained weight. I

I know she's bothered about her weight. I know I am bothered because I'm afraid she won't live 10 more years. Last weekend, we were at an outside self-service restaurant with a steep terrace. We wanted another drink. She asked me to get them because she would be too out of breath. I made two trips bringing things down to our table.

How can I say I think she needs to lose weight? Of course, she does, but will this ruin our relationship? I almost feel like she needs an intervention. We would be as worried if it were alcohol that was threatening her life. But it's food. Her fiance is also overweight. I think he's an enabler.

I'm stressed and depressed over this. They plan to be married next year, and I wonder how much they will weigh by then. Any advice? — PROTECTIVE MOM IN MISSOURI

DEAR MOM: Your concern is valid. Your daughter's could lead to serious health probrather than from you.

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land. For more informa-

next meeting at noon Fri-

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Community Calendar

Notices will appear in ING BREAKFAST CLUB space is available. To sub- east room of Richards an item, email news@thecr.com.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORN-

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Community Calendar as Will meet at 8 a.m. in the Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

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Level: Intermediate

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played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon LEAGUE — Will hold its each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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 RECOV-ERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERV-ICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at

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

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)

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)

· Follows the Jay County government office holiday schedule

· 35 hours weekly (Monday through Friday)

· Occasional evening and weekend hours as needed for department operations and out of town meetings

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

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Tuesday's Solution

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- 8 7 6 8 6 2 4 3 blocks or regions) contains 3 4 the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each. З 8 6 7

Little knowledge was a lot annoying

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Aug. 27, 2003. This one was particularly amusing. It can be fun to listen to the conversations of fans whose knowledge is limited at best. And it's not at all unusual for the loudest to make it clear they're the least knowledgeable in the crowd.

By JACK RONALD The Commercial Review

We knew we were in trouble before the bottom half of the first

Sitting in great box seats along third base line at Victory Field in Indianapolis, we were hoping to squeeze the last bit of baseball enjoyment out of August.

But a young woman behind us had other ideas.

She was an expert.

Or, more accurately, she

thought she was an expert. "I understand the game so the lowly masses.

much more since I started reading Money Ball," she said early on, as the three of us were cast in the unwanted role of eavesdrop-

Back

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Saddle

That should have been a tip-off right there.

She didn't say, "since I read Money Ball." She said, "since I started reading Money Ball."

The talkative fan behind us hadn't even bothered to finish a book before sharing her newfound baseball knowledge with In case you've never heard of were in danger of getting com-Money Ball, it's an account of pletely blown out of their home plane flight? how a brilliant baseball executive put together a winning team in Oakland using an unorthodox way of measuring player success.

It's supposed to be excellent, though I haven't read it yet.

Neither, of course, had the fan behind us.

As a poster child for a-littleknowledge-is-a-dangerous-

thing, she continued to lecture and opine for her mother and some old guy who was either incredibly patient or blessedly deaf for the full nine innings.

By about the second inning, she pronounced the opposing pitcher "cold."

"And he knows it," she added. This, in spite of the fact that the Indians Indianapolis had already given up four runs and

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stadium.

And on, and on it went.

Her one lesson from the book, based upon how frequently it was repeated, was that on-base percentages are important, whether they're the result of hitting or walks.

True enough, but it's hardly the sort of thesis one stitches together for a dissertation.

We did our best to tune her out, but I also found myself wondering.

Was she trying to impress

somebody? Her mom?

Or the deaf guy?

Or us?

Could she have carried on that same routine as a soliloguy if she'd come to the game alone? Wouldn't it be terrible to be

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Though the Indians rallied, they were having trouble getting into the game, but our selfappointed visiting lecturer still seemed to think it was the opposing team that was in trou-

Then, about the seventh or eighth inning, the catcher for the opposing team got mouthy with the umpire over a questionable call. Next thing we knew, he was headed for the dugout.

And our loquacious expert was clueless.

"If this manager thinks that changing catchers is going to improve the pitching, he's kidding himself," she pronounced.

We didn't have the heart to tell her. Besides, we couldn't have gotten a word in edgewise.

Referendum must be rejected

Yakima Herald-Republic

(Washington) Tribune News Service

You have to wonder what kind of world some of our neighbors would like to see.

Perhaps we'll get a glimpse after the Nov. 7 general election, when voters in Columbia County will decide on a referendum that could dissolve the Columbia County Rural Library District.

That's right. Dissolve the whole library district. And get rid of all the books.

It would be a first in the United States.

Even more jarring: The measure didn't come about because of typical rural problems — money issues or pitched battles who's running over things. No, nothing like

It's all because a group of residents failed to persuade the district's board to censor some books that they didn't like in the system's only library in Dayton. So now, rather than negotiate, seek compromises — or simply not check out the books they don't like — they're trying to burn down the whole system.

about the baby out with the bath water.

They object to a handful of books, so the best option they can see is to get rid of those books as well as every other book in the library — encyclopedias, reference books, atlases, textbooks on geology, history, religion, philosophy and local geography, classic literature, poetry and of course, the whole children's section. (Don't bother looking for Waldo

Jessica Ruffcorn presented a petition to the board demanding the referendum earlier this month. The petition met the legal requirements at least 10% of the county's registered voters had signed it — so the board had no choice but to accept it and set the wheels in motion for the November vote.

in Columbia County.)

Imagine that. A county voting to get rid of its only library. Its own window on the world.

It's the kind of thing we've grown used to seeing in backward and chronically chaotic counlike Afghanistan or Yemen, for your neighbors.

Guest **Editorial**

Imagine that. A county voting to get rid of its only library. Its own window on the world.

where religious zealots inflict brutal consequences on their neighbors to force adherence to draconian rules.

Those kinds of countries routinely try to prevent the public from learning much of anything about the world around them. The whole point is to instill obedience to a few self-appointed leaders — and keeping the masses frightened, illiterate and as ignorant as possible really helps with that goal.

Is that the kind of world that 10% of the voters in Columbia County are aiming for?

Whatever the backers' intentions, the referendum they're placing on November ballot should be roundly rejectby anyone who believes in free thought and individual choice.

It's astonishing that we even have to say this, but here in the Land of the Free, you have the right to choose ignorance for yourself — but you don't Iran, have the right to choose it

We have tools to stop the spread

By LZ GRANDERSON

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

Uncle Johnny made my dress That cheap Spandex, she looks a

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Grammy-winning Beyoncé's hum elevated Uncle Johnny name in the song "Heated" in 2022, but her mother, Tina Knowles, had been talking about him publicly for

The dress Beyoncé is referring to was the one Johnny made for her prom. He designed and made a number of others for her and her sister Solange throughout their childhoods. Knowles credits him with being both their de facto nanny and her definitive rock.

He died from complications of AIDS in the early 1990s. Knowles still gets quite emotional talking about him. That was the case at a conference earlier this month as she reflected on his life while encouraging members of the National Assn. of Black Journalists to cover more stories about HIV.

Because tragedies like what happened to Beyoncé's uncle aren't just history. They're current events.

In 2021, women represented nearly 20% of new HIV infections. More than 50% of women who contracted the virus were Black. President Joe Biden's 2024 budget proposed \$237 million for a federal PrEP program that's pre-exposure prophylaxis, a daily pill intended to keep HIV-negative people from becoming HIV-posi-

The issue is that just 11% of Black people who could benefit from PrEP were prescribed it, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated in 2021. That number is nearly 80% for their white counterparts. It's 20% for Latinos.

LZ Granderson



do with resources, something that I hope the new budget will address.

But stigma and shame remain

major obstacles.

Which is why Knowles told those journalists recently that she doesn't mind shedding a few tears if her story could help save lives. Black and brown people are contracting HIV and dying of AIDS at a disproportionate rate. Knowles said that her family wasn't able to get Johnny the proper care in time to save his life — and care was pretty spotty in the early '90s regardless. Today we are blessed to live at a time when HIV can be a chronic, managed disease rather than a death sentence.

Last month, the World Health Organization echoed earlier CDC findings, stating: "People living with HIV who have an undetectable viral load ... and continue taking medication as prescribed have zero risk of transmitting HIV to their sexual part-

There is medication to safeguard against contracting. Medication to prevent spreading. But there isn't a prescription for destigmatizing.

Or apathy. It feels as if because Magic Johnson is thriving, the virus isn't a threat. And it isn't the danger it once was. But the homophobia that greeted Johnson after he revealed he was HIV-positive is still very much an epidemic.

This month alone there have been two national stories about people Part of the racial disparity has to killed because of homophobia: Laura

Ann Carleton and O'Shae Sibley. One for hanging a Pride flag at her business, the other for dancing to Beyon-

Because of the effect the virus had on the LGBTQ+ community in the beginning, there remains a homophobic discomfort for some to talk about HIV. Sometimes it's a Bible scripture that is used to discourage helping a family member or justify harming strangers at the ballot box. That's a recurring theme in our punitive society. That kind of cruel mind-set can even act invisibly, discouraging the people who need help the most from

After her 2022 album "Renaissance" came out, Beyoncé made it known that her latest release was one way of honoring Uncle Johnny. The family using their platform to encourage others to get tested, to seek treatment, to go on living — that's another.

"We never treated him badly," Knowles said of Johnny at the conference. "Everyone was super protec-

tive of him.

"He got sick and ... when we lost him ... it was one of the most painful experiences for all of us. The hard thing was before he passed away, his friends started passing away. ... They weren't getting the medical attention they needed."

She referenced "Dallas Buyers Club," the 2013 film based loosely on Ron Woodroof, a Texas man who contracted the virus in the early days and $challenged\ the\ federal\ government\ on$ drug distribution and treatment. Matthew McConaughey won an Oscar for his portrayal of Woodroof, who said he lost all of his friends once they learned of his status.

Back then we didn't know nearly as

much as we do today. Today we have all the tools we need

to end the spread of HIV. So why are we still dying?

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Show companions

Merrill Butterfield and his dog, Jack, cruise through the northern portion of the fairgrounds Wednesday in their custom-built tractor. Butterfield, a Warren resident, has been visiting the show for more than 50 years.

Proposal

Continued from page 1 breakdown of its services, which included conceptual design, schematic design, survey and additional work. It also includes an update to the county's tax increment financing (TIF) plan, which Schemenaur said would be a major component of developing the land.

Commissioners president Chad Aker pointed out the planning contract is the first step in the development process. McGalliard added that a main focus of the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0 — it's a state funding opportunity for Indiana regions — is hous-

Commissioners selected REA and agreed to pay for the work using economic development income tax (EDIT) funds.

Also Monday, commissioners amended the counbetween the eastern edge ty's truck ordinance, which of Portland and county prohibits trucks from road 300 East; and county using certain parts of Jay road 1150 West between County roads. (Exceptions are granted for school buses, state- or county-

vehicles stopping in the REA's proposal offered a area and vehicles owned or operated by local residents.)

Trucks, truck tractors and semitrailers are prohibited from using the following sections of road: Como Road between Indiana 26 and U.S 27; county road 50 North between county roads 300 West and 200 West; county road 100 North between U.S. 27 and county road 200 West; county road 200 South between U.S. 27 and Indiana 67; county road 200 West between county road 300 North and Indiana 67; county road 300 East between Indiana 26 and Division Road; county road 500 South between Indiana 1 and Indiana 67 and between county roads 1150 West and 1225 West; county road 750 West between county roads 300 North and 400 North, 450 North and 400 North and Indiana 18 to 550 North; Division Road county road 500 South and Dunkirk.

The same vehicles are

following roads when state highways are closed with an official detour: State Line Road between county roads 300 North and 400 South; county roads 700 East, 600 East and 300 East between county roads 300 North and 400 South; county road 100 East between Indiana 26 and county road 200 South; Division Road between Portland and county road 600 East; county road 100 North between U.S. 27 and county road 600 East; county road 200 North between U.S. 27 and county road 700 East; county road 300 North between U.S. 27 and State Line Road; county road 100 South between Portland and Indiana 26; and county roads 200 South and 400 South between U.S. 27 and State Line Road.

Penalties for violating the ordinance come at a minimum \$275 fine and maximum \$2,500 fine for an initial violation, with at least \$500 fines for subsequent violations.

Commissioners OK'd shifting Jay County Highway Department to a fourday work week year round. Currently the department

week with 10-hour shifts throughout the summer and adjusts back to five-day, eight-hour shifts in the

winter. Highway superintendent Eric Butcher brought up the subject at a meeting Aug. 14. Jay County Personnel Committee recommended Thursday commissioners approve change. Commissioner Rex Journay asked about how the county would handle other departments making similar requests, with Aker pointing out different jobs have different sched-

"If you want this type of schedule, you ought to do this type of work," he said. "If you wanna work two days a week, two 24-hour shifts, become an EMT. Become a paramedic. We'll hire you over there. There's certain jobs, certain offices that lead certain hours ... you can't treat everybody the same because they don't have the same jobs.'

Commissioners tabled a request from Aflac insurance agent Chris Jones, who asked for permission to offer supplemental insurance to counowned vehicles, delivery prohibited from using the operates on a four-day ty employees. (Aker, a Port-

land city employee, noted he opts into the service.) Commissioners chose to hold off on a decision they discussed approving Jones to offer her services to full-time employees until Jones could meet with auditor Emily Franks to discuss the financial bookkeeping.

They also took an offer under advisement from Aaron Shaff of Level 365. Shaff proposed the county switch to his company's phone services, providing a monthly offer of \$2,139.36 and a one-time fee of \$18,538.74. Level 365 provides unified communications (a cloud program) to connect office phones, computers and cell phones through a common app. Some of its features include call forwarding and a voicemail-to-email option.

In other business, commissioners:

·Heard from Jay County's Purdue Extension office director Allison Keen about two new employees. (Keen is taking over the role as former director Amanda Bullion transitions to Delaware

hired in May as the new agriculture and natural resources educator, and Ashley Drees was recently hired as the new health and human sciences educator.

·Learned from community coordinator Nate Kimball about a few grant and loan opportunities applicable to local needs, including grants for housing, economic development and wastewater projects as well as a loan for water and wastewater projects.

•Approved Jay Emergency Medical Service director Kyle Gerlach to sign claims on behalf of the department. Director Gary Barnett also shared July's monthly expenses and income, which came to \$61,523.23 and \$81,482.25, respectively.

•Were reminded about Kleinpeter Consulting completing an income survey for Jay County, with McGalliard noting the results indicated Jay County is a low-income county. The survey, which is valid for four years, may be used to apply for grants and other funding.

•Paid claims, including a quarterly \$47,694 claim County.) Emily Kring was from LifeStream Services.

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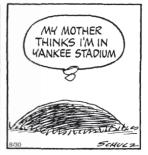
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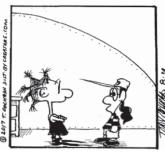






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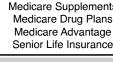


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Bridge

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable

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Pass Opening lead — five of hearts.

"There's more than one way to skin a cat" can be applied to many situations that arise at the bridge table (even though very few cats actually play the game). South would have done much better had

whether to take a diamond finesse, hoping West had the king, or a club

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he applied this well-known adage to the play of today's hand. He took the opening heart lead with the ace and then had to decide

finesse, hoping West had the queen.

Eventually, declarer decided that

the straightforward diamond finesse offered as good a chance as any to succeed. But when the finesse lost to the king and South's remaining heart stopper was dis-lodged, the contract was doomed, since East was sure to regain the lead with the club ace before South

could score nine tricks.

Among other things, declarer failed to take into account that East was very likely to have both the king of diamonds and ace of clubs for his vulnerable overcall.

More importantly, though South More importantly, though, South failed to appreciate that if he had chosen the club finesse instead of the diamond finesse and lost the ten to the queen, he would still have

the diamond finesse to fall back on.

Trying the club finesse at trick two thus gives South two chances to succeed instead of just one. If West does have the queen, repeated finesses will produce three club tricks, rendering the diamond

inesse unnecessary.

It is true that East might have the club queen as well as the club ace and diamond king, but in that case the contract cannot be made. It is also true that if East held the A-Q of clubs without the king of dia-monds, he could lead declarer astray by taking the first club with the ace — but that's another story.

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8-30 **CRYPTOQUIP**

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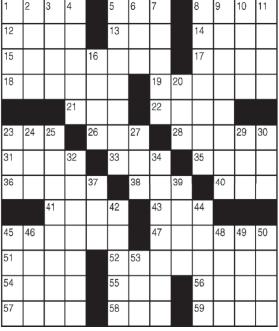
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Sports on tap

Local schedule

5 p.m.; Boys soccer at Norwell - 5 p.m.; Boys tennis vs. Marion – 5:30 p.m.; Volleyball at Wapahani – 6 p.m.; Junior High cross country vs. Lee L Driver - 5 p.m.; Junior High volleyball at Lee L Driver - 6

Fort Recovery - Boys golf vs. St. Henry - 4:30 p.m.; Girls golf at St. Henry at Mercer County Elks -4:30 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Parkway -5:30 p.m.; Middle School football vs. Coldwater – 5 p.m.; Middle School volleyball vs. South

TV sports

Today
12 p.m. — U.S. Open (ESPN)
3:45 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at
San Francisco Giants (Bally Indiana)

12 p.m. — U.S. Open (ESPN) 7 p.m. — NCAA Football: Elon at Wake

7 p.m. — NCAA Football: Kent State at UCF (FS1)

7 p.m. — U.S. Open (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — NCAA Football: Florida at Utah (ESPN) 8 p.m. — NCAA Football: Nebraska at

Local notes Cheer clinic scheduled

Minnesota (FOX)

The Jay County Junior/Senior High School cheerleading clinic is scheduled for Sept. 5 and 6.

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. Participants will cheer at halftime of the JCHS football game against

Adams Central on Sept. 8.

The fee is \$35 per participant, which includes a t-shirt. A registration form is available on the Jay County Cheerleading

page on Facebook. For more information, contact Lindsey Peterson via email at lpeterson@jayschools.k12.in.us or by calling (260) 703-0267.

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 ter-

For more visit adamscountv5kchallenge.com or contact Macy Jauregui at (206) 724-2145 ext. 11036.

Hunt applicationsBeginning 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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COUNTY GENERAL

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

STATE 911 FUND

JURY FEES

COUNTY CORRECTIONS

BACKHOE REPAIR & REPLACEMENT

TITLE IV-E REIMBURSEMENT

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Emily Franks

Jay County Auditor

days of receipt of a certified copy of the action time.

Truck & Tractor Repair

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excess of the budget for the current year.

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4903-001-20-0055 Backhoe Parts & Service

Total

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Lot numbered 1 in Hugh's Second Addition, being an addition in a part of the East half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 23 North, Range 14 East, Wayne Township, now in the City of Portland, Indiana. 38-07-19-101-014.000-034 and commonly known as: 113

Maple Ln, Portland, IN 47371. Subject to all liens, encumbrances, rights of redemption, easements and restrictions of record not otherwise foreclosed and extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause #38D01-2212-MF-000028 in the Superior Court of the County of Jay Indiana, and subject to all real estate taxes, and assessments currently due, delinquent or which are to become a

Said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Larry R. Newton, Jr.

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to 400 North Between State Road 18

Between County Road

to State Line Road

300 N and County Road 400 S

and State Highway 67

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and Division Road

South Between U.S. Highway 27

Between County Road 300 North

West and County Road 1225 West

Between County Road 300 North

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and County Road 550 North

From County Road 450 North

Between State Highway 26 and

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 11

ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 71, SCHEDULE IV OF THE JAY COUNTY CODE Title VII Chapter 71. Schedule IV. Truck Restriction, is hereby amended to read as follows

DEFINITIONS. The following definitions shall apply to this schedule:

(A) "Truck" means any motor vehicle used for the transportation of goods or property whose total gross weight exceeds twenty thousand (20,000) pounds. (B) "Truck-Tractor" means any motor vehicle designed and used

primarily for drawing a trailer or another vehicle. (C) "Semitrailer" means a trailer or other vehicle designed for carrying goods or property and being drawn by a truck-tractor or other motor vehicle and is so constructed that some part of its

weight and that of its load rests upon or is carried by another motor vehicle. RESTRICTIONS ON COUNTY ROADS. Trucks, truck-tractors and semitrailers are prohibited from using any part of the following roads or sections of roads:

ROAD Como Road County Road 50 North

County Road 100 North County Road 200 South

County Road 200 West

County Road 300 East County Road 500 South

County Road 500 South County Road 750 West

County Road 750 West

County Road 750 West

County Road 700 E

Division Road

Between the eastern edge of the City of Portland and County Road 300 East County Road 1150 West Between 500 South and the Dunkirk City Limits

RESTRICTIONS DURING WHEN STATE HIGHWAYS ARE CLOSED DUE TO OFFICIAL DETOUR. Trucks, truck-tractors, and semitrailers are prohibited from using any part of the following roads or sections of roads during any period of time when State Highway 26 or U.S. Highway 27 are subject to an official detour provided by the Indiana Department of Trans

RESTRICTED SECTION ROAD State Line Road **Between County Road** 300 N and County Road 400 S

County Road 600 E Between County Road 300 N and County Road 400 S County Road 300 E Between County Road 300 N and County Road 400 S County Road 100 E Between State Highway 26 and County Road 200 S Between the Portland City Limits Division Road

to County Road 600 E County Road 100 N Between U.S. Highway 27 to County Road 600 E Between U.S. Highway 27 County Road 200 N to County Road 700 E County Road 300 N Between U.S. Highway 27

to State Line Road County Road 100 S Between the Portland City Limits to State Highway 26 County Road 200 S Between U.S. Highway 27 to State Line Road County Road 400 S Between U.S. Highway 27

1. School buses and state or county owned vehicles. 2. Delivery vehicles which must stop within the above restricted section of county roads to make deliveries in their normal course of business.

EXCEPTIONS. This schedule shall not apply to the following:

3. Vehicles owned and operated by either owners or their lessees who own property located adjacent to the above restricted section of county roads. 4. County Road 400 South between U.S. Highway 27 and State

Highway 1 shall be considered a truck route without any re-

PENALTY. A person found guilty of violating this schedule shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$275.00 and a maximum fine of \$2,500.00 for an initial violation of this schedule and shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$500.00 and a maximum fine of \$2,500.00 for each subsequent violation of this schedule. Notwithstanding this penalty provision, the County shall main tain the right and ability to pursue a separate civil action to collect actual damages caused to roadways, curbs, signs, or other personal property by any person, firm, or corporation found in

EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall become effective after publication.

ORDAINED AND ADOPTED by the Jay County Commissioners on this 28th day of August, 2023. Chad Aker, President Jay County Commissioners

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JCHS falls to Patriots

slow start had the Patriots looking uphill.

A hard fought second half gave them a chance. but they just couldn't get it done.

The Jay County High School boys soccer team couldn't complete the comeback against the Heritage Patriots on Monday, falling 3-2.

Jay County (1-2-1, 1-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) gave up three unanswered goals in the first half.

Ramos Christian Morales had a goal and an assist in the half. Alex Martinez and Myo Min Tway had the other two goals in the half. Ian Hale and Twa Rit both had assists.

In the second half, Jay County started to find the goal. Levi Muhlenkamp first scored at the 17:58 mark. Just a minute later, he scored again to make it a 3-2 game with 16:55 left. They couldn't find a third the No. 2 singles but fell 6-4, goal to force a shootout.

Osmar Gonzalez assisted

Jay Co. roundup

goals. Heritage had 13 shots on goal while Jay County had 13. Both of the teams' leaders, Dylan Marentes and Ramos Morales, had

Argylls best Patriots

FAIRMOUNT — Jay County's boys tennis team fell to the Madison-Grant Argylls 4-1 on Monday.

The No. 2 doubles duo was the lone winner for the Patriots (3-5) in the match. Isaac Miller and Luke Muhlenkamp were swept by Brogan Brunt and Dalton Gibson in the first set before winning the next two for the victory 0-6, 6-3, 7-

Eli Dirksen gave Christopher Fox a tough time at

In the No. 1 singles, Madi-Muhlenkamp on one of the son-Grant's Luke Gilamn matches



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got the better of Abraham Argylls. The closest match- nated Bellmont Middle Dirksen for a 6-3, 6-2 win.

Liam Garringer couldn't keep up with Clayton Hull in the No. 3 singles, losing 6-

The No. 1 doubles pair of Sam Myers and Gage Sims fell to Ty Evans and Ben JH runners dominate Pax 6-3, 6-1.

es were Dylan Chafant in School in a dual meet on the No. 2 singles as well as Gabe Pinkerton and Chase Spencer in the No. 2 doubles (both matches were 6-

DECATUR — The Jay The JV team lost all four County Junior High boys against the cross country team domi-

Monday 17-39.

The girls team also competed, but Bellmont didn't have enough athletes to compete as a team.

The Patriots had five of the top six scorers. Raif Beiswanger paced the Patriots, finishing first in 11:13.5.

Muhlenkamp followed up the performance with two more goals in a 3-2 loss to Heritage on Monday. Both of the goals came in the second half, after three unanswered in the first.

Jay County's

during

Levi Muhlenkamp (left) kicks up at the ball while Martin

Woodlan tries to gain

Saturday's 4-1 victory

over the Warriors.

Muhlenkamp scored two

of the Patriots' four

goals in the match.

Tanner

position

Sam Wiggins and Rocky Beiswanger finished four tenths of a second apart from each other to finish second and third.

Grady Warvel (fifth) and Carson Westgerdes (sixth) were the final scorers for the boys.

A time of 12:51.8 earned Abby Fifer a first-place finish for the girls.

Marion Local edges Indians by three

CELINA — It just wasn't the Indians' day.

Marion Local's Grant Kramer gave the Flyers the edge they needed to prevail against the Fort Recovery High School boys golf team on Monday at Mercer County Elks Golf Club.

Kramer's 39 was the matchlow and led Marion Local to a

west Athletic Conference) got its best scores from Keegan Muhlenkamp and Nate Jutte. Both players posted 44s in the match.

Muhlenkamp spread four pars out throughout his round on the first, third, fifth and ninth holes.

Jutte added three pars as well,

Fort Recovery (3-5, 2-3 Mid- was limiting holes where he picked up his play near the end. tribute to the team score. had the least amount of doublebogeys among the Indian golfers with only two, without shooting a single triple-bogey.

Only one stroke higher was Alex Dues with 45. Dues had a slow start to the round, including when he took seven strokes

shot double-bogey or worse. He He finished the match with LeFevre finished with 48 strokes three pars and a bogey on the last four holes.

> Eli Lennartz had the final qualifying score for Fort Recovery. Two pars and four bogeys led him to 46 strokes in the match.

Reece LeFevre and Matthew 176-179 victory over the Indians. but the strength of his match on the par-4 third hole, but Romer's scores did not con- 55.

while Romer had 51.

Four players competed in exhibition alongside the varsity match. Among the four, Marion Local's Carter Kuess shot the best score with 46.

For the Indians, Reece Evers shot a 54 while Caleb Smith had

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