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The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Ed Curtin of CWC Latitudes speaks Monday during a presentation of the Portland Downtown Economic Development Plan. Portland Redevelopment Commission plans to review the plan and begin the approval process next week.

Draft presented

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The draft version of Portland's Downtown Economic Development Plan was presented Monday.

The redevelopment commission hopes to start the process of putting it in place next month.

CWC Latitudes' Ed Curtin, a consultant who works with Portland Redevelopment Commission, presented the draft version of the plan to about a dozen in attendance Monday at John Jay Center for Learning.

"The current plan is about 14 years old or so," Curtin said. "And with some of the things the redevelopment commission was contemplating doing, it made sense to update the plan to be able to include those things. So that's what we've been working on for about the last six months or so."

The plan — it is available at

Proposed plan lays out challenges, goals for Portland

portlanddowntownplan.com — lays out key issues/weaknesses that need to be addressed in Portland. Those include vacant/dilapidated buildings, need for more walkability/bikeability, barriers to entry for small business and a lack of housing options.

It also sets out goals such as beautifying the city, creating an environment that encourages small business and increasing housing options.

"Downtown Portland is the heart of the City and a hub of

uses, activities, recreation, education, art and culture that bring people together to live, work, shop and play," the plan's vision statement reads. "There is a strong sense of place because of its charm, historical architecture, eclectic murals, activated streets and its multigenerational spaces providing opportunities to support a diversifying population, thriving businesses, forward thinkers and visionary leaders."

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Sheriff's office to get a new vehicle

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Jay County Commissioners OK'd purchasing a new vehicle Monday to replace a patrol car for Jay County Sheriff's Office.

The department's 2021 Dodge Durango was damaged beyond repair Oct. 15 after a Portland man failed to yield the right of way to an officer at the intersection of Main and Commerce streets in Portland, according to a sheriff's office accident report.

Jay County Sheriff Ray Newton said insurance provided about \$26,000 for the car. He presented potential replacements from Thomas Dodge Chrysler Jeep in Highland, Don Franklin Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Somerset, Kentucky, and Glass Capital Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Dunkirk, priced at about \$39,200, \$39,800 and \$41,295, respectively.

Commissioners advocated for the local option if it could provide a car within the next few weeks. If it was unable to do so, they suggested going with vehicles from the other businesses.

Newton said Monday afternoon the Dunkirk dealership doesn't have vehicles currently available. He had not heard back from the Highland dealership and planned to get in touch with the Kentucky dealership.

In other business during Monday's meeting, commissioners Rex Jounay, Brian McGalliard and Chad Aker:

- Signed three-year contracts with sheriff's office deputies Aaron Honeycutt and Bob Armstrong, who are attending Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

- Approved a formal resolution declaring the development of the 68 acres acquired by Jay County earlier this year as the county's priority for the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0 initiative.

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The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Warm greeting

Santa greets one of his young visitors Monday evening at Glass Capital Chrysler in Dunkirk. His visit to the dealership was part of the city's Feel the Warmth of Christmas celebration.

Israel and Hamas extend truce

By ANTONY SQUAZZIN and COURTNEY MCBRIDE

Bloomberg News

Tribune News Service

Israel and Hamas extended their truce late Monday after agreeing to release more hostages and prisoners, and Washington said it was dispatching its top diplomat to the region for more talks over the conflict in Gaza.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken will visit Israel for the third time since Hamas attacked on Oct. 7, his office said, as he landed in Brussels for a NATO meeting.

Bill Burns, director of the U.S.'s Central Intelligence Agency, and the director of Israel's Mossad are in Doha for a series of meetings initiated by Qatar to discuss the potential terms of a deal beyond

Blinken will visit Israel as part of continuing talks

the two-day truce extension, a person briefed on the visit said, adding Egyptian officials are also attending. Axios had earlier reported the Burns visit.

Israel and Hamas have agreed to pause fighting until early Thursday, extending their truce to six days. Blinken's visit and U.S. efforts have been focused on keeping the devastating conflict from spreading further in the Middle East.

Qatar has received guarantees that 20 hostages will be released over the next 48 hours, Majed Al Ansari, a spokesman for the country's foreign ministry, said at a press conference, emphasizing that Qatar's aim is to secure a longer truce.

Blinken's talks are aimed at pressing for a long term solution to the crisis including the creation of an independent Palestinian state, the State Department

said in a statement late Monday. The top U.S. diplomat will also "stress the need to sustain the increased flow of humanitarian assistance to Gaza, secure the release of all hostages, and improve protections for civilians in Gaza," it said.

The current halt — which began Friday after negotiations brokered by Qatar, with the help of Egypt and the U.S. — was originally due to end Tuesday.

The talks have brought the release of almost 70 of the 240 hostages taken when Hamas swarmed across Gaza's northern border and have led to the release of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel. There's been increased delivery of aid into Gaza.

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Deaths

William Lightner, 64, Muncie
Patricia Gonser-Rose, 87, Warren
 Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County's high temperature topped out at 32 degrees Monday. The low was 21.
 Tonight's low will be in the upper 20s. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with a chance of showers in the afternoon, a high of 50 and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour.
 See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Tickets are on sale for Jay County Civic Theatre's production of "A Christmas Story," with shows scheduled for Dec. 7, 8, 9, 15, 16 and 17. They are \$10 for students and \$12 for adults if purchased by Dec. 3. They are available bit.ly/JCC-TAChristmasStory, by calling (260) 726-4809 or at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from the JCHS swim team's meet against Bluffton.

Saturday — IU Health Jay partners with local students for art display.



Obituaries

William Lightner

William "Bill" Lightner, 64, Muncie, died Sunday at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. He was a former Dunkirk resident. Arrangements are pending at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Patricia Gonser-Rose

Jan. 11, 1936-Nov. 25, 2023
Patricia Louise (Dellacca) Gonser-Rose, 87, of Warren, Indiana, passed away on Nov. 25, 2023, while residing at Heritage Pointe of Warren, Indiana. Pat was born on Jan. 11, 1936, in Clay County, Indiana, the daughter

of Robert and Ruth (Sawyer) Dellacca. She graduated from Brazil High School with the class of 1953. She married Walter J. Gonser Jr. on June 30, 1963, who preceded her in death on Aug. 8, 1986. Walter served as a minister in the Wesleyan denomination. Together they served at churches in Greencastle, Brazil, Lawrenceburg and Portland, Indiana.

Pat worked as a secretary in the principal's office in the Brazil High School for several years, then served alongside her husband in ministry in the various churches that he pastored. Upon



Gonser-Rose

relocating to the Portland, Indiana, area, Pat worked in the Jay County Courthouse as a clerk in the auditor's office for more than 25 years. Pat also sold Avon for several decades.

Several years after Walter's passing, Pat married Lee Rose on July 31, 1993. He passed away after three years of marriage, on Dec. 17, 1996.

When she wasn't working, Pat enjoyed flower gardening, watching birds and spending time with family.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Ruth Dellacca; husbands Walter Gonser Jr. and Lee Rose; a brother, Donald Dellacca; and great-grandson Damien Gonser.

She is survived by four chil-

dren, Rick (Sharon) Gonser; Karen (Larry) Couch, Ann Louise Clifton (Jeff Hart) and Robert (Dawn) Gonser; grandchildren Richard Gonser, Ryan (Krystal) Gonser; Michael (Shelby) Gonser; Tamara (Pat) Houser; Kim (Joe) Miller; Vanessa White, Brandon Clifton, Chelsea (Jay) Buchan, Ethan Gonser and Danielle Gonser; 21 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, John D Dellacca (Jennifer Sprunger); as well as many extended family members, parishioners and friends.

Visitation will be at Lawson - Miller Chapel, 1702 E. National Ave., Brazil, Indiana, on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Services will be held at the

funeral home on Saturday at 1 p.m. with her son Robert Gonser officiating. Burial will follow at Clearview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 91st St., #100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Visit frenchfuneralhome.com to share a memory.

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

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

CR almanac

Thursday 11/30	Friday 12/1	Saturday 12/2	Sunday 12/3	Monday 12/4
50/36	43/31	45/36	54/37	47/37
Skies will be partly cloudy with a 30% chance of rain, a high of 50 and winds gusting to 30 mph.	Rain is expected, mainly during the morning hours. The temperature will be steady in the low 40s.	Skies will be mostly cloudy with a high in the mid 40s.	The forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a high in the mid 50s. There is a 30% chance of rain.	Expect a high in the mid 40s with a 30% chance of showers.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 2-21-38-61-66 Power Ball: 12 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$374 million	Daily Four: 5-8-0-5 Quick Draw: 1-3-10-24-26-27-33-37-41-42-43-50-52-54-56-60-63-65-69-73 Cash 5: 15-26-27-35-38 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$335 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 2-8-4 Pick 4: 8-4-5-3 Pick 5: 4-6-8-4-9 Evening Pick 3: 7-8-3 Pick 4: 0-7-7-8 Pick 5: 6-3-0-1-0 Rolling Cash: 1-8-13-21-25 Estimated jackpot: \$160,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 6-8-8 Daily Four: 3-9-6-6 Quick Draw: 8-10-15-16-19-24-25-27-30-37-46-47-48-51-56-59-65-66-73-80 Evening Daily Three: 0-3-1	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.32 Dec. corn.....4.37 Wheat4.83	Dec. beans13.20 Wheat 5.23
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.36 Dec. corn4.36 Jan. corn4.62	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.96 Dec. corn4.28 Beans13.31 Dec. beans13.46 Wheat5.11
The Andersons Richland Township Corn3.96 Dec. corn4.26 Beans13.20	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.25 Dec. corn4.40 Beans13.09 Dec. beans13.19 Wheat4.93

Today in history

In 1832, Louisa May Alcott was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The daughter of transcendentalists Amos Bronson Alcott and Abigail May, she wrote the coming-of-age novel "Little Women."

In 1963, president Lyndon B. Johnson created the Warren Commission. Its goal: to investigate the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

In 1972, Atari released "Pong," which became the first video game to gain commercial fame. The table tennis-themed arcade game has become an iconic piece of arcade and video game history.

In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned while on vacation near Santa Catalina Island, California. Wood's death was marked as an accident, although media speculation still continues today on the specifics.

In 2001, George Harrison, former lead guitarist for the Beatles, died at 58 from cancer. Some of his most famous works he wrote for the group include "Here Comes the Sun" and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps."

In 2013, the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team rolled to a 61-43 season-opening victory over visiting St. Marys Memorial Roughriders. Senior Elijah Kahlig led the way, scoring 21 points on 8-of-14 shooting, 18 rebounds, seven assists and five steals.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.	City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland	

Draft ...

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The plan breaks down into two phases:

Phase 1 – Programming, utilizing existing spaces, establishing or revising ordinances and regulations to support long-term goals and eliminate barriers to new development

Phase 2 — Physical projects and capital investments to improve quality of life.

The first phase could include projects such as streetscape improvements, public art, planters, marketing, the addition of on-street dining and other lower-cost improvements to draw residents and visitors to the downtown area. Also suggested in the plan are ordinance updates to help remove barriers to downtown development and to develop rules for absentee/inactive building owners.

The second phase could include projects such as creating a downtown park at the site of the Bailey Building, which is currently being torn down, and making improvements along Main, Water, Harrison, Ship and Votaw streets to make them more attractive for walking and biking.

Curtin fielded just a handful of questions about the plan Monday, including from redevelopment commission member Joe Johnston regarding how bike lanes would be implemented. Curtin responded that the goal is to utilize the existing right-of-way.

Darlesia Lee expressed concern

Plan is available online at portlanddowntownplan.com

about potential vandalism after improvements are made and suggested that the plan should include details about building upkeep. Curtin said that is one of the goals of revising ordinances and potentially adding language to specifically address buildings that are vacant.

Curtin noted that the effort is designed to put the city's redevelopment commission in a position to effectively address Portland's needs.

"If it's not in the plan, the redevelopment commission really can't spend money on it," he said. "So we wanted to try and make sure we have an up-to-date plan ..."

Design and planning firm Rundell Ernstberger Associates led the redevelopment commission in the process of developing the plan. The process included looking at existing plans and reviewing public policy to identify areas that might need to be updated. This summer, representa-

tives from the firm visited the city to talk with residents and business owners and survey the condition and use of downtown buildings.

Rundell Ernstberger Associates hosted a series of focus groups and a public open house in September and has been working on the draft plan since then.

Curtin noted that anyone who would like to make comments on the draft version of the plan should do so by Thursday. (He is available at edcurtin2024@gmail.com and Cynthia Bowen of REA can be reached at planning@reasite.com.)

Portland Redevelopment Commission plans to address the plan at its Dec. 8 meeting. It would then go to Portland Plan Commission and Portland City Council for approval. There would then be a final public hearing prior to the redevelopment commission voting on final approval.

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•OK'd Newton to apply for a grant through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

•Agreed to participate in the state's multi-hazard mitigation plan per recommendation from emergency management agency director Samantha Rhodhamel, who noted the plan will need to be updated in 2025.

•Approved more than \$1.68 million in claims, including a \$198,877 quarterly claim from LifeStream Services that is partially funded by the state.

•OK'd paying \$9,500 to NuFlow of Indianapolis to re-line up to 10 feet of sewer line above Jay County clerk Jon Ead's office in Jay County Courthouse.

•Learned community coordinator Nate Kimball has set his office hours at the Community Resource Center in Portland for 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays.

•Removed former Jay County Country Living director Melissa Blankley from the living facility's bank account and added employee Kristie Delaney, who is handling the facility's finances in the interim.

SERVICES

Today
Newman, Lee: 11 a.m., Asnury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St., Portland.

Saturday
Gonser-Rose, Patricia: 1 p.m., Lawson - Miller Chapel, 1702 E. National Ave., Brazil.

December 6
Rains, Paula: 11 a.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

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Ads must run in December
Rates do not apply to Christmas Greetings special section

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Winter festivities set for the library

It's almost time for Winter Wonderland. Jay County Public Library has several activities on its calendar for this month, including its annual Winter Wonderland from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 14.

The family holiday celebration will offer Christmas ornament and penguin crafts, games, treats, hot cocoa, sock ice skating and a visit with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to build their own snowball sculpture and enter it to win in an online voting contest, which will be hosted after the event.

Registration is also open for the Winter Wonderland Kids Shopping event, which allows children to select a gift to give to two family members. In order

to qualify, different age groups must complete certain requirements. Shopping times are from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 18 for preschool-aged children and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for kindergartners through third graders.

Gingerbread crafts and other holiday themed activities will also be available between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Dec. 20 for children starting their winter break.

Also this month, the library will be hosting a class for children in third grade through sixth grade to learn how to stay safe when home alone. The class is set for 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, and registration is required.

Call (260) 726-7890 or visit the library to learn more about upcoming events.



Photo provided

Cakes for cold kids

Portland Lions Club had their "Hot Cakes for Cold Kids" pancake and sausage breakfast Nov. 4 at the Lions Civic Center. Those who brought in a coat received a free breakfast. They collected more than 50 coats and 12 sets of gloves and hats to be donated to the Trinity Church. The remaining funds will be used to buy additional coats, gloves and hats to donate. Pictured above are Paul Szymczak and Rick Gibson.

Letters poured in responding to comments

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Love My Cheap Phone" (Aug. 28). As a millennial who has worked in retail my whole adult life, I'm tired of the excuse that the older generation can't or won't use smartphones.

Personal computers have been out for decades, and smartphones have been around more than 16 years. Like the automatic transmission, these things are designed to make our lives easier and should be embraced rather than shunned. I've had people cuss me out over not being able to access discounts due to not having a smartphone — going so far as to claim discrimination.

The only person holding them back is themselves, and most of the time smartphones are more intuitive than previously thought. They also all don't cost \$1,000; many basic use smartphones can be bought for under \$200, not to mention certain phone compa-

nies offer big discounts on people's first smartphone with a new account. I don't feel bad for "Love." I suggest they get with the times, because these devices aren't going away. — MILLENNIAL IN OREGON

DEAR MILLENNIAL: Thank you for writing. After that letter appeared, I was inundated with comments from readers.

Some of them agreed with you. Other readers understood "Love's" point and offered suggestions for transitioning more easily to a mod-

ern communication device. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm a senior with mobility issues, and I couldn't live without my smartphone. It is not a "toy." I use it to fill my prescriptions, schedule medical appointments, check test results and communicate with my doctors. I do most of my shopping, conduct all of my banking online, call up ride-sharing, make travel arrangements and keep in touch with friends and family. I encourage "Love" to open their mind a bit. — ONLINE SENIOR IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: There is a government program, Lifeline (go to fcc.gov), that provides a FREE smartphone and phone service to low-income people. If someone chooses not to have a smartphone for other reasons, that's their choice —

but no one should go without one because they cannot afford it. — MARY IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR ABBY: Some states offer the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) which provides free phone service with smartphones AND TABLETS to low-income individuals or those receiving Social Security. A tablet might be the better option to use for the kind of interactions the writer described. — HOPEFULLY HELPING OUT WEST

DEAR ABBY: I'm guessing "Love" has family and friends who have older phones in the junk drawers of their homes. (We do.) Perhaps someone would be willing to part with one. Also, AARP offers classes to learn how to use a smartphone, which I suspect is behind your writer's reluctance to modernize. —

KRISTIN IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR ABBY: As a retired librarian who has helped many seniors with their technology, the idea of a \$1,000 smartphone is akin to thinking that all cars are Rolls Royces. Many phones can be had for under \$200, and some for less than \$100. A number of cellphone and service providers cater to seniors trying to transition from their beloved flip phones. I urge "Love" to visit their local library and see what advice they can get there. — MR. G. IN SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Abby



Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday

CELEBRATE 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 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.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

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.

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.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

Sudoku

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7			4	1			8	
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3			2		8		1	

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

SMILE...

It's that Time Again!

Our Christmas Greetings issue will appear in The Commercial Review, The News-Gazette, The News Times and The News and Sun the week of Dec. 18.

Ads 15 inches or larger may include a photo of your staff. For those who provide their own photo, the fee will be \$20. (The fee will be waived if you get your photo to us by Nov. 30.) If you'd like us to come take your picture, the fee will be \$50.

Deadline for all ads & photos is December 8th!

We try hard not to miss anyone who wants to be in this issue.

If you do not get contacted and would like to be in our Christmas Greetings special section, please email ads@thecr.com or call (260) 726-8141.

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Technology parade keeps moving

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Dec. 1, 2004. Some problems never change. In the past few months, we've been struggling with some software issues on our Macs that date back to 2014. It will probably be time for an upgrade in the not-so-distant future because, as Jack notes, the parade continues to move ahead.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

The temptation is always there. Why not, I ask myself, just let the parade of technology go on without you? Just let the next "rev" of software pass you by. Just let the next new gimmick or gadget do its thing without you.

And, to some extent, I give in to the urge.

For instance, I have no desire to own a cellphone, though there are two at our house. And the idea of taking pictures with a cellphone strikes me as silly, though I admit

Back in the Saddle



to having had my picture taken by one.

But when it comes to computers, the urge to let the parade pass by can have consequences and create complications our forefathers never dreamt of.

For the past two weeks, the complication has been something called Adobe Acrobat 5.0, the version for Macintosh computers.

It seems that more and more of the ads emailed to the newspaper as attached files were created in the 5.0 version of Acrobat, while we still lag a couple of genera-

tions behind. There have been countless headaches for the composing room and the ad department as a result.

OK, I responded, when I learned of the problem. We'll just get a copy of Acrobat 5.0.

But, as computer users the world around know, nothing is ever that simple.

It seems that the Mac version of Acrobat 5.0 isn't being sold by Adobe anymore. The company's pushing Acrobat 6.0 for Macs now. Unfortunately, 6.0 doesn't run on the same computer operating system we're using. Our Macs, for the most part, use the 9.2 operating system; but 6.0 will only run on OSX.

If that last paragraph sounded like gobbledygook to you, rest assured that I feel the same way.

In short, we'd become obsolete. There were two potential solutions. We could upgrade every

Mac in the building to OSX and spend a fortune upgrading every other software to be compatible. Or we could go looking for a copy of Acrobat 5.0 for Macs on eBay.

At first, even to an eBay novice like myself, it didn't look like it would be a problem. The software was available. In some cases, it had been bought by mistake and was still in the original wrapper. Others appeared to be "educational" versions which were probably handed out as free samples. There were even versions in Spanish and French.

But eBay is an auction website, and making a purchase can be a little cumbersome first time around.

I started bidding without really knowing what I was doing, putting a bid in too early and not establishing a firm maximum amount I was willing to pay.

Meanwhile, thanks to the intricacies of the eBay system, it was easy for everyone else in cyberspace to see that I was a rookie bidder.

Not surprisingly, I was outbid by someone with more savvy the first time around. And the second. And the third. I was beginning to wonder if eBay had a special section for slow learners who were new to the process.

Finally, I started to get the hang of it and also started to get an idea of what I should be prepared to pay if I was actually going to solve the ad department's problem.

Last Wednesday night about 10 p.m., I hit paydirt, closing the deal at what appeared to be a good price.

The software arrived Monday. Will it work? I don't know.

All I know is the parade can go on without me for awhile.

Censorship leaves us more vulnerable

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

New Yorkers were shocked and appalled when some social media personalities rediscovered a 2002 "Letter to America" in which Osama Bin Laden, dripping with anti-semitism, criticized U.S. foreign policy, suggesting it painted a more compelling picture of the terrorist. While the rehabilitation of the dead jihadist behind 9/11 may have been overstated, the Guardian, which had hosted a version of the letter, pulled it from its site.

We've defended the principles of free speech many times here, including several in the past several weeks as some institutions have turned towards speech restrictionism in response to widespread public discourse and high tensions in the wake of the Oct. 7 Hamas terror attack on Israel and its subsequent military response.

It is crucial to note, though, that this isn't a principle for its own sake. There is a practical purpose to having robust public discussion, in particular around contentious social and political topics and including unpopular or controversial ideas. Exposure to ideas, even bad ones, is the only way for people, especially young people, to develop antibodies against extremism. We should know by now that little is as enticing as the forbidden; to hide ideas is to all but beg those casting about for political identity to ask "what are they trying to hide?"

Stalin, Hitler and Mao are all worthy of study, as is another blood-soaked fiend, Bin Laden. To the ignorant and ahistorical who do their scholarly research on TikTok, some of these monsters' rhetoric may sound intriguing. But what is needed is education to what they really stood for and what they really did. Shutting down access is a great way to generate sympathy and additional cachet for seemingly forbidden ideas.

We can practically guarantee that scrubbing the Bin Laden letter from the Guardian's site has just driven more people to go looking for it, perhaps in places where there won't be quite as much contextualization or where it'll be an entree to more dangerous calls to action.

This is in no way an entreaty to reevaluate Bin

Guest Editorial

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Laden nor a call to disseminate his letter. Any ideas the man might have are but a footnote to his campaign of murder and terrorism — a campaign led, by the way, by a former billionaire business school student who chose to reinvent himself as a revolutionary.

It's not a call for all speech to be tolerated everywhere; it makes sense to have some social media moderation of harmful medical misinformation around vaccines and eating disorders, for example, and no institution, university or otherwise, should tolerate members calling for violence against or harassment of others.

We are pointing out that efforts to hide what is ultimately a historically significant document, or to tamp down on expressions of political opinion, are not only anti-democratic but most often backfire. Students who have valid criticisms of Israel's policies and the country's military campaign against Hamas are not going to soften their stance by having their campus groups banned and job prospects threatened; they'll turn towards extreme versions of those positions.

Young people must be able to read and discuss disputed or outright bad ideas without risking their futures. You can't keep someone in a clean room and be shocked that the first contact with the flu is almost fatal.



Hypocrisy at core of universities

By TYLER COWEN
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Now that congressional Democrats have relaunched an effort to ban legacy admissions at top U.S. universities, virtually everyone can count on one thing: ideological embarrassment.

Legacy admissions are part of a broader system whereby elite US colleges and universities largely favor wealthy families in their admissions practices. It is possible to buy your way into those institutions — whether by being born into a legacy family that is considered likely to make a donation, or by being the child of someone who actually makes a large donation. Some 43% of white students admitted to Harvard are recruited athletes, legacies, from the "dean's interest" list (which is often related to donations), or children of faculty and staff.

There are any number of motives behind these admissions practices. But a major one is the desire to bring in money and boost endowments.

As someone who stands to the political right of most of my fellow university faculty and administrators, I have no qualms accepting the argument that colleges and universities need to grow wealthier. That can mean tolerating various inequalities in the short run, because in the longer run academia will produce more innovation that benefits virtually everyone, including the poor.

This is not the kind of argument many on the political left find appealing. In tax policy, for example, such reasoning — the idea that short-run inequality can bring longer-run benefits — is often derided as "trickle-down economics." And yet virtually any fan of the Ivies has to embrace this idea. The best defense of the admissions policies of America's most prestigious universities is a right-leaning argument that they are deeply uncomfortable with.

So instead they tie themselves into knots to give the impression that they are open and egalitarian. To boost

their image, minimize lawsuits and perhaps assuage their own feelings of institutional guilt, America's top schools adopt what are known as DEI policies, to promote diversity, equity and inclusion.

The "inclusion" part of that equation is hardest for them to defend. Top-tier universities accept only a small percentage of applicants — below 4% at Stanford last year, for example. How inclusive can such institutions be? Everyone knows that these schools are elitist at heart, and that they (either directly or indirectly) encourage their students and faculty to take pride in belonging to such a selective institution. Most of all, the paying parents are encouraged to be proud as well. Who exactly is being fooled here?

So the top schools have the choice of either sounding hypocritical, or defending themselves with right-leaning rhetoric. They choose hypocrisy.

Of course, that hurts their reputation. Americans may not know much about the details of the latest campus controversy at Princeton or Columbia, but they have a strong sense that these kinds of elite schools are hypocritical when it comes to their admissions practices. And this sense has only been magnified by campus conflicts and protests over the Israel-Hamas war. Again, most Americans aren't paying close attention. But universities may have a hard time convincing the public that they are treating protesters and activists fairly because the public already believes they don't treat applicants fairly.

Yes, there are also ideological tensions on the right. Conservatives are accustomed to attacking top universi-

ties for being too left-wing, and indeed the data support that contention. Maybe they would have a different view of elite higher education if they saw it as one of America's leading practitioners of trickle-down economics.

Banning legacy admissions also would require a rather drastic insertion of the federal government into the business and admissions practices of private-sector universities, especially once enforcement issues are considered. ("Well, we didn't accept you just because your dad went here.") Still, I don't expect conservative politicians to go to the mat for Yale or Dartmouth, even though the libertarian strand of Republican Party thought would suggest doing so.

As for me, I teach at a state university — George Mason University — that accepts about 90% of all applicants. If someone has a chance of succeeding, we offer them the opportunity to show that. Not all institutions can or should work this way, but mine is an inclusive university, and I am proud of that.

I thus have the luxury of opposing the new anti-legacy-admissions bill for two mutually reinforcing reasons. First, it reflects an unjustified expansion of federal powers over higher education. Even if you are anti-legacy, or want to rein in the Ivy League, you may not be happy about how those federal powers will be used the next time around.

Second, I do not mind a world where America's top schools practice and implicitly endorse trickle-down economics. Someone has to carry the banner forward, and perhaps someday this Trojan horse will prove decisive in intellectual battle. In the meantime, I have my cudgel — hypocrisy among the educational elite — and I, too, can feel better about myself.

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Nieshalla named state comptroller

By NIKI KELLY

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Elise Nieshalla held back tears Tuesday as Gov. Eric Holcomb announced her as the next state comptroller.

"In Indiana, we enjoy balanced budgets, low debt, low pension liability, healthy cash reserves and a AAA credit rating. When you compare our fiscal standing with that of our nation, it is a stark contrast," she said at a Tuesday event in Zionsville.

"With Indiana's great story of financial stewardship, I am fully on board to write the next chapters for our state in financial responsibility on behalf of Hoosiers."

Nieshalla will fill the remainder of predecessor Tera Klutz's term: three years. She left to take an executive position at Gaylor Electric.

Until recently, the office was called the State Auditor's Office.

"Elise is a dedicated and proven public servant who has committed much of her professional life to bettering her community through service," Holcomb said. "She has shared her financial expertise to help steer and shape the bright future of Boone County which gives me great confidence she'll do the same serving Hoosiers as our next state comptroller."

Nieshalla is no stranger to Indiana government. She is currently



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Outgoing state comptroller Tera Klutz, left, celebrates Tuesday with her successor Elise Nieshalla. Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb named Nieshalla to the role Tuesday.

president of the Boone County Council and also heads the Indiana County Councils Association.

She labels herself an entrepreneur who oversees a portfolio of

real estate investments. This includes acquisitions, financing, improvements, and business management of properties, according to a Boone County biography.

Nieshalla was one of the founding members of the Hoosier Leadership Series and was tasked with overseeing education and tax policy for the program. She is a graduate of the

Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series and was named 2018 Indiana County Councilor of the Year.

She earned her bachelor's degree from Oral Roberts University and a master's degree from Indiana University. Nieshalla and her husband Chris, reside in Zionsville where they raised their four children.

Klutz is the fourth state auditor in a row to resign early. But Nieshalla sidestepped a question on whether the early departures are becoming a problem.

"This is an open door for me and I'm so grateful to walk through it," she said. "I am looking forward to serving the state of Indiana with the highest standards of fiscal responsibility. And I'm here to serve arms wide open and a heart wide open as well."

Klutz was appointed in 2017 after then-Auditor Suzanne Crouch was elevated to lieutenant governor. Before Crouch, Dwayne Sawyer lasted only four months before he abruptly quit. And Tim Berry served almost two terms before leaving to chair the Indiana Republican Party.

Both Klutz and Berry were at Tuesday's event.

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Santos insists he won't resign

By DAVE GOLDINER

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Embattled Rep. George Santos is defiantly insisting he won't resign from Congress even as an expulsion vote looms as soon as later this week.

The scandal-tarred Long Island Republican confirmed that he had engaged in talks with GOP House Speaker Mike Johnson over the Thanksgiving break.

But Santos brushed aside speculation that he could be negotiating to step down from his seat to avoid the expulsion vote over his alleged misdeeds.

"My conversation with (Johnson) was positive and I told him I'd be standing for the expulsion vote," Santos tweeted late Monday.

He suggested he would force fellow lawmakers to take the potentially difficult and historic step of expelling him instead of backing down.

"Expel me and set the precedent so we can see who the judge, jury and executioner are in Congress," he wrote. "The American people deserve to see!"

Johnson raised hopes that the expulsion drama could be averted when he told reporters that he had spoken at length with Santos about his "plans."

Republicans and some Democrats want to avoid having to expel Santos. He would be the first House

lawmaker to be ousted without first being convicted of a crime since the Civil War era.

It's not clear what Santos hopes to gain from forcing an expulsion vote or what he may be demanding in any potential negotiations.

Santos has already beaten back two expulsion efforts, with Republican leaders standing by him along with some lawmakers from both parties who are concerned about lowering the bar for expelling a colleague accused of wrongdoing.

But he received a huge blow when the House ethics committee issued a scathing report this month that accused him of using his campaign as a virtual piggy bank for personal expenses like luxury goods, vacations and even the porn site OnlyFans.

The chair of the ethics committee, Rep. Michael Guest, R-Mississippi, introduced a fresh expulsion measure on the day before Congress left for Thanksgiving break.

Under the House rules, that means the vote could be held as soon as Wednesday or Thursday, depending on various procedural maneuvers.

After insisting for months he would run for reelection to his NY-03 district, Santos said he would not seek another two-year term for the Democratic-tilting district that spans the North Shore and a slice of Queens.

Extend ...

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More aid supplies are needed to alleviate a "catastrophic" situation there, Tor Wennesland, the United Nations' special coordinator for the Middle East Process, said on X. Large areas of the northern part of the Gaza Strip, where Israel says Hamas has its main bases, have been reduced to rubble by Israeli air strikes. Authorities in the Hamas-run territory estimate that more than 15,000 people have been killed.

The extended cease-fire is expected to continue the exchange of small groups of people, with roughly one hostage held in Gaza released for three Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails.

Israel's government, which has said it's pursuing the twin aims of securing the release of captives and dismantling Hamas, has been pressured by public concern over those who have been abducted to keep pushing for the release of more of its citizens as

details of the conditions under which they were kept begin to seep out.

The limited release sparked a mass rally in Tel Aviv over the weekend and renewed calls from groups representing the families of the hostages for more to be set free and access to those who remain to be given the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The government has reiterated its intention to continue the war once the cease-fire is over. The conflict will cost the economy 198 billion shekels (\$53 billion), driven primarily by defense spending, Israel's central bank said Monday.

Growth projections for this year and next were also slashed by the Bank of Israel's research department, which predicted a budget deficit of 5% for 2024 as the government on Monday approved a revised fiscal plan for 2023 that will boost expenditure amid disputes over outlays for religious programs and West Bank settlements.

HEALTHCARE

Symptoms of pancreatic cancer

Movember® is an annual event that originated in 2003 as an attempt to raise awareness about men's health issues. Though the issue Movember® addresses is serious, the annual November effort also has a lighthearted side, as men are encouraged to grow moustaches as part of the approach to raising awareness about men's health. That component adds an element of fun and might even encourage more men to participate in an event that Movember® organizers claim has funded the development of 54 inventions, 70 therapies and 107 diagnostic tests for prostate cancer since 2006.

Movember® organizers have emphasized raising awareness about mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. However, the month of November presents a great opportunity to raise awareness about additional issues affecting men's health, including pancreatic cancer.

The World Cancer Research Fund International reports that pancreatic cancer



is the twelfth most common cancer in men across the globe. In addition, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network notes that men are at slightly greater risk for pancreatic cancer than women. Recognition of pancreatic cancer symptoms can be an important step for men who want to embrace the spirit of Movember® and do all they can to live longer, healthier lives.

Recognizing and understanding the symptoms

The American Cancer Society notes that pancreatic cancers often do not cause any signs or symptoms in their early stages. By the

time symptoms present, the cancer has likely metastasized, or spread beyond the pancreas to other parts of the body. However, it's still beneficial to learn to recognize the symptoms of pancreatic cancer, as such knowledge may compel individuals to report them to a doctor, who can then seek a cause and even develop a potentially life-saving treatment plan. Though the presence of one or more of the following symptoms do not necessarily mean an individual has pancreatic cancer, they should be reported to a physician immediately.

toms of pancreatic cancer: Dark urine, light-colored or greasy stools and itchy skin are additional signs of jaundice.

· Back or belly pain: The pancreas is a gland in the abdominal region, and pain in the back or belly could be indicative of pancreatic cancer. Back pain associated with pancreatic cancer could be the result of the cancer spreading to the nerves that surround the pancreas.

· Weight loss/poor appetite: The ACS reports that unexplained weight loss is very common in people with pancreatic cancer, who frequently have little or no appetite.

· Nausea: Pancreatic cancer can sometimes press on the far end of the stomach, making it hard for food to get through. The ACS indicates that this can contribute to nausea, vomiting and pain that worsens after eating.

· Jaundice: Jaundice is a yellowing of the eyes and skin that the ACS notes is often one of the first symp-

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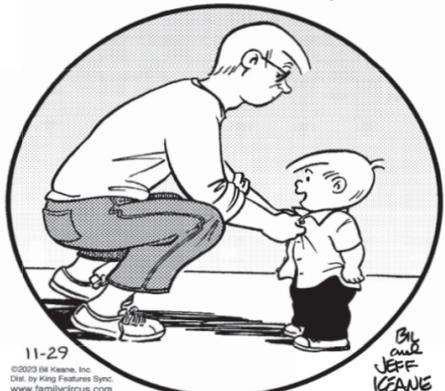
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♦ K 9 5 2
♣ A 6

EAST
♠ 9 2
♥ A 9 5 3
♦ 8 7
♣ K 8 7 4 3

West
♠ 7
♥ Q 4 2
♦ J

East
♥ A 9 5 3
♣ 8

SOUTH
♠ A 10
♥ 10 7 6
♦ A Q J 10 4
♣ Q 10 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♦ Pass 4NT Pass
5♥ Pass 6♦
Opening lead—eight of spades.

Declarer now led the ten of hearts, and had West followed low, South would have made the slam by playing low from dummy.
But West—who knew from the play up to this point that declarer had started with precisely two spades, five diamonds and three clubs, and hence three hearts—correctly covered the ten with the queen, which in turn was covered by dummy's king.
East—who had exactly the same count on declarer's distribution as West—thereupon refused to take the king with the ace, after which South had to go down one, eventually losing two heart tricks to East. Had East won the king of hearts with the ace, he would have been endplayed, and declarer would have made the slam.

The question of when a defender should cover an honor is not susceptible to hard-and-fast rules. The answer is more a matter of using good judgment and common sense than of trying to conform to rigid principles that can't possibly cover all circumstances.
Consider this deal where South was in six diamonds and West led a spade. Declarer won with the ace and cashed the A-Q of trump and

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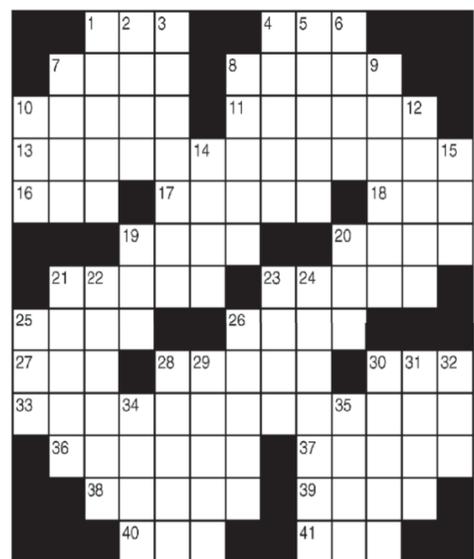
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Indians ...

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Audra Bubp was a district qualifier in the 100-yard breaststroke and swam the second leg for the 200 medley relay that placed 18th at state with a time of 1 minute, 53.1 seconds — just two spots and 0.15 seconds behind the final team to make it out of the prelims.

Current candidates to replace Audra Bubp's spot in the 200 medley include Allison Knapke, Autumn Leuthold and Makenna Huelskamp. Mindy Bubp plans to rotate the three throughout

the season to find what lineups work the best.

The girls will also have divers this year with newcomer Olivia Albers and freshman Theresa Hipple getting on the board. Rounding out the roster are

Nevaeh Lennartz who will swim the 500 freestyle and freshman Aubrey Shuttleworth who currently, Mindy Bubp is unsure where she will be placed.

Ervin's departure leaves Carson Fullenkamp, Caleb Smith

and Sage Wendel as the only members of the boys team.

"That's a little bit disappointing for us because we won't be able to have relays," Bubp said. "It'll make it very difficult for us to compete as a team, but the boys are excited."

Wendel will headline the boys team, as one of his individual goals include breaking his school records. He also will look to return to the district meet, as last season he qualified in the individual medley and the backstroke.

For the boys, Smith will likely stick with the backstroke and

sprint freestyle while Fullenkamp will swim the breaststroke and mid-distance freestyles.

Evaluating if the year was successful won't be as simple as looking at overall results for the Indians this season. It will be based on the goals of each individual from setting personal bests, to making it back to state.

"Working on our own personal best times is always such a good motivator," Mindy Bubp said. "It's also important for them to have fun and have a good season as well."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Jay County — Swimming at Anderson — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Woodlan — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Woodlan — 6 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Boys basketball (including freshmen) vs. Woodlan — 6 p.m.; JV boys wrestling — 5:45 p.m.

TV sports

Today
5 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Notre Dame at Tennessee (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Saint Joseph's at Villanova (FS1)

7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Detroit Red Wings at New York Rangers (TNT)

Thursday
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Texas Tech at Butler (FS1)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: New Orleans at Minnesota (BTN)
7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: South Carolina at North Carolina

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7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Maryland at Indiana (BTN); St. John's at West Virginia (ESPN2)
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8 p.m. — College football: Oregon at Washington (ABC)

8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Iowa State at DePaul (FS1)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Connecticut at Kansas (ESPN2); Purdue at Northwestern (BTN)
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FT-289487

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Pursuant to IC 13-14-8-11 (formerly IC 13-7-7-6), IC 4-21.5-3-5 and IC 4-21.5-3-7, this decision will become effective fifteen (15) days after the publication date of this newspaper notice or, in the case of individuals who have received personal notifications, eighteen (18) days after the mailing date of this Notice of Approval unless a petition for review is submitted by an affected party. Pursuant to IC 4-21.5-3-5(d), the Office of Environmental Adjudication will provide an interested party with notice of any pre-hearing conferences, preliminary hearing, or orders disposing of the review of this decision if a written request is submitted to the Office of Environmental Adjudication. Further information regarding the appeal process is available at https://www.in.gov/oea/2370.htm.

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WHEREAS, the Town of Bryant, Indiana (the "Town") now owns and operates a municipal sewer works in accordance with the provisions of Indiana Code 36-29-23, and acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, furnishing the sewer works to said Town and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bryant has reviewed the current sewerage rates and the Town Council finds that the rates and charges heretofore established by ordinances of the Town Council are insufficient to enable the Town to properly operate its sewer works plant, provide for depreciation, service its bonds, and finance additions and improvements to its sewer works system; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the current rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the Sewage Works Utility must be increased in order to provide sufficient revenues to meet such requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the rates and charges set forth herein are reasonable and just, based upon the aforementioned rate study and the cost of providing service to the customers of the sewer works;

Now Therefore, Be It Ordained by the Town Council OF THE TOWN OF BRYANT, as follows:

Section 1: The rates and charges set forth shall take affect beginning January 1, 2024

Section 2: This ordinance shall be affective upon its passage from the town council

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Strong return



Pictured is the Fort Recovery High School swim team for the 2023-24 season. Front row from left are Aubrey Shuttleworth, Autumn Leuthold, Allison Knapke, Caleb Smith, Olivia Albers, Makenna Huelskamp and Nevaeh Lennartz. Back row are coach Mindy Bubb, Teigen Fortkamp, Sage Wendel, Carson Fullenkamp, Paige Guggenbiller, Joelle Kaup and Theresa Hipple.

The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Indians bring back three of four swimmers from state-qualifying relay team headlined by Teigen Fortkamp

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review

The Indians didn't have an abundance of swimmers in the 2022-23 season. They still sent four girls to the state meet.

The Indians lose three swimmers to graduation, but reload with three freshmen and another newcomer.

The Fort Recovery High School girls swim team returns three legs of its state-qualifying relay team, including individual qualifier Teigen Fortkamp for the 2023-24 season and is looking to punch some more bids to the district and state meets.

"I think we'll be strong again this year," coach Mindy Bubb said. "In the end, I would like to see some of our swimmers move on to the district level and, and hopefully beyond."

While the Indians return strong swimmers, both the boys and girls teams lose key contributors in the form of Jackson Ervin and Audra Bubb. That will leave the boys team with just three swimmers.

Reprising their roles for the girls team from the state-qualifying relay are Fortkamp (backstroke), Joelle Kaup (butterfly) and Paige Guggen-

biller (freestyle). Mindy Bubb thinks that Guggenbiller and Kaup can both take steps forward this season.

"Looking at Paige Guggenbiller and her freestyle, she only started swimming her sophomore year," Mindy Bubb said. "So, she still has a lot of room for improvement."

"I think Joelle Kaup as well is getting stronger in the offseason. I see her being able to improve a lot this year."

Things will all get tied together by Fortkamp. The senior is coming off of a 21st-place finish at state in the 50 freestyle

and a 19-place finish in the backstroke.

Mindy Bubb said that she thinks that some pressure has been lifted from Fortkamp as she is committed to play volleyball at St. Francis University with her sister Paige — Fortkamp will be making the commitment official with a signing on Friday afternoon. Still, her coach noticed her working hard in the early stages of the season.

"I want to push myself and my teammates everyday," Fortkamp said. "The 'senioritis' is kicking in so, I want to stay focused and finish the season well this year."

See **Indians** page 7

2023-24 schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Saturday, Dec. 2	Celina Sprints	9 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 4	Delta/Hagerstown	6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9	Trotwood	TBD
Tuesday, Dec. 12	Minster/Marion Local	6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16	Northwest Ohio	9 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 28	Holiday Swim Meet	10 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 2	South Adams/Minster	5:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 5	Jay Co. Invitational	6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6	Jay Co. Invitational	10 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 16	Delta/Muncie Burris	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20	Cav Invite "MAC"	12 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 23	St. Henry/Greenville	6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27	Mini Meet	9 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 1	Coldwater/Versailles	6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10	Sectional	TBD
Friday, Feb. 16	District	TBD
Thursday, Feb. 23	State	TBD

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