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## A new home?



Jay County Solid Waste Management District is exploring the possibility of a new headquarters on property owned by Portland Economic Development Corporation along Tyson Road. The organization currently is located at 5948 W. Indiana 67 across the highway from Jay County landfill.

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### Waste district considering a facility along Tyson Road

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

Jay County Solid Waste District is looking at building a facility along Tyson Road.

Jay County Commissioners signed a letter of intent Monday to send to Portland Economic Development Corporation regarding a 75-acre parcel on the southwest side of Portland, just west of Tyson Foods and Community Fiber Solutions.

Commissioner Rex Journey explained Jay County Solid Waste Management District director George

McCinnis, Jay County Solid Waste Management District education director Bettie Jacobs and himself approached Portland Economic Development Corporation about potentially granting the district up to 10 acres of the land to be used for constructing a new building.

The proposed facility would replace the district's current building at 5948 W. Indiana 67, rural Portland. That building is leased from Waste Management, which operates Jay County Landfill. A new facility would allow for more space, including a recycling center.

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## Right-of-way ordinance approved

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — Anyone seeking to do work in a city right of way will need a permit and will face stricter requirements for making repairs.

Dunkirk City Council on Monday approved a new right-of-way use ordinance in part to address issues with having recently paved streets cut for utility work.

The new ordinance — it will go into effect 10 days after official notice is published in the newspaper — requires permits for construction, altering or removing any of the surface or subsur-

### Work will require a permit; fines run up to \$3,000

face material, digging, excavating, installing or repairing of utility facilities (above- or below-ground), private connections to public utility facilities or any other facilities in the right of

way, and installation of mailbox approaches, sidewalks or temporary fences. Permit applications will require contact information for both the entity for which the work is being done and the con-

tractor, the reason for the work, a cost estimate, an exact description of the project, a precise location and dimensions, beginning and end dates, and whether any of a street will need to be closed.

Permit fees are \$500 for utility work. (Permits for all other work are \$25.) Those who do not get a permit face a fine of up to \$3,000 for below-ground utility work, up to \$750 for above-ground utility work and up to \$250 for other issues.

The ordinance also sets out requirements for insurance, bonds, indemnifying the city, installation and design. It

authorizes the city's board of works to establish "specifications and procedural instructions" for work and activities within the right-of-way. (That includes determining how a street must be repaired.)

Council members Jesse Bivens, Christy Curts, Dan Watson, Donna Revolt and Randy Murphy approved the ordinance.

Also Monday, the council heard from wastewater superintendent Steven Gillette and water superintendent Brock Farmer regarding pay raises for city employees.

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## Unemployment is 3.8%

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Unemployment ticked back down in March after consecutive months of increases saw the area hit its highest rates in years.

According to estimates released Monday by Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Jay County posted an unemployment rate of 3.8% in March.

The rate was down 0.3 percentage points from February after it had gone up a combined 1.5 percentage points the previous two months. It was still 0.3 percentage points higher than in March 2023.

Jay County's rate of 4.1% in February marked the first time it had reached 4% or higher since September 2020 following the spike related to coronavirus pandemic

### Jay tied for 36th-lowest rate in Indiana in March

shutdowns. (It was as high as 19.6% in April 2020.)

Unemployment was down slightly across the board, with every county in the region seeing a decline.

The state rate came in at 4.1%, down 0.1 percentage points from February. Indiana officials counted labor force numbers, noting a 3,300-job increase in the private sector over the previous month.

"March 2024 was yet another record month for Indiana employment with more Hoosiers employed in the private sector than ever

before," said Department of Workforce Development commissioner Richard Paulk in a press release. "We saw an increase in demand for workers within six industry sectors including Private Education and Health Services and Professional and Business Services. These sectors added over two thousand jobs to Indiana. Combining these numbers with exciting announcements of new opportunities, including the SK Hynix announcement, shows the strength of the Indiana economy." See Unemployment page 2

### Sharp singing

Asher Sharp (foreground) and Callie Huftel (background) of East Elementary School perform during Thursday morning's rehearsal for the first grade spring program at East Jay Elementary School. The program included various songs to complement the story "The Day the Crayons Quit."



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#### Deaths

Ernest Fugiett, 89, Redkey  
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#### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 63 degrees Monday. The low was 36.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the mid 30s. There is a chance of frost.

Skies will be mostly sunny Thursday with a high in the upper 50s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

Jay School Board has scheduled a special meeting for 5 p.m. Thursday at General Shanks, 414 Floral Ave., Portland. The lone agenda item is disciplinary action for Jay County High School boys basketball coach Jerry Bomholt.

#### Coming up

Thursday — Results from the Jay County softball game against Marion.

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

Saturday — Results from the JCHS boys golf match against Blackford.



Obituaries

Ernest Fugiett

March 2, 1935-April 21, 2024
Ernest "Ernie" Floyd Fugiett, 89, of Redkey, Indiana, joined his Lord and Savior in glory peacefully on Sunday, April 21, 2024, while in the company of family members at his daughter's residence.

Ernie was born in Woodbury, Tennessee, on March 2, 1935, a son of the late Cecil and Velma (Smith) Fugiett. He was a 1953 graduate of Redkey High School and went on to further his education in electronics.

Ernie was the loving husband of Edna Louise (Eads) Fugiett whom he happily married on Nov. 26, 1953, and raised their family. Ernie worked for

the Pennsylvania Railroad as a signalman and later worked hard owning and managing a farm with livestock. Ernie and Louise owned and operated several businesses together including "Louise's Cafe," "Ernie's Appliance Mart" and "Teal Laundry Mat" in Redkey, Indiana.

Ernie was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, a Scottish Rite member and loved working. He also enjoyed having breakfast with local farmers and being on Fugiett Farms, which over the years consisted of over 21 tractors,



Fugiett

cattle, horses and pigs. In his younger days, Ernie was a young entrepreneur in farming.

He spent four years as class president in high school. He participated in 4-H, band, basketball, baseball and track, and he was a part of the 1953 championship basketball team for Redkey High School. Ernie was a man who took pride in all of life's accomplishments.

He is survived by his beautiful wife, Edna Louise Fugiett; two sons, Rodney Fugiett (wife: LuAnn) and Brent Fugiett; one daughter, Robin Cotherman (husband: Craig); one sister, Joy Martin; seven grandchildren, Brooks Fugiett (wife: Cassie), Adam Fugiett (wife:

Cathy), Jennifer Yoder (husband: Cory), Taylor Fugiett, Seth Fugiett (wife: Jess), Amber Hackworth (husband: Dakotah) and Jeremiah Cotherman (wife: Destiny); 14 great-grandchildren, Carter, Paisley, Daniel, Sophia, Luke, Kaden, Kambry, Carter, Ryder, Charlie, Waylon, Axl, Ava and Cora.

Ernie was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Velma Fugiett; two brothers, Elmer Fugiett and Albert Fuston Fugiett; and two sisters, Eva Welch and Lucille Tarter.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 4 to 7 p.m. as well as on Friday, April 26, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Redkey Faith Ministries. Masonic services will

be held on Friday at 12:45 p.m. at Redkey Faith Ministries. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Craig Cotherman officiating. Interment will be held in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

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

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

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Thursday 4/25, Friday 4/26, Saturday 4/27, Sunday 4/28, Monday 4/29. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (59/40, 68/59, 76/64, 80/62, 73/55).

Lotteries

Table listing lottery results for Powerball, Mega Millions, Hoosier, and Ohio. Includes estimated jackpots and winning numbers.

Markets

Table listing market prices for Cooper Farms, ADM Montpelier, POET Biorefining, and The Andersons Richland Township. Includes prices for corn, wheat, and beans.

Today in history

In 1982, Kelly Clarkson was born in Fort Worth, Texas. She won the first season of American Idol in 2002, setting the stage for her career in music. Some of her hits include "Underneath the Tree" from her 2013 Christmas album, "Wrapped in Red," and "Because of You," from her 2004 album "Breakaway." In 1990, NASA launched the Hubble Space Telescope into Earth's orbit. The telescope serves as a solution to atmospheric distortion — shifting pockets of air causing light to shiver — when viewing the stars and other aspects of outer space. In 2018, Jay County High School's girls track team moved to 5-0 on the season with a 101-22 victory over the visiting Heritage Patriots. Heritage won the boys meet, 79-44. — The CR

Citizen's calendar

Table listing community events for Today, Thursday, and Friday. Includes meetings for Jay County Redevelopment Commission, Dunkirk Park Board, and Jay School Board.

Ordinance ...

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Gillette presented the council with a list of similarly sized cities and their salaries for department superintendents and laborers. Superintendents on his list — it included Upland, Churubusco, French Lick and Monon, among others — range from about \$48,000 to nearly \$75,000, with laborers between \$43,000 and \$48,000.

(He quoted averages of \$62,156 for superintendents and \$45,532 for laborers.)

He proposed a 20% pay increase.

"We still wouldn't even be close to the \$62,000," Gillette said, estimating it would move the city's employees to \$52,000 for superintendents and \$40,144 for laborers.

He said those raises would fit within his department's 2024 budget.

Farmer added his feeling that all after-hours calls should be paid at time and

a half. He also advocated for raises in general.

"Albany's park splash pad (employees) make \$16.15 an hour to start," he said. "That is more than my lowest guy. That's not right."

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins explained that the city council could look at such raises through the budget process, which typically begins in June. Gillette pushed back, asking why such changes would have to wait.

Watson, a former mayor, reiterated the need for the council to look at the proposal rather than making an immediate decision.

"We need to discuss it, and I think the best time for us to discuss it is while we're doing budgets," said Watson. "It's not just your department."

"Obviously you guys need a raise. ...

"We need to look at all the departments. ... We

want to address all the departments at the same time."

In other business, council:

•Canceled its May 27 meeting, which would have fallen on Memorial Day.

•Repealed its COVID-19 policy.

•Approved up to \$300 from the mayor's promotional fund for attendance at the Jay County Community Awards on May 11. Robbins is nominated for the Dunkirk Community Commitment Award.

•Approved the following: hiring JL Brooks Painting of Indianapolis to paint the interior of the city building, including filling cracks and other fixes, for \$7,950 (the city is also getting a quote for a new front door for the city building); payment of \$7,102.20 to Best Way for removal of debris from a house that was damaged by fire on Main Street and the former park caretaker's

house; and paying \$241,717.65 in claims.

•Heard from Revolt that trail work to finish the loop around Dunkirk City Park is underway. She also said an issue with restroom lights in the park has been repaired and that the park board plans to spruce up landscaping.

•Received a thank you letter from Dunkirk Public Library for sponsoring its summer reading program.

•Heard from Robbins that he is considering a recommendation to add a full-time "float" employee for the city who could assist with mowing, park work and other duties on an as-needed basis.

•Learned from Farmer that the city will be flushing fire hydrants next week. He also cautioned that some residents may see discolored water as the new Ag Best CountryMark is being hooked up to water lines on Thursday and Friday.

Unemployment ...

Continued from page 1

Gibson County recorded the lowest unemployment rate in the state for the second month in a row, holding strong at 3%.

Daviess and Dubois counties were next at 3.1%.

Lake County stayed at 6% to again have the highest unemployment rate

in Indiana. Fayette and Howard counties were next at 5.5%.

Area rates are as follows:

Adams County: 3.7%, down 0.5 percentage points, tied for 33rd-lowest

Blackford County: 4.7%, down 0.2 percentage points, tied for 13th-highest

Delaware County: 4.9%, down 0.2

percentage points, tied for ninth-highest

Jay County: 3.8%, down 0.3 percentage points, tied for 36th-lowest

Randolph County: 4.2%, down 0.4 percentage points, tied for 33rd-highest

Wells County: 3.5%, down 0.1 percentage points, tied for 22nd-lowest

Rust denied hearing

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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The Indiana Supreme Court denied U.S. Senate candidate John Rust a rehearing in a case to determine his eligibility for the Republican primary ballot. Previously, the justices stayed a lower court ruling that booted Rust from the ballot.

Rust wants to challenge

Congressman Jim Banks for the GOP U.S. Senate nomination but a state law requires a candidate's two most recent primary votes align with their preferred party — a bar Rust doesn't meet.

Rust voted Republican in 2016 and Democrat in 2012. The law allows an exception, should the county's party chair grant it.

Capsule Reports

Pole hit

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after an Ohio man lost control of his vehicle, causing him to crash into a utility pole on county road 300 North about 1 a.m. Tuesday.

Reese M. Gross, 18, Coldwater, was driving his 2013 Acura TSX east on the road when he drove off the shoulder of the road. He swerved back onto the road, causing him to lose control and strike a pole

on the other side of the road.

The pole is registered to Jay County REMC. Gross sustained a minor leg injury from the incident.

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## Engage readers, writers

Fort Recovery Public Library is hosting a two-part summer youth program this year. The program — it's funded through Ohio Arts Council's Fund Every County Initiative — will focus on reading and writing for children and teens. "The Magical Power of the Pen! We Are All Authors!", the writing portion of the program led by local writer Lucy Staugler, aims to enhance students' skills, as well as gain confidence in their abilities. Students in fourth through eighth grade are invited to join the group,

which will meet June 3, June 5, June 10 and June 12. Fourth, fifth and sixth graders will meet from 10 to 11 a.m., and seventh and eighth graders will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by Tuesday. Contact the library at (419) 375-2869 or email [lucystaugler@gmail.com](mailto:lucystaugler@gmail.com) to register. "Adventure Begins at Your Library," the reading portion of the program from June 3 through July 10, aims to encourage children and teens to attend library events and enhance their reading skills throughout the summer.

## Celebrate Arbor Day

Minnetrista Museum and Gardens of Muncie will host festivities from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 27, in celebration of Arbor Day.

The day will include various activities, educational demonstrations and environmental advocacy. The "Run for the Trees: Happy Little Walk/Run 5K" will begin at 1 p.m.

There will also be a sapling giveaway as attendees can take home a White Oak, Overcup Oak, Red Oak, Shumard Oak, Bald Cypress, River Birch or Sycamore sapling.

"We aim to foster a deeper connection between the community and our urban forest," said James Edwards, associate director of horticulture at Minnetrista, in a press release. "By providing hands-on learning opportunities and access to quality saplings, we hope to empower individuals to become active stewards of our environment and champions for sustainability."

### Senior learning

Next month's installment in the senior learning series will touch on the tribes that have lived in Jay County.

Sara Siders Bitzel, tribal secretary and

## Taking Note

enrollment coordinator of Miami Nation of Indians of the State of Indiana, will share local history May 2 at John Jay Center for Learning. Lunch begins at noon, with the presentation to follow. The luncheon is \$5 and must be paid for in advance.

### Series set

The Muncie Three Trails Music Series this year will feature four free concerts at Canan Commons in downtown Muncie with Josh "the Reverend" Peyton's Big Damn Band picking off the series on Saturday, July 27. Other performances will feature Joe Mullins & The Radio Rambles on Saturday, Aug. 10, The Sensational Barnes Brothers on Saturday, Aug. 24, and the string quintet SYBARITES on Saturday, Sept. 14. All concerts will begin at 7 p.m.

## Sounds echo in street

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I live in a lovely older neighborhood and have enjoyed wonderful neighbors over many years. The homes are close together with windows often left open in spring, summer and fall, as large shade trees keep our homes cool.

A couple of years ago, our longtime next-door neighbors moved, and a new neighbor, a single woman, moved in. She was quiet, and we would occasionally visit in the yard.

Well, over the last few months, a "problem" has developed. This neighbor has a new male friend who is there much of the time. Since the new friend's arrival, loud moaning sounds frequently emanate from her home.

It quickly went from a bit funny to shocking to annoying. It's unbelievable how loud and prolonged the moaning sounds are, the "Oh, Gods," the slapping and spanking sounds, not to mention the frequent back-to-back sessions.

Other neighbors hear it and have commented, so it's not just we who are offended. One neighbor thought someone was in distress and almost called the police until another neighbor told her what it was. It has awakened us and kept us up at night.

Also of concern is that

## Dear Abby



married to my husband for 40 (long) years. Whenever I do something wrong, I get a note on the kitchen counter. This has gone on for years and years.

This is the note I woke up to this morning. "Why did you leave the light on in the garage? To burn it out to see what I would do? I will do nothing except go to the garage in daylight." He always makes it seem like I purposely do things. I'm tired of being treated like this. What is his problem? — NOTES IN THE EAST

there are small children among our nearest neighbors.

Abby, is there anything you can suggest I do so our neighbor keeps her private business private without embarrassing or offending her? I would sure like to put an end to the auditory assault. — KEPT AWAKE IN OHIO

DEAR KEPT AWAKE: Approach your neighbor privately and inform her that the sounds of her lovemaking are creating a disturbance not only for you, but also for the other neighbors. Tell her that one of them nearly called the cops, but someone was able to stop the person. Then suggest that when she entertains her gentleman caller, they close the windows, because not only are people scandalized, but there are children who can hear what's going on. Then cross your fingers.

If the noise isn't abated, DO inform the authorities. Perhaps they can be more persuasive.

DEAR ABBY: I've been

DEAR NOTES: I will assume you have addressed this directly with your husband. For whatever reason, he is hesitant to communicate with you face-to-face, which is why he resorts to notes on the kitchen counter. Instead of openly expressing his annoyance, he expresses it indirectly, which is the definition of passive-aggression.

The next time it happens, call him on it — and confront him directly.

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](mailto:DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@the-cr.com](mailto:news@the-cr.com).

### Today

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

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

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

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

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.

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

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

### Thursday

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings,

managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 5:30 p.m. at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre, 200 N. Park St., Portland.

### Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets

at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

### Saturday

MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 27, at Jay County Historical Society. Paula Book, committee chair of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution, will be speaking. Call regent Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

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

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Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday's Solution

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

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# Let loved ones know they matter

*Editor's note: This column was originally printed on April 21, 2021. A year later, it was reprinted following Jack's death. It seems a good reminder to revisit year after year. We urge you to follow its advice.*

By JACK RONALD  
The New and Sun

Don't wait. Don't wait until someone is gone before expressing how much they mean to you. That's the lesson driven home over the past month. Melodi Haley was my classmate. She was my friend. And in the words of many of my contemporaries, she was the glue that held us all together. Every high school graduating class is different. Some go their separate ways minutes after that tassel is moved from one side of the mortarboard to the other. Others stay connected. I'm lucky enough to say mine stayed connected. And Melodi was the primary reason for that. She's the one who cajoled committees together for reunion after reunion. She's the one who cor-

## Back in the Saddle



ralled us for monthly luncheons before COVID-19 set in. She's the one who carried a magic wand that could turn the biggest slacker into the busiest volunteer. That last one I know for sure. I was the slacker, and Melodi put me to work on projects I never would have dreamed of taking on. There was something about the word "no" that didn't work when she asked you to help. We lost Melodi this month. And by the word "we," I mean the Portland High School Class of 1966, the farming community she served for years at Harvestland Coop in Geneva, the folks at Jay County Retirement Center, her co-workers at Adams Physical Therapy and her fellow members of the congregation at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

And more. I've lost track of how long Melodi had been dealing with cancer. She'd fight it. She'd beat it. Then it would turn 180 degrees and she'd be fighting it again. But a funny thing happened. When most of us might have felt sorry for ourselves, Melodi decided her mission was to offer advice and support and hope to others facing the same affliction. Ask around and you'll find folks she reached out to, setting aside her own battle to provide encouragement to others in theirs. The best thing I've done in 2021 and the best thing I've done in a long while was to let her know — while she was still alive — how much I admired her. In other words, I didn't wait. A couple of months ago, when it was clear that her situation was dire, I sent her an email. Words may not be sufficient. But sometimes they are all we have: Melodi, I'm not at all happy about the news I hear coming from 910 S. Vine St.

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(Anonymus) has been in touch. First, it was to let me know about his situation. Then it was to fill me in on yours. Neither one qualified as good news. Connie and I have been optimistic about both of you. So this is discouraging. But here's something worth remembering: A lot of folks stumble through life without much of a clue. And then there are others, others whose lives make a difference, others who matter. You matter. You have mattered. It may have been with your

smile. It may have been with your laughter. It may have been with your leadership. But there is no doubt, you matter. You have mattered. Not everyone can say that. Actually, few can say that. But you matter. And you continue to matter to your friends, your family and your classmates. So keep that in mind. When the night seems long and dawn seems far away, remember this: You have mattered. Love, Jack and Connie. Insufficient? Probably. But my advice is still this: Don't wait.

# Questions went to wrong place

To the editor: This letter is referenced to The Commercial Review's coverage of the April 15 Common Council of the City of Portland meeting where a representative of the Portland Police Department addressed the turnover problems of that department.

## Letters to the Editor

mission to legislative body.

As stated above, I think that maybe the people concerned about their compensation should address the people that make the recommendations of their salary. The legislative body is limited to approving the budget as presented but only can increase it only on the approval of the city executive.

Longevity pay — The clerk-treasurer in 2022 submitted INPRS (controls the police and firefighters pensions) a longevity pay of \$1,080, then in 2023 it was lowered back to \$840. Why? Maybe the officers should keep better track of the clerk-treasurer through the local pension board with better control.

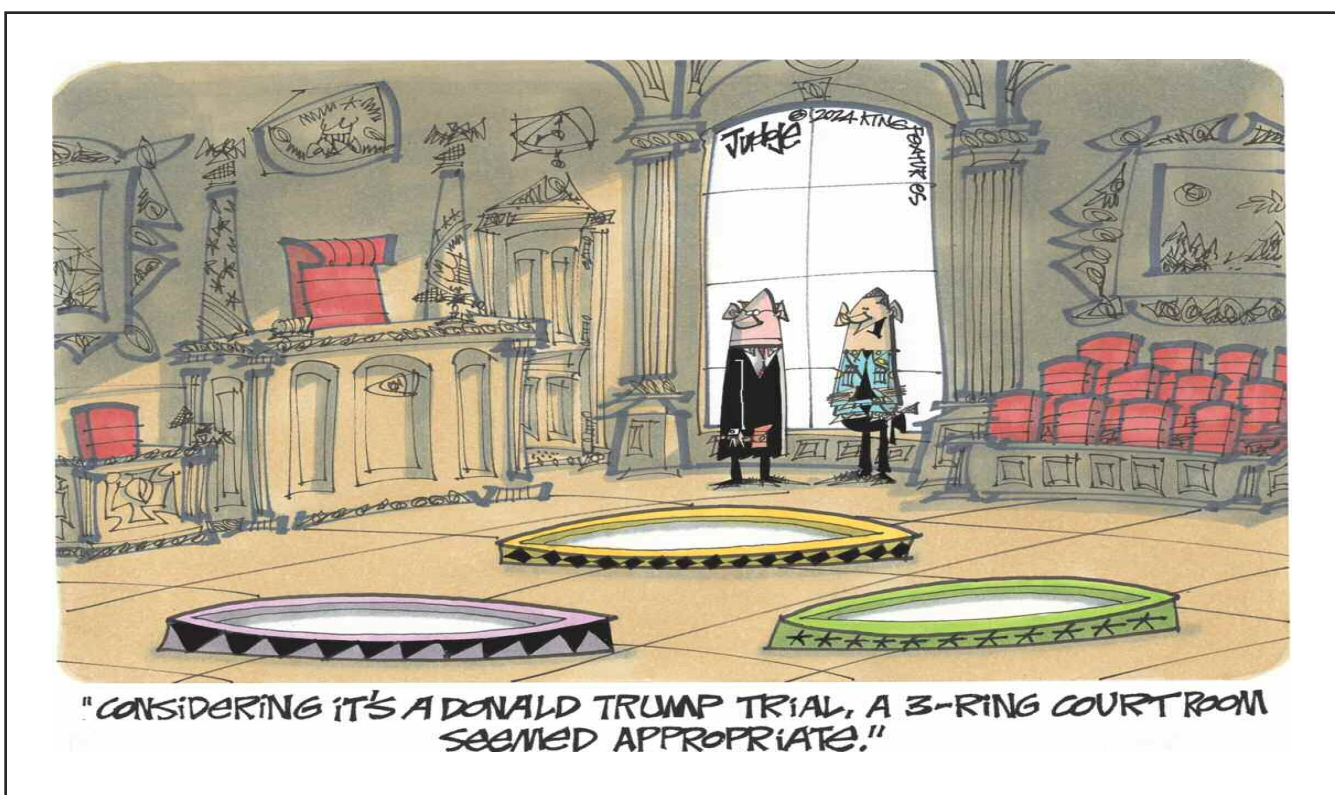
Informational report from INPRS for the certified salary report that was published through the Fraternal Order of Police Indiana State Lodge stated the highest longevity was submitted from the Shelbyville Police Department of \$21,588.03. Mishawaka Police Department paid no longevity but had a base certified salary of \$89,000. Portland's longevity is \$840 this is third from the bottom of INPRS departments.

Reference to internal issues, this is not a problem, only if you let it be, remember that there is no "I" in team.

Before I finish this letter I would like to see the fire department brought back in line (salary) with the police department. This is another way that the city keeps everyone divided.

Remember that a lot of the division is from the top down.

Thank you,  
Robert E. Moore  
Portland



# Broken systems brings surprises

By NEDRA RHONE  
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution  
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I was out of town when I received notice that a bill from a medical lab would arrive in the mail soon.

My first thought was that someone had stolen my identity, because I had never heard of the lab.

For the next hour, I logged in and out of my ID theft protection services. I've signed up for several over the past few years, courtesy of various companies trying to atone for numerous data breaches that exposed customers' personal information. Seeing nothing suspicious, I tried to focus on other things and enjoy the last few days of vacation. But the mysterious bill still nagged at me.

When I returned home, the envelope was waiting. I ripped it open and learned the \$258.68 bill was for services that had been performed by my medical provider in January 2023. Surprise! Or rather, surprise billing.

This isn't a bill that would bankrupt me, fortunately, but I wondered why on earth I was receiving an invoice for services performed 15 months ago.

No claims from the company were shown in the explanation of benefits (EOB) from my insurance provider for the date of service. In fact, there was no mention of this company anywhere in my medical records.

So, I called the physician who provided the service.

The assistant who answered the phone advised me not to pay the bill, saying the lab has made a practice of unbundling services then billing patients for tests that already had been paid for at the contracted rate by insurance companies.

The assistant also said the physician no longer works with the lab and that, if I receive another bill, I

Nedra Rhone



should tell the company to contact the physician's office directly.

I'm not alone when it comes to being confused by the medical bills generated by America's patchwork health care system. It's hard to imagine that the lab's billing practices, as described by the office assistant, is above board. But, honestly, who can tell?

Clinical lab tests are at the top of the chart when it comes to consumers' ongoing concerns about surprise bills, according to some industry reports.

Was the lab breaking up services into multiple codes for higher reimbursement? Was it also upcoding, or using more specialized codes than needed? Was the lab trying to get away with billing me for services never performed, also known as phantom billing? Or did the employees simply make a mistake?

I may never know the answer, but I do know we need more transparency in medical billing.

In a study by the Federal Reserve five years ago, more than 20% of American adults reported that they had received major, unexpected medical bills. Unexpected bills can take many forms, but some of the most expensive come from out-of-network providers whose services are contracted by in-network providers. Patients are not aware that they were even receiving out-of-network services until the bill comes.

The lack of transparency in med-

ical billing can also make it hard to recognize a billing issue. If patients manage to wade through the web of codes and costs to discover something is wrong, they certainly will have to expend a lot more time and energy trying to find a resolution.

Many people know how to fight a mechanic or a contractor if they've been billed twice or didn't get the services they paid for. Few of us are skilled at fighting the medical bureaucracy. At the moments when we are sometimes most vulnerable, we may choose not to wage war.

The problem is so pervasive that it actually forced bipartisanship in Washington. The No Surprise Billing Act went into effect Jan. 1, 2022. That helped, but the issue is ongoing.

"Evidence shows the laws are having the intended effect," said Liz Coyle, executive director of Georgia Watch, where staff has seen a reduction in calls related to surprise bills. "But that doesn't mean there might not still be bills sent in error." And that doesn't mean there won't be companies breaking the law, she said.

Under the law, out-of-network providers can't bill patients for costs above the negotiated rate from insurance companies when patients are treated for emergency services or non-emergency services at in-network facilities. The health care provider and health insurance plan must negotiate payment through an independent dispute-resolution process. A Georgia law offers similar protections.

"Medical billing is just so complicated, and the federal law doesn't cover everything," said local patient advocate Cindi Gatton.

In short, the laws to end surprise medical billing haven't ended it. But, in a broken health care system like ours, that's hardly a surprise.

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Former President Donald Trump, second left, appears in Manhattan Criminal Court in New York City on Monday for opening statements in his trial for allegedly covering up hush money payments. Trump faces 34 felony counts of falsifying business records in the first of his criminal cases to go to trial.

## Prosecutors allege a scheme to defraud the 2016 electorate

By **MOLLY CRANE-NEWMAN** and **JOSEPHINE STRATMAN**  
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Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — Donald Trump schemed to defraud the 2016 electorate and covered up the plot by lying “over and over and over again” once he won the White House, prosecutors charged Monday during opening statements at the former president’s hush money trial.

The ruse central to the first-ever criminal case against an ex-U.S. president started with “three men in a room” at Trump Tower in August 2015, Assistant District Attorney Matthew Colangelo said in Manhattan Supreme Court: Trump, his convicted former fixer, Michael Cohen, and David Pecker, the former CEO of American Media, the parent company of The National Enquirer.

The trio sought to influence the results of the election by paying off porn star Stormy Daniels, former

Playboy model Karen McDougal and a Trump Tower doorman — all of whom had unflattering information to share about Trump — Colangelo said.

“This case is about a criminal conspiracy and a cover-up,” the prosecutor added. “The defendant, Donald Trump, orchestrated a criminal scheme to corrupt the 2016 presidential election. Then he covered up the criminal conspiracy by lying in his New York state business records over and over and over again.”

To ensure nothing would get in the way of Trump becoming the leader of the free world, Pecker agreed to be his campaign’s “eyes and ears” by using publisher AMI’s network of sources to “catch and kill” stories that could harm his chances, Colangelo alleged. Pecker allegedly reported tips to Cohen, who helped facilitate payments to anyone with dirt on his boss.

Pecker further saw to it that positive stories were published about

Trump and negative pieces about his competitors, the jury heard. The hit pieces included claims that Texas Sen. Ted Cruz had ties to JFK’s assassination.

Trump and his associates followed “through on every aspect of this scheme,” the prosecutor said, and the candidate was kept closely in the loop as The Enquirer “ran headline after headline that extolled the defendant’s virtues.” Colangelo said jurors will review a mountain of evidence, including a “flurry of text messages” among the scheme’s architects, and hear a phone call between Cohen and Trump.

The former president and presumptive Republican presidential nominee stewed at the defense table when Colangelo turned to the infamous “Access Hollywood” tape, the release of which, the prosecutor said, led to great concern it would “irreparably damage” Trump’s standing with voters for “bragging” about sexual assault.

## Home ...

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Journey noted the board agreed to donate a portion of the parcel to the county subject to it conducting a wetlands survey on the entire 75 acres and contributing all associated costs, as well as paying for closing costs and recording fees. (Jay County Solid Waste Management District has agreed to cover those charges, Journey added.)

“I think it’s a great opportunity for the county because that site would go very well out there,” he said.

County attorney Wes Schemenaur noted the letter, which is non-binding, would commit the county to conduct a wetlands survey — the facility can’t be placed on or within so many feet of a designated wetland area — and a land survey to determine where to place the building.

“I agree with Rex, I think it’s a good deal for the county,” he said.

Also Monday, commissioners approved an inter-local agreement with Portland covering various topics.

The agreement outlines the following:

•Portland may haul vegetative debris to the highway department for disposal.

•Jay County will mow along areas of Pearl Street, Tyson Road, Boundary Pike, River Road and along the banks of the Salamonina River east of Wayne Street within city limits

•Portland will snow plow and salt the following roads: Tyson Road from Charles Street to Indiana 67; Seventh Street/100 South from Blaine Pike to Indiana 67; county road 200 West from Tyson Road to Red Gold in rural Portland; Blaine Pike from Portland city limits to county road 200 South; the entirety of county road 150 South; Court Street in

### Commissioners sign interlocal agreement with Portland

between Main and Walnut streets in Portland.

•Jay County will snow plow and salt county road 100 North from Morton Street to U.S. 27.

•Portland will provide trash collection for Jay County Courthouse, the Community Resource Center and Jay County Health Department at no cost to the county.

•Jay County will allow storage of sand, sandbags and related equipment at Jay County Highway Department for flooding events. Both entities will alternate in providing sand for use in filling the bags.

Schemenaur explained that county and city officials met last week to discuss a potential agreement for issues involving street care.

“We all want to help each other out,” said Aker. “They’re going to help us, and we’re going to help them. It’s going to be beneficial to both of us, and like I said, I’m just glad to see us working together on this.”

Commissioners approved the resolution, which will move next to Portland Board of Works in May.

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For more commissioners news, check out Thursday’s newspaper.

## TikTok digs in to fight U.S. ban

By **ZHEPING HUANG** and **SARAH ZHENG**  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

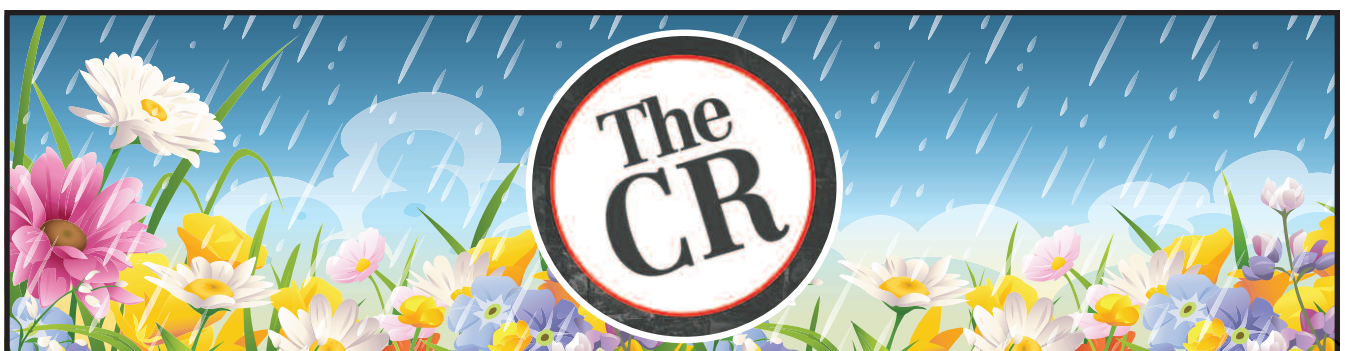
Four years ago, when the Trump administration threatened to ban TikTok in the U.S., its Chinese parent company ByteDance Ltd. worked out a preliminary deal to sell the short video app’s business. Not this time.

Once again, the U.S. government is aiming to shut down TikTok unless it’s divested from Beijing-based ByteDance. But the company has made clear it has no intention of selling. Indeed, TikTok’s management vowed in an internal memo to staff “we will move to the courts for a legal challenge” if the bill winding its way through Congress is signed into law.

That sets the stage for a watershed legal battle between the U.S. government and the offspring of a \$240 billion startup that’s come to define China’s growing technological mus-

cle. The outcome could define the business landscape for Chinese companies like Tencent Holdings Ltd. and PDD Holdings Inc.’s Temu with growing U.S. ambitions. And it’s a test of how Beijing will respond to growing pressure on homegrown champions from ByteDance to Huawei Technologies Co. The proposed bill in fact deliberately calls out the potential to circumscribe apps from countries that count as foreign adversaries.

“It’s not just TikTok, since we saw the U.S. also took actions before against Huawei and now hundreds of Chinese companies are under U.S. sanctions,” said Wu Xinbo, a director at Fudan University’s Center for American Studies. “In the future, other companies like Temu and other commerce platforms could also be affected and U.S. allies may follow suit to ban TikTok as well. This may have a domino effect.”



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The first inning looked similar to Friday's loss to Madison-Grant, with Mady Fraley grounding out to shortstop, Mallory Winner lining out to second base and Riah Champ grounding out to third base. Wapahani's Zoey Koger only needed seven pitches to put down the three Patriot sluggers in short order.

In the next three innings, the Patriots (5-1) would not struggle the same way. Jay County exploded for six runs in the second inning as 11 batters came to the plate. Jaelynn Lykins and Zoey Shimp led off the inning by reaching base on errors committed by shortstop Emily Luce and second baseman Matilyn Rhoades, respectively.

With no outs and two runners on, Jay County had three freshmen and another first-year starter set to come to the plate. Carley Trinidad started things off by executing a sacrifice bunt to move the runners to second and third.

Arbuckle asked Morgan Missiccano to do the same. Not only did she get the bunt down the third baseline to score the run, she also found herself safe at first base.

"I'm feeling pretty good," Missiccano said. "Coach (Arbuckle) told me to hit it down the line to try and get on base. With Cali (Yates)



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jay County High School freshman Morgan Missiccano goes down to her knees to catch a low line drive in right field during Monday's win.

hitting behind me, I know she's a good hitter and can hit us in."

Yates did exactly that, smacking a shallow fly ball to center field to allow Shimp to score and Missiccano to advance to third (she stole second during the at bat).

Freshman Brooklynn Bright followed up with her first hit and RBI of her career before. Fraley hit a sacrifice fly and Winner and Champ both added RBI singles to wrap up the second-inning scoring.

Wapahani (7-4) answered with four runs of its own in

the top of the third inning, but the bottom three of the Patriots' order took two back in the second half of the inning. Trinidad grounded out to kick off the inning before Missiccano reached first on an infield single. She stole second and moved over to

third base on a hit by Yates.

Yates stole second base and Missiccano took off for home on the throw down. As part of a designed play, Luce cut the ball off, but her throw wasn't on target. Missiccano scored on the play and Yates moved over to third base.

Bright's ground out to Luce got Yates across home.

"We have to have production all the way through the lineup to be the team we want to be," Arbuckle said. "It's great the way those girls are contributing. We don't have to count on just one through five so it's a great feeling."

The Raiders only did damage in the third inning, when an error by Missiccano in right field put the first runner on base. Koger immediately drove Rhoades in with a single before back-to-back doubles by Baylee Richardson and Abi Cross tacked on two more. The final run scored on a single from Zoey Swallow.

After the third inning, Winner only allowed one base runner that never made it into scoring position.

"I just told the girls, 'there's times when you have games like this when you hit the ball solid, but it's just right at girls,'" Wapahani coach Jeff Masters said. "We're definitely young and have some defensive things we can

### Box score

Jay County Patriots vs. Wapahani Raiders					
Wapahani (7-4)					
	ab	r	h	bi	
Rhoades 2b	4	1	0	0	
Koger p	4	1	2	1	
Richardson 3b	3	1	1	1	
Cross lf	3	1	1	1	
Kahalekomo c	2	0	0	0	
Patterson rf	1	0	0	0	
Swallow cf	3	0	3	1	
ELuce ss	3	0	0	0	
MLuce rf	3	0	0	0	
Dudley 1b	3	0	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	
Jay County (5-1)					
	ab	r	h	bi	
Fraley cf	3	0	0	1	
Winner p	4	0	2	1	
Garrett cr	0	1	0	0	
Champ 3b	3	1	1	1	
Lykins c	3	1	2	0	
Romine cr	0	0	0	0	
Shimp 1b	0	1	0	0	
Trinidad ss	2	0	0	0	
Missiccano rf	3	2	2	1	
Yates 2b	3	2	2	1	
Bright dp	3	1	1	2	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>Wapahani</b>	<b>004</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>— 4</b>	
<b>Jay County</b>	<b>062</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>— 9</b>	
LOB — Wapahani 5, Jay County 2. 2B — Wapahani 2 (Richardson, Cross). SB — Wapahani 1 (Swallow), Jay County 4 (Garrett, Missiccano, Yates, Bright).					
IP H R ER BB SO					
<b>Wapahani</b>					
Koger	6	10	9	2	1 2
<b>Jay County</b>					
Winner	7	7	4	2	0 5

clean up, but can't be disappointed with the way they were swinging the bat and hitting the ball. It just didn't go our way."

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Boys golf at Blackford — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at Adams Central — 5 p.m.; Softball at Adams Central — 5 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Blackford — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high baseball at McCulloch — 5:30 p.m.  
**Friday**  
Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Minster — 5 p.m.; Softball at Minster — 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
1:15 p.m. — MLB: Arizona Diamondbacks at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)  
3 p.m. — Premier League: Newcastle United at Crystal Palace (USA)  
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Philadelphia Phillies at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Miami Heat at Boston Celtics (TruTV)

7 p.m. — NHL: Boston Bruins at Toronto Maple Leafs (ESPN)  
8:15 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions Cup: Monterrey at Columbus Crew (FS1)  
9:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: New Orleans Pelicans at Oklahoma City Thunder (TruTV)  
9:30 p.m. — NHL: Vegas Golden Knights at Dallas Stars (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — NHL: Los Angeles Kings at Edmonton Oilers (TBS)

**Thursday**  
1:10 p.m. — MLB: Philadelphia Phillies at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
3 p.m. — Premier League: Manchester City at Brighton & Hove Albion (USA)  
7 p.m. — NHL: Florida Panthers at Tampa Bay Lightning (TBS)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: New York Knicks at Philadelphia 76ers (TNT)  
7:30 p.m. — NHL: Carolina Hurricanes at New York Islanders (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — NFL Draft 2024 (ESPN)

10 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT)  
**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](http://www.adamscounty5kchallenge.com).  
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### 90 SALE CALENDAR

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall, Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E Votaw St., Portland, IN  
Saturday April 27th, 2024  
9:30 A.M.  
**MODERN HOUSEHOLD GOODS — OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS**  
Cochrane Oak dining room table 4 extra leaves, 6 chairs, and matching lighted hutch; Oak 3 section bookcase; Oak small church pew; Lazy Boy reclining sofa with matching reclining loveseat; (2) Adirondack chairs; XPC golf clubs; Kitchen Aide Artisan stand mixer; Kitchen Aide food processor; Kitchen Aide chopper; Yeti cooler; **VINTAGE TOYS:** Structo Fire Dept Truck, Tonka Car Carrier, Service Center, Sears Motorific Super Torture Track, Big Red wagon; and many other items not listed.  
**MOWER - TOOLS**  
Cub Cadet CC — 30 hp Hydro Drive riding lawn mower; Troy Bilt Storm 2410 snow blower; Snapper SP70 self propelled mower with bagger; Craftsman 10" band saw; Craftsman reciprocating saw; Wag-

### 90 SALE CALENDAR

more gas grill; cement stand; decorative flower pots; vintage ladies hats; metal horse head; hat boxes; and many other items not listed.  
**MOWERS — SCOOTER — BICYCLES — TOOLS**  
John Deere X350 mower with 48" deck; Troy Bilt TB46 Hydrostatic mower; Drive Spit Fire Ex mobility scooter; Trek Multitrack 7000 men's and women's bicycles; Westward stack tool box; Stihl MS 170

chain saw; Stihl tree trimmer; Black & Decker cut saw kit; ; and many other items not listed.  
**AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** Please note that we will be running 2 rings so please come prepared. Doors will open at 3:30 day of auction  
**JOHN SCARBROUGH,** Deceased  
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Auctioneers  
Gary Loy AU01031608  
Travis Theurer AU11200131  
Aaron Loy AU11200112

**PUBLIC AUCTION**  
SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 2024  
9:00 A.M.  
LOCATED: 3430 W State Road 67, Portland, IN or 3 ½ miles west of Portland at the corner of Hwy 67 and County Road 200 South.

**FARM TRACTORS— FARM EQUIP.— CONSTRUCTION EQUIP. — TRUCKS—TRAILER— VEHICLES— RIDING MOWERS—ATVS— ATTACHMENTS—MISC.**  
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Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Jay County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of Jay County Council at the Jay County Court House, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., on the 8th day of May, 2024 will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

	Amount Approved
COUNTY GENERAL	
1000-622-20-0016 Ret Center Repair Equipment	\$3,500.00
LIT- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
1112-001-30-0027 Contractual Services	\$80,000.00
1112-001-30-0236 Portland Rockets	\$3,450.00
TITLE IV-E REIMBURSEMENT	
8891-001-30-0087 Pauper Counsel	\$3,240.00
Total	\$90,190.00
Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriation as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action time.	
Emily Franks Jay County Auditor	

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# Sports

## Full team effort

### Patriots get contributions from top to bottom of lineup

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review

The Patriots dropped their first game of the season on Friday as the offense never got going.

With prom on Saturday, they didn't have any games or practices scheduled before their matchup with the Raiders.

Despite not getting back on the field, the Patriots had no trouble reviving their bats.

The Jay County High School softball team got contributions from nearly its entire lineup Monday to overwhelm the visiting Wapahani Raiders 9-4.

"It's a good bounce back from last week," JCHS coach Doug Arbuckle said. "I was a little bit skeptical coming into a Monday game because of the weekend and on top of that we had prom Saturday."

"The girls responded well."

"Other than the one inning where they put some stuff together and got the four runs we played well defensively."

"We made some things happen with the bats and ran the bases well."

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Jay County High School junior Jaelynn Lykins slides to avoid a potential tag at home plate to score the first run of the Patriots' 9-4 win over the Wapahani Raiders on Monday.

## DeRome leads to Patriot win over MCHS and WHS

WINCHESTER — It hasn't been the smoothest sailing for the Patriots this season.

Slowly but surely, they are starting to return to form and lower their scores.

The Jay County High School boys golf team shot a 169 at Winchester Golf Club on Monday to come out on top of a three-team meet with Monroe Central and Winchester.

The Patriots (3-1) edged past the Monroe Central Golden Bears by just three strokes, while both teams crushed the Winchester Golden Falcons who shot a 217.

Caleb DeRome turned in the best performance of the day, shooting a 39 and earning match medalist honors.

Gage Sims finished only one stroke behind DeRome with a 40.

Cody DeHoff and Liam Gar-

### Local roundup

ringer rounded out the team score as they finished with 43 and 47 strokes, respectively.

Luke Fugiett's score of 54 out of the No. 5 spot didn't end up impacting the team score.

### Patriots roll

PARKER CITY — The Jay County baseball team has fully turned things around as they lifted their record above .500 for the first time this season by beating the Monroe Central Golden Bears 13-3 in five innings on Monday.

The Patriots (6-5) didn't waste

any time getting ahead of MCHS (2-11) by scoring 11 runs in the first two innings.

Ryne Goldsworthy and Joe Geesaman drove in runs in the first inning, while Drew Schemenaur, Parker Nichols, Geesaman, Kade Sommers, Cody Rowles and Jackson Edwards plated eight in the second. The Golden Bears never came close to the Patriots' lead after the second inning.

Sommers earned the win by pitching three innings, in which he surrendered two unearned runs on four hits.

Each of the nine starters contributed offensively by either driving in a run or scoring a run themselves.

### Starfires outshine JC

BERNE — The South Adams Starfires handed the Jay County girls tennis team its first Allen

County Athletic Conference loss of the season Monday 3-2.

Brenna Bailey and Maggie Dillon both went into three sets in the No. 2 and 3 singles matches. Dillon pulled out for a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory, while Bailey fell 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-2.

Brenna Haines joined Dillon with the only other Patriot victory in the No. 1 singles, beating the Starfires' top netter 6-3, 6-4.

Meredith Dirksen and Sophia Sprunger dropped the No. 1 doubles contest 6-2, 6-4, while Lucie Henneaux and Chloe Ruiz fell 6-1, 6-1 in the No. 2 doubles match.

The junior varsity team picked up three wins on the day. Zion Beiswanger and Raylah Newton both won singles matches by scores of 6-4 and 6-3, respectively.

Courtney Harris and Audrey Muhlenkamp also pulled off a 6-4 victory.

### Pitching overwhelmed

FORT RECOVERY — The Fort Recovery softball team couldn't quiet the Tri-Village Patriots in an 11-1 loss on Monday.

The Patriots (8-1) put up crooked numbers on the Indians (5-9) in the second and sixth innings with three and five runs, respectively. Six errors also played a key role in Fort Recovery's downfall.

Britney Tebbe got saddled with the loss, giving up four earned runs on six hits in three innings pitched. Jenna Homan gave up seven runs over the final three innings on six walks and five hits.

The Indians' only run came in the bottom of the second inning. Jenna Homan led off with an infield single and Cali Wendel laid down a sacrifice bunt to move Homan into scoring position. Kylie Post then delivered the two-out single to drive Homan in.

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