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Region awarded \$35 million

Governor announced READI 2.0 totals Thursday

By RAY COONEY
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The region more than doubled its award in the second round of a state grant program.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb announced Thursday morning that the East Central Region, which includes Jay County, was awarded \$35 million through the second round of Indiana Regional Acceleration and Development Initiative.

It's an increase from the \$15 million awarded to the region during the first round of READI in 2021.

"Yay, we did great," said Tabby Sprunger, executive director of Jay County Chamber of Commerce. "We're in the top of the giving amounts. I think we did really good as a region."

"Pretty cool, \$35 million," said Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards following the announcement. "I'm very pleased. We had a ton of people from across the region put in a lot of work in READI 2.0. It's very exciting to be in the second tier of the awards ... I'm glad the state has chosen to award us that much."

Sprunger and Richards are the county's representatives on the steering committee for the East Central Region, which also includes Randolph, Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Wayne and Fayette counties.

The funding for the East Central region is the second-highest amount awarded statewide, trailing the \$45 million that went to the Central Indiana, Northeast, Northwest, Our Southern Indiana, South Bend-Elkhart and Southwest regions.

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Joyce/Dayton officials, including company president Brad Weiss, held a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday morning for an expansion of its manufacturing facility on the north side of Portland. The almost \$9 million project will involve expanding on the south side of the facility in order to add more manufacturing capability and improve efficiency.

Expanding again

Joyce/Dayton broke ground Wednesday on nearly \$9 million project

By RAY COONEY
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A manufacturing facility on the north side of Portland is growing.

Again. Joyce/Dayton Corporation held a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday to celebrate the start of a nearly \$9 million project that will mark the 11th expansion of its manufacturing facility.

"Today marks a momentous occasion for Joyce/Dayton," said company president Brad Weiss, thanking Jay County Chamber of Commerce, Jay County Development Corporation, Indiana Economic Development Corporation and the community for their support. "We are excited about our continued growth in Portland."

The project involves adding 26,000 square feet to the existing facility at 1621 N. Meridian St. That will expand the building's footprint by more than 30%.

Joyce/Dayton, which manufactures screw jacks in Portland, will expand the manufacturing area of its operation to the south of its 12-acre property at the southeast corner of Meridian Street and county road 100 North. It is also adding 6,000 square feet on the northwest corner of the building to add conference rooms, offices, a new break room and restrooms. The parking lot will be expanded.

The work is in addition to a 3,600-square-foot expansion at the northeast corner of the



Illustration provided

The above illustration shows the planned expansion of office space, conference rooms, break rooms and a larger parking lot on the northwest side of the Joyce/Dayton facility.

facility that started in August.

"We knew when we embarked on that project that it wasn't enough," said chief operating officer Dianne Trentman.

The beginnings of the need for the expansion occurred in 2019 when Joyce/Dayton purchased a business line from Enerpac of Milwaukee. There was additional growth from 2020 through 2022, leading to record produc-

tion at the Portland facility in each of the last two years.

"The combination of those two things kind of had us busting at the scenes," Trentman said.

The local facility is also going to begin making component units for Joyce/Dayton's plant that manufactures high-speed actuators in Connecticut and has interest in developing new product lines. Some new equipment

has already been brought in and more will come when the expansion is complete. It will allow for enlarging the assembly area and having inventory available on the line instead of in warehouse space on the east end of the facility.

"It'll allow us to enlarge our assembly area," said Trentman. "Right now they're pretty crammed in."

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On the drum

Bloomfield Elementary School sixth grader Chloe Lewellen plays a drum during Tuesday morning's rehearsal for the school's spring program later that evening at East Jay Elementary School. The performance included dancing, singing and percussion numbers. For more photos, visit thecr.com.

Asking for exemption

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

County officials are taking a closer look at a prospective broadband project.

Jay County Council and Jay County Commissioner Chad Aker learned more Wednesday about Mainstream Fiber Networks' proposal to establish an infrastructure development zone along with its 395-mile broadband internet project in Jay County.

Mainstream Fiber Networks proposed outfitting the county with fiber optic internet earlier this year. County officials committed \$3.9 million toward the nearly \$20 million project, which is in the midst of seeking additional grant funding. (Approximately \$6 million is covered by a partnership between Mainstream Fiber Networks and private equity company Searchlight Capital, with the other \$9.5 million to be targeted via grants.)

Along with the project, Mainstream Fiber Networks has requested the county create an infrastructure development zone. Such zones can be created in areas that are determined to not have adequate infrastructure available and allow for tax exemptions to be granted in order to increase the availability of broadband service.

That would include Mainstream Fiber Networks' proposed infrastructure and any improvements made to it in the future.

County attorney Wes Schemenaur asked Jason Semler of financial consulting firm Baker Tilly to look into the impact an infrastructure development zone would have on Jay County's taxes.

"That obviously is going to have a financial impact to the county," said Schemenaur. "Before we say yes, I think it would be a good idea to know what we might be giving up if we were to agree to pass an ordinance like that."

Semler explained investments into the county, such as fiber optic internet infrastructure, add assessed value to the tax base and subsequently reduce tax rates.

"That's really where the benefit comes in," he said.

Semler said he's aware of infrastructure development zones but said he's not sure he's seen them utilized.

"Because it is, you know, a pretty generous incentive," he said. "You have to evaluate whether, is that incentive that you need to provide for them to make that investment here?"

Semler suggested as an alternative, the county could propose creating a tax increment financing (TIF) area for the places where the fiber optic equipment is installed.

Schemenaur noted the decision on whether to establish the zone lies with commissioners but felt as though council should also be aware of the legislation because of its financial impact.

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Mainstream Fiber Networks made request in relation to fiberoptic expansion project

Deaths

Norma Culy, 84, Portland
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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 63 degrees Wednesday. The low was 52. About 2 inches of rain fell in Jay County between 6 p.m. Wednesday and noon Thursday with rain continuing through the day. The county is under a flood warning through this evening. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Coverage of the FRHS softball team's game against Fort Loramie.

Tuesday — Results from Saturday's JCHS baseball game against Centerville.

Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Jay School Board meeting.



Expanding ...

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The engineering and research space will also be expanded. And the facility will be air-conditioned for the first time.

H.A. Dorsten of Minster, Ohio, is the contractor for the project that was designed by Arceturis Architecture of St. Louis. The work, which will begin with excavation when weather allows, is expected to take about a year to complete.

As a result of the expansion, Joyce/Dayton expects to add

nearly 40 employees to its current workforce of 110 by the end of 2026.

In October, Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards presented two tax abatement requests for the project to Portland City Council. The abatements, estimated to save the company \$868,000 while the expansion generates about \$1.09 million in taxes over 10 years, were approved the following month.

Indiana Economic Develop-

ment Corporation is providing \$275,000 in incentive-based tax credits related to the project as well as up to \$200,000 from the Hoosier Business Investment tax credit program.

Joyce/Dayton, based in Kettering, Ohio, and owned by Graham Holdings Company of Arlington, Virginia, opened its Portland manufacturing facility in 1973. The company that was founded as Joyce Cridland Company in 1873 works with industries including construction, manu-

facturing, military and transportation.

Trentman noted the diversity of the company that was doing a lot of work for the solar energy sector about eight years ago and more recently had a major project involving a conveyor company.

The expansion comes on the heels of Indiana Chamber of Commerce naming Joyce/Dayton one of the state's best places to work in manufacturing last year. It is also a finalist for the

Jay County Community Award for Industry of the Year.

"We really take pride in the working environment that we have," said Portland plant manager Kyle Roe. "It's a laid-back environment. Everybody knows their job and responsibilities. ... We put a lot of time and energy and effort into making employees feel welcome, included, have a voice."

"If you can imagine working with your friends in your garage, that's kind of what it feels like."

CR almanac

Saturday 4/13	Sunday 4/14	Monday 4/15	Tuesday 4/16	Wednesday 4/17
63/51	73/53	77/60	76/61	76/59
Saturday's forecast shows sunny skies with wind gusts reaching up to 20 mph.	There's a chance of showers after 2 p.m. Sunday. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Sunny skies are in the forecast for Monday, when the high will be 77.	There's a 40% chance of showers Tuesday under mostly cloudy skies.	Wednesday also has a chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Lotteries

Powerball 6-7-12-24-36 Power Ball: 15 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$46 million	Daily Four: 0-1-8-8 Quick Draw: 2-5-9-13-14-20-22-24-25-34-37-38-43-44-52-54-61-67-74-80 Cash 5: 7-24-28-32-42 Estimated jackpot: \$562,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$120 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 4-8-5 Pick 4: 2-5-1-7 Pick 5: 1-1-2-6-6 Evening Pick 3: 1-5-5 Pick 4: 2-9-7-2 Pick 5: 9-6-6-4-9 Rolling Cash: 2-3-7-13-22 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 3-2-8 Daily Four: 0-3-2-2 Quick Draw: 3-5-13-14-20-22-25-26-27-35-43-44-49-54-63-64-68-73-74-77 Evening Daily Three: 5-5-1	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.35 May corn.....4.30 Wheat.....4.30	May beans.....11.63 Wheat.....5.24
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.38 May corn.....4.38 June corn.....4.43	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.10 April corn.....4.14 Beans.....11.48 April beans.....11.51 Wheat.....5.21
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....4.15 May corn.....4.15 Beans.....11.55	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.24 April corn.....4.28 Beans.....11.32 April beans.....11.37 Wheat.....4.85

Today in history

In 1204, Greek emperor Alexius V fled Constantinople during the Fourth Crusade. he was the last Greek emperor of a united Byzantium.

In 1606, Great Britain adopted the Union Flag, the precursor to the Union Jack, as its national flag.

In 1776, delegates from North Carolina were authorized to vote for independence from Great Britain in the Second Continental Congress.

In 1947, comedian David Letterman was born in Indianapolis. A graduate of Ball State University, he became a weatherman in Indianapolis and went on to launch Late Night with David Letterman on NBC in 1982.

In 2013, Elle Sutter won the 800-meter run, 1,600 run and 3,200 run, and also led off the winning 4x800 relay, for the Fort Recovery High School girls track team as it scored 49.5 points to finish second in a three-team meet against Jackson Center (54.5) and Houston (43).

In 2018, the Jay County High School boys golf team dropped its season opener 183-215 to the Wapahani Raiders.

In 2022, U.S. Sen. Mike Braun (R-Indiana) visited Jay County for a roundtable meeting that included Portland Mayor John Boggs, The Portland Foundation executive director Doug Inman and Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, municipal airport, 661 W. 100 North. Thursday 6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 S. Mooney St.
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Obituaries

Norma Culy
June 8, 1939-April 8, 2024

Norma Jean Culy, age 84, a former resident of Portland, passed away on Monday, April 8, 2024.

Norma was born June 8, 1939, in Portland, Indiana, the daughter of Thurman and Cora Belle (Fowler) Garringer. She graduated from Saratoga High School in 1957 and earned her undergraduate degree from Ball State University and her master's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University.

She dedicated her life as a kindergarten teacher at East Elementary where she retired in 2000. Norma married Ronald Culy on Jan. 19, 1963.

Survivors include:

Her children — Donald Ray Culy, Ridgeville, Indiana, Ronda Mullenkamp (husband: Randy), San Antonio, Texas
Grandchildren — Justin Muhlenkamp (wife: Ashley), Talladega, Alabama, Morgan Colainni (husband: Ryan), Indianapolis, Indiana, Tyler Muhlenkamp (husband: Donnie Brookman), Orlando, Florida, Ashley Kruyer (husband: Phillip), Fort Wayne, Indiana, Alissa Johnson (husband: Chance), Hartford City, Indiana, Anna Culy, Portland, Indiana,



Culy

Andrea Culy, Portland, Indiana, and Adriane Culy, Winchester, Indiana

Sisters — June Garringer, California, Nancy McFarren, Bluffton, Indiana, and Susie Toney, Portland, Indiana

Nine great-grandchildren
She was predeceased by her husband Ronald Culy and son Rodger Culy

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 1 to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Graveside services will follow at Antioch Cemetery, southeast of Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Awarded ...

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Other regions awarded \$35 million were Greater Lafayette and North Central.

"I am incredibly proud of the work that was put in across the region to make this award a reality," said East Central Indiana Regional Partnership president and CEO Trevor Freideberg in a press release. "With this award we will accelerate growth in our region that will have an impact for years to come."

Regional awards ranged from \$45 million to \$10 million, with a total of \$500 million distributed amongst 15 regions that represent all of the state's 92 counties. (The maximum possible for a region to receive through READI 2.0 was \$75 million.) They were approved Thursday morning by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation board of directors.

"Indiana is leading the way in future-focused investments in our economy and in our communi-

ties, ensuring that all Hoosiers of today and tomorrow have the opportunity to prosper," said Holcomb. "READI has already resulted in more than \$12.6 billion invested in quality of place and quality of life assets. The second iteration of the initiative - READI 2.0 - along with additional committed investments from the Lilly Endowment, will bring billions more to Hoosier neighborhoods, preparing communities, industry and talent for the next generation and beyond."

The next step in the READI 2.0 process is for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to meet with representatives from each region "to identify regionally significant capital and infrastructure projects for investment." Regions will also consider projects focused on blight reduction, redevelopment and arts and culture initiatives for potential funding through a \$250 million grant from the Lilly

Endowment that is to be distributed alongside the READI 2.0 funding.

Richards said he expects those meetings to begin in mid-May.

No timeline or specific process has been announced for selecting projects for funding.

The READI 2.0 funding comes on a 3-1-1 match basis, with 60% from the private sector, 20% from local government and 20% from the state program. (The match is considered on a regional basis rather than project-by-project.)

The East Central Indiana Regional Partnership led the planning process for the READI 2.0 application, including workshops in each county, regional workshops and two public surveys. The region set a focus on quality of life, housing and infrastructure, childcare and support for families, and education and opportunity.

About 170 projects were submitted in the region, with a scoring process used to determine those that would be highlighted

in the application that was submitted to the state in February.

At the state level, projects were reviewed by an external committee and evaluated on factors including economic development potential, alignment with the state's priorities, such as population growth, per capita income growth, growth in employment opportunities, educational attainment, housing units developed, childcare capacity and innovation activities as well as the level of focus on rural communities and the degree of regional collaboration. Those factors were utilized to help determine funding awards for each region.

From the \$15 million the East Central Region was awarded in READI 1.0, projects in Jay County that received funding through READI 1.0 were the Salamonina Schoolhouse and Jay County Early Learning Center.

Asking ...

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Aker noted Mainstream Fiber Networks had cited similar fiber projects completed in other Indiana counties. He wondered if those counties had been proposed the same tax exemption.

Council member Faron Parr and Aker both noted they didn't believe it would be a good idea to establish the zone and thereby grant the tax exemption. Aker noted he would like to get other council members' input on the decision as well.

Schemenaur noted the quick turnaround with the grant process — Mainstream Fiber Networks is applying to Indiana Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program and the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment program — and said the company

has asked for a decision by the end of April.

Also Wednesday, Semler explained the county could create another TIF district encompassing three proposed solar farms in Richland Township. If the county would like to take that step, he advised creating a district before the companies begin construction.

Parr, who has served on Jay County Redevelopment Commission for years, noted the value in establishing a TIF district.

"It's a nice problem to have when you're trying to decide what the spend the money on, but it's not a very good problem to have when you need to spend the money that you don't have," he said. "The TIFs, what we've had so far ... have been a nice benefit to fill in those gaps."

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Friday

Hyatt, Lydia: 11 a.m., Church of the Most Holy Trinity, 7321 E. Indiana 18, Bryant.

Saturday

Marchal, Winifred: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery.

Sunday

Culy, Norma: 2 p.m., Antioch Cemetery, rural Portland.

Williams, Helen: 4 p.m., New Life Ministries, 415 S. Helen St., Portland.

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Mom sets rules for baby

DEAR ABBY: My oldest daughter, "Kate," is 22. Her baby is now 6 months old. She is the first grandchild and great-grandchild. Kate refuses to allow my mom to hold her baby. My mom has held the baby a couple of times, but my daughter immediately swooped in and took the baby from her. During the last family gathering, Kate wouldn't let me hold the baby either, because she said I might let my mom hold the baby.

It hurts my heart to watch Mom treated this way. I know my mom. We haven't always been close, and sometimes Mom says the wrong things, but she is a good person and would never hurt the baby. Because I let Kate know my feelings, she is now refusing to come to any family gathering where Mom might be present, and she won't talk to me, either.

I'm struggling and emotional over this. Mom has done some very kind things for my daughter. She owns a timeshare and let Kate use it for graduation and her honeymoon. I feel Kate is using the baby as a weapon. Is there anything I can do? If not, how do I try to move on? — **THWARTED IN UTAH**

DEAR THWARTED: Kate may — or may not — be using her child as a weapon to punish you and your mother for some perceived slight. She may also legitimately be worried that her grandmother might accidentally drop the little one. You stated that you and your mother weren't close for a period of time. If you and your mother weren't close, it would follow that your daughter wouldn't be all that close to her grandmother.

Dear Abby



the bride is estranged from her mother, the father and his family occupy the first rows.)

DEAR ABBY: I'm a full-figured 25-year-old woman who lives at home. My family has three dogs. Every night, I go into my mother and father's bedroom to pick up the youngest one to hold for a few minutes and say goodnight. The dog likes to sleep closer to the middle of the bed, so I need to bend over to reach the dog. When I bend over, my mother gives me a "look" because she says my shirt starts to reveal my body and I should be "mindful" of my dad.

I wear long T-shirts, long pants, and sometimes bras when I'm around the house because I'm trying to be mindful of my dad and younger brother. I want to be free to not think I need to cover up when I'm doing something small like picking up the dog. Dad is a good man. He has never disrespected me in any way as I matured into a woman, so my mother's extra "carefulness" bothers me. What should I do? — **JUST WANT MY DOG**

DEAR JUST WANT: Because at 25 you are still living under your mother's roof, you should respect her wishes. Once you get a place of your own, you can bounce around as much as you wish.

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

Of course, a solution to this problem won't be possible until you understand what has caused it, and that won't happen until your daughter is willing to give you some straight answers. Start there. If she refuses, you will have to live your life and hope that as your grandchild grows up, the dynamic will change.

DEAR ABBY: When a daughter is getting married, how do divorced parents sit, walk down the aisle and conduct themselves? — **ALMOST THERE IN NEW YORK**

DEAR ALMOST THERE: First and foremost, the divorced parents should act like adults and bury their hostilities (if there are any) on their daughter's special day. Tact and diplomacy should be paramount. Depending upon the circumstances, the "person of choice" should accompany the bride down the aisle. If there is a stepfather, some brides ask each gentleman to walk halfway down the aisle with her.

If the parents are cordial, Emily Post says they can share the first row. If they aren't (and I am shortening this), the mother sits in the front row with her relatives behind her. The father and his relatives are seated behind his ex-wife's family. (If

Youth asked to give input

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition and other local entities are inviting teens to join the conversation.

A "Teen Talk" about addiction and recovery is slated for 6 p.m. Tuesday at IU Health Jay. (The meeting is also available virtually via Microsoft Teams.) Local service providers are hoping to learn from the youth how to help teenagers with peer substance use and overdoses. Children and teenagers ages 12 to 18 are invited to join in-person or online.

To learn more, visit Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition or call (260) 251-3259.

Taking Note

a press release from Ohio Department of Commerce.

Organizations may apply for a portion of the \$50,000 grant to fund programs in 2025 dedicated to instilling financial literacy among young Ohioans between the ages of 5 and 25 through virtual and in-person training. To learn more, visit com.ohio.gov/FinancialLiteracy. The deadline to apply is April 30.

Financial literacy

Time is running out for organizations to apply for funding to develop financial literacy programs that benefit Ohio children and young adults.

Applications are available for Ohio's Financial Literacy Education Grant, which "aims to provide financial support in areas of need that address gaps in financial education delivery to Ohio children and young adults," according to

Book sale

Fort Recovery Public Library will host a used book sale Monday, April 15, through Saturday, April 20, during normal business hours.

Donated items are being accepted. Items not accepted are materials in poor condition, encyclopedias, dictionaries, textbooks, magazines and VHS tapes. A free-will donation will be accepted for materials selected at the sale.



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Community Calendar

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

Today
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.

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.

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.

JAY RETIRED TEACHERS — Will meet at noon Monday, April 15, at Richards Restaurant in Portland. No reservations are required.

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.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday 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.

Tuesday
COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the

Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

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

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

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

1	9	8	6	2	5	7	3	4
7	2	5	3	1	4	6	8	9
6	4	3	9	8	7	1	5	2
2	8	6	1	4	9	3	7	5
4	7	1	8	5	3	9	2	6
3	5	9	7	6	2	4	1	8
5	1	2	4	7	6	8	9	3
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Eclipse was a wonderful moment

To the editor:
Greetings my friend, today I just witnessed the wonderful work of God.

As you may know, and hopefully you were able to witness it yourself, on April 8 at 3:08 p.m. there was a total solar eclipse and Berne was in the path of totality, meaning the moon completely covered the sun for four minutes. I must say it was an experience.

Thinking about it now brings my mind to look at God. God is the creator of everything we have. The Earth, the sun, stars, trees, sunrises, sunsets and so much more. What I think is so marvelous is how he created everything and it is beautiful.

God spoke all this into being. Isn't that amazing?

If you look at the stars and how they form constellations and the

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beauty of the galaxies, I do have to say how can anyone refuse to believe there is a God? God has given his creation to us to enjoy, even the eclipse has a purpose, so we can enjoy the beauty of it. God has given us all of this to point us to the master, creator of the universe. How marvelous.

God has even created you. In Psalm 139:13-14 King David says to God, "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I Praise you, for I'm fearfully and

wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." You see, King David knew who his creator was; it was God. Isn't it amazing to know that the God who created the universe and all of its beauty has also created you fearfully and wonderfully. He created you just as you are and He sees you as wonderfully (beautiful) made. God has created everyone with a unique personality, and more importantly we are created with a soul that will last an eternity.

What makes God sad though is when we, his beautiful creation, are tainted with sin. Sin has an effective way of turning something that was created good and distorting it. In Isaiah 53:6 it says, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord has

laid on him(Jesus) the iniquity of us all." This verse tells us that everyone will go astray and that we are like sheep, I'll get to the part on why being sheep is important. We have all gone astray, what leads us astray is our sin, Hebrews 3:13 tells us that our hearts can be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. That is a scary thought, is it not?

I'm glad that we are like sheep though because Jesus is a shepherd and not just any shepherd, but the good shepherd. (John 10:11) Like any shepherd he will search and search till he finds his lost sheep. Amazing. Isn't it?

I'm so glad that even with our desire to sin and distort the beauty of God's creation he had already planned to send Jesus his son to die on the cross and carry our sins. Even when we go astray

and Jesus leads us back to God, He can take what we have made ugly by our sins and turn it into something beautiful for his glory. God wants to transform us into the likeness of Jesus so we can be called sons of God and joint-heirs with Jesus.

So as a final comment I want to let you know that no matter the situation you're in and you don't think God can save you or take your life and turn into something beautiful, let me tell you this, God is willing and wants to save you. If he can create the universe surely he can take your situations and make something fearful and wonderful out of them.

Blessing to you, until next time.

Your friend from Christian Mission Fellowship,
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Immigration makes our country stronger

By ARCHI PYATI
OtherWords

Both former President Donald Trump and the Biden administration have proposed harsh new immigration restrictions.

There are important differences between the two sides, but neither is offering anything that would make our country safer. Instead, we're seeing a pathetic political game.

Border closures, mass deportations, family separations and crackdowns on asylum seekers accomplish nothing. These approaches are costly for taxpayers and ineffective at making Americans safer.

Even the stated goal of "safety" relies on a false narrative. Presenting immigration as a threat is a distraction at best and a racist dog whistle at worst. There is no evidence that immigration in any form negatively impacts American security. In fact, the opposite is true.

If anything, communities with immigrants — documented or undocumented — are safer. As one criminologist and co-author of a 2023 book on the intersection between immigration and crime put it, "more immigration equals less crime."

U.S.-born citizens are many times more likely to commit violent crimes, including mass shootings and domestic terrorism. We've known that for years. Yet federal spending on immigration enforcement outpaces the cost of all other criminal law enforcement agencies combined.

Immigration isn't just safe. It's good for this country.

Both conservative and liberal researchers have long argued that immigration fuels economic growth and increases the incomes of both U.S.-born and foreign-born workers. And with our population aging, our birth rate declining and businesses in desperate need of workers with a wide range of skills, immigration is a critical part of our country's future.

Our country also has a moral and legal obligation to provide protection to those who fear persecution. That means we must not only protect but actually improve the asylum and refugee system to make sure it's fair and humane.

People fleeing violence or danger leave behind all they hold dear when they seek protection in this country — only to endure our staggeringly slow, retraumatizing and hostile system in the hopes of

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meeting the exceedingly narrow definition of a "refugee" under U.S. law.

They do this because they fear they'll be killed, abused, tortured or suffer gender-based violence if they're forced to go back. It would be unconscionable to bar these people from seeking sanctuary.

So we don't need lawmakers fear-mongering and chasing short term political wins on the backs of people who are already vulnerable to violence and exploitation. What we need is a properly funded, orderly, and humane system with lawful and transparent pathways to temporary and permanent residency.

Migration is inevitable — whether because of regional instability, climate change, the legacy of colonialism or because people will always move toward safety and opportunity. Embracing that reality and rebuilding our system to manage it efficiently while embracing the benefits of immigration will help us all.

If politicians don't change, we'll get is more of the same. Unfair and illegal policies like those in the news now will lead to lawsuits that will cost taxpayers billions. We'll miss out on the economic benefits of immigration.

I want our leaders, regardless of their party, to stop scapegoating immigrants and do what we're paying them to do: address the real threats to our safety. Get guns out of the hands of domestic abusers and extremists. Better prepare for climate disasters. Do something to reduce poverty and other root causes of crime.

An immigration policy rooted in keeping people out represents the worst of politics. Instead, we deserve a bold and strategic vision rooted in reality, which serves our interests and protects the rights of migrants.

The America I believe in can and must do both.

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U.S. is owed better answers

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We as Americans should be asking hard questions about Benjamin Netanyahu. Does the prime minister have a vision to end Israel's war in Gaza that doesn't include us subsidizing indefinite occupation? Is he capable of the kind of diplomacy that's necessary for peace?

His history with four U.S. presidents is instructive.

In 2007, President George W. Bush authorized \$30 billion in military aid for Israel, which was allocated over 10 years. In 2016, President Obama approved \$38 billion. President Trump signed a historic aid package. Since Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7, the U.S. has approved more than 100 military deals with Israel. President Joe Biden is currently asking Congress to approve the sale of \$18 billion more in fighter jets.

Tens of billions in weapons and munitions, feeding a bloody conflict that has escalated to claim tens of thousands of lives. Consistent support from four U.S. presidents representing the two major political parties. And all of this under the eye of Netanyahu, whose rise to power in the Israeli government was sandwiched between the withdrawal of Jewish settlers from Gaza in 2005 and the election of Hamas in 2006.

As leader of the opposition and as prime minister, Netanyahu has been fighting the same enemy for 20 years. To not question his effectiveness and his agenda would be irresponsible, considering the arsenal the U.S. has put into his hands.

Assuming Congress approves the

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sale of the fighter planes, the delivery date would be 2029. The president we have by then will not be Biden or Trump, but she or he will inherit what comes from Biden's and Trump's decisions. And once in power, that new president will be complicit in what Israel's prime minister does with those fighter jets as well as any other weapons the U.S. has allowed.

Criticizing Netanyahu should not be conflated with antisemitism. To oppose Netanyahu now is to oppose the hunger crisis and the threat of disease in Gaza. Tens of thousands of Israelis filled the streets this week to protest their prime minister's leadership.

His troubles didn't begin with the Oct. 7 attack, though: Tens of thousands were also protesting Netanyahu's government a year ago, objecting to erosion of democracy. Criticizing the prime minister is about more than 2024. His problems are not parallel to the 100,000 primary voters in Michigan who expressed their frustrations with the Biden administration in March by voting "uncommitted."

Israelis have even more cause for anger now than a year ago or in the immediate aftermath of Oct. 7. In 2018, we now know, Netanyahu was told exactly how Hamas was build-

ing wealth, and neither he nor Trump's administration acted on the information. The New York Times reported in November that Netanyahu's government had the plans for the Oct. 7 terrorist attack more than a year before it happened and also did not act on that information. According to the newspaper, three months before the attack an analyst literally told authorities "Hamas had conducted an intense, daylong training exercise that appeared similar to what was outlined in the blueprint."

Netanyahu's government did not take the threat seriously. As a result, a simmering conflict has erupted into a brutal war.

And now the U.S. is prepared to make a deal that would deliver fighter jets five years from now, which tells us everything we need to know about prospects for peace.

The U.S. is not acting like a superpower by simply supplying weapons to keep our ally's war going. A superpower leads. The greatest nation not only should distinguish right from wrong but also should have the fortitude to hold our closest allies accountable when they lose their way.

And Netanyahu is losing more than his way. He's losing the moral high ground.

Israel has a right to defend itself against Hamas, but no one ever has the right to bomb and starve civilians. If the goal is truly peace, then checking our moral compass for guidance should be viewed as a benefit, not a betrayal.

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Safety urged when sharing roads

Indiana State Department of Agriculture

Planting season is quickly approaching for Indiana's 94,000 farmers.

With the warm weather and sunshine, Hoosier motorists will also see more large slow-moving farm equipment traveling Indiana's rural roads and highways.

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Transportation and Indiana State Police encourage motorists to slow down, be alert and be patient on roadways this spring.

"Indiana farmers will be working hard this spring to ensure their crops are planted safely, timely and efficiently," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch in a press release. "Whether you live in rural, urban or suburban Indiana, remain alert on the road this spring as you may encounter large farm equipment moving between fields."

The following list includes several safety tips for motorists approaching large farm equipment:

•Be patient. Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the road.

•Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.

•Do not try to pass slow-moving farm equipment on the left without ensuring that the farmer driving is not planning a left turn.

•Avoid tailgating, as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road.

"As a farmer myself I have heard of way too many accidents involving farm equipment and motorists on rural Indiana roads," said Indiana State Department of Agriculture director Don Lamb. "Unfortunately, crashes and deaths occur each year during this busy time. We want to encourage motorists to slow down, be alert and be patient when sharing the roads with farmers this busy spring season."

For a list of safety tips, visit isda.in.gov.



Tribune News Service/South Florida Sun Sentinel/ Joe Cavaretta

John Coldwell checks out a colony of bees April 1 at a community apiary at Lauderdale-by-the-Sea City Hall. Coldwell is president of The Urban Beekeepers and has helped start hives in public places all over South Florida.

Save the bees

Protecting pollinators can be next hobby

By LOIS K. SOLOMON
South Florida Sun-Sentinel
Tribune News Service

Their stings are definitely painful, but we need bees: They are essential for a healthy natural world and the food we eat.

Most of us never think much about the importance of these pollinators, but we are highly dependent on them. A third of the world's food production depends on bees, according to the United Nations. Pollinators such as bees, moths, birds and bats help trees and crops grow. Honeybees create six products that humans eat, including pollen, honey and beeswax.

But bees are in danger. Pesticides, climate change, drought, pollution and disease threaten them daily. Many people fear bees instead of respecting them for their awesome value to the planet.

One way to help the bees is to maintain your own colony. In Florida, there are about 5,000 registered beekeepers nurturing about 760,000 colonies, according to Amy Vu, specialized program extension agent for the Honey Bee Research and Extension Lab at the University of

Florida/Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Here's what the professionals say about sustaining your own colony, as well as other ways to encourage healthy pollinator habitats. We need bees, and they need us to defend them.

How to start

Experts say the most important first step is to join a local beekeeping club or find a mentor.

In Broward County, there's the Broward Beekeepers Association, which meets on the second Thursday of each month. Go to browardbees.org. In Palm Beach County, check out the Palm Beach County Beekeepers Association, which gathers on the first Friday of each month. Go to palmbeachbeekeepers.org.

Attend meetings and work with a mentor for three or four months before setting up your colonies, said John Coldwell, president of The Urban Beekeepers Apiary Supply and Management Co. in Oakland Park.

"Everyone gets real excited and they don't get the background they need," Coldwell said.

"Then their bees die and they drop out."

Steps to take

•Determine requirements to register with the state, even if you only have one colony.

•Check that there are no deed restrictions on your land that prevent the installation of beehives, as these would supersede beekeeping statutes.

•Maintain a nearby water source so the bees don't head over to your neighbor's swimming pool, Coldwell said.

The equipment

An eight-frame starter hive costs about \$180. If you're handy, you can spend about \$100 on lumber and build your own, made of wood and inner and outer covers, Coldwell said. You'll also need a ventilated jacket, veil and tools, which cost about \$200.

Other necessary components include a smoker, which allows the beekeeper to safely inspect the hive; a queen excluder that separates the queen bee and her eggs from the worker bees that are making honey; and "honey supers" that let humans extract the sweet stuff.

Coldwell said a complete setup ranges from \$700 to \$1,200.

The bees

Buy your bees from a local association. They will cost about \$200 for a nucleus, or you may find an association giving them away.

Tell your neighbors

You may encounter resistance, as some people won't be happy there are bees next door, Coldwell said. But he has a strategy that usually turns them around: "A jar of honey makes the hostility go away."

Make a commitment

Know that you're beginning a hobby that will absorb a lot of your time, Vu said. Beginners can encounter enormous pitfalls, including the Varroa mite, a parasite that is hard to control.

"Beekeeping is hard work," she said. "You can't just buy a hive and leave it on your property. You have to feed and water the bees and medicate the hive."

Coldwell described the first nine months of beekeeping as "idiot-proof," as the owner has new bees, new equipment and no diseases.

Then the challenges

begin, he said. Besides sickness, potential problems include your back starting to hurt from lifting heavy equipment and the stress of keeping so many creatures alive.

Still, the pride beekeepers feel in their work is unmatched by any other hobby, Coldwell said.

"It's a Zen, ethereal process," he said. "You're monitoring a colony of 50,000 bees, and every one of them has a job from the day they hatch."

And their output is delicious: He said one well-managed hive can produce 40 pounds of honey a year.

Other resources

If you decide beekeeping is not for you, here are other ways to support pollinators and the people working to keep them healthy and abundant.

•Buy local honey: Farmers' markets sell honey from area beekeepers; check grocery store shelves for locally produced honey, pollen and beeswax.

•Buy pollinators and plant them in your yard.

•Read chemical labels: Follow instructions on pesticide containers carefully and don't use more than prescribed, Coldwell said.

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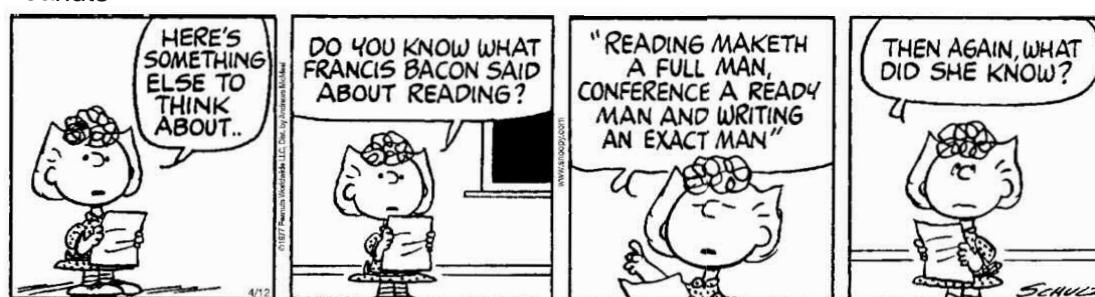


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36 of the 40 Fever games will be on TV

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LOS ANGELES — Caitlin Clark has helped take NCAA women's basketball to unprecedented heights of popularity.

Now the WNBA appears ready to see if the University of Iowa superstar can do the same at the professional level.

Weeks before leading Iowa to its second straight NCAA championship game, Clark announced her intention to enter the WNBA draft next week.

With Caitlyn Clark headed to the WNBA, Indiana Fever gets more national TV spots

Naturally, college basketball's all-time leading scorer is widely expected to be selected No. 1 overall, a pick that belongs to the Indiana Fever.

Even though the Fever won a mere 13 games last season, they will play 36 of their 40 games this year in front of a national audience, according to the tele-

vision and streaming schedule released by the WNBA on Wednesday. That includes eight games on ABC, ESPN or ESPN2, eight on ION, three on CBS or CBS Sports, 13 on NBA TV and four on Prime Video.

That's more national broadcasts or streams than any other team,

including the two-time defending champion Las Vegas Aces (35) and the 2023 Commissioner's Cup-winning New York Liberty (31), who also feature last year's league MVP, Breanna Stewart.

Sure, there's probably some excitement to see what Clark, assuming she's drafted by Indiana,

can do on the same team as Aliyah Boston, who was the WNBA Rookie of the Year after going No. 1 overall to the Fever in 2023. But it's also likely that the WNBA and its partners are hoping Clark can deliver the same kind of ratings she did over the last couple of weeks during March Madness.

The last three games played by Clark and the Hawkeyes all set viewing records for women's college basketball — 12.3 million viewers watched their Elite Eight win over

Louisiana State, 14.2 million watched their Final Four win over Connecticut and 18.7 million watched their loss to South Carolina in the championship game. All three contests were broadcast on ESPN.

The championship game garnered more viewers than its men's counterpart — Connecticut's win over Purdue on Monday averaged 14.8 million viewers on TNT and TBS — for the first time and was the highest-rated basketball game, college or pro, since 2019.

Krieg ...

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"I didn't want that looming over the season," Krieg said. "I don't think that's fair to the kids or anyone that's a part of the program if we're trying to check off what's on the improvement plan opposed to teaching some values and the game of basketball to the kids."

Krieg finishes his time at South Adams with a 12-55 and an 0-3 record in the postseason.

He previously spent one season as the girls baseball coach at Southwestern High School in Shelbyville in the 2020-21 season. He led the Spartans to an 18-8 record in

just one season and to their first sectional championship in eight years.

Krieg currently doesn't have any plans for next season. He did note he is considering stepping away from coaching to focus on his family and being a teacher as well,

but hasn't made any hard decisions yet.

"I'm just kinda taking it day by day to see what opens up and what could be around," Krieg said. "As the spring gets going I'll figure things out."

While Krieg's time at South Adams may have ended sooner than he was

originally hoping, he wished the Starfires well going forward.

"I've enjoyed coaching here and think they have a good administration behind them," he said. "The kids are hard nosed and work very hard. I spent the time putting in the feeder system in

place, so the next guy that comes in has something rolling. Hopefully they can build from that."

When Krieg was at Jay County, he played for the basketball team that went 17-7 and won a sectional title under former coach Craig Teagle.

Relocation ...

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Bally's Corp. Chairman Soo Kim told the Review-Journal last month the Tropicana could be imploded, if they are able to secure the required permits. Once demolished, crews will clear and prepare the site ahead of the A's planned construction start time in April 2025.

Vegas stadium agreements

The A's aren't sitting around waiting for the Trop to come down. The team is working on multiple agreements with the Las Vegas Stadium Authority.

A series of agreements need to be finalized and approved by the stadium authority before the up to \$380 million in public funding earmarked for the stadium by Senate Bill 1 could be made available for the project. The A's must also spend the first \$100 million from its own funds during the construction process before the public money is made available.

Drafts of the lease agreement and the biggest document of the needed agreements — the development agreement — could be presented at the next scheduled meeting May 16.

"Conversations are ongoing on a weekly basis," Kaval said. "We've got the community benefits agreement signed and approved, which is great. The lease and the non-relocation (agreements) are kind of the next ones with the development agreement. We're going to work with Steve Hill and Ed Finger and their (stadium authority) staff to get that done."

The development agreement will break down the construction of the ballpark, including its financing. The A's are responsible for about \$1.1 billion of the project's cost, with SB1, signed into law last year, earmarking up to \$380 million in public funding for the ballpark's construction.

The A's also are in constant contact with Clark County officials to keep them abreast of the latest developments.

"There's a lot of progress being made in a variety of areas," Kaval said. "All that is very exciting for just showing the progress toward that opening day in 2028."

Trademark filings

The Athletics are also looking toward their future filing to

secure a series of trademarks in their future home cities of Las Vegas and Sacramento.

Last week the A's filed trademarks with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for Sacramento Athletics and Sacramento A's, tied to planned merchandise sales when the team plays in the capital city.

This week the A's filed trademarks for Las Vegas Athletics, Las Vegas A's and Vegas Athletics.

Although the A's Las Vegas trademarks were filed Monday with the USPTO, the team previously filed the trademarks on Nov. 13 — three days before MLB owners unanimously approved the Las Vegas relocation — in Mauritius, a small island country located near Madagascar.

Filing in a foreign country is a common practice by notable entities seeking to file under the radar from the public, trademark attorney Josh Gerben said on social media platform X.

"A trademark filed with the USPTO can become public within a day of being submitted," Gerben's X post read. "So this was likely done to hide the filings from the public."

By originally filing their

trademarks in Mauritius, Gerben said, the A's were able to post-date the U.S. applications to the Nov. 13 filing date, because the country is part of the Paris Convention. Adopted in 1883, the Paris Convention is an international agreement that protects, among other things, intellectual property such as trademarks.

Since the A's announced they were researching Las Vegas for potential relocation in 2021, a number of individuals and groups filed to trademark various A's-related Las Vegas trademarks.

Even if a trademark filing preceded the A's Las Vegas trademark filing, the likelihood of confusion, a common reason for trademark application refusal, could come into play in the A's favor.

With the MLB team's longstanding trademark ownership of the A's and Athletics name tied to a baseball organization, the likelihood of confusion could benefit the A's over nonaffiliated individuals or groups.

Stadium funding lawsuit

Beyond work related to the future stadium, the A's are also

in a legal tussle with Schools Over Stadiums, a Nevada teachers union created political action committee, opposing the team's public funding for their Southern Nevada ballpark.

After an early legal win last year when a District Court judge ruled in favor of A's lobbyists who filed a lawsuit against a Schools over Stadiums petition referendum challenging SB1, the matter landed in the state Supreme Court this week.

The seven justices Tuesday heard oral arguments with each side arguing why or why not the full text of SB1 should be included in the petition. The hearing was adjourned with the case being submitted for decision.

No timetable exists about when the Supreme Court justices might render their decision, but Schools Over Stadiums has until June 26 to gather the more than 102,000 signatures required to get the matter on November's ballot.

Whether or not the Supreme Court rules in SOS's favor, time could be running out on the PAC to get the matter on this year's ballot.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Baseball at Coldwater — 5 p.m.; Softball at Norwell — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Eastbrook — 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Softball vs. Fort Loramie — 5 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Girls tennis at Eastern Hancock Invitational — 9 a.m.; Baseball vs. Centerville — 10 a.m.; Track at Oak Hill — 11 a.m.; Softball at Richmond Invitational — 11:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball double

header at South Adams — 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Softball tournament at Ayersville — 11 a.m.

TV sports

Today
3 p.m. — The Master golf tournament (ESPN)
8:30 p.m. — NBA: Detroit Pistons at Dallas Mavericks (ABC)
8:30 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: SpeedyCash.com 250 (FS1)
9 p.m. — PFL fighting: Light heavyweights & lightweights (ESPN2)

Saturday
7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur at Newcastle United (USA)
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Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 400 (FS1)

12 p.m. — College football: Purdue spring game (BTN)

12:30 p.m. — NHL: New York Islanders at New York Rangers (ABC)

12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Manchester United at AFC Bournemouth (NBC)

1 p.m. — UFL: Arlington Renegades at D.C. Defenders (ESPN)

1:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Andy's Frozen Custard 300 (FS1)

2:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Chicago White Sox (Bally Indiana)

(CBS)
4:45 p.m. — MLS: Los Angeles FC at Portland Timbers (FOX)

6 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN)

7 p.m. — UFL: Birmingham Stallions at Memphis Showboats (FOX)

8 p.m. — NHL: Boston Bruins at Pittsburgh Penguins (ABC)

10 p.m. — Boxing: Jared Anderson vs. Ryad Merhy (ESPN)

Local notes

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 completed 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.

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Sports

Diving back

Riggs Tobe of Fort Recovery High School dives back into first base on a pickoff attempt by the Versailles Tigers on Tuesday's game. Tobe was one of four Indians to record a hit before the game got suspended due to weather in the top of the fifth inning.



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Krieg steps away from South Adams

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

For many basketball leagues the coaching carousel has gotten underway.

After three seasons, the Starfires will be looking for another coach as well.

Garrett Krieg, a 2011 Jay County High School graduate, is stepping down as the South Adams boys basketball coach effective immediately.

After just three seasons with Krieg at the helm of the Starfires program, members of the communi-

ty went to the school board to voice their opinion that the basketball program could use a change in leadership.

After some time to reflect, Krieg is deciding to step away from the program.

"I was kind of taken by surprise a little bit," Krieg said. "After talking to my athletic director and principal about things that might need to change and what we might need to do, I thought it was best to kind

of just resign on my own terms."

Krieg noted how the reaction from the community also caught athletic administrators off guard and that rather than termination, they were looking to implement an improvement plan for Krieg.

While he recognized that is normal for these situations, Krieg didn't want an improvement plan to act as a distraction to the team, leading to his decision.

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O.J. Simpson dead at 76

By **ZACH MENTZ**
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Tribune News Service

NFL and Pro Football Hall of Fame running back O.J. Simpson has died, his family announced Thursday. He was 76.

Simpson, a star athlete and controversial figure off the field, "succumbed to his battle with cancer" on Wednesday, the Simpson family said in a tweet.

"He was surrounded by his children and grandchildren," read the tweet, signed by the Simpson family. "During this time of transition, his family asks that you please respect their wishes for privacy and grace."

Orenthal James Simpson, a collegiate Heisman Trophy winner at USC, played 11 seasons in the NFL from 1969 to 1979. He played his first nine seasons with the Buffalo Bills, which drafted him first overall in the 1969 NFL Draft. He was named the NFL MVP in 1973, finished top-four in MVP voting three other seasons (1972, 1974, 1975) and was a six-time Pro Bowler.

Off the field, Simpson is known for his involvement as a suspect in one of the most famous murder trials in United States history. On Oct. 3, 1995, Simpson was acquitted of murdering his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ron Goldman, outside of Brown's home in Los Angeles in June 1994.

After police initially announced intentions to arrest Simpson as a suspect, he attempted to flee from LAPD in a white Ford Bronco — an event that was televised live nationally. He ultimately surrendered to police before the 16-month murder trial unfolded.

Twelve years after being acquitted of the murders, Simpson was arrested in September 2007 and charged with 12 counts of armed robbery and kidnapping two sports memorabilia dealers at gunpoint in a Las Vegas hotel. He was convicted in December 2008 and sentenced to 33 years in prison, but was released on parole in October 2017.

Simpson is survived by his four children, Arnette, Jason, Sydney and



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A's focused on Vegas relocation

By **MICK AKERS**
Las Vegas Review-Journal
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LAS VEGAS — Now that its temporary homesite has been nailed down, the Oakland Athletics can now focus on aspects of their planned Las Vegas relocation.

That work entails hammering out agreements tied to the planned Las Vegas stadium, filing for trademarks for future homesites and fighting a ballot measure push challenging their stadium public funding.

Last week the A's announced they will play at Triple-A ballpark Sutter Health Park in Sacramento for the 2025-2027 MLB seasons. Sacramento came into the fray because the A's lease at the team's current home, Oakland Coliseum, expires at the end of the year and the team needed a home park between 2025 and the planned opening day in Las Vegas in 2028.

The A's plan to build a \$1.5 billion, 33,000-fan-capacity ballpark on 9 acres of the 35-acre Tropicana site. Before construction can begin on the ballpark demolition of the Rat Pack-era hotel must occur.

"The Tropicana closed, the historic and memorable casino and resort, one that we want to make sure that we honor its legacy in what we do on the site," A's President Dave Kaval told the Las Vegas Review-Journal last week. "That's a big step that's happening. They have an October demolition that Bally's is moving forward with."

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