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More trash talk



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Trash Toters sit along an alley on the east side of Portland this morning. Portland City Council on Tuesday discussed Mayor Jeff Westlake's proposed amendments to the city's trash collection ordinance. Council members expressed support for bringing back spring and fall clean-up days but were not convinced that it would be a good idea to allow bagged trash in addition to the Toters. Council members plan to revisit the ordinance at a future meeting.

Council takes another look at trash ordinance, plans to reinstate spring and fall clean-up days

By RAY COONEY
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Several ordinance changes are being considered.

Portland City Council on Tuesday discussed Mayor Jeff Westlake's proposed changes to the city's trash collection ordinance as well as the potential addition of an ordinance governing RVs.

Council reviewed possible changes to the trash collection

ordinance proposed by Westlake, who was not at the meeting because he was attending a training session. His suggested changes include bringing back spring and fall clean-up days for large trash pick-up and adjusting the ordinance to allow residents to put out up to three bags of trash, limited to 40 pounds or less, in addition to what can fit their Toter.

After some discussion, council president Kent McClung suggested considering the two ideas separately, with members quick to agree that they are in support of bringing back the clean-up days.

Council members weren't convinced that allowing bags of trash is a positive step, with Matt Goldsworthy saying he

feels three is too many. He and Mike Aker both pointed out that one of the key reasons for the switch to the Toters was to avoid city workers being injured by sharp objects in trash bags.

Ashley Hilfiker questioned the weight limit and how it would be measured and enforced.

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Second hopeful files for treasurer

Foreman and Eads seek GOP nomination

There will be at least two contested races for county office.

Jonelle Foreman, a Republican, filed Tuesday to run for Jay County Treasurer.

Foreman's filing creates a contested race for the GOP nomination for the position. Also already filed to run for the seat is current Jay County clerk Jon Eads.

The other contested race so far for the primary is for the Republican nomination for Jay County Commissioner in the north district. Former commissioner Mike Leonhard is seeking to reclaim the seat and will take on Doug Horn in the primary. (Current commissioner Rex Journay has indicated that he will not seek a second term.

Republican Brian Hutchison also filed Tuesday to seek another term as Jay Circuit Court Judge.

Ryan Wellman, a Republican, signed up to run for Jay County Council at-large, joining current council president Matt Minnich. (Three at-large seats are up for election this year.

Matt Lehman, a Republican from Berne, has also filed to run for re-election as state representative for District 79. He represents the northern third of Jay County as well as Adams and Wells counties.

Also filing was Randy Stephen for Republican precinct committeeman.

Filing for this year's election cycle continues until noon Feb. 9. Positions up for election this year include Jay County Commissioner, three at-large seats on Jay County Council, Jay County Circuit Court Judge, and county clerk of courts, treasurer, coroner and surveyor.

Bill on meeting decorum receives support

By RAY COONEY
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INDIANAPOLIS — An effort to set up procedures for ensuring decorum in public meetings is drawing support.

House Bill 1338, authored by State Rep. J.D. Prescott, received support from groups representing government officials as well as the state's public access counselor and had a Democrat sign on as a sponsor during the House Government and Regulatory Reform Committee meeting Tuesday.

Also Tuesday, State Rep. Matt Lehman's House Bill 1158 and State Sen. Travis Holdman's Senate Bill 20 passed out of their respective committees, and Prescott's House Concurrent Resolution 3 passed the House.

Prescott's HB 1338 sets up a structure for local units of government to establish rules for public comment during meetings, including restrictions on time. It sets out a "three strike" procedure — two verbal warnings followed by removal — for enforcing those rules and clarifies that law enforcement officers can't be held liable for

removing individuals from those meetings.

In presenting the bill, Prescott (R-Union City) referred to "YouTube political agitators" who he said have caused disruption and harassed local government officials at meetings in Randolph County.

State Rep. David Abbott (R-Rome City), while saying he supports the measure, added that he has heard from some who expressed concern about what constitutes inappropriate behavior. Prescott pointed out that his bill leaves the rules to be established by each local government entity in consultation with their legal counsel. He said the goal is to have civil, open discussions.

"The last thing we want to do is violate anybody's First

Amendment rights," said Prescott, who represents Jay, Randolph and Blackford counties as well as part of Delaware and Henry counties.

The bill also would clarify what areas of government property are open to the public. Off limits would be areas marked as restricted, designated as employee or authorized personnel only, locked or otherwise not accessible to the public.

Testifying in favor of the bill Tuesday were Winchester Mayor Bob McCoy, Indiana public access counselor Luke Britt, director of government affairs for the Association of Indiana Counties Ryan Hoff, attorney Jake German on behalf of Indiana County Commissioners and director of government

affairs for Accelerate Indiana Municipalities Jenna Bentley.

McCoy detailed some of the issues that have occurred during Winchester City Council meetings, including visitors refusing to introduce themselves or adhere to time limits. Referencing one meeting in particular, he said, "It just got so out of hand that I walked out of the room after the meeting adjourned and the crowd just took over the council chambers. ... It's just been crazy."

He noted that he received a letter from a resident who wanted to address city council but felt unable to do so because of the "circus" atmosphere and fear of retaliation.

"They just keep going, and a lot of times it's nothing to do with city business," McCoy

said, noting personal attacks and complaints about other units of government.

Britt, who acknowledged that it's rare that he visits the Indiana General Assembly in support of a bill, said the issue is not unique to Winchester.

"It's across the state," he said, adding that the bill mirrors guidance his office has provided.

Britt added that it would be beneficial to keep meetings professional.

"I think it makes for a better opportunity for civic engagement," he said, noting that if someone is disruptive it compromises the ability for others in attendance to observe and participate. "That's what I'm most concerned about is making sure those are opportunities for everyone ... so constituents can come see the work of their local government."

Those in attendance voted unanimously to move the bill out of committee, with the vote held open to allow a member not in attendance to cast their vote. State Rep. Chris Campbell (D-West Lafayette) signed on to make it a bipartisan measure.

Public access counselor, Winchester mayor testified in support of Prescott's measure

Deaths

Louanna Hurst, 96, Portland
Mary Hammond, Dunkirk
Charles Post, 59, Fort Recovery
Harry Martin, 82, Geneva
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 10 degrees Tuesday. The low was 5.
Tonight's forecast calls for snow with light accumulation and a low of 18. Friday's temperature will be steady at 19 with more snow expected.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

A community forum about recovery housing in Jay County is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday at IU Health Jay.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of this week's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.

Saturday — Results from the JCHS boys basketball game against South Adams.



Trash ...

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McClung noted that residents can purchase their own "mobile garbage bins" (generic for Toter) and it will be emptied free of charge or get a Toter from the city for an additional \$5.50 monthly fee. Goldsworthy said the fee for trash pick-up is minimal compared to other municipalities and rural residents.

City attorney Wes Schemenaur said he would modify the proposed ordinance amendment to reflect the council's comments. It will be considered at a future meeting.

Council members Michele Brewster, Dave Golden, Ron May, McClung, Goldsworthy, Aker and Hilfiker also discussed adding an ordinance to address RVs, with Schemenaur providing some sample language. He noted that it will be up to the council to decide what restrictions to place, but added that he

suggests fines large enough to be a deterrent.

They talked about various options, with Hilfiker saying she feels RVs should not be parked on a street or in an alley and should also not obstruct views of traffic. But, she added, requiring them to be in a garage or carport would be a step too far.

McClung offered the possibility of requiring that they be in a backyard. He also raised the question of whether it should be legal to live in an RV permanently or for a limited period of time. (He added that exceptions could be made for events such as the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show.)

Schemenaur encouraged council members to consider the issue and research ordinances from other municipalities and return with ideas regarding what a proposed ordinance should include.

McClung also noted that West-

lake has expressed interest in reviewing the city's golf cart ordinance and potentially eliminating the registration fee.

In other business:
•Council approved a three-year tax abatement for Sonoco Protective Solutions on a \$1.16 million investment. It will save the company just over \$30,000 in taxes. The investment is expected to result in nine new jobs. Council members also sent a request from FR Holdings for a five-year tax abatement on \$1.05 million in renovations to allow space for growth for Priority Plastics to the city's tax abatement advisory committee.

•Blaine Pike residents and May expressed concerns about the Blaine Pike paving and walking trail project. Among the questions were why the walking trail does not extend to Bittersweet Lane on the south end and to Water Street on the north end.

Phillips said she reached out to engineering firm Beam, Longest and Neff regarding the project and learned that Indiana Department of Transportation rules — the project was mostly funded by a federal grant passed through INDOT — don't allow it to continue to the Bittersweet intersection because there is no sidewalk on Bittersweet Lane or continuing along Blaine Pike. Railroad complications were cited as a potential reason for not extending the walking path to Water Street, though it was pointed out that the path ends well short of the railroad right of way. Residents also expressed concern about drainage. (The project is not yet finished. Completion is expected in May.)

•McClung asked a question regarding the county's plans for the Seventh Street bridge over the Salamonie River after county highway superintendent report-

ed to Jay County Commissioners last week that an adjoining property owner has refused to grant right-of-way access. Schemenaur, who is also the attorney for the county, explained that the issue may delay seeking funding for the replacement of the bridge but that the county could apply for Community Crossings grant funding again in July.

•Phillips reported to the council that demolition of the buildings at 208 and 210 N. Meridian St. is expected to begin in the second half of February. She also said equipment to livestream and record meetings is expected to be installed in council chambers in March.

•Goldsworthy and Aker thanked city employees for their work during the recent snowy and frigid weather.

•Golden thanked residents who come to him and other council members with their concerns.

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Friday 1/19	Saturday 1/20	Sunday 1/21	Monday 1/22	Tuesday 1/23
21/4	17/2	21/14	34/32	36/36
There's a 60% chance of snow Friday, when the temperatures at night will stick in the single digits.	Mostly cloudy skies paired with cold temperatures. The low may hit a bristling 2 degrees.	Sunday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with the high around 20 degrees.	There's a slight chance of rain Monday. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Tuesday has a 60% chance of rain throughout the day.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$102 million	Evening Daily Three: 0-2-4 Daily Four: 3-5-0-0 Quick Draw: 1-2-8-11-20-22-29-31-36-37-46-51-52-56-58-60-69-72-74-79
Mega Millions 2-10-42-49-54 Mega Ball: 13 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$236 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 4-4-3 Pick 4: 9-8-0-1 Pick 5: 1-8-4-5-3 Evening Pick 3: 2-6-4 Pick 4: 7-4-4-9 Pick 5: 1-9-8-8-7 Rolling Cash: 3-7-8-13-31 Estimated jackpot: \$266,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 0-5-7 Daily Four: 0-9-5-2 Quick Draw: 3-4-7-8-10-11-18-33-42-46-48-52-55-56-60-63-64-66-69-75	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.45 Feb. corn4.45 Wheat5.07	Jan. beans11.96 Wheat 5.48
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Today in history

In 2007, Dunkirk Mayor Sam Hubbard announced his plans to seek re-election. Hubbard, 77, a Republican, was in the midst of his first term and had previously served as executive director of Dunkirk Area Chamber of Commerce.

In 2020, Jay County High School hosted the inaugural Jay County Show Choir Spectacular with Carroll winning the grand championship as well as honors for best vocals, best choreography and best soloist.

In 2021, Portland Mayor John Boggs told Portland City Council he had been notified Carrera Manufacturing, which had brought W&M Manufacturing and Pier-Mac Plastics under a single umbrella in 2008, had ceased operations. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 9 a.m. — Jay County Public Library, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.	Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Friday 2 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County	

Obituaries

Louanna Hurst

Oct. 9, 1927-Jan. 16, 2024
Louanna J. Hurst, age 96, of Portland passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, in Albany Healthcare and Rehabilitation.

She was born in Portland on Oct. 9, 1927, the daughter of Cornelius and Esther (Geesaman) Valentine. She was married on June 24, 1944, to Jesse Hurst and he passed away on July 17, 2003.



Hurst

Louanna worked in the Soil Conservation Office and JC Murphys. She was a member of Gold Star Sister, Business and Professional Women's Club, American Legion Auxiliary, Eagles Lodge and Moose Lodge. She attended Center Church and Pennville High School and liked dancing, cats and raising bees for honey.

Surviving are one son, Jesse Hurst Jr. of Muncie; great-niece and caregiver Teresa Alig (husband: Dave) of Portland; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey Hurst. Funeral services will be Friday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Eads presiding. Burial will be in the Center Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 1 to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Humane Society. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Mary Hammond

Mom passed away peacefully at The Waters of Dunkirk, Indiana, following a courageous battle with dementia.

She will be joining her sweetheart, Jack, whom she met 72 years ago and married three weeks after meeting him. They were happily married for 68 years. Her first love was her Lord and Savior, whom she served by playing the piano any time she was asked whether it be at church or any place gospel music could be played. Jack was her love, second only to her Savior; and Jack is waiting for her at her heavenly home.



Hammond

She loved her husband and four sons and set an example of what God called a Godly wife and mother. She provided a home that was second to none and the one thing it was filled with was love. She and Jack resided near Redkey, Indiana, for the past 59 years. They served the Lord together for the last 56 years. In their free time,

they hunted and fished together, and Jack always said Mary could out-fish him. He was even known to let her fish go so that his would be the biggest. Her life was full raising four boys and keeping a Godly home for her family. She went to work for the two youngest boys at JJ Day on a temporary basis that lasted 17 years. She was a very hard-working and God-fearing wife and mother.

She would always make time for the grandchildren and then the great-grandchildren. She has three great-great-grandchildren, which dementia deprived her of. She will be sorely missed by her sons, along with all of her family, including her daughters-in-law, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and all the family from all the churches that her and Jack attended throughout the years. She will now be in the presence of her Lord and Savior whom she served for the entirety of her life.

Surviving are children, Charles Duane (Cathy Sue) Hammond and Jeffrey Ward Hammond; daughter-in-law, Mary Lou Hammond; grandchildren Michelle, Melissa, Benjamin, Jason, Jessica, Adam, Travis, Taran, Dustin and Jeremy; 23 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Jack Leroy Hammond; parents Jack D. and Esther Pauline (Hickman) Ratcliff; brother Robert Euguene Ratcliff; sons Stephen Alan Hammond and Jack Franklin Hammond; and granddaughter Aubrey Jane, who Mary Jane picked up along her journey to her Heavenly Home on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024. Aubrey Jane and Mary Jane will live on in our hearts forever.

Services for Mary Hammond will be held at Garden View Funeral Home in Muncie, Indiana, at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024, with Pastor Lloyd Moles officiating. Visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will be in I.O.O.F in Pennville, Indiana.

Charles Post

Nov. 20, 1964-Jan. 15, 2024
Charles "Chuck" G. Post, 59, of Fort Recovery, Ohio, passed away on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus.

He was born on Nov. 20, 1964, in Coldwater, Ohio, to the late Alvin and Alice (Homan) Post.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 37 years, Kathy (Langenkamp) Post, whom he married on April 5, 1986; his sons, Jim Post of Fort Recovery, Jared (Michelle) Post of Pittsburgh, and Jon (Gina) Post of Fort Recovery; his granddaughters, Claire, Amelia and Nora Post, and Adriana and Sophia

Post; his siblings, Bernice (John) Reichert of Maria Stein, Ohio, Ivo (Linda) Post of Maria Stein, Patty Uhlenhake of Coldwater, Jerry (Joretta) Post of St. Henry, Ohio, Sally Post of St. Henry, Angie (Paul) Mangen of Versailles, Ohio, and Mary Jo (Brett) Beatty of Jamestown, Ohio; his in-laws, Teri (Dale) Minnich of Portland, Lynn (Luke) Kahlig of Fort Recovery, Diane (Carl) Homan of St. Henry, Steve Langenkamp of Jacksonville, Florida, Jenny (Paul) Everman of Neptune, Ohio, Brad (Janis) Langenkamp of Coldwater, Dan Langenkamp of St. Mary's, Ohio, Julie (Bill) Timmerman of Troy, Ohio, and Mary Langenkamp of Coldwater; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Chuck was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Marvin Uhlenhake; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Clarence and Janet Langenkamp.

Chuck was a 1983 graduate of St. Henry High School. He was a lifelong farmer and former construction worker. He spent his youth up until fairly recently dairy farming. He loved working on the farm with whatever needed to be done. All equipment was repaired and ready when the time came to plant and harvest.

He loved being a grandpa. Chuck was a proud grandpa to five wonderful granddaughters. He enjoyed watching the Cincinnati Reds and classic TV shows. He also enjoyed history and recently was able to mark Washington, D.C., off his bucket list. Chuck was a social person, and loved helping others, especially his sons and neighbors. His caring heart and legacy will live on for years to come due to his selfless donation of tissue and organs.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024, at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Fort Recovery. Burial will follow in St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery, Sharpsburg.

Guests may visit with Chuck's family on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, from 2 to 7 p.m. and again on Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Lifeline of Ohio, P.O. Box 632013, Cincinnati, OH 45263.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockman-boeckmanfh.com.

Harry Arthur Martin, Geneva, July 18, 1941-Jan. 7, 2024. Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

SERVICES

Thursday
Hudson, Waldo: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Martin, Harry: 4 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Friday
Post, Charles: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.
Mere, Nellie: 11 a.m., First Missionary Church, 950 S. U.S. 27, Berne.
Hammond, Mary: 1 p.m., Garden View Funeral Home, 10501 Indiana 3, Muncie.
Hurst, Louanna: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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JOB OPENING

FULL TIME HEALTH DEPARTMENT SCHOOL HEALTH LIAISON
JAY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SALARY: \$40,003.60 per year

DUTIES

- Partners with schools and community partners to promote whole child health, including physical, mental and student health and wellbeing.
- Work closely with schools and other educators to identify, develop and deliver educational programs geared toward student health in Pre-K through Grade 12.
- Collaborating and enhancing of current vaccination efforts to ensure childhood vaccine requirements and seasonal vaccine needs are addressed.
- Coordinate and assist schools with vision, hearing, oral, as well as other health screenings.
- Develops operational plans and policies necessary to achieve objectives and services.
- Represents the Health Department on coalitions, taskforces and committees as assigned.
- Assists with immunization clinic operations as needed.

REQUIREMENTS

- Associate Degree in Nursing or completion of Nursing Diploma required and current licensing as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the State of Indiana.
- Possession of or ability to obtain certifications in TB skin testing, CPR/AED certifications, Bloodborne Pathogens, First Aid, Stop the Bleed, National Incident Management (NIMS) and/or other areas as required for public health programs/operations.
- Ability to effectively examine individuals, assess needs, and provide information, treatment, assistance, or referrals.

HOURS

- 35 hours weekly (Monday through Friday from 8:30 am -4:30 pm).
- Occasional evening and weekend hours as needed for department operations and out of town meetings.
- Follows the Jay County government office holiday schedule.

All interested applicants can submit their resume to the Jay County Health Department at:
504 W. Arch St., Portland, IN 47371
Ph. 260-726-8080 Fax 260-726-2220 Environmental@jaycountyhealthdept.org
Applications will be accepted until January 19, 2024

Neurodiversity workshop set for February

An opportunity to learn about neurodiversity in the workplace is scheduled for February.

Indiana Youth Institute will host Introduction to Neurodiversity in Youth Work at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 12 at Blackford Junior-Senior High School.

The event will feature High Five School founder Nathan Maynard. It is an interactive workshop “designed to equip youth workers, educators, and community leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to create inclusive environments that celebrate neurodivergent youth.” Attendees will learn about neurodiversity and its history and the com-

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plications regarding diagnosis.

The workshop is free and lunch will be provided. Those interested in attending should register in advance by visiting iyi.org/events.

Book signing

A local pastor and author will be signing books Friday.

Phill Jellison of Portland will be at McDonald's, 618

N. Meridian St. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. His books — they'll be available to purchase Friday — include “The 30 Years of Revivals in Portland and Jay County Indiana,” “What a Mighty God” and “Comparing Biblical Tongues with Modern Tongues.”

For more information, contact Jellison at (260) 202-9800.

Applications open

Indiana Department of Environmental Management is accepting nominations for the 2024 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence.

Awards will be presented for energy

efficiency/renewable resources, environmental education/outreach, five-year continuous improvement, greening the government, land use/conservation, pollution prevention and recycling/reuse.

Nomination forms are available at idem.in.gov.

President's List

Several local students were named to the President's List at their universities.

Megan Knapke and Morgan Litmer of Fort Recovery both made Miami University's fall semester list, which ranks students in the top three percent of undergraduate students within each division.

Makenzie Ring of Dunkirk and Isaac Braun, Levi Peterson and Olivia Rowles of Portland earned Trine University's fall semester honors, which require students to complete a minimum of 12 hours and keep a GPA of 3.75 to 4.00.

Collectibles show

Collectibles of all kinds will be back at Jay County Fairgrounds this weekend.

Jay County Fair Cards Coins Comics and Collectibles is slated for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the fairgrounds. The show features sports cards, Pokémon, Magic: The Gathering and Yu-Gi-Oh! cards, coins, Coca-Cola items, NASCAR memorabilia, Funko Pop! items, comic books and vintage toys.

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Hosting market

Minnetrista of Muncie is hosting indoor farmers markets this season.

Its first market kicks off Saturday.

The indoor market will be held at the Center Building at Minnetrista, 1200 N. Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie. Participating vendors accept SNAP, WIC, IU Health Bucks and the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

Other dates for the indoor market include Feb. 17, March 2 and March 16.

For more information, visit minnetrista.net.

Family fails to support each other through loss

DEAR ABBY: Somehow I became the go-to person for everyone in my family — siblings as well as parents. I have the means, and for decades, I have been happy to help. I recently lost a brother, and I assumed the people I've been there for would be there to support ME.

Abby, they ALL failed. Two didn't show up at all, and two came and left so fast my head spun. It was a two-part ceremony. My gathering was the first. I was so hurt I didn't want to go to the second gathering, but I wanted to honor my brother, so I went. Bad decision. My deceased brother had one enemy, and that person was invited to speak and ruined it ALL for me.

Dear Abby



My husband was so upset he told my family off and said that I had been crying for days. No one cared enough to contact me to clear things up. Instead, they doubled down and called me selfish for needing them to be there for me.

Now I'm hurt and upset, and I have no family to turn to. Honestly, it's nothing new, but I think I'm so hurt because I feel this is the end of family func-

tions forever. What do you think? — FULL OF EMOTION

DEAR FULL: I am sorry for your loss. Because you have been the family rescuer and in return were treated with disrespect and indifference, you have every right to be upset. I hope that in the future you will begin to develop relationships with people who show some reciprocity. Because you appear to come from a family of “takers,” enlarging your circle will give you a better chance of having healthier (not to mention more rewarding) relationships. PLEASE consider it.

DEAR ABBY: I met a woman online from out of state, and we

hit it off. We dated for three years before she moved here and we were married. At that time, she was estranged from her family. She recently started to repair her relationship with a daughter and would visit her. Our marriage had been showing a few cracks as her emotional state was growing worse due to her loneliness. She worked from home, and I worked some overtime to supplement our income.

With my blessing, she has since moved to her daughter's state to be near her grandkids. I do not want to travel to keep a marriage going. I'm too old to do that. She has medical issues, so she benefits from my insurance.

We've been married only a

year and a half. If I bring up a divorce because of the travel and the fact that we have grown apart, I'm afraid she'll ask for half my pension that I've worked my whole life for. What do you advise? — FEELING STUCK IN MISSOURI

DEAR FEELING STUCK: I urge you to discuss this matter with a family law attorney licensed to practice in the state of Missouri. I'm not a lawyer (obviously), but from where I sit on the West Coast, it appears your wife DESERTED you when she moved away to be closer to her daughter, and your marriage has died in its infancy. I wish you luck. (Please let me know how this turns out.)

Community Calendar

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

Today

STITCH AND CHATTER QUILT CLUB — Meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center in Portland. Show and teal is at 1 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to sew. Bring unfinished projects and a sewing machine. Helen Rouch will lead the group Thursday and present the felt poinsettia ornament. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

GRIEF SHARE — Meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays from Jan. 4 to March 28 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. Grief Share is a weekly grief support group for those needing to find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. To register, call (260)

726-8832 or email zionlutheranportland@gmail.com.

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.

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Ran-

dolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

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.

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.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Jan. 19, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

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.

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Sunday

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 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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Wednesday's Solution

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FULL TIME HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEALTH EDUCATOR
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DUTIES

- Plans, develops, and implements health education programs and services in accordance with community needs, funding requirements, and department goals and objectives, collecting and analyzing data to identify community needs and administering fiscal resources for health education programs as assigned.
- Insures compliance with Health First Indiana core health services and develops associated key performance indicators as necessary.
- Develops, prepares, and coordinates grant/funding applications and grant/funding-related activities. Ensuring compliance with guidelines and requirements of grant/funding agencies.
- Develops, conducts, or coordinates health needs assessments and other public health surveys.
- Represents the Health Department on coalitions, task forces and committees as assigned.

REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate Degree in public health, education, or related field.
- Possession of or ability to obtain certifications CPR/AED certifications, Blood borne Pathogens, First Aid, Stop the Bleed, National Incident Management (NIMS) and/or other areas as required for public health programs/operations.
- Ability to travel off-site (active Indiana driver's license).

HOURS

- 35 hours weekly (Monday through Friday from 8:30 am -4:30 pm).
- Occasional evening and weekend hours as needed for department operations and out of town meetings.
- Follows the Jay County government office holiday schedule.

All interested applicants can submit their resume to the Jay County Health Department at:
504 W. Arch St., Portland, IN 47371
Ph. 260-726-8080 Fax 260-726-2220 Environmental@jaycountyhealthdept.org
Applications will be accepted until January 19, 2024

Jayland Partners offers its thanks

To the editor:
We at Jayland Partners would like to acknowledge the support from our community in 2023 to promote social connections and activities for people with disabilities in the Jayland area.

Our financial support this year included: United Way of Jay County, Ruth Ann Widman, Rogers and Janice Durham, Delta Theta Tau XI Chapter, Delta Theta Tau Sorority Zeta Alpha, Progressive Insurance Foundation, First Merchants Bank, Greg and Jane Ann Runyon, Organizational Solutions, Thrivent Action Team and William Lawrence and family.

In May, many people from the Jayland area enjoyed special needs prom in Muncie. Thank you Rhonda Mock Short, who captured photos at the John Center for Learning of everyone

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looking their best. Thanks to Reni Lawhead at Reni's Heaven Scent in Redkey for helping with the corsages and boutonnieres and Jane Ann Runyon for arranging for us to use the space.

In December, Jayland Partners celebrated our "Jingle & Mingle" as our 11th annual Christmas party, with about 250 people with special needs, their families and caregivers. Special thanks to Bryant Wesleyan Church and Pastor Paul VanCise, who was our host location and of great support. Thank you to the Jay

County High School guidance office who shared our need for volunteers with high school seniors seeking to get involved as well as earn their service hours.

Our board greatly appreciates all our volunteers this year. These volunteers included: Devon Smith, Vickie Daniels and Kassi Huey of Judan Judo, Rhonda Mock Short, Heidi and Tony Bowman, Adrienne Denney, Jalisa, Oaklyn and Wylder Chesney, Jay County Special Olympics, Dezi Keen, April Fullenkamp, Alexa Barrett, Laura Garringer, Elianna Myers of The Bowen Center, Angie Lutes, Heather Younts, Jo Peters, Chris and Angie Whitenack, Chris Davidson, Mariah Lawrence, Ruth Davidson, Jill and Phil Suman, Michelle Hostetler, Cindy Morris, George Hanlin, Monique Jellison, Madison Brunswick, Regi-

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you Brian McGalliard of Portland Pizza King for donating pizza to feed our volunteers.

Again, thank you for your support. If anyone would like to learn more about the mission of Jayland Partners, please contact us on Facebook or by email at jaylandpartnersportland@gmail.com. The Jayland Partners Board consists of Kathy Lawrence, Laura Strausburg-Smith, Amy Barrett, Jerri Hacker, Paula LeMaster, Brooke Muhlenkamp, Sheron McClung, Marcella Bodle and Linda Muhlenkamp.

Please reach out if you or someone you know is interested in getting involved or would like more information.

Thank you, Jayland area, for all your support.

Sincerely,
Kathy Lawrence
Jayland Partners Board

Jobs, population declined over decade

By MORTON J. MARCUS

This is the time of the year when governors give State of the State speeches. These exercises are largely stories about the glorious, recent past.

In truth, little changes in the space of a year unless there has been a catastrophe. The poor don't become rich. Few of us move, have a new car, a new job, a different family.

It's good that governors put on these ritual shows. However, they cover only a short periods of time. Here, let's consider the decade 2012 to 2022, long enough for policies and practices to have some effect.

What do we want to see? Higher earnings per worker and we got it. The nation had a 54.3% growth in total earnings, and Indiana pretty well matched that with an increase of 53.8%.

But in terms of the number of workers, Indiana, which ranked 15th in 2012, was in 18th place among the 50 states in 2022. We managed 13.7% growth in jobs while the nation advanced by 18.7%.

The result looks good. When the denominator (number of jobs) is growing slower than the numerator (earnings), the value of the fraction (earnings per job) rises. We climbed from an average earnings figure 10% below the nation to just a 6% deficit.

This gain was achieved by having a lower rate of growth in the number of jobs than the nation. Did slower job growth in Indiana lead to people leaving the state, particularly young workers who moved their fertility with them?

Despite having more than 2% of the nation's population in 2012, Indiana, in the intervening decade, had only 1.5% of the nation's population growth. Was our 4.4% population growth rate (versus 6% nationally) the result of slower job growth or was the reverse true: job growth was depressed by slow population growth?

A Hoosier booster could boast our average earning per job rose from 28th highest in the nation to 22nd highest with the 13th highest rate of growth (35% versus 30% for the U.S.). In fact, that same booster could trum-

Eye on the Pie



Indiana did well in the 2012 to 2022 decade, but only if we are satisfied with a slower rates of growth in population and the number of jobs.

pet the gain we made in per capita net earnings.

Net earnings are the result of taking into account the movement of earnings from one place to another by commuting. In net earnings, we had the slightest advantage over the nation: growth of 52% versus 51.7% nationally.

Net earnings per capita is a way of expressing our ability to support our entire population without considering other forms of income like interest, dividends, rent receipts, Social Security, Medicare and other transfer payments.

Thus, Indiana did well in the 2012 to 2022 decade, but only if we are satisfied with a slower rates of growth in population and the number of jobs. Is it possible that our higher earnings per job and per capita are related to income disparities in Indiana?

We may have an answer next week.

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Don't worry about the debt

By CLAUDIA SAHM
Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

U.S. federal government debt ended 2023 at a record \$34 trillion. The worries are bipartisan, with both Republicans and Democrats hearing about out-of-control borrowing from their constituents. In fact, almost six in 10 Americans say reducing it should be a top priority, according to a survey by the Pew Research Center. So, it's not a surprise that Congress is moving closer to passing a budget for fiscal year 2024 that would cap spending at \$1.59 trillion which is a bit less than the \$1.7 trillion in fiscal 2023.

But many of the reasons why lawmakers and voters have concerns about the size of the nation's debt — concerns that have been around for many decades — are misguided and undermine a constructive conversation about the priorities for the country. Debt is neither inherently good nor bad. As such, the question is not what's the right level of borrowing, but rather what's the economic return on the borrowing or the societal goals it advances.

Take the child tax credit. When the Biden administration increased borrowing to expand the deduction to as much as \$3,600 per child from its previous amount of \$2,000, the child poverty rate tumbled to as low as around 5% in 2021 from almost 13% in 2019, making it easier for families to provide the basics, such as food, clothing and school supplies. When the program expired at the end of 2021, the rate shot up to 12.6%.

Or consider the tens of billions of dollars in grants and contracts the government handed out to help fund the development of mRNA technology that was used in the COVID-19 vaccines. The return on that investment to society is incalculable. And would the economy have been so surprisingly strong the past few years without the extra borrowing, avoid-

ing a damaging recession that would have thrown millions out of work?

For an example of deficit spending that might be viewed as bad, research suggests that tax breaks for companies, which decrease tax revenue and thereby increase the budget deficit, may exacerbate income inequality rather than the intended outcome of encouraging companies to boost capital spending to strengthen their businesses and the economy.

Regardless, the amount of U.S. debt must be put in context. Yes, \$34 trillion is a big number, but \$142 trillion is even bigger and much more important because it represents the total wealth of Americans — a massive resource that helps fund government debt and deficits.

The pessimists will counter by pointing to the amount of interest the government is paying to service its debt. In fiscal 2023 that ended Sept. 30, the figure was also a record — \$882.6 billion, to be exact. Again, context matters. Although the amount has doubled since 2016, it was a manageable 3.4% of gross domestic product, less than the 4.3% level of the late 1990s when the government was running budget surpluses instead of deficits like now, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Sure enough, whenever there's a debate about government borrowing, it's inevitably put in the context of the financial constraints faced by households. But the correct context for how the federal government makes decisions about debt is not the same as how households make decisions about debt. Stephanie Kelton,

Claudia Sahn



professor of economics at Stony Brook University, rightly argues that this is one of the many "myths" embedded in the discussion about the federal debt.

The government can easily service its debt because of its unlimited taxing authority and ability to issue more U.S. Treasury securities to repay maturing securities. Conversely, households can't just increase their incomes to a desired level at will.

Rather than the level of borrowing, political gamesmanship over the federal debt is a far greater risk to the economy. The United States has earned what's known as an "exorbitant privilege" in the post-World War II era, meaning that there is always demand from investors around the world for U.S. Treasuries in good times and bad. That privilege was earned by the U.S. promoting a dynamic economy, adhering to the rule of law and being a stable democracy. As such, the dollar accounts for around 60% of global foreign-exchange reserves, three times that of the No. 2 reserve currency, the euro.

More important than reducing the debt or balancing the budget would be efforts by lawmakers to protect the U.S.'s exorbitant privilege. Those in Congress creating high drama over the nation's borrowing and budgets have caused some to question whether Treasuries are really the world's safest assets. In stripping the U.S. of its AAA credit ratings, both S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings cited concern about rising political dysfunction following several debt-ceiling standoffs.

Politics is the real threat, not the level of borrowing. A country that prioritizes the size of the federal debt has bad priorities.

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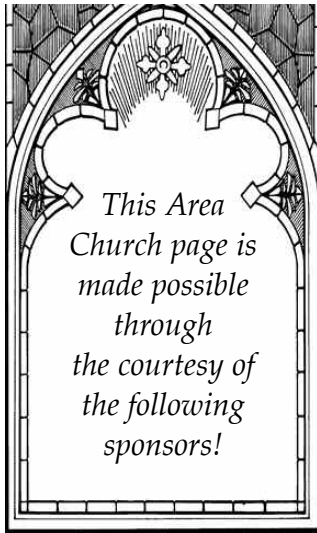
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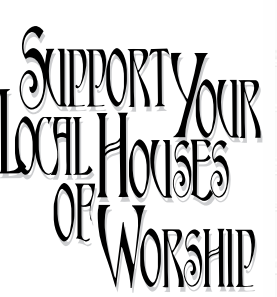

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Joe Boggs
(260) 726-8464
Services: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
asburyministries.org

Banner Christian Assembly of God
1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
Michael Burk
(260) 726-4282
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Bellefontain United Methodist
440 S. 600 East
Pamela Freeman
Services: 9 a.m.

Bluff Point Friends
80 E. 650 South
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Boundary St. Paul
Corner of Treaty Line Road and county road 300 East
Ava Gannon
(260) 726-2373
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Bryant Wesleyan United Methodist
209 S. Hendricks St.
Paul VanCise
(260) 997-6231
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
bryantwesleyanchurch.com

Calvary United Methodist
301 N. Main St., Dunkirk
Susan Durovey-Antrim
(765) 499-0368
Services: 10:30 a.m.
susan.duroveyantrim@in.unc.org

Christ Chapel
105 S. Elm St., Fort Recovery
Quentin Elsea
(419) 733-1469
christchapelfr.com

Church of Christ (Southside)
1209 S. Shank St., Portland
Bob Graham
(260) 726-7777
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

Church of the Living God (Miracle Missions)
8472 S. 800 East, Union City
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Church of God of Prophecy
797 N. Creagor Ave., Portland
Nanette Weesner
(260) 766-9334
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nanybell@yahoo.com

Church of the Brethren
Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland
Kevin McClung
(260) 729-7295
Services: 10 a.m.

Church of the Living God
South Broad Street, Dunkirk
Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

Collett Nazarene
450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27
Billy Stanton
(260) 251-2403
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Cornerstone Baptist
211 E. Main St., Portland
Wayne Ward
(260) 726-7714
Services: 10 a.m.

Cornerstone Church of Pennville
190 W. Main St., Pennville
David Davidson
(260) 202-9718
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Dunkirk Nazarene
226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
Tom Fett
(765) 768-6199
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Evangelical Methodist
930 W. Main St., Portland
Steve Arnold
(260) 251-0970
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Fairview United Methodist/Jay County
2875 E. 200 South
Pamela Freeman
Lay leader: Beth Stephen
(260) 726-9184
Services: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community
9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk
Joe Schmit
(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

Family Worship Center
200 E. Elder St., Portland
Ronald Willis
(260) 726-4844
Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

Fellowship Baptist
289 S. 200 West
Hugh Kelly
(260) 726-8873
Services: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

First American Baptist
427 S. Main St., Dunkirk
Dan Coffman
(765) 768-7157
Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

First Church of Christ
1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery
David J. Nicholson
(419) 375-2860
Services: 10:30 a.m.
fccftrecovery.org

First Community Baptist
341 S. Meridian St., Redkey
Everett Bilbrey Jr.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
Services: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; 7 p.m. Wednesday

First Free Will Baptist
12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

First Presbyterian
402 N. Ship St., Portland
Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
(260) 726-8462
Services: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.
firstpcportland.org

Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene
401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff
(419) 375-4680
Services: 10:30 a.m.
frnaz@frontier.com

Fort Recovery United Methodist
309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Rev. David Yinger
(937) 337-5781
Services: 9 a.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle
468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
Robert Thomas
(765) 348-4620
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

Geneva First United Methodist
100 W. Line St., Geneva
Barry McCune
(260) 368-7655
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Geneva Nazarene
225 Decatur St., Geneva
(260) 525-8609
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

Gilead Church
County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren
Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
Earl Doll
(260) 731-4477
Services: 10:30 a.m.

High Street United Methodist
435 High St., Geneva
Rev. Joseph Hampton
(260) 368-7233
Services: 9 a.m.

Holy Trinity Catholic
7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant
Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
Services: 8 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday

Hopewell of Life Ministries
County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
Rev. Ruth Funk
(260) 251-8581
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic
506 E. Walnut St., Portland
Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
(260) 726-7055
Services: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Kingsley Full Gospel
4030 S. 700 East, Dunkirk
Stuart Phillips
Services: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday

Mary Help of Christians
403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
(419) 375-4153
Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.

Mount Tabor Community Church
216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk
Scott McClain
(765) 768-7273
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Mount Zion United Methodist
County roads 600 East and 200 North
Rev. Darrell Borders
(260) 726-4786
Services: 9 a.m.

New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
4017 W. 200 South
Randy Smith
(260) 251-2406
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nbholiness.com

New Covenant Fellowship
1238 W. 450 South
Chuck Myers
(260) 251-0063
Services: 10:30 a.m.

New Life Ministries
415 S. Helen St., Portland
Dr. Kay Fairchild
(260) 755-6354
Services: 4 p.m.
drkayfairchild.com

New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist
5905 S. Como Road
Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
Services: 9 a.m.

Noble Congregational Christian
1964 N. 800 East
Aaron Huey
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove United Methodist
829 S. Indiana 1
Neil Butcher
(765) 760-9085
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Pleasant Hill
9945 N. 800 East, Union City
Bruce Bryan
(765) 964-3664
Services: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.
mypleasanthillchurch.org

Portland First Church of Nazarene
920 S. Shank St., Portland
Steve Cecil
(260) 726-8040
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Portland Friends
226 E. Main St., Portland
Herb Hummel
(260) 202-9732
Services: 10 a.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.

Praise Chapel Church of God
4527 E. 1000 North (Jay-Randolph county line)
Rev. Josh Canfield
(765) 584-7045
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran
Malin and Elm streets, Bryant
Father Dan Layden
(260) 997-6787
Services: 9:30 a.m.

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9811 W. Indiana 67, southwest of Redkey
Rev. Craig and Robin Cotherman
(765) 369-2920
Services: 10 a.m.
RedkeyFaith.org

Redkey First Christian
Union and Malin streets
Jeff Hammers
(765) 468-6172
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Redkey United Methodist
122 W. Main St.
Lori McIntosh
(765) 369-2085
Services: 10:30 a.m.

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801 W. High St.
Chuck Hollandbeck
(765) 369-2676
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

River of Life
722 W. Main St., Portland
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(260) 729-1095
Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Matt Ransom
(260) 726-7474
Services: 10 a.m.
matt@therockjc.org

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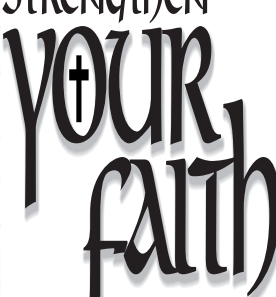


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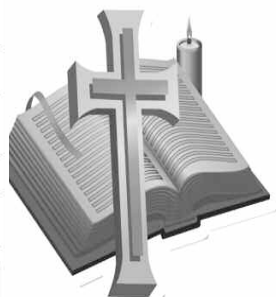


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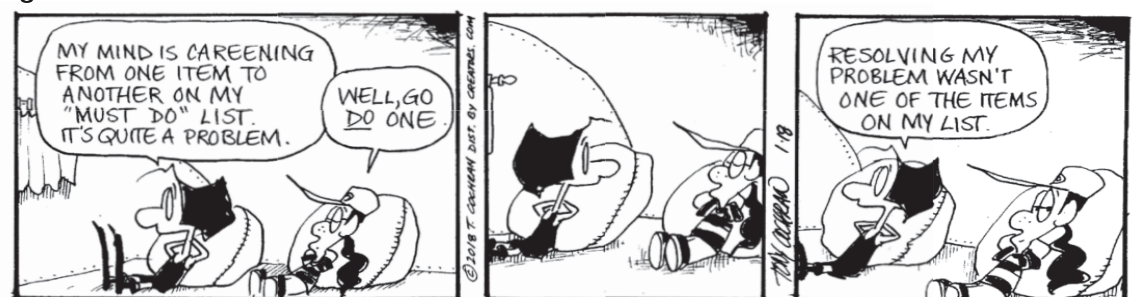
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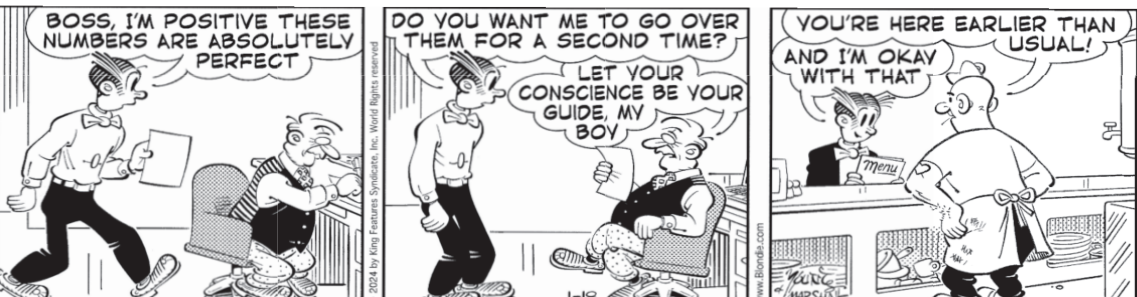
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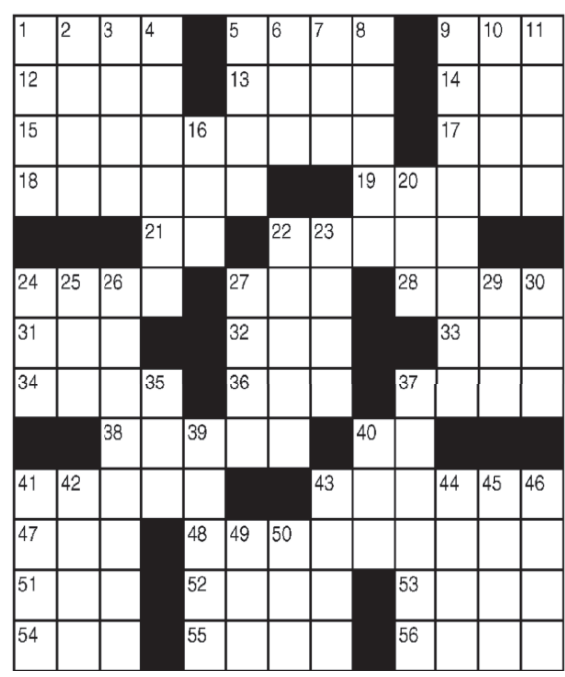
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JCHS sophomore Carter Fugiett drives into the paint during Tuesday's loss to Bishop Luers. Fugiett had two points, two assists and one rebound in his first career start.

Better ...

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“Instead of settling for a three or a jumper every possession, I was trying to look to attack more and had my guys around me ready to shoot and attack off the dribble too,” Swoveland said. “We just need to know our roles. Liam is a scorer and can shoot and drive. I think I’m a scorer too and I need to be looking to attack more when my jumper is not falling.”
After going down by double digits in the start of the third quarter, Jay County finally cut the deficit to nine in the fourth on a Garringer 3-pointer assisted by Swoveland, but at that point, the clock wasn’t the Patriots’ friend.

Time ran out before they could mount a full comeback.
Despite going up against a ranked opponent, this was the narrowest margin of defeat since Jay County fell at Fort Recovery by seven points to begin its eight-game losing streak.
Jay County will have the opportunity to snap the losing streak Friday against South Adams.
“I’m happy that at least we showed we can compete,” Bomholt said. “That’s what we needed to do before we get into this next stretch of eight to 10 games.”
Junior varsity
Nineteen fourth-quarter points powered a Bishop

Luers 53-51 victory over Jay County in the game on Tuesday.
Cole Forthofer scored eight of his game-high 23 points in the final period, but it wasn’t enough to hold onto the lead.
Daniel Murphy and Jayce White fueled the Knights’ fourth-quarter comeback with 10 and six points, respectively.
Murphy ended as Bishop Luers’ leading scorer with 18 points, including three triples in the second half. White added 11 points for the Knights.
Outside of Forthofer, the Patriots got a strong night from Eli Dirksen and Levi Muhlenkamp who went for nine and eight points, respectively.

Atlanta interviews Belichick

By D. ORLANDO LEDBETTER
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Tribune News Service
FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — The Falcons interviewed former Patriots coach Bill Belichick for their head coaching vacancy Sunday, according to the team.
Belichick is the franchise’s No. 1 target to replace Arthur Smith, who was fired last Monday after three seasons as head coach.
“The guy that (Falcons owner Arthur) Blank is going after is Bill,” a person familiar with the situation told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Thursday. “I don’t think they’ll get Bill. Bill doesn’t want this job, but it might be ... (that if) he’s got no other options, and he wants to coach, he’ll

take it.”
Belichick is the sixth candidate to interview for the job. The Falcons have also interviewed:
— 49ers defensive coordinator Steve Wilks
— Ravens associate head coach/defensive line Anthony Weaver
— Ravens defensive coordinator Mike Macdonald
— Bengals offensive coordinator Brian Callahan.
— Panthers defensive coordinator Eijiro Evero.
Three others have been requested for interviews:
— Lions offensive coordinator Ben Johnson
— Lions defensive coordinator Aaron Glenn
— Raiders interim coach Antonio Pierce
Belichick, 71, who led the Patriots to six Super Bowl titles, agreed to

part ways with the franchise last Thursday — bringing an end to his 24-year tenure as the mastermind of the most decorated dynasty of the NFL’s Super Bowl era.
The Falcons, then under coach Dan Quinn, faced Belichick and the Patriots in Super Bowl 51 on Feb. 5, 2017. The Falcons built a 28-3 lead before the Patriots erased the largest deficit in Super Bowl history and won 34-28 in overtime.
Belichick reportedly is assembling a future coaching staff and could also be a candidate for the Washington Commanders’ vacant head coaching job. Former Falcons interim head coach Raheem Morris is a potential fallback candidate for the Falcons if they can’t land Belichick.

Roundup ...

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Sage Wendel put together the strongest performance for the boys with a pair of victories. He broke his own record at FRHS in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:29.95, which decimated the field by 20 seconds.
The senior also claimed the 50 freestyle in 24.32.

Second in bronze

CARMEL — Brinley Steury and Carlie Runkle put together strong days for the JC Flipsters as they competed at the Yellow Brick Road Invitational on Sunday.
Steury placed first in all four events with scores of 9.65 in vault, 9.55 on the balance beam, 9.3 on the floor and 9.25 on the bars. She finished first overall in her age group with a 37.75 score to help the Xcel bronze team that earned second overall.
Runkle also boosted the bronze team with a trio of victories. Her top all-around score of 37.8 points was fueled by wins with scores of 9.5 in both the balance beam competition and on the floor and a first-place finish on the bars (9.45).
Jordyn Champ led the Xcel gold team with the second-best all around score of 35.8 points. She held the top performance in the vault with a score of 9.3.
The Xcel silver team’s leader was Eden Lee. She finished third all around at 36.775 points. Lee also had a score of 9.3 to claim the vault competition.

Two more wins

HARTFORD CITY — The Jay County Junior High girls basketball team swept the Blackford Bruins, allowing 11 total points between the eighth and seventh grade teams.
Karsyn Schwieterman was the top scorer of the day, putting up 15 points and the seventh graders won 42-5.
Charlee Peters also scored in double figures for the younger team (14-0). She had 10 while Claudia Dirksen was one basket away with eight.
The eighth grade team dominated in a 48-6 beatdown of the Bruins. Amelia Heath led the way with 14 points while Elizabeth Brunswick scored 11 for the eighth graders (13-1). Kylie Shannon followed with nine points.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls basketball at Delta — 6 p.m.; JV boys wrestling at Bellmont — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Adams Central — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at South Adams — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Coldwater — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball at Coldwater — 5 p.m.
Friday
Jay County — Swimming ACAC Invite

at Jay County — 5:30 p.m.; Boys basketball (including freshman) vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; Boys wrestling ACAC tournament at Bluffton — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Coldwater — 6 p.m.
TV sports
Today
3 a.m. — Australian Open tennis (ESPN2)
2 p.m. — USGA: Latin America Amateur Championship (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Minnesota at Michigan State (FS1)
7 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Purdue at Penn State (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Chicago Bulls at Toronto Raptors (TNT)
8:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Illinois at Michigan (FS1)
9 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Oregon State at Utah (ESPN2)
9 p.m. — Australian Open tennis (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA: Memphis Grizzlies at Minnesota Timberwolves (TNT)
10 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Gonzaga at Pepperdine (NBC)
10:30 p.m. — Men’s college basket-

ball: Oregon at Colorado (FS1)
Friday
3 a.m. — Australian Open tennis (ESPN2)
2 p.m. — USGA: Latin America Amateur Championship (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Georgetown at Xavier (FS1)
7 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Saint Louis at VCU (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: Belmont at Drake (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Denver Nuggets at Boston Celtics (ESPN)

8:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: Indiana at Wisconsin (FS1)
9 p.m. — Australian Open tennis (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NBA: Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors (ESPN); Indiana Pacers at Portland Trail Blazers (Bally Indiana)
10:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: UNLV at Colorado State (FS1)
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Jay's offense improves in 9-point loss to No. 3 Bishop Luers

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

The Patriots have faced a lot of good teams this year. Four of their eight previous losses came against ranked teams, by an average of 23 points.

The Patriots again faced off with a high-ranked team, but they kept the game in single digits.

The Jay County High School boys basketball team gave its best offensive performance of the season Tuesday, as it fell to the Class 2A No. 3 Bishop Luers Knights 69-60.

The Patriots' 60 points was the highest mark they've hit all year. Their previous high came in the season opener with 56 at Elwood. Since then, Jay County (2-0) had scored more than 40 points just three times and more than 50 once, in their 55-42 win Dec. 1 over Woodlan.

"Our effort tonight was fantastic," JCHS Jerry Bomholt said. "The execution wasn't perfect but it was better."

"If you had told me before the game that we were going to score 60 points, I would have probably told you we won."

"We've still got some little things to work on ... but they're a good team. They are not 11-1 by accident."

The Patriots gave up a handful of small spurts to the Knights (11-1) but in general kept things under control. The first run came in the second quarter after a three-point play by Westly Bihn. Bishop Luers went on a 9-0 run during the final two minutes of the half to earn a 31-20 lead.

The 11-point lead was cut by one basket as Levi Muhlenkamp curled off a hand off from Eli Dirksen for a jump shot.

Bishop Luers had another 8-0 run in the third quarter to give it the

largest lead of the game at 16 points.

The Knights found most of their offensive success when they pushed the pace, forcing turnovers or ripping down rebounds and going coast to coast for a lay-in.

"Typically we have about four guys on the floor that we feel pretty good about if they get the rebound, or are close by to get it and take off," BLHS coach Seth Coffing said. "We don't necessarily have to wait for a point guard, which I think is an advantage in transition for us."

"I'm comfortable with several guys handling the ball and then guys filling lanes and we work on that every day in practice. We hope that it translates to the games and it should be our strength."

The third quarter was the biggest struggle for Jay County defensively. It gave up 21 points as four players had four or more points. Drelyn Truesdale had six of his 14 total points in the third, while his twin brother Dereon Trusdale had five of his team-high 20 points.

As a response, the Patriots put together one of their highest-scoring quarters of the season. Jay County put up 24 points in the final frame, led by Liam Garringer with 14 of his 21 points and Gradin Swoveland with six of his 14. They added five assists in the frame as well, finding ways to connect after an offensive change that put Garringer as a baseline runner while Swoveland attacked the 3-2 defense.

Jay County even went on a 7-0 run that included a reverse layup and a free throw from Garringer and a basket off an offensive rebound and a pair of foul shots for Swoveland.

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Jay County High School's Liam Garringer puts up a 3-point shot during a 69-60 loss to Class 2A No. 3 Bishop Luers on Tuesday. Despite having to wear a mask to prevent stitches from being opened up, the JCHS senior went off for 22 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter.

Box score

Jay County Patriots vs. Class 2A No. 3 Bishop Luers Knights

Boys varsity summary

Bishop Luers (11-1)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	
PTS			
DeTruesdale	8-15	2-5	20
Kelly	1-3	0-1	2
Zay	5-7	0-0	11
Jackson	2-2	0-1	4
DrTruesdale	5-8	3-4	14
Mitchell	3-4	0-0	7
Meek	0-0	0-0	0
Calderon	0-2	0-0	0
Kiracofe	0-1	0-2	0
Davis	4-9	0-0	11
Totals	28-51	7-13	69
	.549	.538	
Def. rebound percentage:	.783		

Jay County (2-9)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	
PTS			
Mhlnkmp	2-3	0-0	4
Fuglett	1-3	0-0	2
Garringer	8-15	1-4	22
Dunnington	3-4	2-2	9
Crouch	0-1	0-0	0
Dirksen	1-4	0-0	2
Phillips	0-1	0-0	0
Bihn	3-4	1-3	7
Swoveland	4-12	6-8	14
Totals	22-47	10-17	60
	.468	.588	
Def. rebound percentage:	.800		

Score by quarters:
B. Luers 19 12 21 17—69
Jay Co. 11 11 14 24—60

3-point shooting: Bishop Luers 8-19 (Davis 3-7, DeTruesdale 2-4, Mitchell 1-1, Zay 1-2, DrTruesdale 1-3, Kelly 0-1, Calderon 0-1). Jay County 5-15 (Garringer 4-9, Dunnington 1-2, Muhlenkamp 0-1, Dirksen 0-1, Swoveland 0-2).

Rebounds: Bishop Luers 29 (DeTruesdale 7, Zay 5, DrTruesdale 4, Kelly 2, Jackson 2, Mitchell 2, Davis 2, team 2, Meek, Calderon, Kiracofe). Jay County 26 (Bihn 5, Swoveland 4, Muhlenkamp 3, Dunnington 3, Dirksen 3, team 3, Garringer 2, Phillips 2, Fuglett).

Assists: Bishop Luers 18 (Zay 5, Davis 5, DeTruesdale 4, DrTruesdale 3, Mitchell). Jay County 11 (Garringer 4, Swoveland 4, Fuglett 2, Dirksen).

Blocks: Bishop Luers 2 (DeTruesdale, Kelly). Jay County 2 (Crouch, Dirksen).

Personal fouls: Bishop Luers 17 (Dr Truesdale 4, DeTruesdale, Kelly 2, Zay 2, Meek 2, Kiracofe 2, Davis 2, Mitchell). Jay County 12 (Garringer 4, Bihn 3, Muhlenkamp 2, Swoveland 2, Dirksen).

Turnovers: Bishop Luers 18. Jay County 17.

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Indians pick up third-straight win

BERNE — The Indians' offense has started to come on as of late.

Macy Pries did everything in her power to prevent a loss, but couldn't completely counter the Indians' guard play.

Cali Wendel and Makenna Huelkamp combined for 34 points to lead the Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team past the South Adams Starfires 52-46 on Tuesday.

Trailing by eight entering the fourth quarter, the Fort Recovery (5-8) guards took over offensively to help score 20 in the quarter and lead the Indians to their third-straight victory.

Huelkamp and Wendel both hit a pair of threes and combined for 5-of-10 at the free-throw line in the final quarter. The other three FRHS points came on a basket by

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Sophia Guggenbiller and a Karlie Niekamp free throw.

Outside of the fourth-quarter scoring, Wendel hit a three in each quarter, while Huelkamp worked inside the arc, finishing one bucket in the first and two with a pair of free throws in the second. They had 18 and 16 points, respectively.

Pries led South Adams (6-13) in scoring with 25 points, all of which came inside the arc or at the free-throw line (7-of-12).

The SAHS senior had all six of the Starfires' points in the final period.

Indians split

MUNCIE — The Fort Recovery girls swim team split in a double-dual with Delta and Muncie Burris on Tuesday in a meet hosted by Delta.

The Indians had no trouble racking up points on Muncie Burris, pulling out a 64-18 victory, but fell to Delta 75-27. The two schools swept the boys team as Delta won 74-15 and Muncie Burris took the meet 57-19.

Paige Fortkamp claimed the only first-place finish for the girls team. Her time of 2 minutes, 4.07 seconds, beat the Delta's Camry Hensley by over 10 seconds in the 200-yard freestyle.

Fortkamp also earned second in the 100 butterfly, coming up 6.83 seconds short of the top spot.

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