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Firefly hoping to open resource center

Facility would be a 'one-stop shop' for residents in need

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

A local organization has requested funds to create a family resource center in Jay County.

Firefly Children and Family Alliance requested \$50,000 from Jay County Commissioners on Monday to hire a coordinator who would engage the community and coordinate services used in a family resource center.

Tasha Weaver, Firefly Children and Family Alliance region 7 director of prevention services, and Justin Litman of Jay County's branch of the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) shared a presentation with commissioners about how a family resource center would look in Jay County if operated by Firefly Children and Family Alliance, Indiana's primary prevention program.

Firefly Children and Family Alliance partnered with Indiana University School of Social Work about four years ago to open family resource centers in Madison, Tipton, Delaware and Grant counties. Indiana Department of Child Services is now funding the creation of new sites in Wayne, Tippecanoe, Laporte, Elkhart and Clark counties.

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition is a resource for families seeking help, explained Litman.

"There's also stigma that comes with walking in there for drug treatment," he said. "This would be a secondary place where they can walk in, get help for anything and not have that stigma attached to it, at least that's the goal."

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Homecoming candidates

Pictured are the candidates for Jay County High School homecoming king and queen. Front row from left are Nick Lyons, Jackson Edwards, Taye Curtis and Reece Leavell. Middle row are Brayden Collins, Hannah Laux, Molly Muhlenkamp, Laila Waddell and Sam Myers. Back row are Mackenzie Weesner, Chloe Ruiz, Zion Beiswanger and Willow Hardy.

Dunkirk will take Quincy streets

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — Miscommunication dating back more than 20 years had some city streets on the verge of being up for sale.

They will instead be dedicated to the city.

Dunkirk City Council on Monday agreed to pay back taxes and accept ownership of the streets in Quincy Place.

Council also held its public hearing on the 2024 budget.

City attorney Wes Schemenaur told council that the Quincy Place streets — Hart Drive, Shrack Lane and Merry Court — were up for tax sale but were subsequently pulled. He explained that the issue dates back to the early 2000s when there was discussion amongst Dunkirk City Council to accept ownership of the streets, but their dedication to the city was tabled and never voted on.

The Biggs Group, Decatur, which built the development had unknowingly continued to pay taxes on the streets until they sold the final properties in Quincy Place. With Biggs no longer owning any lots or houses in Quincy Place, the taxes on the streets then went unpaid. That led to them being set for inclusion in the tax sale.

Schemenaur said the solution now is for the city to pay the \$4,639.81 to settle the back taxes and then accept ownership of the

streets. (He noted that the city has already been taking care of street and utility maintenance in the area on the northeast side of the city.) He said he has been in contact with Biggs representatives and the firm has agreed to sign the dedication of the streets to the city.

Council members Jesse Bivens, Bryan Jessup, Christy Curtis, Tom Johnson and Kevin Hamilton unanimously approved paying the taxes and accepting ownership of the streets.

Also Monday, council looked at

Dunkirk's budget for 2024 that has been advertised at \$2.74 million, up from \$2.05 million. It includes \$1.63 million in the general fund, \$510,698 in American Rescue Plan Act spending, \$312,01 in the motor vehicle highway fund and \$90,000 in economic development income tax.

Jessup questioned the increase while noting that the bulk of it comes in the form of spending federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

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Confusion dating back decades led to streets being up for tax sale



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Little cheerleaders

Participants in Fort Recovery High School's Little Indiana cheerleading clinic run along the track Friday night after cheering along the sidelines during the Indians' football game against Minster.

Exhibit arrives Thursday

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Monday marked the 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

On Thursday, an exhibit that serves as a tribute to those who lost their lives that day in 2001 will roll into Jay County.

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation's 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit is expected to arrive in Bryant about 2 p.m. Thursday. From there it will receive an escort from local emergency responders, coming into Portland on U.S. 27 and then turning east on Votaw Street to Jay County Fairgrounds.

The exhibit, which will be set up between the Bubb Building and the Optimist stand and the fairgrounds, will be open in conjunction with the Indiana Military Preservation Association Rally and Swap Meet.

9/11 mobile display will be open this weekend at Jay County Fairgrounds

"It's going to be a really neat thing," said Museum of the Soldier volunteer Jim Waechter, who led the effort to have the exhibit to be on display in Jay County, told Portland City Council last month. "If you're 22 years old and younger, you weren't even born when this happened. So this is history. ..."

"For those of us who are old ... that lived through it, it's worth going back and looking through it. It's really impressive."

The exhibit features an

83-foot tractor-trailer that expands to an 1,100-square-foot exhibit. Two firefighters who responded to the 9/11 attacks in New York will be on hand to provide guided tours. The exhibit offers interactive education including artifacts from the World Trade Center towers, documentary videos and recordings of first responder radio transmissions. (For more information, visit t2t.org.)

"It's awesome," said Waechter.

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Deaths

Jackie Pyle, 85, rural Portland
Terry Moore, 79, rural Redkey
Sharon Brown, 76, Portland
Terri Heston, 62, Redkey
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 79 degrees Monday. The low was 54.
Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the mid 40s. Expect patchy fog early Thursday followed by sunny skies and a high around 70. Thursday's low will be in the mid 40s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Geneva Public Library will host a presentation by Wright State University biology professor Stephen Jacquemin regarding the Grant Lake St. Marys watershed, including the Wabash River, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The Wabash begins south of Fort Recovery and crosses the northeast corner of Jay County.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from Tuesday's JCHS volleyball match against Adams Central.

Friday — Coverage of this week's Jay County Council meeting.



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Thursday 9/14	Friday 9/15	Saturday 9/16	Sunday 9/17	Monday 9/18
70/45	73/47	74/53	71/51	70/51
Thursday looks to be sunny with some fog in the early morning.	Another day of sunny skies Friday, when the low at night will hit a cool 47 degrees.	Mostly sunny on Saturday, when the high will be around 74 degrees.	There's a 30% chance of showers. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Mostly sunny on Monday with a high around 70 degrees during the day.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 9-25-27-53-66 Power Ball: 5 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$550 million	Daily Four: 2-3-8-8 Quick Draw: 2-3-5-14-15-18-19-20-24-33-35-47-53-57-59-61-64-66-73-80 Cash 5: 13-17-20-27-40 Estimated jackpot: \$389,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$141 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 6-3-1 Pick 4: 7-5-1-5 Pick 5: 4-1-7-8-8 Evening Pick 3: 6-4-6 Pick 4: 9-8-2-1 Pick 5: 5-9-6-9-7 Rolling Cash: 5-7-13-26-31 Estimated jackpot: \$176,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 7-9-9 Daily Four: 2-0-6-9 Quick Draw: 4-5-20-21-24-29-37-38-39-42-45-51-56-58-61-62-64-70-76-77 Evening Daily Three: 9-2-1	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.25 Late Sept. corn.....4.95 Wheat.....4.76	Dec. beans.....13.35 Wheat.....5.01
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.49 Late Sept. corn.....5.24 Oct. corn.....4.69	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.32 Oct. corn.....5.12 Beans.....14.14 Oct. beans.....14.09 Wheat.....5.65
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....5.15 Late Sept. corn.....4.85 Beans.....12.97	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....5.32 Late Sept. corn.....5.12 Beans.....14.14 Sept. beans.....14.09 Wheat.....5.65

Today in history

In 1814, lawyer Francis Scott Key witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry from a ship in Baltimore Harbor after previously being detained by the British navy. The incident inspired him to write "The Star Spangled Banner," which became the U.S. national anthem.

In 1848, American railroad foreman Phineas Gage survived an accident in which an iron rod shot through his skull and destroyed most of the left frontal lobe of his brain.

In 1857, Milton Snavely Hershey, founder of Hershey Chocolate Corporation, was born near Hockersville, Pennsylvania. The town near which he was born is located less than 3 miles from Hershey, Pennsylvania, the home of his chocolate company.

In 1971, a revolt at Attica Correctional Facility in New York came to an end. It resulted in 29 inmates and 10 hostages being killed.

In 1972, Jay County Hospital Board voted to apply for a room rate increase through the Blue Cross agency. If approved, the rate would go up by about 6%.

In 1990, the TV series "Law & Order" — "In the criminal justice system, the people are represent-

ed by two separate yet equally important groups: The police, who investigate crime, and the district attorneys, who prosecute the offenders. These are their stories." — debuted on NBC. Starring Jerry Orbach and Chris Noth, it became one of the longest-running TV dramas.

In 1993, the Oslo accords, which helped to create an interim self-government for Palestinians and called for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, was signed.

In 2008, the third most-costly hurricane in U.S. history made landfall in Texas. Hurricane Ike had already wreaked havoc on Cuba.

In 2021, Jay County Commissioners agreed to hold on to at least 30% of the county's federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to serve as matching funds for the state's Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP). The county, which was chosen to be one of the first HELP participants, could be awarded as much as \$1 million from Indiana Office and Community and Rural Affairs.

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Citizen's calendar

Wednesday
1 p.m. — Jay County Sheriff's Office Merit Board, sheriff's conference room, sheriff's office, 224 W. Water St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Monday
5 p.m. — Jay School

Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Obituaries

Jackie Pyle

May 7 1938-Sept. 11, 2023
Jackie Lee Pyle, age 85, of rural Portland passed away Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, at his residence.

Jack was born in Bryant on May 7, 1938, the son of Lawrence and Mary (Bergman) Pyle. Jack was married to the love of his life for 64 years on July 4, 1959, to Nora Landers, who survives. Jack was retired from Teledyne Portland Forge, was a farmer and was a 1956 Bryant High School graduate. He was a member of the 122nd Airborne in Fort Wayne and served overseas during the Berlin crisis. He was a member of the NRA, an avid coon hunter and was an Amish hauler.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years Nora; two daughters, Sherry Craw (husband: David) of Losantville and Susan Ontrop of Portland; one sister, Anita McCardle of Avon, Florida; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gary Pyle.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Eads presiding. Burial will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the Bryant Community Center.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.



Pyle

he'd always be the biggest fan cheering them on from the side lines.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife Virginia (Hayes) Moore; two children, West (Marisa) Moore and Teresa Cox; four siblings, Brenda Edmonds, Wayne (Judy) Moore, Judy (Barry) Retter and Steve (Gail) Moore; 11 grandchildren, Tiffany (Chaise) Lowe, Colton (Harlee) Cox, Kearsten (Stacey) Lance, Makayla Moore, Riley Foster, Wyatt Foster, Parker Moore, Brynli Moore, Kacy Moore, Chris Moore and Jake Moore; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a special aunt.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. A Masonic Service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home and Pastor Joe Hines will officiate the service following the Masonic Service. Private burial will follow on Friday at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, north of Muncie.

Memorials may be directed towards the Redkey Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Sharon Brown

Jan. 14, 1947-Sept. 11, 2023
Sharon L. Brown, 76, of Portland, was called home on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023.

Sharon was born in Batesville, Arkansas, on Jan. 14, 1947, daughter of the late Roy and Vivian Platt. She was married on Aug. 10, 1969, to Michael D. Brown, who preceded her in death.

Sharon graduated from Pennville High School in 1965 and attended Purdue University. As the wife of a pastor, Sharon could be found in church on Sundays. She worked as the manager of Manpower and Art Craft. Sharon was a homemaker and an avid sewer, and loved playing piano. She also loved antiques and listening to '60s music. Sharon enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, whom she loved dearly.

Surviving are her children, Jennifer (Michael) Rupe, Portland, David (Joanna) Brown, Fishers, and Christie (Randy) Timmons, Fort Wayne; sister Terry Phillips, Pennville; sister-in-law Helen (Jack) Rouch, Portland; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Viewing will take place at Baird Freeman Funeral Home on Friday, Sept. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with funeral service at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Green Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, family is requesting a donation be made in Sharon's name to Riley Hospital, American Heart Association or Alzheimer's Association, or that a tree be planted in her memory.



Brown

Terry Moore

July 29, 1944-Sept. 10, 2023

Terry Leon Moore, 79, a resident of rural Redkey, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 10, 2023 at Stillwater Hospice. He fought a courageous battle of chronic health issues. Terry never gave up hope and fought bravely until the very end.

Born on July 29, 1944, in Winchester, Indiana, he was the son of Madonna (Straley) Moore and Myrl Moore. He graduated from Redkey High School in 1962.

Terry worked hard as a machine repairman at Kerr glass and Borg Warner, and later retired from GM in Marion, Indiana.

Terry was described by many as a gentle loving and caring man who would always be willing to lend a helping hand not only to his family and friends but also to a complete stranger. He adored his wife of 59 years, Virginia, and his kids, grandkids and great-grandkids.

Terry enjoyed horse racing, fishing, hunting, Indian artifacts and working in his garage. He found lots of joy in watching the grandkids' extracurricular activities where



Moore

SERVICES

Thursday

Pyle, Jackie: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Heston, Terri: 5 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

Moore, Terry: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Friday

Kegerreis, Wauneta: 10:30 a.m., Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, 520 N. 2nd St., Decatur.

Brown, Sharon: 1 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Perry, Sharon: 1 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

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A family resource center, Weaver said, acts as a "one-stop shop" for residents to seek services, such as workforce development, comprehensive family support case management, parenting education, financial literacy, early childhood education, food or hygiene pantries, computer labs and addiction-recovery programming.

Litman pointed out individuals from Dunkirk, Redkey and other municipalities may have transportation issues that make it difficult for them to get the help they need with current resources mainly located in Portland.

The goal would be to create a family resource center that could "float" to serve different Jay County municipalities throughout the week.

He explained Firefly Children and Family Alliance would like to hire a family resource center coordinator for Jay County.

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Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Terri Heston

Jan. 13, 1961-Sept. 10, 2023
Terri Lynn Heston, 62, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023, at her residence.

Terri was born in Muncie, Indiana, on Jan. 13, 1961, a daughter of Herb Leon Heston and the late Frances Lenore (Devoss) Heston. She was a 1979 graduate of Jay County High School, attend-

ed Amber's Beauty College and was formerly employed as a secretary for Fugiett Construction. Terri attended Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren, was a member of the Ridgeville American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 507, took great pride putting flags out on Memorial Day and was a former softball player and avid karaoke singer. She enjoyed cooking, flowers, crocheting, collecting birdhouses, watching True Crime, NCIS, CSI and TV dramas, listening to classic rock and Patsy Cline, and supporting her grandchildren in anything they were involved in.

Born breech on Friday the 13th, with a tough, strong-willed, red-headed exterior, Terri would shoot it to you straight and tell you what she thought, but underneath it all she was truly a tender-hearted, kind and devoted mother; grandmother; daughter and friend who would drop everything to help you, was always there no matter what and was an excellent caregiver who loved the holidays and always put others before herself.

She is survived by her father Herb Heston; daughter Jaima Lynn Logan (Brandon Haberstick); brother Randy Heston (Joyce); sister LuAnn Fugiett (Rodney); three grandchildren, Justin, Lilly and Waylon Logan; her close cousin Gary Devoss; her best friend Mike Hunt; three nephews; one niece; and several cousins and extended family and friends.

Terri was preceded in death by her mother Frances Heston; brother Danny Heston; sister Diana Jo Heston; and sister-in-law Joyce Heston.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, from 2 to 4 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 5 p.m. with Pastor Earl Doll officiating. Burial will be held privately at a later date in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel (P.O. Box 25, Redkey, IN 47373).

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Care Trak system is available for help

For those who are at a risk of wandering off, there is a local tool that can help.

Portland Fire Chief Mike Weitzel issued a reminder recently that the Care Trak system is available to those who have loved ones who are prone to getting lost.

The tracking system comes with a device similar to a wristwatch that can be worn on the wrist or ankle. If the individual wearing it gets lost, local emergency personnel can track them.

It is recommended for the elderly, children with autism and anyone else who may be a "flight risk." "It gives the family a

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piece of mind that we are able to track the individual if they do decide to take off," said Weitzel.

Currently, three individuals are utilizing the system. It has been in place locally since 2017.

For more information, or to request a Care Trak device, call the fire department at (260) 726-4500.

New website

Indiana Commission for Higher Education unveiled its new website for students, families and educators this week.

The website — learnmoreindiana.org — offers resources, tools and other guidance for Hoosiers regarding post-high school education. It is available in five languages.

"Learn More Indiana is an important channel for the Commission to communicate with the public," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery in a press

release. "Whether it be through social media or the website, Learn More Indiana provides timely updates and resources for Hoosiers who are pursuing education after high school. Our expectation is that the revamped website will make information more accessible to students, families and educators."

Chicken supper

The Museum of the Soldier's annual chicken supper fundraiser is Friday.

The drive-thru meal from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. will be offered on the south

side of the Bubp building at Jay County Fairgrounds. Bearcreek Events is catering the meal, which will include chicken, cheesy potatoes, baked beans and a drink. The fundraiser will be in conjunction with the Indiana Military Vehicle Show, which is slated for Friday through Sunday at Jay County Fairgrounds.

ArtWorks classes

The Jay County Campus of Arts Place will offer a variety of ArtWorks classes from now through December.

The next ArtWorks class is after school painting beginning Thursday, Sept. 14.

Other classes that begin this month are surface decoration (Sept. 16), hand-building basics (Sept. 16), beginner wheel throwing (Sept. 18), home school art (Sept. 21) and stamped metal keychains and bracelets (Sept. 27). Additional classes will begin in the coming months.

For more information, email visualarts@myartspplace.org or call (260) 726-4809. To register, visit myartspplace.easybooking.s ite.

Granddaughter tells outrageous lies for fun

DEAR ABBY: I generally have an excellent relationship with my 14-year-old granddaughter. However, she thinks it's funny to tell me outrageous lies with a straight face to see if she can get me to believe them. She laughs when I am unsure of whether she is telling the truth.

Once she told me her family was going to Hawaii for a month (she lives with her father rather than with my daughter, so I'm not privy to his plans). Another time, she jerked her arms around and said she has "tics." When I asked what she was talking

Dear Abby



her to do to me, and I was not amused. When I told her I didn't like it, she giggled and said, "Oh, Grandma!"

I had arranged for her to do weekly yard work for me, but now I'm having second thoughts about having her around that often if she's going to purposely upset me like that. I sent a text to her mother telling her about it, but received no response indicating she would talk to her daughter about it or have her apologize. What should I do? — HUMORLESS IN IOWA

DEAR HUMORLESS: Try

this: Tell your granddaughter you have bought tickets to a Taylor Swift or Harry Styles concert and ask if she would like to go with you. Then, when she reacts, start laughing.

DEAR ABBY: I am a man who has been married to my husband for two years. My problem is his brother. He tries to sabotage our marriage every chance he gets — from making rude comments to propositioning me and sending me nude pics of himself. The other problem is, my husband always takes his

brother's side. He knows his brother is dysfunctional but insists I should keep giving him another chance even though, when I have, it never turns out well. What should I do? — BUGGED IN ARIZONA

DEAR BUGGED: So your brother-in-law has the hots for you, and your husband is in denial. It may take couples counseling to help him see the light. In the meantime, spend as little time around the brother as possible and, when you are forced to be in his company, do not be alone in a room with him.

Community Calendar

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

Wednesday

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

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

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford

City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

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

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

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

Thursday

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet at 5 p.m. Sept. 14 at Pizza Hut in Portland.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B.

The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 211 — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at the post at 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

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

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — 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 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

Saturday

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

LOCALS MARKET — Is held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in May through October on East Main Street in Portland. For more information, contact The Flower Nook at (260) 726-7166.

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

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

Sunday

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all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

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

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

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.

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Conkling was an incredible friend

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Sept. 13, 2006. Among the many things Jack was good at was letting friends know how much they meant to him. This example is sure to make tears well in your eyes. Be prepared.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

"If you can do it, I can do it," Courtney Smyth told me Saturday morning.

"I can do it, if you can do it," I replied. We were at Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland for a memorial service for Al Conkling, Courtney's dad and my friend for more than 50 years.

At her request, I'd agreed to read a letter I wrote to Al in June. I did.

And, with your indulgence, I'll share it here.

If you knew Al, you'll understand. If you didn't, you'll wish you had known him.

"Dear Al, "I was looking at a photograph the other day of our first grade class. It was a pretty motley crew: You, me, Neil, Ogborn, Ruth Ann, Raymond Murphy, Doug Lewis, John Thomas, Virginia Hiatt, Bill Lykins, and a bunch of others.

"But something struck me. "You were at least a head taller than anyone else in the class. OK, maybe not a big deal. But there, when you're a first grader, you're

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aware of the big guys. Some of them turn out to be bullies.

"You were just the opposite. In all our years, I never saw you use your size to your advantage. Instead, you were a protector. You were the guy that the little guy always wanted to have at his side, as his friend.

"I've been honored to know you as my friend now for more than 50 years. And, I guess, I still think of you as a protector, a bodyguard, now and then.

"Indulge me a little bit while I plunge into some nostalgia.

"It's the fall of 1962, and we're in ninth grade biology with the inimitable Billy Norris. A pretty good teacher, but not particularly consistent. As usual, the big assignment was assembling an insect collection. Now, focus in on the night before the collection was due. We're at your house on Commerce Street. I'd been there before for a sleep-over in grade school and still remember the Penn Central train waking me in the night. You slept through. You were used to it. But on that night

in ninth grade, I truly needed a friend, and a protector.

"You see, while I was a procrastinator and a bit of a wimp, you took life in your teeth and charged ahead. As a result, the night before the deadline, I was scrambling to finish my bug collection, while you had bugs to spare. And you shared them. Without your help, I'm not sure I would have passed ninth grade biology. Certainly, my grade would have been lower by far.

"You weren't playing the protector role a few years later when we were hauled before the police.

"Maybe you don't remember the incident, but I sure do.

"It was a winter afternoon and a bunch of us were wandering home from high school. Someone suggested throwing snowballs at passing cars. Not a smart idea, of course. A few were tossed, and suddenly a car pulled over. A red-faced driver jumped out and ordered us to march down to the police station, saying he would meet us there.

"Good kids, in spite of the snowballs, we did what we were told. My memory is foggy on who was there. I know you and I and Randy Poole were part of the posse. But I think there was at least one, maybe two, more.

"At the police station, Chuck Privett was on duty. He seemed more interested in impressing the guy who complained than in

arresting us, so we got a lecture. For me, the memorable moment, was when Chuck looked at Poolie and, referring to Randy's mom, said, "What am I going to tell Audrey?" Randy broke down in tears.

"Needless to say, we weren't arrested. And we didn't throw snowballs at cars anymore, at least not on Meridian Street where we could get caught.

"You weren't playing the protector role in a third memory that comes to mind, either.

"In fact, you put us both at risk. But it was a helluva good ride.

"It was later in high school, when you had the Model A Ford that was a never-ending restoration project. It must have been a day when school was canceled because of snow. The country kids couldn't get in, but you could drive around town just fine. So the two of us set out in the Model A with the specific intent of spinning donuts on the ice.

"We ended up at the Portland Pool parking lot, safely out of view of police and with minimal risk of running into anyone else. It was a blast. The high center of gravity of the Model A made it feel as if we could flip over at any time.

"Then there was one memorable slide. The A was moving of its own accord. Ahead, there was a flagpole on the left and a boulder-sized monument on the right.

"I'll never be sure if you had any real control over the steering. We'd been sliding all over the place. But you somehow managed to guide the A between the rock and the flagpole as if you were threading a needle.

"Not surprisingly, that was the last spin of the day.

"I'll always be grateful that you brought us through it. And what I'll remember is that I trusted your hands on the wheel. It's tough to be the passenger in situations like that, especially for us control freaks. But in that case, I was comfortable.

"I knew that if anyone could steer us between that steel pole and that hunk of granite, it was you.

"Right now, I figure you're being steered by others more than you're able to steer yourself. That happens.

"Maybe this time around you're the Model A and your doctors have to get you between that damned steel pole and that unforgiving hunk of granite.

"I trusted you when you were at the wheel, and I hope you'll trust them to steer the right course.

"We'll be thinking about you this weekend, that tall, gawky, gentle, clumsy, ornery, thoughtful, protective guy. A brother to us all.

"With great affection,
"Jocko"

Responsibility should be shared

New York Daily News
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New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York Gov. Kathy Hochul gathered with the city and state comptrollers at the annual state Financial Control Board meeting to paint a picture of a resilient city that's weathered economic shocks but remained far away from the sort of fiscal spiraling that characterized earlier eras. Not present in person but heavily represented in spirit were the tens of thousands of asylum seekers in the city's care, for whom costs are projected to run into the multiple billions per year.

While there might be quibbles about the exact level of spending and the options to minimize that expenditure — moving people more quickly to accommodations less hideously expensive than hotels and pushing to get them faster work authorization, for example — no matter how you slice it, the city budget was not designed to nor can it practically accommodate these billions in spending. Future FCB meetings might not be as chipper.

Much more federal financial assistance will help, but there is a logistical issue here about space, or more specifically, the lack of it. Could New York City keep finding fields, hangars, warehouses and vacant psychiatric hospital grounds to stuff migrants? Sure, it probably could for a while. But this isn't the ideal solution for anyone, not the city, the state, nor the migrants themselves, who probably came to NYC for the promise of housing and opportunity, not to bunk in a tent in a field.

Yet, it should come as no surprise that a tent in a field is still preferable to the street elsewhere. As recently reported by New York Focus, zero families have been relocated under the state's Migrant Relocation Assistance Program (MRAP), with only 129 in the case management pipeline to be resettled, a

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result of bureaucratic hurdles, tight eligibility criteria and the fact that participation is voluntary.

Asylum seekers, many who have traveled thousands of miles through several countries pursuing safety, are going to do what they feel best guarantees stability, and right now, neither the city — with its contentious busing campaign — nor state — with relocation criteria including having already applied for work authorization — have made relocation seem particularly appealing. Yet the only way forward is for the responsibility to be spread around; the city can't and shouldn't be left on its own, and so it's incumbent on Hochul to help build out a system in which areas outside the five boroughs are both equally appealing and committed to receiving migrants as a burgeoning workforce, a win-win.

This should happen around the country, which puts the onus squarely on President Joe Biden to both finance and provide logistical support for this endeavor, or as opposed to the current approach of largely trying to pretend it's not happening and New York City will be fine without additional support, and without some way to streamline work authorizations for migrants. Let's read the tea leaves: it won't.

Yes, the city has received millions of immigrants during the centuries that it has been a global destination, but never before such a volume of people legally prohibited from working and mostly without any existing ties to the city. Without a hand here, our budget balancing isn't the only thing that will suffer. Tens of thousands of human beings will, too.



Character counts, ask Kemp

By FRANCIS WILKINSON
Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

"The bottom line in the state of Georgia, as long as I'm governor, we're going to follow the law and the constitution regardless of who it helps or harms politically," Georgia Governor Brian Kemp said at a news conference Thursday.

Kemp's statement of fidelity to the law and state constitution was noteworthy, of course, for only one reason: Kemp is a Republican. The frontrunner for the Republican nomination for president is eager for fellow Republicans to break laws and shatter constitutions to shield him and his minions from the consequences of criminality, and to wreak vengeance on the forces of law and order that seek to constrain him.

It was precisely such an attack on the law that inspired Kemp's statement. MAGA legislators in the state have been searching for extra-legal means of releasing Donald Trump from a criminal indictment stemming from his efforts to overthrow the republic. Seemingly lacking faith in Trump's claims of innocence, they have called instead for the removal of Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis. If they can shut down the trial before a jury — and the world — can hear sworn testimony and evidence of Trump's actions, perhaps the king of Mar-a-Lago and his criminal confederates can be spared consequences.

But Kemp is not cooperating with calls for Willis to be removed by an oversight commission. Nor is he supportive of a proposed special session

of the legislature dedicated to placing Trump beyond the reach of the law.

"There have been calls by one individual in the General Assembly and echoed outside of these walls by the former president, for a special session that would ignore current Georgia law and directly interfere with the proceedings of a separate but equal branch of government," Kemp said. "A special session of the General Assembly to end run around this law is not feasible and may ultimately prove to be unconstitutional."

The phrase "separate but equal," delivered with a Georgia drawl, has perhaps never been applied to such honest ends.

Kemp is not unique. But he is rare. The names of other conservatives who refused to sanction Trump's crimes are well known. Many lost their offices as a direct result of their integrity. Former Representative Liz Cheney. Former Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers, who lost his campaign for a state senate seat after refusing to treat Trump's stolen election claims as anything more than the lies they obviously were. The small band of Republican House members who voted with the constitution and their consciences to

impeach Trump was mostly obliterated by GOP backlash.

I try to be mindful of political science and the imperatives of incentives in driving political conduct. Yes, Kemp, like Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensberger, governs a purple state with emerging bluish tints in the suburbs. But that doesn't really explain their conduct in rebuffing Trump and following the law. Republicans in Arizona, Michigan and Pennsylvania were all in purple states. Many of them went off the rails.

Ultimately, Kemp, Raffensberger, Bowers, Cheney and the others, all of whom will be heroes of this sordid passage of American history, made moral decisions. They refused to sink in the moral squalor engulfing their party, while others, such as Representative Elise Stefanik of New York, who supplanted Cheney in the House leadership, and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, decided to dive deep.

Kemp and Raffensberger survived Trump's attacks and were easily reelected in Georgia. They appear to have paid a minimal political price for acting with integrity. But they didn't know that would be the outcome when Trump and his cronies came looking to subvert democracy in late 2020. The political future was unknown. Whatever you think of their politics, they are moral men. It turns out that the old conservatives were correct: Character counts.

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(The funding is being used on the detention pond and storm sewer project that is currently under construction.) Removing those funds, the budget increase is about \$178,000 (about 8.7%) from the current year.

Mayor Jack Robbins and clerk-treasurer Tina Elliott said the increase comes mostly from employee raises and increasing costs across the board.

The only question about the budget during the public hearing came from Tracy Layman, Dunkirk Police Pension Board secretary, who asked about a recent change the pension board approved. Robbins and Elliott said the information has been forwarded to the state board of accounts for its review.

Council members passed the budget unanimously on first reading. They will vote on final adoption at their Sept. 26 meeting.

Robbins also reported that Broad Street is now open after it had been closed for storm sewer work. The project has progressed to A Street, moving toward Rick Drive and Second Street. Once storm sewer line work is complete, construction on two detention ponds will begin.

In other business, council:

•Heard from Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards regarding the state's Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0 program, which offers fund-

ing for projects with a focus on population growth, income growth, educational attainment, housing and increasing child-care capacity, innovation activities and private investment. The East Central Region, which encompasses eight counties including Jay and Blackford, is in the process of gathering public input to put together its application. Regional applications will be due in February.

•OK'd a request from Donald and Kathy Miskinis to vacate an alley between their properties at 350 W. Pleasant St. and 349 W. Washington St. The agreement to vacate the alley includes a restriction on building structures over existing utilities and an easement to allow the city access for utility work.

•Following a question from Johnson, agreed to discuss a possible golf cart ordinance for the city at its next meeting.

•Was introduced to Nate Kimball, who Jay County Commissioners hired recently through East Central Indiana Regional Planning District as the county's new community coordinator.

•Tabled discussion of the updated city handbook. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

•Heard a presentation from Stephanie Patterson of Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition regarding its various programs. The organization will host Hopefest from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Jay Community Center. A Parent Cafe is

scheduled for 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sept. 18 at Jay County Public Library and a Creative Arts for Veterans event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place. The organization offers a variety of other service. For more information, visit jcdpc.org.

•Learned from Robbins that the project to install a sidewalk along Highland Avenue from West Jay Elementary School to Dunkirk City Park is complete.

•Heard a request from Johnson to replace a light bulb and adjust the alignment of lights to properly illuminate the flags in the center circle at Dunkirk City Park.

•Approved the following: payment of claims totaling \$116,342.37.

Firefly ...

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"The coordinator's going to serve as that foundation for us, so that person's going to be able to do the same work that we've been doing, but just better," he said. "Their sole focus is going to be to get this off the ground and get this out to parents, community members, everybody that we want to ... utilize this."

About 17.4% of children in Jay County experience food insecurity

Approximately 17.4% of children in Jay County experience food insecurity, explained Litman. About 25% of children younger than 5 years old in Jay County are living in poverty. As of August, Jay County had 56 children in need of services, which is up from last year's total of 37. (A child in need of services is defined by DCS as a child younger than 18 who is being abused, neglected or fits into one of several threatening conditions in their life.) In 2022, he added, Jay County had a ratio of approximately 1,134 residents to one mental health provider.

Commissioners president Chad Aker noted some of the services sound similar to those formerly provided by Community Family Services.

"I see this as picking up where they left off in order to provide more services to Jay County," said Aker.

Commissioners expressed interest in the program but pointed out the county's deficit budget. Commissioner Brian McGalliard noted his main concern would be how the position is funded annually. Litman said the plan is to seek state or federal grants to continue to be funded. Once established, he said, a family resource center in Jay County would have a better chance of receiving grants.

McGalliard added Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0 could also be an option for funding.

Commissioners decided to forward the request to Jay County Council, which meets at 6 p.m. tonight.

Commissioners also approved creating a board to review finances for Jay County Country Living and its options moving forward. The group — it still needs to be formally approved by council — will include council president Jeanne Houchins, council members Harold Towell and Cindy Bracy, commissioner Brian McGalliard, Jay County clerk Jon Eads and local residents Virginia Burke, Nancy Cline, Paul VanCise and Camile Elick-Shawver.

Commissioners also received information from Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards about READI 2.0. The state funding program recently released information about its goals, focus areas, application requirements and timeline. Regions are expected to develop their applications by February. In April, allocations will be disbursed to regions. Richards noted he and Jay County Chamber of Commerce director

Tabby Sprunger are Jay County's representatives on the steering committee. (Later in the meeting, McGalliard expressed a desire to have Richards give READI 2.0 updates monthly at commissioners meetings.)

In other business, commissioners Rex Journay, McGalliard and Aker:

•Heard from local residents Seth Huelskamp and Richard Price about the recent ordinance amendment that prohibited trucks from driving on several county roads during construction on Indiana 26 and U.S. 27. Huelskamp, a truck driver living on Division Road, expressed his dislike of the new rules, with Aker pointing to road safety and preservation. Price, a resident on county road 200 West between 200 South and 400 South, told commissioners semi traffic has increased on his road. Aker noted local truck drivers, such as those heading to POET Bioprocessing, use the route.

•Asked highway superintendent Eric Butcher to look into the weight limit for vehicles. Huelskamp alleged highway department trucks carry as much as 20,000 pounds over the legal limit.

•Gave Butcher permission to modify a 2011 Kenworth chassis, adding on distributor equipment currently attached to a 2000 International truck. The cost, which will come out of Butcher's budget, will be between \$90,000 and \$130,000. (Butcher noted purchasing a new distributor would have cost between \$375,000 and \$400,000.)

•OK'd Jay County Emergency Management Agency director Samantha Rhodehamel to apply for a \$13,500 state grant application, which is annually used for training.

•Approved a three-year contract with Community Fiber Solutions for the EMA's phone service. The cost will be about \$29 monthly.

•Created an ordinance establishing a county school safety commission, which is now required by the state.

•OK'd reducing attorneys' fees from 33.3% to 8.7% on ongoing opioid settlements with Cohen and Malad.

•Approved claims, including a \$1,883.20 claim for a new conference table in Jay County Prosecutor's Office.

•Tabled an offer to purchase microphone headsets at \$54.99 each. Commissioners noted council is free to purchase the headsets for themselves, but they were not interested in using headsets for meetings.



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Visitors file into the Tunnel to Towers Foundation's 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit, an 83-foot tractor-trailer that expands into a 1,100-square foot display. It will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the fairgrounds.

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The exhibit will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the fairgrounds. There will be a closing ceremony with the Mercer County Fireman's Honor Guard at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

It is being displayed in conjunction with the Indiana Military Vehicle Preservation Association

Rally and Swap Meet, which is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Museum of the Soldier, 510 E. Arch St., will also be open.

Tunnel to Towers Foundation is a non-profit organization named in honor of New York firefighter Stephen Siller, who drove to Brooklyn Battery Tunnel in an effort to respond following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade

Center. Finding the tunnel already blocked for security reasons, he carried 60 pounds of gear through the tunnel to the towers, where he died during the rescue effort.

More than 600,000 visitors have seen the 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit. It was in Tenafly, New Jersey, Tuesday and will head to the City of Quincy on Sept. 20.

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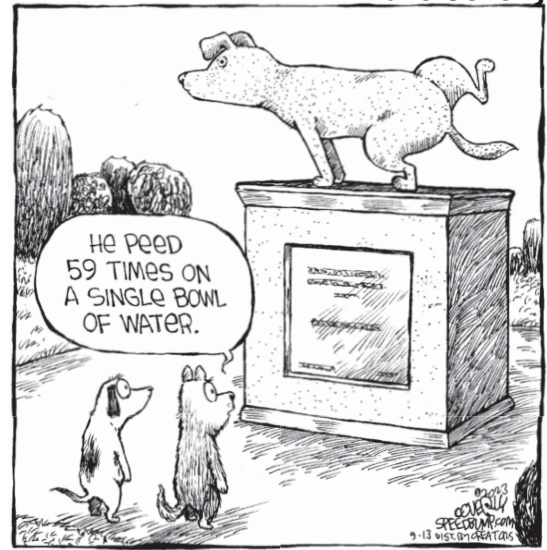
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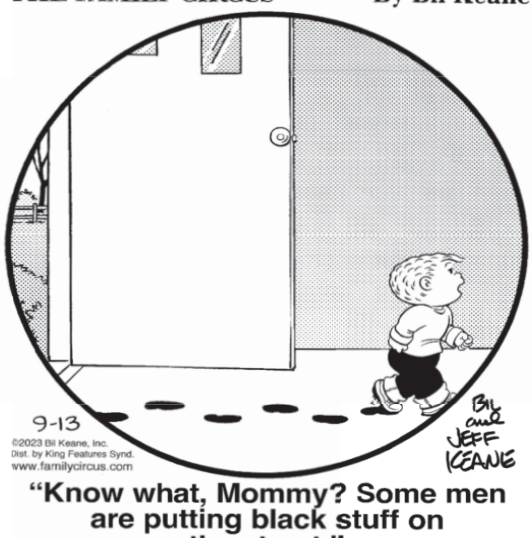
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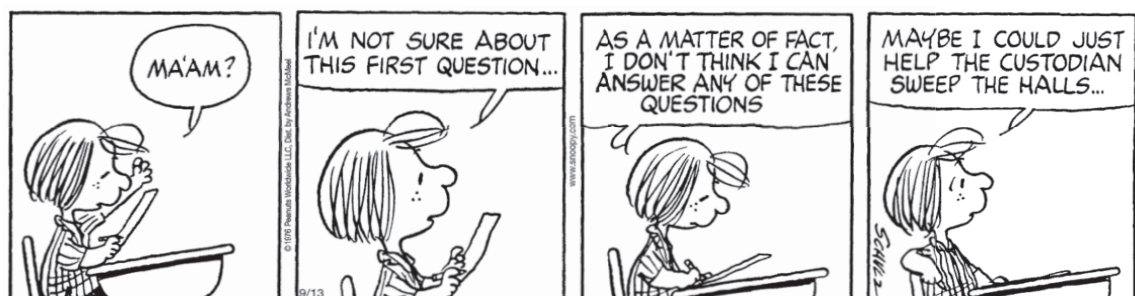


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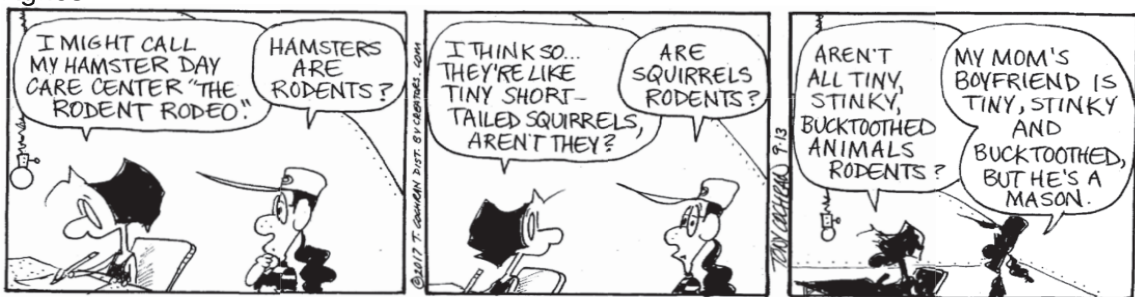
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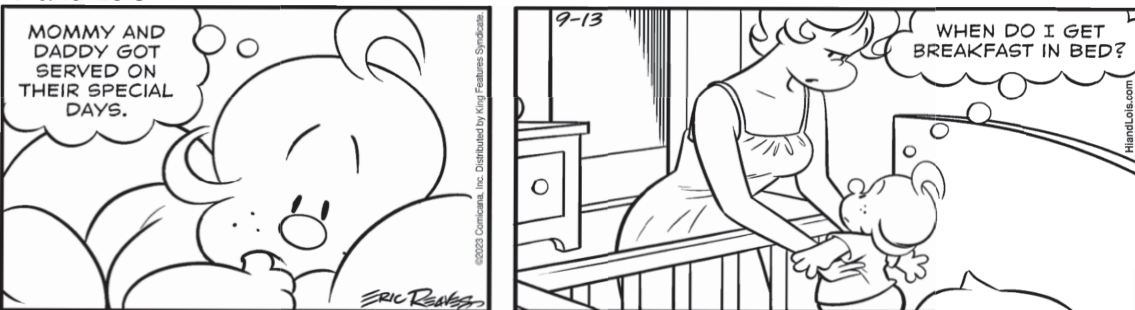
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The bidding: East 2♠, South 3♠, West 4♠, North 5♦. Opening lead — three of spades. Any time a declarer can add a few percentage points to the chances of making his contract, he is doing his job properly. Even if the extra chance is relatively small, it should be incorporated into declarer's overall plan as long as it does not interfere with a more promising line of play. Consider this deal from a regional team contest. Both Souths wound up in five diamonds after East had opened with a weak two-spade bid. At one table, declarer won the opening spade lead in his hand and led a low diamond toward dummy. West won with the ace and returned a spade to dummy's ace. South then led a club to the queen as East followed low. After the queen held, declarer led a club to the ten and East scored the jack and ace for a one-trick set. In essence, South played for West to hold the club jack, somewhat better than a 50-50 chance given that West was known to have started with only three spades and one diamond. In this sense, declarer was unlucky to go down. However, he missed a subtle way to add to his chances, and it cost him dearly when his counterpart at the other table found the winning line of play. Here, South also won the first trick in his hand, but he next cashed the ace of hearts and then played a spade to the ace followed by a heart ruff in his hand, hoping the king might fall. When it didn't, he exited with a trump, losing to West's ace. This left West in a no-win situation. A spade return would hand South a ruff and discard, while a heart return would allow dummy's queen to score a trick. So West led a low club, on which declarer played low from dummy. No matter which club East played, South could not be stopped from scoring two club tricks and the game was home.

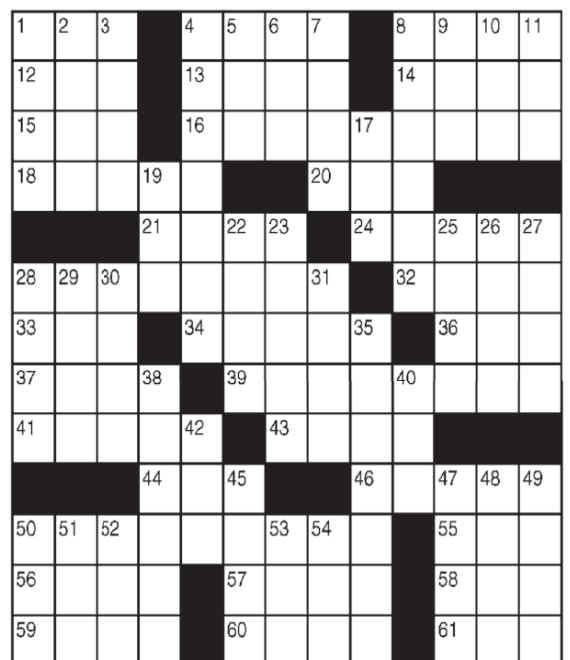
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Gillespie was also pleased with improved communication to pick each other up and help each other get better through the match. He noted a specific moment when Sims sent an overhead shot into the fence and Myers turned to help Sims out. "They showed they knew what they're supposed to do. And I was happy to see that," Gillespie said. "They immediately talked to each other and I didn't have to say anything."

Two minutes after their finish, Liam Garringer completed a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Lucas Penrod in the No. 3 singles. Penrod picked up the Bruins' other game of the day by lifting balls up that Garringer

struggled to hit squarely on his racket, sending the ball into the net.

Despite losing the one game, it was still an improvement from the last time the two matched up. When Blackford and Jay County met back on Aug. 27, Penrod forced Garringer to a tiebreaker in the first set before he eventually fell.

Completing the sweep for Jay County at 5:49 p.m. was Eli Dirksen at No. 2 singles. Like Abraham Dirksen and the No. 2 doubles duo, he also had a 6-0, 6-0 sweep against his opponent, Carson Miller.

In the junior varsity No. 1 singles matchup, Dylan Chalfant defeated first-year player Franco Mendoza 6-1, 6-3.

Fort Recovery dominates New Knoxville Rangers

MINSTER, Ohio — The Indians have struggled to string wins together.

Another win brought them back to .500 with the chance to finish one game over in Midwest Athletic Conference play.

Fort Recovery High School's boys golf team won in dominant fashion against the New Knoxville Rangers on Monday as they took down the MAC-foe 169-234 at Arrowhead Golf Club.

The Indians move to 5-6 overall and 4-4 in the MAC before they travel to Mercer County Elks Golf Club to take on New Bremen on Thursday.

Keegan Muhlenkamp led the way for Fort Recovery with 41 strokes. He shot six pars in the round while earning match medalist honors.

He had a good day on the greens, only putting 16 times, averaging under two

putts per hole.

New Knoxville's John Gabel shot a 50 for the Rangers' best score in the match. Despite being the best score for his team, all six Indians posted lower scores.

Alex Dues also had a good day on the greens, only having to putt 15 times in the round. The strong short game helped Dues to a 42.

Dues had four pars and a birdie on the par-4 15th hole.

Both Nate Jutte and Reece LeFevre had 43 strokes in the round to finish the Indians' team score. They combined for seven pars and seven bogeys. Jutte was also one of the three golfers that had only one double-par or worse.

Eli Lennartz shot a 44 while Matthew Romer shot a 45. Neither qualified for the team score.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Jay County — Boys soccer vs. Belmont — 5 p.m.; Boys tennis at Winchester — 5 p.m.; Girls soccer at Belmont — 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls golf vs. New Bremen — 4:30 p.m.; Boys golf at New Bremen at Mercer County Elks — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball at Delphos St. John — 5:30 p.m.; Middle School football vs. Delphos St. John's — 5:30 p.m.; Middle School volleyball at Celina — 5:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today
6:30 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Detroit Tigers (Bally Indiana)
Thursday
7:15 p.m. — MLB: New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — NCAA Football: Navy at Memphis (ESPN)

Local notes

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL INCOME TAX
ORDINANCE #2023-13

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Jay County, Jay, County, Indiana, that the Jay County Council will consider at the Auditorium, 120 N Court St., Portland, IN at 6:00 o'clock pm on September 27, 2023, the following proposed ordinance regarding the local income tax imposed within Jay County.

ORDINANCE # 2023-13
ORDINANCE MODIFYING LOCAL INCOME TAX RATES
JAY COUNTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Jay County that a need now exists to modify the local income tax rates imposed in the following way:

Allocation Rate Category	Existing LIT Rate	Proposed LIT Rate
Certified Shares (IC 6-3.6-6)	1.4%	1.25%
Public Safety (IC 6-3.6-6)	.20%	.20%
Economic Development (IC 6-3.6-6)	.25%	.25%
Property Tax Relief Rate ¹ (IC 6-3.6-5)	.60%	.60%
Emergency Medical Service ² (IC 6-3.6-2.8)		.15%

Note 1: Units are encouraged to consider both the county property tax relief LIT rate and the application of property tax relief between the allocation categories.

Note 2: This is a new option for 2022 passed under HEA 1246. The tax rate must be in increments of one-hundredth of one percent (0.01%) and may not exceed two-tenths of one percent (0.2%). This tax rate may only be imposed by a county fiscal body. The option is only available to counties that (1) provide emergency medical services for all local units in the county; and (2) pay one hundred percent (100%) of the costs to provide those services.

Property Tax Credit Allocation Categories (IC 6-3.6-5-6)	Existing Percent of Revenue	Proposed Percent of Revenue ⁴
All Property Tax Allocation Categories		
1% Allocation Type: Homesteads eligible for a credit under IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.5.		60%
2% Allocation Type: Residential property, agricultural land, long-term care property, and other tangible property eligible for a credit under IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.5.		
3% Allocation Type: Nonresidential real property, personal property, and other tangible property eligible for a credit under IC 6-1.1-20.6-4.		40%
Qualified Residential Property Refers to any of the following, apartment complex, homestead, or residential rental property ⁵		100%
Note 4: As per IC 6-3.6-5-6(e), a county may allocate property tax relief to all or any number of categories, but the overall percentage in the Proposed Percent of Revenue column must sum to 100%.		

Note 5: Qualified Residential Property is no longer an option for Property Tax Relief. The row is being added to the template to allow counties still using the designation to report their current configuration as they change to an active Property Tax Relief option available under IC 6-3.6.

OPTIONAL: FOR LEVY FREEZE COUNTIES ONLY
The expenditure rate includes a rate associated with a levy freeze rate previously imposed under the former local option income tax rate statutes.

Allocation Rate Category	Existing LIT Rate	Proposed LIT Rate
Certified Shares (IC 6-3.6-6)		

The levy freeze rate after adoption will be as follows:

Local Income Tax Type	Existing Rate	Proposed Rate
Levy Freeze Rate	40%	25%

After the public hearing, the Jay County Council may take action in the proposed ordinance. There is no remonstrance opportunity on any action taken on the proposed ordinance. The public hearing identified above is the taxpayer's opportunity to express concerns and ask questions on the proposed ordinance.
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Junior high stays hot

MUNCIE — The Patriots have been off to a hot start to the season.

Blackford took a set from them in the season opener. Ever since then, Jay County has been a wrecking ball, smashing every opponent in their path.

The Panthers were just another structure for the Patriots to destroy.

The Jay County Junior High School volleyball team took down the Muncie Southside Middle School Panthers without much trouble on Monday 25-11, 25-9.

Emalyn Homan and Amelia Heath tied with four kills in the match.

Homan also had team-highs in both points with 13 and aces with seven. She assisted on a play as well.

Heath had four points, three of which were aces.

Makayla Bishop played a big role in the match, earning nine points on five aces and throwing in a kill as well.

Kenady Lyons filled the stat sheet while also leading the Patriots in assists. She had eight assists, four points, two aces, three kills and three digs.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jay County High School's Sam Myers hits a shot from the backline during the Patriots' No. 1 singles match on Monday against the Blackford Bruins. Myers and Gage Sims took down the Bruins' duo 6-0, 6-1 en route to a 5-0 sweep.

Quick to finish

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

The Patriots weren't messing around Monday.

As they entered the final two weeks of the regular season, the Patriots wanted to win to start off on a high note. They did so in less than 50 minutes.

The Jay County High School boys tennis team only needed 49 minutes to complete the 5-0 sweep of the Blackford Bruins on Monday.

After some frustration on Saturday, JCHS coach Donald Gillespie was a lot happier with his team Monday.

"I saw a lot more hustle," Gillespie said. "Spoke to them before the match and told them, 'We'd played this team over at the Muncie Central invite, we knew what they had.'"

"I wanted to serve and volley in the doubles positions, and I wanted them to go for their shots. And I thought they did a nice job of that."

Abraham Dirksen got the ball rolling at the No.1 singles position. He finished his match with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Charlie Crabtree in less than a half hour.

Abraham Dirksen found most of his success serving the ball, and just playing consistently to let Crabtree make the mistakes.

"It was pretty good," Dirksen said. "He was having a little trouble returning my serve, but other

than that I was just hitting him back and staying consistent."

The next to fall were Colt Pennington and Zaden Stone in the No. 2 doubles.

With only seven minutes passing since the Patriots took the No. 1 singles, Isaac Miller and Luke Muhlenkamp claimed the No. 2 doubles 6-0, 6-0. They secured the win with four-straight aces by Muhlenkamp.

The other three victories for Jay County all came within five minutes of each other.

The No. 1 doubles duo of Sam Myers and Gage Sims finished their match first to clinch the win for Jay County. Sophomores Trenton Norton and Tanner Roberts picked up one of only two wins for the Bruins in the match.

Gillespie wanted the doubles to be more active and aggressive near the net, attacking Blackford's serves and volleying shots. They found success in the match doing just that, as many points ended with one of them creeping towards the net and pushing a volley through.

"It was definitely a match where you have just worked on things," Myers said. "Being more aggressive, moving a lot more, being aggressive at the net (is) the biggest thing that can help us to be better."

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