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## Sewer rates set to go up again

**Consultant** estimates increase will come in at *about 20%* 

## By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review Sewage rates will be going up again.

How much is not quite clear.

Portland City Council on Monday approved up to a 36% sewer rate increase on first reading.

The percentage will be finalized based on recent bids for work at the city's wastewater treatment plant and returned to council for approval on second reading at its March 18 meeting.

Council members also questioned a fundraising letter that was recently distributed by Portland Police Department.

Ross Hagen of accounting and consulting firm Baker Tilly explained to council members that the version of the ordinance prepared for them Monday represented the highest amount the city may have needed to cover the \$30 million bond they have previously approved. (The bond amount was also set high to make sure sufficient funding was available for the work.)

To cover that full bond adults. amount would have



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## **Show-ing off**

The Jay County High School show choirs performed their competition shows in front of their home crowd Monday night. Pictured Ellie Darnell (center) performs as part of the Patriot Edition show, which tells the story of a girl running away from home. Surrounding Darnell, from left, are Tessa Miller, Ethan Garrison, Junior Blazquez and Gavin Hambrock. Patriot Edition and Just Treble will be in competition again Saturday at the Columbia City Cup.

# Bring your dancing shoes'

## **By BAILEY CLINE**

The Commercial Review Imagine prom, but for County Fair-Jav

## Fairgrounds is hosting

lead guitar and harmony The Cold Hearts to utilize vocals for the group — a local tie and pull a larg-will begin playing at 7 p.m. to get the crowd mov-group added the fairing. Jay County Fairgrounds opened ticket sales for the event in October, drumming up interest from a number of community members over the next several months.

Andy Frantz serves as explained they selected ground's adult prom to its list of events on Facebook. Katie Loy said a lot of the interest she's heard for the dance stems from couples who didn't have the opportunity to attend school's their prom together.

required a 36% sewage grounds is hosting its first rate increase. While the adult prom dance from 6 numbers are still being finalized. Hagen said that based on the bids the actual increase looks like it will be about 20%. He projected the average customer's monthly bill would go to between \$72 and \$74.50 from the current \$61.53.

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to 10 p.m. March 16.

"A lot of the time, our events are kind of more family oriented,' explained Jay County Fair Board president Aaron Loy. "We thought this was a great opportunity to do something just open at 6 p.m. March 16, for the adults or parents,

## inaugural adult prom

so they could have a night refreshments to prom out to relax and have some fun."

The Bubp building will offering finger foods and

attendees. (Alcoholic beverages will also be available to those 21 and to utilize a DJ for the older.) The Cold Hearts evening, but fair board band — Portland native member

The village is planning

Fort Recovery Village Council agreed Monday to

move forward with PMG

Consulting and Shoaf Consulting for engineer-ing work in connection with switching the vil-

lage's water plant to a

reverse osmosis facility.

Marvin Gnagy, owner of PMG Consulting, and Rob

Shoaf, owner of Shoaf Consulting, will provide a proposal for design and

engineering related to changes to the water plant.

Randy Diller explained

the two companies, which

are partnering for the

project, were the only ones

to submit a statement of qualifications for the work. Gnagy and Shoaf

conducted a study for Fort

Recovery last year, sug-

gesting two potential

water softening alterna-

tives to the village's cur-

Village administrator

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

ahead.

Originally, plans were Katie Loy

Water plans move forward

See Dancing page 7



## **Fire** on Main

Smoke pours from a west-facing window at 409 W. Main St., Portland, on Monday Portland morning. firefighters took about a half hour to put out the fire that was mostly contained to kitchen. For details, see Capsule Reports on page 2.

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## In review

Tickets are on sale to see barbershop quartet Instant Classic in concert at 7 p.m. March 21 at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$12 for adults and are available at myartsplace.org, by calling (260) 726-4809 or by visiting Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

## Weather

Jay County's high temperature climbed to 73 degrees Monday. The low was 54.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the mid 30s. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with a high in the lower 50s and winds gusting to 20 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

## In review

The City of Portland will hold its spring clean-up week March 18 through 22. Residents can place large trash items at the curb for pick-up with regular trash during that week. Items that will not be accepted include electronics, construction materials and tires.

Engineering work OK'd in connection with changes to village's treatment plant

rent method. The village include installing 56 has been looking into shifting from its current branes as well as locating lime and caustic soda treatment to reverse osmosis membrane softening, which would involve pumping water under pressure through reverse osmosis membrane elements (tube-shaped filters with about 15 layers).

The new softening process would decrease the village's chemical costs by an estimated \$210,000 annually, with initial construction costs estimated at \$4.35 million. would Construction

reverse osmosis memand drilling a third well.

The timeline for the project will likely depend on whether the village receives the \$4 million it applied for through the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program, which allows Ohio communities to apply for up to \$5 million in grants for construction projects. If the village is awarded

the \$4 million, noted Diller, it will need to act quickly.

See Water page 2

#### Thursday — Coverage of this week's Portland Park Board meeting.

Coming up

Friday — Collegiate Checkup looks at local athletes competing at the next level.



## Water

Continued from page 1 Per the grant stipulations, the project would need to be bid out by the end of the year.

"I don't want to stop, I want to be prepared so when we do hear about (the grant), we can say, 'All right, it's time to go, we've got to get moving,' or, 'All right, let's figure out how we're going to fund this thing.

Diller also mentioned he and other village representatives visited Van Buren's wastewater facility Monday. Lemna Environmental Technologies the village is considering a \$1 million to \$2 million proposal from the Minnesota compa-

ment.

"It has potential, is how I'll say it so far, but we're not talking apples to apples with them," he said. "They don't have any industry in there, it's all domestic, period. They have a huge industry there, a popcorn plant, but they don't take their waste.'

Diller noted the Van Buren lagoons had "absolutely no smell," and he said he plans to ask to see a facility with a closer comparison to the village's wastewater loading and volume.

In related news, he pointed out a smell has returned to Fort Recovery's wastewater lagoons, ny — developed a process for and the village has been treating

the city's wastewater treat- its ponds with two different products in an effort to mitigate it.

Local

In other business, council members Al Post, Luke Knapke, Cliff Wendel, Scott Pearson, Erik Fiely and Greg Schmitz:

•Were reminded about the real estate tax meeting scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday in the community room at Fort Recovery High School. The public is invited to attend to ask questions and learn more about the process.

•Agreed to continue two enterprise zone agreements with J&M Manufacturing for another year.

•Heard efforts to improve safety measures at the intersection of Elm and Center streets — it involves installing flashing bea-

cons and enhancing crosswalks should be completed before children and teenagers return to school in August following summer break. The \$60,000 cost will be split between Fort Recovery Local Schools and the village.

•Amended the wage ordinance to increase Ambassador Pool assistant managers' pay based on the number of years they've returned to the position. Returning assistant managers will receive 50 cents an hour raises per year. (In related news, Diller noted Aidan O'Dell of the utility department will be bumped to utility operator, a \$1-per-hour increase. O'Dell recently passed another certification test, a stipu-

lation laid out in the wage ordinance for receiving the raise.)

•Authorized Diller to execute an easement with the state for the new traffic signal being installed at the intersection of Elm and Butler streets.

•Heard the county is no longer receiving tipping fee revenues from the landfill, meaning the village and others will need to consider a few different options. Those include a fee paid by the sites receiving solid waste from Mercer County — Diller noted that will likely result in residents' price per trash bag increasing — or charging a fee on each improved parcel in the county.

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Mostly cloudy skies on Thursday. Another slight chance of rain throughout the night.	There's a 60% chance of showers on Fri- day, when the high will be in the upper 50s.	has a 70% chance of rain, with tempera-	The rainy weekend may continue Sun- day, when snow is also possible. The low may hit 28.	Monday with a high in the				

## **Lotteries**

Powerball
Monday
36-42-50-52-67
Power Ball: 26
Power Play: 2
Estimated jackpot:
\$485 million
Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$650 million

### Hoosier

Monday Midday Daily Three: 6-5-3 Daily Four: 1-0-2-6 Quick Draw: 1-2-31-32-33-35-38-41-49-50 55-58-61-63-67-69-79 Evening Daily Three: 1-7-9

### Daily Four: 7-4-1-3 Quick Draw: 5-13-14-23-30-31-33-37-40-42-43-44-45-48-52-54-60-67-69-70 Cash 5: 5-14-29-40-44 Estimated jackpot: \$1.2 million Ohio Monday

	Midday
	Pick 3: 2-8-7
	Pick 4: 9-5-8-0
	Pick 5: 1-5-4-5-3
	Evening
	Pick 3: 7-2-4
	Pick 4: 7-5-5-2
6-14-	Pick 5: 8-2-6-4-0
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	37-39
	Estimated jackpot:
	\$110,000

## Markets

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<b>Richland Township</b> Corn4.08 April corn4.11 Beans11.30	April corn         4.16           Beans         11.11           April beans         11.15           Wheat         4.80

## **Felony arrests**

**Dependent neglect** A Portland woman was arrested Monday for neglect of a dependent.

Trista L. Carreno, 35, 2367 W. Indiana 26, is charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6

felony for the alleged crime. She was being held on a

\$5,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

### Failed to appear

A Hartford City woman methamphetamine and a ty Jail.

was arrested Monday for failing to appear in court. Cassie C. Miller, 25, 1005

St., is W. Kickapoo charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for possession of Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She failed to appear in court Sept. 12 for a change of plea hearing.

Miller was being held without bond in Jay Coun-

# **Capsule Reports**

**Kitchen fire** A Portland household's kitchen

caught on fire Monday morning. Portland Fire Department responded to a call about a fire at 409 W. Main St. about 8:14 a.m. Monday. Two fire trucks and 16 firefighters arrived on scene, putting out the flames by 8:41 a.m.

Fire damage was mostly contained to the kitchen, with the flames snaking up along the west side of the home through a window. There was some water damage in the area as well as smoke damage throughout the house.

Homeowners Christopher and Jennifer Nibarger had four dogs and four cats die from the accident.

### **Ambulance accident**

A Jay Emergency Medical Service ambulance struck a Redkey man's car and injured one passenger on Indiana 67 about 3:44 p.m. Sunday.

Tony A. Dalrymple, 50, Portland, was driving a 2019 Ford E-450 ambulance southwest on the highway with the emergency lights and sirens on.

## **Felony** courts

### **Child solicitation**

A Portland man was sentenced to prison for child solicitation. Brenton B. Witt Jr., 20, 6521 S. 600 West, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to the Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to 36 months in Indiana Department of Correction with 28 months suspended and given credit for time served. Witt was placed on probation, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 sexual assault victims fee.

Alexis A. Herman, 18, slowed her 2006 Ford Fusion to let the ambulance pass her. The ambulance's box collided with the driver's side of Herman's vehicle, causing Herman's car to go through a fence on the west side of the road and stop in a ditch.

Elijah B. MCNeil, 22. Indianapolis. a passenger in Herman's vehicle, was trapped in the vehicle and sustained a lower leg injury. Herman was cited for driving without insurance.

Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

#### Intersection crash

A Portland man crashed his car into a Geneva man's vehicle, causing a chain reaction and hitting two other cars along Third Street in Portland about 5 p.m. Sunday.

Oscar J. Hernandez, 44, was driving his 2007 Ford Edge west on the road and crossed its intersection with Meridian Street. That's when he struck a 2010 Dodge Challenger driven by 23-year-old Melvin Mendez — Mendez told police he was attempting

to turn north onto Meridian Street and subsequently slammed into a parked 2004 Ford F-150. The momentum from the crash caused the Ford F-150 registered to Pedro S. Vargas of Portland to strike a parked 2014 Chevrolet Spark in front of it.

Mendez's car is registered to Carmen A. Garcia of Portland. Both Hernandez and Mendez's vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

## Voting is open

Voting for the Indiana Transportation Innovators People's Choice Award is open.

The award is a partnership between Indiana Department of Transportation and Indiana Local Technical Assistance Program to highlight innovations in transportation. It is focused on improving safety, efficiency, quality, accuracy and streamlining transportation operations.

visit bit.ly/ITIPeo-То vote, plesChoice2024. The deadline is March 12.



## **Today in history**

In 1836, San Antonio de Bexar and the Alamo garrison were recaptured by Mexican General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna from Texans after a 13-day battle. Approximately 600 Mexican soldiers died, and each of the 189 Texan soldiers on the official historic list — the true number of defenders is debated among historians were killed.

1869. In Dmitri Mendeleev presented the first periodic table of chemical elements to the Russian Chemical Society. The system didn't spur interest among chemists as its first leader. until elements predicted

by the table — gallium, scandium and germanium — were discovered in the next 15 years.

In 1899, Aspirin was registered as a trademark. The painkiller, created from acetylsalicylic acid, had been developed two years prior by German chemist Felix Hoffmann. Aspirin is now on the World Health Organization's list of essential medicines.

In 1957, Ghana gained its independence from Britain, making it the first African country to leave colonial rule. Kwame Nkrumah served

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## Citizen's calendar

## Thursday

5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

## Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community hall, 201 S. Main St.

room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., 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.

7 p.m. — Fort Recovery Park Board, village

## Child pornography

A man was sentenced to two years in prison after pleading guilty to possession of child pornography, a Level 5 felony.

Jeffrey Cosner, 55, was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to two years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. He was assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge for possession of methamphetamine was dismissed.

## Intimidation

Two Indiana residents were sentenced to prison for intimidation. See page 7

## **SERVICES**

Thursday

Osborne, Charles: 2 p.m., Portland First Church of the Nazarene, 920 S. Shank St., Portland.

Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE **DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com

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## Family



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## **Character Counts**

East Elementary recently awarded students for being caring. Pictured above are second graders (front row) Bryson Rines, Manuel Hernandez and Eli Michael. In the back row are Alannah Price, Emma Robinson and Adalyn Overla.

## Wife pressured to dress provocatively

DEAR ABBY: My husband wants me to wear more revealing clothing. I've always enjoyed dressing attractively, and have never felt behind the times or like a frump, but I do have my opinion about what is appropriate. For example, if I'm wearing leggings, I wear a long top to cover my bum. My outfits are attractive and not ultraconservative by any means, but I'm not a crop top, low-cut, skintight kind of gal.

I want to be attractive to my husband, but I am growing really annoyed by his pestering me to wear things in public that make me feel like I'm oversharing. He says he's a guy and he would know if it's inappropriate. I conceded a few times, but it just felt showy uncomfortable. and Your thoughts? — STINGY WITH THE GOODS IN MAINE

DEAR STINGY: My thought is: Do nothing that makes you feel self-conscious. Your hus-band may be a "guy" and think he knows what is appropriate attire, but the "bottom" line is that YOU must be comfortable and not feel embarrassed by what you are showing when you are out in public.



DEAR ABBY: My wife has immersed herself in politics to the extreme. She believes the other side is wrong no matter what. We are in the same political party, but I don't paint as broad a brush as she does on various issues. I try to change the subject if politics arises. I try to keep an open mind until I get all the facts, whereas she listens to nothing that could be positive about the other side. You guessed it - our discussions always turn into fights and anger with each other. Any suggestions? TIRED OF TALKING POLITICS

**DEAR TIRED:** In the interest saving your marriage. of because talking about politics causes fights and lingering anger, agree to defer listening to news broadcasts together and engaging in those conversations until after the next election.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is being married. My wife is demanding that I tell her that my stepdaughter, "Gia" (my wife's only daughter), must take part in the wedding. Gia, who is several years younger, is self-absorbed and has made no effort to be close to her older siblings. My wife has indulged and catered to Gia's every whim since she was a little girl.

My daughter wants a short ceremony, and she doesn't want her stepsister to have a role. She has chosen her close friends since high school to be her bridesmaids. My wife thinks it's my daughter's "duty" to include Gia in her wed-ding. Is my wife right? — EXAS-PERATED HUSBAND

**DEAR HUSBAND:** No rule of etiquette requires your current wife's self-centered daughter to play a role in your daughter's wedding.

If you are arm-twisted into allowing your wife to insert Gia into the wedding as more than a guest, have her stand by the guest register to ensure everyone signs in. That way she'll be away from the altar and out of the picture.

## **Scholarship** is now open

Applications are open for the Indiana Education Scholarship Account for Taking the 2024-25 school year.

The account is open to parents of children with disabilities who may be eligible for funding to help customize their education to meet their individual needs. Funding can include options such as private education, at-home learning and other non-public educational settings.

"Having walked this journey with my own family, we know how crucial it is for parents to have options and support to meet their children's unique education needs that come with disabilities," said Indiana Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott in a press release. visit

apply, То in.gov/tos/inesa/home. The deadline is Sep. 1.

## Senior learning

John Jay Center for Learning's senior lunch and learning series will meet Thursday.

Curtis Burnette, a naturalist at the Gene Stratton Porter Historical Site in Geneva, will be presenting about the Loblol-

## Note

ly Marsh Nature Preserve. Reservations for lunch cost \$5 and must be paid in advance.

The program is offered the first Thursday of each month.

### Solar show

Charles W. Brown Planetarium is offering special presentations about solar eclipses this month along with its other free shows. In preparation for the April 8 solar eclipse, the Ball State University showing amenity is "Eclipse: The Sun Revealed," at 6:30 p.m. March 22 and March 23. Participants will learn how solar and lunar eclipses happen and about scientific discoveries supported by total solar eclipse. All ages are welcome.

To see a full list of the planetarium's free public shows, visit bsu.edu/ web/planetarium.



## nity Calend

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

### Today

WEDNESDAY MORN-ING BREAKFAST CLUB – Will meet at 8 a.m. in the Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

played from 11 a.m. to p.m. the first Wednesday

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.

SINGLES AND SEPAeast room of Richards RATES SUPPORT GROUP For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, PING PONG — Will be the group will meet at 2

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#### Tuesday's Solution

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

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of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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

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

## Thursday

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

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

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 Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765)

Nikki 964-6075 or Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

#### Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERV-ICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland.

### Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — 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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## Opinion

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# Parking turned into an adventure

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from March 5, 2008. Jack always had wild stories to tell of Hoosier State Press Association job fairs in days gone by. He was also notorious for leaving his cell phone off, and often locked in his vehicle's glove compartment. This story combines job fair and cell phone adven-tures, but at least it didn't end with him having a conversation with Ball State University Police. By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

Think of it as "an adventure in parking." That's what I keep telling myself.

It was mid-day on Saturday. The sun was shining. The snow was melting, and all was right with the world.

Except on the campus of Ball State University.

We'd gone to Muncie to combine a couple of errands. Connie wanted to attend a job fair; she's finishing up her thesis and will the camera store. be re-entering the employment market after she receives her



master's degree in natural resources and environmental management in May. As for me, I had some shopping to do at Jack's Camera downtown.

The plan was simple: I'd drop her at the Arts and Journalism Building, zip down to Jack's, come back to campus, call her on her cell phone, then pick her up. Piece of cake, right.

The first few steps went smoothly. I pulled into a bus stop and let her out at the right building, and we discussed options for two different lots with parking meters. Then I headed down to

Not long after that, with my wallet significantly lighter and a package in the back seat, I headed back to campus.

Meanwhile, things had started to go awry almost as soon as Connie got out of the car.

Turns out, the job fair wasn't in the Arts and Journalism Building. That facility was crowded with people dropping off arts portfolios and kids on hand for a science fair. It took some searching on her part before she found out that the job fair was about a block away in an entirely different building.

Blissfully unaware of the change in circumstances, I headed back to campus. My sense of time had gotten away from me; I was thinking more about the new camera in the back seat than about the clock.

And when I pulled into the metered parking lot, I knew I was in trouble. Cars were everywhere. Not only were all but the handicapped parking spots filled, there were cars and vans in the fire lanes.

Where, I wondered, were the

Ball State traffic cops who so effectively give me a parking ticket for the slightest infraction. I made a loop around the lot. Nothing. I ventured up a deadend alley. Still nothing.

So I called my wife on her cell phone.

And got nothing.

I left a message, saying that I was going to try another lot.

There, near the Printing Services building, I found a spot. Four quarters bought me 45 minutes. Not much of a bargain, I thought. Maybe it was "parking meters redefined" to use the latest BSU buzzword.

I called again. Still no answer. So I left another voice mail.

At that point, I remembered Connie turning off her phone the night before, prior to the Tommy Sands concert at Arts Place. Had she forgotten to turn it back on?

For awhile, I contented myself reading the camera's owner's manual. But soon that had me hopelessly confused.

With about 20 minutes left and only one more quarter in my pocket, I left a third voice mail and began to wonder why we had not developed a Plan B.

That's about the time my phone rang. Connie's phone had been on, but it had been tucked in her purse and the job fair had been so noisy she hadn't heard it.

We agreed to meet where I had dropped her off, but because the job fair was in a different building, I got to the spot first.

It was then that I noticed a sign warning people not to park and drop people off in the bus stop

And as I saw my wife making her way across the campus to my illegally parked car, I saw the silhouette of a police car in my rear view mirror.

"Get in," I urged her, feeling a bit like Clyde Barrow picking up Bonnie after a bank heist, "let's get out of here before I get a tick-

And we pulled out into traffic, our crime spree behind us.

## Navalny's funeral says thirst for freedom still alive **Chicago Tribune**

## Tribune News Service

Attending funerals generally is an act of com-On Friday passion. in Moscow, attending the funeral of Aleksei A. Navalny, the Russian dissident widely assumed by international governments to have been murdered at the direction of Vladimir Putin, was an act of extraordinary courage.

Most of us have sacrificed a half-day of work to pay our respects to someone who was part of our lives. The thousands of Russians lighting a candle for Navalny, even as security officers prowled and newly installed security cameras watched, were risking their entire livelihoods and maybe even their lives. Friday's extraordinary events in and around the aptly named Church of the Icon of the Mother of God Soothe My Sorrows, which took place in defiance of a plethora of official warnings, should not go unnoticed nor unadmired. Even from 5,000 miles away. They are a reminder that all tyrants, and Putin is a bear of one, must keep looking over their shoulder. They may have useful fools to aid in propaganda and the benefit of a state apparatus that conveys the illusion of omnipotence and arms against accountability. But they always have decent, courageous people to fear. And while you can eliminate the head of any body, the corpse they think they've sent firmly into the ground has a way of sprouting new arms and legs. William Shakespeare understood this: "Unnatural deeds do breed unnatural troubles," prescribes the doctor in "Macbeth." Try as she might, Lady Macbeth could not wash away the blood staining her hands, however far she walked in horror of her own deeds. Richard III, haunted by the ghosts leader they had lost. of those he had killed, awoke with a start: "Give me another horse; bind up my wounds. Have mercy, Jesu!"

Guest **Editorial** 

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"GET READY TO TAKE A HARD RIGHT,"

## Today's GOP wouldn't welcome Reagan

By EDWIN G. OSWALD InsideSources.com Tribune News Service How did Ronald Reagan's party





an "evil empire," as he called it in his speech on March 8, 1983. Later, in 1987, in Berlin, Reagan challenged t hen-Soviet leader Mil thail Gorbachev to "tear down this wall.'

In Putin's Russia, funerals are one of the few remaining avenues to express dissent, albeit at a heavy risk, given that to Putin's goons, the enemy conveniently is showing itself all at once. On Friday, even the hearse and operators mortuary reportedly had faced threats that burying this one, dead man meant being targeted as an insurrectionist.

But thousands took that opportunity, such as it was, on Friday.

They mourned the They declared love to be stronger than fear. They freedom called for for Russia. They were an his own origin myth. inspiration.

become Donald Trump's party? That is a question asked by many of the GOP faithful. Although Reagan was the first MAGA president (recall that in 1980 he ran on the slogan "Let's Make America Great Again") I don't believe that he would be welcomed in today's **Republican Party**.

Moreover, given the GOP's cultish — some say cowardly embrace of Trump in 2024, a candidate with a civil conviction for sexual assault who is now confronting 91 felony charges in four jurisdictions, Reagan would be a man without a party. The brand of Reagan's GOP is no more.

For starters. Reagan's policies on immigration were far more liberal than those of today's GOP. Reagan issued a "Statement on United States Immigration and Refugee Policy," announcing his intention to continue the American tradition of welcoming immigrants. He also called for millions of undocumented "illegal immigrants" then living in the United States to be offered a path to legal status. On Nov. 6, 1986, he signed into law the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, which, among other provisions, granted what Reagan called "amnesty" to 3 million immigrants.

For Reagan, immigration was a unique cornerstone of American vitality and renewal and central to

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announced his candidacy in June 2015, he attacked immigrants by stating, "When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best ... they're sending people that have lots of problems. ... They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists. And some, I assume, are good people.'

After being sworn in as president, Trump signed an executive order banning travel from seven predominantly Muslim countries to the United States for 90 days and later instituted a "zero tolerance" policy at the southern border that separated children from parents of immigrants arrested while attempting to enter the United States. Unlike Reagan, today's GOP has used immigration to divide Americans and to make immigrants the scapegoats for a range of domestic ills, including income inequality.

Reagan, a defender of the NATO alliance, took office after four decades of the Cold War with the former Soviet Union. Impatient with the slow-grinding nature of the post-war containment policy, Reagan turned his foreign policy on a redefinition of America's stance toward the Soviet Union. In contrast, when Trump He believed the Soviet Union was Trump.'

Russia's invasion of Ukraine initiated the largest armed conflict in Europe since the end of World War II. Reagan would be shocked by Republican resistance to send aid to Ukraine to fight Russia. Likewise, he would be incredulous at the flirtations with Moscow by some GOP members, such as recent statements by Sen. Tommy Tuberville regarding Putin's acumen. "You can tell Putin's on top of his game," Tuberville noted while addressing Russia's posture on the Ukraine war.

Then, there is candidate Trump. who referred to Putin's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine as "smart" and "genius." At a campaign rally on Feb. 10, Trump encouraged Russia to do "whatever the hell they want" to NATO members that Trump believed do not spend enough on defense.

Reagan — a proponent of immigration, a cold warrior, the man who gave that eloquent speech on defending freedom at Pointe du Hoc on the 40th anniversary of D-Day — would say, as he once said about his prior affiliation with the Democratic Party years ago, "I did not leave the Republican Party; the Republican Party left me."

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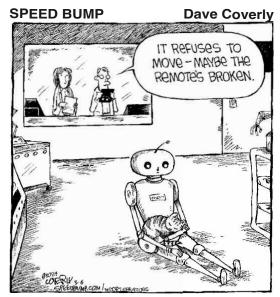
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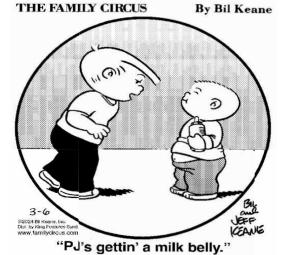
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## Bridge By Steve Becker

## The philosophy of defense

North dealer. East-West vulnerable

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Opening lead - two of diamonds, In the normal course of events, a player will be declarer in one deal

out of four, dummy one deal out of four, and a defender two deals out of four, which means that a player

is on defense twice as often as he is on offense. Despite this obvious fact of bridge life, the role of a defender does not receive anywhere

near the attention it deserves. To defend well is surely as important as playing well as declarer.

Consider this deal, which illus-

South

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Pass

◆ K 10 ◆ K Q J 9 6 4 EAST

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♦ A Q J 3 ●8 7 2

West

Pass

Pass

trates the kind of challenge a defender can encounter. South is in four spades, and West leads the deuce of diamonds. East wins dummy's king with the ace and must decide what to do next.

The winning return is the four of trump, after which declarer must go down; with any other return, declarer gets home safely. More importantly, East should work out that the low trump return at trick two offers virtually the only chance to defeat the contract. East should reason that West's

deuce-of-diamonds lead, presum-ably fourth-best, marks declarer with three diamonds, all of which are losers. East also knows from the bidding that South must have both missing aces as well as the king of spades. So, it would be futile for him to play the ace and another spade to try to stop a diamond ruff in dummy. Indeed, declarer would make the rest of the tricks against that defense.

Only by maintaining control of the trump suit can East hope to stop the contract. He can't be absolutely certain that the low trump return will do the job, but he should conclude that it offers the only realistic chance to score three diamond tricks and put the contract down one.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HIT TUNE ABOUT A HOOTING FOREST BIRD WHO IS MIGHTY TIRED OF BEING ALONE: "OWL BY MYSELF."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals S

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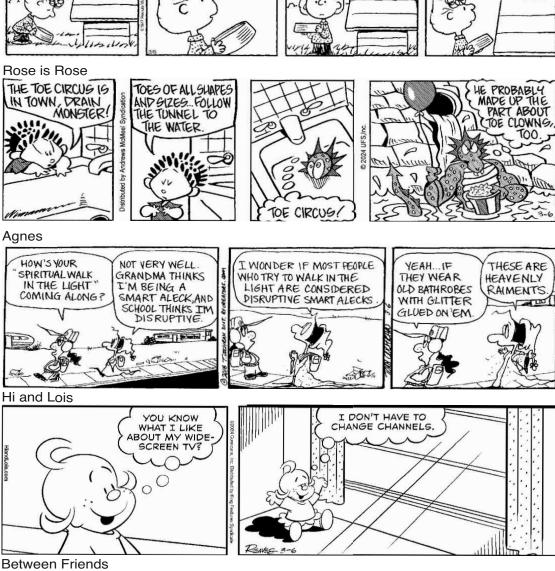
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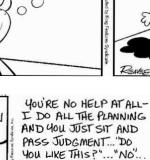
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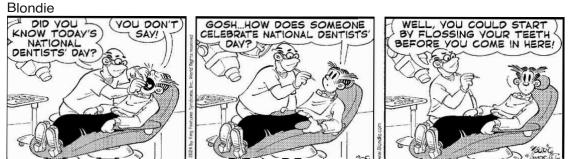
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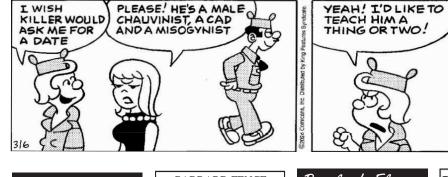
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## Dancing ...

Continued from page 1 "A lot of people we're figuring out were excited because they never went to prom with their spouse because their spouse or significant other was not in the same age group," she explained, noting she and her husband, Aaron, didn't go to prom together in high school either.

Although it's modeled after typical high school dances, adult prom doesn't have a dress code. Folks are welcome to attend in casual or formal wear.

'We've been telling people, whatever you feel comfortable with," said Aaron Loy. "We don't want to set a dress code that might turn some people

## casual, you can, or I've heard some people going to renting tuxes and dresses.<sup>3</sup>

"I heard some people were even looking at renting a limo to bring them out to prom," he added with a laugh.

As of the end of February, the fairgrounds had sold almost 100 tickets for the dance.

"We really weren't sure what to expect, especially it being the first year, but I'm pretty impressed with that," Aaron Loy said.

He added that he could foresee the fairgrounds offering adult prom in future years.

"I think this is something you

away. So if you want to come could kind of grow into a night that parents would plan on for a night out for them," he said. "It's not something really common around here.'

Tickets are \$25 for singles or \$45 for couples and can be purchased by visiting jaycountyfair.com or in-person at the fairgrounds' office. They'll also be available at the door the night of the dance.

"I think it will be fun to see everybody together, just another opportunity for us to utilize our facility and put on an event for community members to enjoy," Katie Loy said.

"Bring your dancing shoes," added Aaron Loy.

## **Felony court news**

Continued from page 2 Julian Myers, 29, 727 W. Race St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to intimidation, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with all of his sentence suspended and placed on probation. Myers was assessed \$189 in court costs.

David A. Mathews, 1214 East Bellmont Road, Decatur, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Indiana Department of Correction and given 156 days credit for time served.

As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dis-

missed: a second Level 6 felony for intimidation, two Class A misdemeanors for resisting law enforcement and criminal mischief and two Class B misdemeanors for disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

## **Unlawful possession**

A Portland resident was sentenced to prison for unlawful possession of a syringe.

Randy W. Morrical, 41, 768 West Seventh St., pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Indiana Department of Correction and given eight days credit for time served. Morrical was assessed \$189 in court costs.

## Rates

Continued from page 1 rate increase to help cover the cost of the wastewater treatment plant project. In November 2022, city council approved increases of \$7.44 per month (effective Jan. 1, 2023) and \$8.47 per month (effective April 1, 2023) for the average 4,000gallon-per-month user.

Council members Kent McClung, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Dave Golden and Ashley Hilfiker, absent Ron May, OK'd the increase on first reading with the understanding that adjusted numbers will be prepared for second reading at their next meeting.

Work at the wastewater treatment plant will include the construction of a wet weather pump station and an equalization basin. Low bids for those projects were \$13.73 million and \$4.57 million respectively. (Neither project has been awarded yet.)

The projects are required as part of the city's agreed order with Indiana Department of Environmental Management that was signed in 2008. It is intended to eliminate combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in the city by increasing the wastewater plant's capacity.

#### In addition to the equaliza-This will mark the third tion basin and wet weather pump station, it also calls for the construction of an oxidation ditch.

Also Monday, McClung questioned a fundraising letter that recently was distributed by Portland Police Department seeking to raise \$350,000 for an 'urgent request for assistance" for new police vehicles and equipment. The letter was signed by police chief Dustin Mock.

McClung said no such request for new vehicles has come before city council. (It has also not been discussed with Portland Board of Works.) He said any such requests should come before city council and be discussed in public.

Golden noted that he also heard from a resident who was upset about the letter. He said the resident pointed out that tax dollars should go toward such expenditures and that the letter "felt like a shakedown."

Mayor Jeff Westlake said he was aware that Mock was writing a letter but didn't know it was going out so quickly. He took accountability for the issue but said he has told Mock that such issues should go through city council.

that such equipment needs should be considered during the budget process.

'Being on city council, it's kind of like a two-way street of trust," added Gold-"We trust that the en. departments, Lori, the mayor, everyone who comes before us, is going to do their homework. And on their part, they trust that we are gonna be reasonable terms of granting in requests that are wellresearched. But we don't have any request before us from the police department on this matter."

Council members also agreed to be a challenger for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program after hearing a presentation from Jay County Development Corporation execudirector Travis tive Richards and Jay County Council member Cindy Bracy

Richards explained that only selected entities government units, nonprofit organizations and internet service providers among them - can challenge the Federal Communications Commission data regarding unserved (less than 25-megabyte uploads and 3-megabyte uploads

McClung pointed out per second) and underserved (100/20) locations. That data will be used to help determine funding allocations as the federal program has \$42 billion to expand high-speed broadband access nationwide.

Bracy said it is clear that some of the current data is incorrect.

Jay County Development Corporation, the county, Purdue Extension and East Central Indiana Regional Planning District will be partnering to gather data in order to submit challenges.

The louder we are, the better they hear," said Bracy, noting the importance of enlisting challengers and looking at data from across the county. "The better Portland is, the better our county is. The better our county is, the better Portland is.

Richards noted that a workshop is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 11, at John Jay Center for Learning to walk residents through the process of providing data for the challenges

The city joined the regional planning district, JCDC, Jay County Chamber of Commerce and United Way of Jay County on the local list of registered challengers.

Also Monday, Goldsworaddressed rumors thy regarding grocery stores, specifically a claim that Aldi is interested in locating a store in Portland. He assured residents that he, and others, have contacted grocery store operators, including Aldi, and that there is currently no interest. He asked that anyone who might have differing information please reach out to a council member. 'Trust me, we all would love to have more grocery stores, more business,

Goldsworthy said. McClung noted other options such as Dollar General, Family Dollar, Dollar Tree, Fisher Meats and Jalisco Mexican Store. He added that there is no agreement with Walmart about limiting competition, as he has seen claimed on social media.

don't comment "T because I don't think Facebook is a place to conduct business,' government McClung said.

In other business, council:

•Heard a question from McClung about the procedure for where police vehiare repaired cles in response to an item on the claims docket that showed repairs done at Hopkins

Repair in rural Jay County. He suggested a request for proposals to ensure fairness.

 Approved placing a stop sign at the intersection of Ship and Main streets in Portland. It also tabled Portland Mayor Jeff Westlake's proposal for a fourway stop at the intersection of Middle and North streets to allow council members to look at the location. (Goldsworthy indicated that he does not believe a stop sign is necessary at the intersection.)

 Heard Golden ask about progress on an ordinance to regulate where RVs can be parked and if they can be utilized as residences. City attorney Wes Schemenaur said he was waiting for council as a whole to provide feedback on a draft ordinance and suggest any changes. Council had a brief discussion on the issue but did not come to any conclusions.

•Stemming from the RV discussion, McClung asked how many individuals are legally allowed to occupy a residence. Schemenaur said a single-family household is considered two or more related individuals in the same household or no more than three unrelated individuals.

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Tract 3: 2.4 Acres practically all tillable with frontage on SR 67 and CR 650 E. Tract 4: 7 Acres Wooded with access on CR 650 Ε. TRACTOR - ANTIQUES – MISC Farmall A Tractor with cycle bar mower, belly mower and blade. 5 gal-Ion milk can. CC saw. Chicken crate. Old gates. Walking plows. Old toys. Tinker toys and games. Hand painted lamp globe. OWNER: Laux Trust-Thomas J. Laux Trustee SHAWVER AUCTION-EERING AND REAL ESTATE AC31800004 Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587 Check AuctionZip for more photos. **PUBLIC AUCTION** Auction to be held at 8341 N 400 E (Bearcreek Farms) Bryant, Indiana Monday MARCH 25, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M. REAL ESTATE - 1675 W ST. RT. 18 BRYANT, IN. PARCEL #1: Approximately 4 acres of bare around with frontage on State Road 18. Possession at time of closing. Parcel #2: Approximately 80 acres with approximately 65 acres of slightly rolling tillable ground, 9 1/2 acres of wooded and 4.94 acres of ditch. Farm is rented for 2024 crop year. Buyer to receive cash rent payment of \$200.00 per acre. Possession after harvest of 2024 crops. Parcel #3: Combination of Parcel #1 and Parcel #2 containing 84.923 total acres Owner confirmation day

5160. JOHN LEWIS, DECEASED Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112 **PUBLIC AUCTION** SATURDAY MARCH 9th, 2024 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 4023 S 800 W. RED-KEY, IN. REAL ESTATE Tract 1: 25 Acres in Section 5, Jefferson Township with 23 acres tillable, balance being nontillable and road frontage. Tract 2: 9.6 Acres in Section 6, Jefferson Township. Practically all tillable. For more information phone auctioneers. Land will be sold at 4023 S 800 W, Redkey IN. TRUCK - TRACTOR -FARM EQUIPMENT -MISC Bambauer hog manure hyd. hose reel, PTO driven on transport. PTO hog manure pump. Wilson 45' hopper bottom grain trailer. 1000-500-300 gallon fuel tanks. Work benches. ANTIQUES - HOUSE-HOLD Plastic Marathon sign. Garden plows. Garden planter. Oil cans. Maytag washer and drver. Gladiator refrigerator. Full line of household furnishings and furniture. OWNER: Anita Orr, Wade Weesner POA SHAWVER AUCTION-EERING AND REAL ESTATE AC31800004 Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587 Check AuctionZip & Auctionsoft for more photos.

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Junior high ACAC wrestling is at South Adams today, see Sports on tap

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# **Patriots dominate Braves**

The girls took 11 events. The boys topped 12.

Both teams dominated.

The Jay County Junior High School swim team dominated the Bellmont Braves on Monday, as the Patriot boys swept to win 148-87 while the girls only dropped one event en route to a 194-95 beatdown.

Seven Patriots ended as dualevent winners. Cooper Glentzer was the first Patriot to notch a pair of victories, as he took the 50-yard freestyle in 25.83 seconds and two events later he claimed the 50 butterfly in 29.1 seconds.

Three more tankers from the boys team took two for Jay County. Carson Westgerdes accomplished the feat by winning the 100 freestyle (59.3 seconds) and the 100 breaststroke (1 minute, 18.15 seconds).

Raif and Rocky Beiswanger were the other multi-event winners for the boys. Raif Beiswanger came out on top of the 200 freestyle (2:22.24) and 100 backstroke (1:09.91) while Rocky Beiswanger captured the 100 individual medley (1:11.64) and 400 freestyle (5:07.59).

Brooklynn Byrum was the first Patriot to put two wins on the board for the girls team. Early on, she topped the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:24.44, and later pulled away with the 100 freestyle in 1:01.24.

Elly Byrum followed both of Brooklynn's events with victories in the 100 IM (1:11.22) and the 400 freestyle (5:03.54).

Maria Laux ended as the only other Patriot to claim two individual events in 50 butterfly (32.03) and the 100 backstroke (1:18.35).

Other victories came from: •Boys 200 medley relay team

(2:02.10)•Girls 200 medley relay team

(2:14.65)



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Raif Beiswanger of Jay County Junior High School swims the 200-yard freestyle during Monday's meet against Bellmont. Beiswanger won the event with a time of as well as the 100 backstroke en route to a sweep of the Braves.

•Boys 200 freestyle relay team (1:56.67)

•Girls 200 freestyle relay team (1:56.08)

•Boys 300 freestyle relay team (2:55.22)

•Kaitlyn Fisher in the 50 freestyle (30.14 seconds) •Gillian Keller in the 1-meter diving (92.3 points)

ing (92.5 points)

•Gabrielle Gibson in the 100 breaststroke (1:26.81)

The only event Bellmont won was the girls 300 freestyle relay, •Tony Beiswanger in the div- in which they dominated Jay County's top team by 21.15 sec- March 11.

onds. Later this week, Jay County will host the ACAC tournament on Friday.

The final meet of the year will be held at Blackford on



**Melvin requires Giants** to stand during anthem By JASON MASTRODONATO Donald Trump. who said players show

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Donald Trump, who said players should be fired for protesting during the anthem. MLB players and managers have taker turns finding their own ways to protest. And in 2020, former Giants manager Gabe Kapler took a knee during the anthem for several games after the George Floyd killing. Following the 2022 mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, that killed 21 people, Kapler made the decision to regularly stop standing on the field during the anthem. He explained on his personal blog that he didn't feel like standing was appropriate. "We thoughtlessly link our moment of silence and grief with the equally thoughtless display of celebration for a country that refuses to take up the concept of controlling the sale of weapons used nearly exclusively for the mass slaughter of human beings," he wrote. "We have our moment (over and over), and then we move on without demanding real change from the people we empower to make these changes. We stand, we bow our heads, and the people in power leave on recess, celebrating their own patriotism at every turn.'





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Bob Melvin, in his first year as Giants skipper, made a new team rule that's been turning heads on a national scale.

The Athletic reported last week that Melvin is requiring his entire team – from the bullpen coaches, to the non-roster invitees, to the batboys and the trainers - to stand on the field for the national anthem.

After the USA Today ran a similar story over the weekend, Melvin's rule has become a talking point in major media outlets, with his decision earning headlines on both Fox News and CNN, among others, over the last 48 hours.

Melvin explained last week that the mandate to stand during the anthem is "all about the perception that we're out there ready to play. That's it. You want your team ready to play and I want the other team to notice it, too. It's really as simple as that.'

While standing during the anthem may be a simple thing to Melvin, it's been anything but simple since 2016, when 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick took a knee before a preseason game as a way of silently protesting racial injustice. His protest drew national attention and became a frequent talking point from politicians, including former President

## Sports on tap

## Local schedule

5:30 p.m.

**TV** sports

## **Thursday** Jay County — Junior high wrestling

Today 3 p.m. — UEFA Champions League: FC Kobenhavn at Manchester City (CBS)

6:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-ball: Villanova at Seton Hall (FS1)

7 p.m. — NHL: Buffalo Sabres at Toronto Maple Leafs (TNT)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Tennessee at South Carolina (ESPN2);

- NBA: Miami Heat at Dal-7:30 p.m. ACAC tournament at South Adams

consin (FS1)

Ias Mavericks (TNT) 7:30 p.m. — NBA: Boston Celtics at Denver Nuggets (TNT) 9 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

Washington at Washington State (FS1); Colorado at Oregon (ESPN2) 9:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-

ball: Arizona at UCLA (ESPN) 11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Cal at Stanford (ESPN2); Arizona State at USC (FS1)

## Local notes

#### Tournament scheduled

The Fort Recovery High School volleyball program is holding its annual alumni volleyball tournament on Friday, March 22.

Teams can consist of former players or anyone living in Fort Recovery, and don't need to be from the same graduating class.

Entry costs are \$10 per player, with all proceeds going to the FRHS volleyball team.

For more information, contact Travis Guggenbiller by March 20 by emailing guggenbillert@fortrecoveryschools.org.

#### Midwest Walleye Challenge

Indiana anglers are invited to partici-pate in the 2024 Midwest Walleye Challenge, a virtual fishing tournament.

The tournament begins March 30 and ends June 30, with walleye, sauger and saugeye counting. Contestants need to utilize the MyCatch mobile app to submit

Melvin insists his decision to require all players to stand isn't political. He told USA Today on Friday that it's about bonding a group of new players.

> photos of their catches with a measuring device

Participants can enter for free for the chance at the grand prize or pay a \$25 fee to be eligible for biweekly cash prizes.

Those interested in participating can register by visiting AnglersAtlas.com/event/769 or by using the MyCatch app. For further informa tion, visit on.IN.gov/walleye

Registration open Registration for the Dunkirk co-ed softball league is now open

The league will start on April 7, and will cost \$250 for each team to register. First and second-place teams win a payout of \$400 and \$200, respectively.

To register, call Brock Farmer at (765) 209-4289.

#### Challenge set

The Adams County 5K Run/Walk Challenge for the 2024 season will begin April 20, where participants 19-years-old or older can compete in a total of eight races within Adams County.

The cost to register for the challenge is \$150 and will enter participants in all eight races, with five needing to be com-pleted for the Challenge Series award.

Challengers don't need to be from Adams County, but only the first 100 entries will compete. Participation in individual events is available as well.

To sign up or for more information, visit www.adamscounty5kchallenge.com. . . . . . .

To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

Northwestern at Michigan (BTN) 7:30 p.m. — NBA: Memphis Grizzlies at Philadelphia 76ers (Bally Indiana); Los Angeles Clippers at Houston Rockets

(ESPN) 8:30 p.m. - Men's college basketball: UConn at Marquette (FS1) 9 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

Indiana at Minnesota (BTN)

9:30 p.m. — NHL: Detroit Red Wings at Colorado Avalanche (TNT) 10 p.m. — NBA: Milwaukee Bucks at

Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

10:30 p.m. - Men's college basketball: Fresno State at New Mexico (FS1)

#### Thursday

1 p.m. — MLB spring training: Atlanta Braves at Boston Red Sox (ESPN) 7 p.m. - NHL: St. Louis Blues at

New Jersey Devils (ESPN) 7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UAB at Temple (ESPN2); Rutgers at Wis-