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Roaring royalty

Sage Wendel and Ellie Will were crowned Fort Recovery High School's homecoming king and queen Friday night during promenade at Fort Site Fieldhouse. The prom theme this year was "Roaring '20s," with the dinner and dance at Romer's Catering in St. Henry.

Member resigns from Redkey council

Retter says family is in process of moving out of town limits

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

REDKEY — The town was already looking for a new attorney.

It is now looking for a new town council member as well and already has a volunteer to fill that role.

Chance Retter announced his resignation during Thursday's Redkey Town Council special meeting, effective immediately.

His resignation follows that of town attorney Wes Schemenaur, who resigned last week.

Retter, who last week said he planned to step away from the council, resigned at the close of Thursday's meeting. Among his reasons were that his family has started the process of moving out of the town limits.

"This has been an interesting journey to say the least," said Retter, who prior to serving on council was the town's marshal for about seven months. "I made the decision to run for council because I wanted to make a difference and see this town thrive."

He said he didn't always make the best decisions but tried his best and wanted to help the residents of the town. He specifically apologized to Bob and Alisha Miller regarding the process of getting a sewer clean-out moved on their property. (The issue led to last week's regular town council meeting devolving into chaos and being abruptly adjourned.)

"This town council has proven time and time again they cannot put their differences and egos aside and work together," he said. "The Town of Redkey and its citizens deserve much better ..."

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Plan will be addressed next week

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Portland's Downtown Economic Development Plan will go before the Portland Plan Commission next week.

Portland Redevelopment Commission discussed that process and related suggestions for changes to the city's zoning code during its meeting Friday morning.

The downtown economic development plan, which the redevelopment commission developed last year with assistance from Rundell Ernstberger Associates, addresses issues including vacant/dilapidated buildings, the need for more walkability/bikeability, barriers to entry for small businesses and a lack of housing options and sets out goals such as beautifying the city, creating an environment that encourages

Redevelopment commission also discusses proposed update for zoning and subdivision ordinances

small business and increasing housing options. It is available online at portlanddowntownplan.com.

The process of approving the downtown economic development plan started with the redevelopment commission passing a declaratory resolution in December. It must then be approved by the plan commission — it will determine whether the downtown economic development plan

aligns with the city's comprehensive plan — and the city council before returning to the redevelopment commission for a confirmatory resolution.

CWC Latitudes consultant Ed Curtin, who advises the redevelopment commission, noted that the downtown economic development plan also involves creating a new tax increment financing (TIF) district to capture any additional tax revenue from potential

improvements to be made by the Hood Building. (The redevelopment commission purchased the building, home of The Graphic Printing Company, in December for potential development.)

The plan commission is scheduled to meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. Curtin asked redevelopment commission members to attend.

See **Plan** page 8

Xi warns top diplomat

By IAIN MARLOW
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

President Xi Jinping warned America's top diplomat that the U.S. shouldn't target or oppose China, as the world's largest economies wrapped two days of talks spanning thorny disputes on trade and Beijing's support for Russia's war machine.

The Chinese leader met with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Beijing on Friday afternoon, as the two superpowers continued dialogue to manage a growing list of differences. While the substance of talks was confrontational, both sides refrained from the sharpest rhetoric. They

Talks covered trade issues, China's support for Russia

also announced a new working group on artificial intelligence to start in the coming weeks, bolstering expectations for keeping ties steady.

"China and the United States should be partners rather than rivals," Xi told Blinken, according to a Chinese Foreign Ministry statement. The two sides should "seek common ground and reserve differences, rather than engage

in vicious competition," he added.

Blinken's harshest criticisms were reserved for Beijing's support of Russian aggression in Ukraine. China is the top supplier of military machine tools and a compound used in munitions and rocket propellant, he said.

"Russia would struggle to sustain its assault on Ukraine without China's support," he added.



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Interview experience

Student Alex Doll gestures while chatting with Dustine Hilfiker (foreground) and Mitch Southworth (background) of Portland Fire Department during Interview Day at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Deaths

Susan Betts, 70, rural Portland

Charles Brown Jr., 68, rural Pennville
Details on page 2.

In review

Jay School Board has scheduled a special meeting for 4 p.m. Wednesday. The lone agenda item is approval of the hiring of Alex Griffin as athletics director and assistant principal for Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Griffin served as Jay County junior high assistant principal for one year before resigning in July.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 70 degrees Friday. Today's forecast calls for a high in the upper 70s under mostly cloudy skies with a chance of showers. The low will be in the lower 60s with rain possible and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

A Choired Taste, Arts Place's 18-member community choir, will perform a free concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Hall-Moser Theatre on the Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.



Obituaries

Susan Betts

Feb. 15, 1954-April 25, 2024
Susan E. Betts, age 70, of rural Portland passed away on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at her residence.

She was born in St. Mary's, Ohio on Feb. 15, 1954, the daughter of Richard and Juanita (Carter) Bollinger. She was married on Nov. 15, 1985, to Francis Betts, who survives.



Betts

Susan had worked for SLT Furniture and Ludwigs Grocery. She enjoyed baking, sewing, gardening and her dogs.

Surviving are her husband Francis; one son, Chad Bellis (wife: Danielle) of Portland; one daughter, Tara Leese (husband: Shaun) of Winchester; two stepsons, Josh Betts of Pennville and Stephen Betts (wife:

Rochelle) of Pennville; one step-daughter, Michelle Michael of College Grove, Tennessee; one sister, Ann Bollinger of Bryant; two half brothers, Rick Bollinger of Bryant and Chad Bollinger of Berne; 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Glen Bollinger and Johnny Bollinger.

There will be a celebration of life service at a later date.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Charles Brown

Sept. 4, 1955-April 24, 2024

Charles Irvin Brown Jr., 68, of rural Pennville, Indiana, Penn Township, Jay County, passed away at 9:43 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at IU

Health-Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana.

He was born on Sunday, Sept. 4, 1955, in Portland, Indiana. Charles was a lifetime resident of Jay County. He married Teresa K. (Jackson) Brown on Saturday, July 24, 1993, at the Chester Center Christian Church.

Charles attended the Pennville Schools. He had worked at Keebler, Bluffton, Indiana, CTS, Berne, Indiana, and retired from Gripco, Montpelier, Indiana, where he was a press operator.

Charles attended Walnut Corner Church in Portland. He loved coon hunting and was a member of the Limberlost Coon Hunters Association in Bryant, Indiana. Charles was an avid Indiana University basketball fan, enjoyed watching baseball and basketball, and loved



Brown

watching his grandkids sporting events.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Teresa K. (Jackson) Brown, Pennville, Indiana; sons Jason Brown, Pennville, Indiana, and Ramie (Stacy) Brown, Redkey, Indiana; daughters Mindy (Nathan) Coates, Decatur, Indiana, and Allison Alford, Markle, Indiana, grandchildren Cole Brown, Alexis Clark, Mackenzie Brown, Mercedes (Ryan) Hockemeyer, Mitchell Coates and Megan Coates; great-grandchild Rylee Hockemeyer; sisters Connie Ferguson, Portland, Indiana, and Cynthia (Bruce) Naylor, Decatur, Indiana; and brother Lowell "Dean" Brown, Pennville, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles I. Brown Sr.; and mother Delores "Jean" (Geiger) Brown.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, located at 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, on Monday,

April 29, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A service to celebrate his life will follow at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 3 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2024, with Pastor Steve Rogers officiating. Interment will follow in the Twin Hill - I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville.

Preferred memorials may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneralhomes.com.

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

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| Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 miles per hour. | Partly cloudy with a chance of showers in the morning, then mostly cloudy. Chance of rain 70%. | There is a 50% chance of rain with partly cloudy skies and a high in the mid 70s. | The high will be in the upper 70s with a chance of showers in the afternoon. | Partly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers and storms. The high will be 74. |

Lotteries

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| Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 4-2-6 Daily Four: 4-8-9-5 Quick Draw: 1-7-10-13-17-26-27-32-38-45-46-47-50-57-59-63-64-72-73-80 | Pick 5: 2-8-7-9-7 Evening Rolling Cash 2-5-16-28-31 Jackpot: \$120,000 |
| Ohio Midday Pick 3: 5-6-3 Pick 4: 0-8-2-3 | Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$149 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$228 million |

Markets

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Today in history

In 1973, Luis Moreno earned two individual victories and contributed to a first-place relay as the Redkey High School boys track team topped host Blue River 73-54. Moreno was first in the 440-yard dash and the long jump and teamed with his brothers Bob and Fred Moreno along with Ted Hammers to win the 4x440 relay.

In 1998, Dunkirk clerk-treasurer Elizabeth "Mickey" Staton reported for work despite being offered a leave of absence pending the results of a Class D felony charge. She was charged with theft dating back to her time at City Savings Bank in 1995.

In 2013, the new Limberlost State Historic Site visitor's center in Geneva was dedicated. The center had been completed in January 2013 at a cost of \$850,000, including more than \$450,000 in private funding.

In 2018, Cashaus Metzger and Natalie Pottkotter were crowned as Fort Recovery High School's prom king and queen.

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Citizen's calendar

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| Monday 5:30 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, Jay Community Center, 115 E. Water St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, Jay Community Center, 115 E. Water St., Portland. | Wednesday 4 p.m. — Jay School Board special meeting, General Shanks, 414 Floral Ave., Portland. |
| Tuesday 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board park walk-through, Hudson Family Park amphitheater parking lot. | Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. |



Photo provided

Proclaimed

Jay County Commissioners this week signed a proclamation declaring April 29 through May 4 as Respect for Law Enforcement Week in Jay County. Pictured, front row from left, are local Optimist Club members Sandy Rogers, Kathy Jones, Linda Aker, Leland LeMaster and Rodney Miles. Back row are commissioners Rex Journey, Chad Aker and Brian McGilliard.

Hospital chief set to step down

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

After 16 years with the state's powerful hospital lobbying group, Indiana Hospital Association President Brian Tabor will step down once the organization selects a new president.

"It has been an honor to serve IHA, as the commitment of Hoosier hospitals to delivering the best care to every single patient is unsurpassed anywhere in the nation," Tabor said in a release.

The IHA board will start a search committee to find its next leader, who will represent the interests of over 170 Indiana hospitals in the Indiana Statehouse and beyond.

"Our industry couldn't have asked for a better leader to guide us through these years of monumental health care reform, and we can't thank Brian enough for his passion and dedicated service to our member hospitals and the patients we serve," said Steve Holman, Chair of the IHA Board of Directors and President and CEO of Union Health. "I am confi-

dent that our Board will find the right person to keep IHA on a successful path for the future."

Prior to becoming president in 2016, Tabor was the association's chief advocate for hospitals and their patients. He joined the hospital group in 2008 after holding various policy roles in the Indiana General Assembly and the Indiana Association of REALTORS.

As president, Tabor was honored with a Sagamore of the Wabash by former Gov. Mike Pence for his role in expanding Medicaid coverage under the HIP 2.0 program.

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Wildflower celebration is May 4

The flowers will be on full display next weekend. Red-Tail Land Conservancy will host its Wildflower Celebration from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, in Phyllis and Frank Yuhas Woods.

Taking Note

The event will offer free guided wildflower tours with a botanical expert at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Woods, 5964 W. 400 South, Farmland. Attendees can also take a self-guided tour. The Wildflower Celebration marks part of the less than eight hours Yuhas Woods is open to the public each year.

Deadline extended

Ball State University has extended its national enrollment confirmation deadline for 2024-25 to June 1.

The university made the change after an announcement from the U.S. Department of Education about a

delay in institutions receiving student financial aid information through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It has resulted in financial aid packaged offers being delayed as well, with eBSU planning to send award letters in mid- to late-April.

"Pursuing higher education and achieving a degree can have a transformative impact on one's life. Therefore, it's crucial not to rush such a significant decision," said Paula Luff, vice president for enrollment planning and management at Ball State, in a press

release. "This extension provides students and their families the opportunity and flexibility to carefully evaluate their financial aid options and make well-informed choices."

For more information, email askus@bsu.edu.

Seeking samples

Purdue University is looking for farms from which it can take soil samples for the Diverse Corn Belt project.

The project is a five-year effort that will explore impacts of diversified farming systems beyond corn and soybeans in Indiana, Illinois and Iowa. It is seeking "concrete options for diversification and understanding the agronomic, economic, social, infrastructure and policy changes that could make them viable."

Conventionally farmed,

no-till and pasture fields are being sought for the research.

For more information, email asangota@purdue.edu.

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 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.

Offering program

A new program to help develop technology skills is offered for east central Indiana residents.

East Central Indiana Regional Planning District recently announced a partnership with Northstar for the Digital Literacy Program.

The program, which is free through the end of the year, provides lessons on computer basics including email usage, operating systems and software including Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint and Google Docs. There are also modules regarding social media, dis-

tance learning and managing your digital footprint.

To access the Digital Literacy Program for free, visit bit.ly/JayCoDLP and click "sign up as a learner."

Camps scheduled

Indiana State Police will host a series of summer camps for students ranging from 11 years old through high school. There will be a Pioneer Camp for children ages 11 through 14 from June 10 through 13 at Mounds State Park in Anderson. A Law Camp for sixth through eighth graders is set for June 30 through July 3 in Anderson and a Cadet Camp for high school students will be held in Anderson from June 23 through 29.

For more information regarding the camps visit trooper.org, email itysinfo@trooper.org or call (317) 951-3882.

Newlyweds butt heads over career, family

DEAR ABBY: I am a teacher. I have a young son, and I love being off when he is out for school holidays and spending summers together. I feel I have the best of both worlds. I recently married a woman who is 14 years younger than me and is also a teacher. My wife hates the profession. She feels it isn't exciting or respectable enough. Her opinions about teaching hurt my feelings because I believe it is a noble career, plus it gives me quality time with my son.

My wife has decided to join the police force. It didn't happen out of the blue. We have discussed it for the last five years. I have told her it isn't the life I want. I worked hard to reach a point in my life to have a family and take summer vacations with my son. I was honest with

Dear Abby



her from the beginning. She often says she wants the time with our family too, and that she won't join the police force. Then, days later, she brings it up again.

We have been married only six months, but I regret it already. I didn't get married to be alone all the time and to take vacations without my spouse. I love her, but I feel betrayed and lied to. I also don't think she'll be a good cop — she is just

obsessed with police shows and thinks it's going to be like that. She's throwing away a great career for one I think she'll leave in a year or two. I feel our biggest challenge is her lack of experience. What do I do? — WORRIED WIFE/MOM IN FLORIDA

DEAR WIFE/MOM: Calm down. There is no guarantee that even if your wife applies she will be accepted into law enforcement in anything more than an administrative capacity. Some sessions with a licensed marriage and family therapist might help the two of you to better communicate.

You each appear to have very different ideas about what a happy marriage consists of. If a compromise

can't be reached, and because your marriage has been such a short one, it might be better for the two of you to cordially part ways.

DEAR ABBY: We host dinner parties in our home with dear friends. They always bring their little dog, but never ask if it's OK with us. When they're finished eating, the husband picks the dog up onto his lap at the table. I think it's unbelievably rude to have a dog at the dinner table. Am I wrong?

My husband and I are appalled and don't know how to approach them about it without ruining our friendship. We are flabbergasted that they think this is right. What do you suggest we do? — SHOCKED IN OHIO

DEAR SHOCKED: Your problem is having allowed this for so long without speaking up. The solution now is to either stop inviting this couple to your dinner parties, or to ask them not to bring "Fifi" with them because an uninvited dog sitting at your table bothers you AND your husband. (Refrain from using the word "rude," which would come across as judgmental.) This may seem "ruff," but you have got to do it.

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.

Community Calendar

Today

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.

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more infor-

mation, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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. 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.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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.

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

**For Jay County Elementary Schools
April 29 - May 3**

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| Monday: Main Entrees: Chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese Alternate Entrees: Cereal goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, cheddar/mozzarella salad, breadstick Sides for all meals: Seasoned peas |
| Tuesday: Main Entrees: Beef hot dog on whole wheat bun Alternate Entrees: Cereal goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, cheddar/mozzarella salad, breadstick Sides for all meals: BBQ Baked beans |
| Wednesday: Main Entrees: Classic cheese pizza Alternate Entrees: Cereal goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, cheddar/mozzarella salad, breadstick Sides for all meals: Seasoned carrots |
| Thursday: Main Entrees: Toasted cheese sandwich Alternate Entrees: Cereal goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, cheddar/mozzarella salad, breadstick Sides for all meals: French fries |
| Friday: Main Entrees: Doritos nacho cheese tortilla chips, seasoned beef taco meat, shredded lettuce, shredded cheddar cheese Alternate Entrees: Cereal goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, cheddar/mozzarella salad, breadstick Sides for all meals: Mexicali corn |

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In a narrow vote this week, the Federal Trade Commission approved a rule that will ban the vast majority of non-compete clauses by U.S. employers, which have long prevented workers from switching jobs or setting out on their own.

In doing so, the agency did its duty to protect American economic dynamism and opportunity. We hope that's the clear conclusion of the courts that will now rule on a lawsuit being brought by the Chamber of Commerce, which has strenuously supported this anticompetitive practice.

Of the arguments that the business group and other opponents have rolled out to oppose the banning of noncompetes, the main one relates to trade secrets,

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which is probably the scenario first contemplated by contractual noncompetes. We'll grant that there are certain jobs in typically specialized fields where it is reasonable for an employer to propose a noncompete to protect truly particularized and market-critical knowledge and expertise.

The fact that the FTC estimates one in five American workers operates under some form of noncompete shows just how far from that purpose these restrictive agreements have strayed.

Companies can kick and scream all they want, but that won't make it true that burger-flipping technique or actuarial practices or whatever else are secrets they're entitled to zealously guard.

The FTC did make an exception for senior management-level positions, where employees have much more of an ability to haggle over contracts; lower-level workers are expected to just sign on the line, and many don't even know they're agreeing to noncompetes.

Opponents of the rule also contend that employers will be less willing to provide training and career development to workers who are then free to leave to competitors, which is a strange argument if you rephrase it to what it's really saying: employers will refuse to properly train employ-

ees they can't keep forever. If companies want to retain their workers, they should do so through competitive pay and benefits, good working conditions and an enticing work environment, not legal entrapment.

Courts often use an analysis that weighs the interests of each party and tried to determine where the balance of interests lie. So while there are definite reasons for companies to seek noncompetes — some eminently legitimate, many simply having to do with maintaining a competitive advantage through what is essentially market manipulation — we must also consider the interests of the workers, and what runs downstream from being locked in with a noncompete.

FTC Chair Lina Khan referenced some of these situations

when discussing the ban, pointing to workers who had written public comments noting that they had been prevented from leaving workplaces they didn't like or found abusive. It's also the case that the era of most workers building entire careers at a single company, climbing the ranks, is practically over.

In many industries, the key to advancement is jumping around, or setting up your own business to keep innovation flowing. That means that noncompetes do more than just stop workers from changing jobs; they can stunt entire careers that could flourish if employees had the choice to move freely in what entities like the Chamber of Commerce itself will otherwise suggest should be an open and competitive market. Good riddance, and good news for the American economy.

Restaurant workers deserve livable wage

By HELEN H. ABRAHA
OtherWords

Growing up, I looked up to my father and aunt, who began restaurant industry careers after immigrating from Eritrea in the 1970s. When I started working, a restaurant job was a natural choice.

While I took great pride in my work, I struggled with the conditions. I was often on my feet for 10-12 hour shifts six days a week, had no access to affordable health care, was wholly unaware of my worker rights, and constantly worried about money.

Through laws rooted in slavery, employers are allowed to pay restaurant servers a sub-minimum wage. At the federal level, this wage has been stuck at \$2.13 per hour since 1991. If tips don't raise your hourly pay to at least the regular minimum wage, your employer is supposed to make up the difference. But non-compliance is rampant.

When I started as a server in 2018, my hourly wage was \$3.89. During the five-month off season, I struggled to make the regular minimum wage, especially if I had a section with empty tables. When I got injured on the job and asked about workers compensation, my manager fired me.

I later experienced what I believed to be wage theft and workplace discrimination. That's when I joined the movement to end restaurant worker exploitation.

This movement is growing rapidly as workers across the country demand livable wages. Organizers are working to put minimum wage hikes for tipped workers on November ballots in several states, including Ohio, Maine, Maryland, and Massachusetts. A dozen states are considering legislation to do the same.

I can tell you the opposition to these efforts will be fierce.

I live in Washington, D.C. In 2018, I cheered when D.C. voters passed a ballot initiative to phase out the local sub-minimum wage for tipped workers. But the city council blocked the wage hike, forcing organizers to mount another successful ballot initiative in 2022.

D.C. finally began phasing out the sub-minimum tipped wage in 2023. And yet many restaurant owners are still undercutting

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workers by charging 20 percent "service fees" that most customers mistakenly think go to their servers, so they're likely to tip less.

The National Restaurant Association, with affiliates in every state, is the leading driver of these anti-worker efforts. The lobby group's members include powerful corporations intent on shifting business risks and costs onto employees, customers, and taxpayers.

I used to work for one of them. In 2019, I had a job at Yard House, which is part of the Darden empire along with Olive Garden and seven other chains.

I faced a common challenge for sports bar servers: groups would come in to watch a game for several hours, only to leave a modest tip on a \$30 bill. Inexperienced managers would also often send me home as soon as I arrived because of over-staffing. On those nights, my pay would be less than my transportation cost.

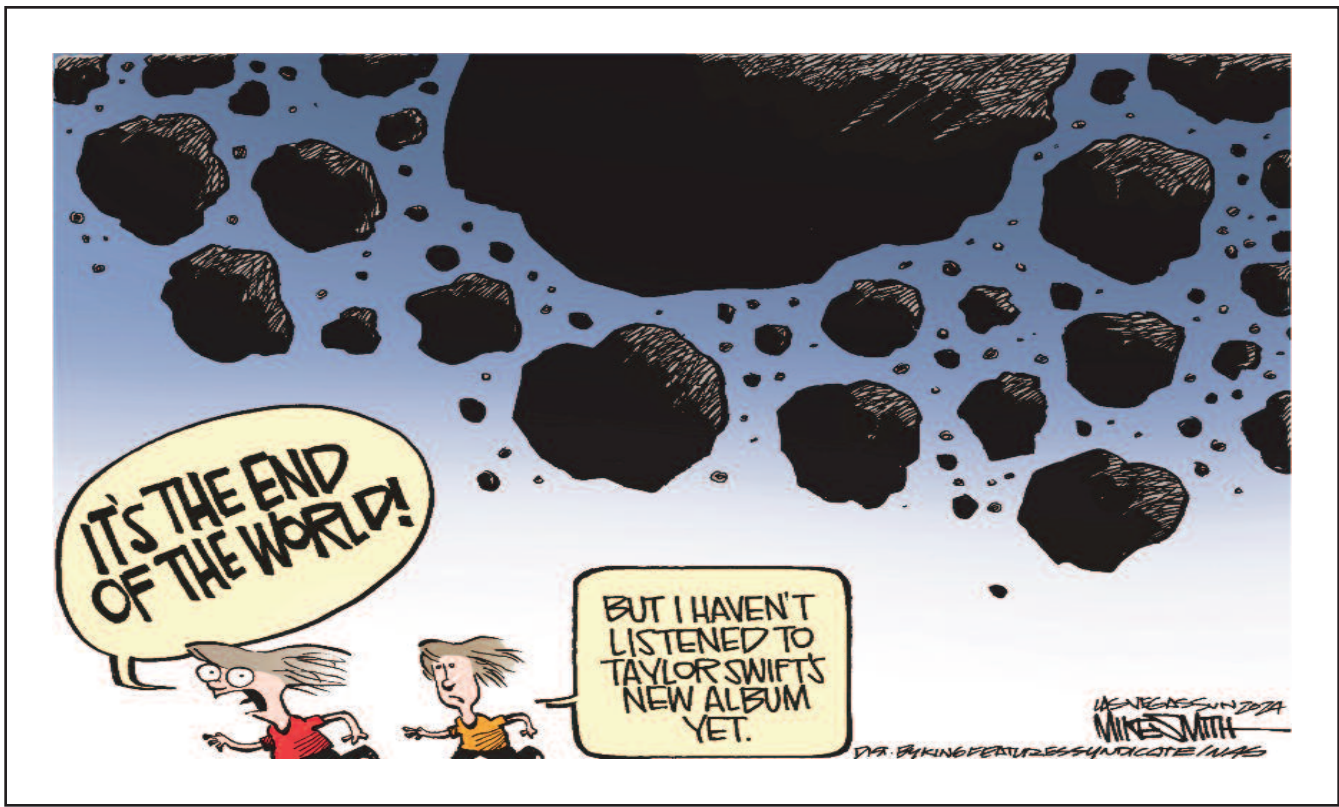
A recent report by the Institute for Policy Studies and Americans for Tax Fairness shows that while Darden was fighting minimum wage increases for their servers, they paid their top five executives a total of \$120 million between 2018 and 2022. That's four times as much as they paid in federal taxes, despite strong profits.

After college graduation, I decided to work full-time as a labor organizer. With so many immigrants relying on restaurants for jobs, this struggle feels personal. But we'd all be better off if corporations like Darden had to share their profits more equitably.

Workers could achieve a better life and restaurants would have less turnover. And for customers, the food will taste even better if they know the hard-working professionals who serve their meals are treated with respect.

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Gerrymandering hurts minority

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Gerrymandering is more than math. I have had this conversation many times over the years with a variety of people, and I have been surprised by their surprise almost every time.

Whichever party is drawing the maps of legislative districts, of any kind, they draw them to benefit themselves of course. That part is math, very basic math. In Indiana, Republicans in the Statehouse have drawn the last two maps that determine the House, Senate and Congressional districts. And they have served themselves up a lovely matrix of sweetheart deals.

Last week, James Briggs of the Indianapolis Star wrote a column full of news in it about Sen. David Niezgodski, a Democrat from South Bend, who has been accused of sexually harassing a former employee in 2017. The premise in Briggs' column is that Democrats "maintained a breathtaking lack of curiosity" about the accusations since they first surfaced several years ago. While I primarily agree, I contend the situation is lacking in systemic ways too.

Personally, I'm not curious about the accusations. I believe them entirely. But what is the remedy? In a word, elections. There hasn't been a long line of candidates pining for the chance to replace Niezgodski. Or any line at all. In his first reelection run in 2020, he was unopposed. I guess the party could have tried to find another candidate that year, but that's not as easy as one might think.

Why would any Democrat want his job? Who wants a career of certain defeat on every ideological issue for the entirety of that career? Back to that "conversation" I've had so many times.

Lopsided

Gerrymandering in Indiana has created lopsided representation in

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the Statehouse. We talk about the math all the time, without talking deeply enough about the math's impact. There are currently 40 Democrat members of the 150 available in the Indiana General Assembly. All of them should be applauded for serving at all.

It takes an unusual amount of patience and tolerance to endure life in what is supposed to be a deliberative body but is now overpopulated with a supermajority made up of unpersuadable people. It also takes an unusual amount of talent to successfully manage through it or overcome it to deliver positive results for one's constituency. I wrote about two members who have that talent a few weeks ago, Sens. Andrea Hunley and Shelli Yoder. There are others. In the House, Blake Johnson and Carey Hamilton come to mind.

The job, as it currently exists, is profoundly unattractive. What it leads to is a reluctance to run, just like it leads to a reluctance to vote.

In the private sector, it's synonymous with market power. Any prospective new entrant in the smart phone or online retailing markets, as examples, can't make it on a good idea and a few good investors. They need a fantastic idea and phenomenal investors. And still, they need to prepare for a marathon that they will likely lose.

The current district boundaries result in some obvious and ludicrous results on an individual basis on the side of the supermajority. The matrix in place assures that many elected officials ascend to the legislature and congress by successfully pandering only to the most

extreme voters within the GOP. This drives down deliberative quality, though that is incidental. The goal is control, and that mission has been solidly accomplished for the foreseeable future. No news there.

A victorious candidate on the Republican side is immediately able to move and pass legislation as a member of the supermajority. It doesn't take any elevated persuasive skill or some innovative idea for these folks, that benefit just comes with the job. In most cases, all they have to do is win in the May primary.

The percentages

Indiana is not 80% Republican. But the Indiana Senate is. Indiana is also not 70% Republican. But the Indiana House is. Even the congressional districts have been drawn to be safely Republican in seven out of nine, or 77% of them.

In 2020, Donald Trump won Indiana over Joe Biden, 58% to 41%. This is a pretty typical partisan split over the last half century. If that split existed in the Statehouse, the number and quality of candidates seeking office would skyrocket. So would voter engagement. And the cycle would simply make Indiana a better place.

A Republican presidential candidate has only crossed the 60% threshold twice in my lifetime: Ronald Reagan in 1984 and Richard Nixon in 1972.

Niezgodski has an opponent in the May primary. Tim Swager is the St. Joseph County Treasurer and is giving the incumbent a challenge. Congratulations to him for entering this uninviting arena. And this is one outcome I am certainly curious to see.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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4-27 CRYPTOQUIP

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OROWUYF, TVC UC UB KN
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEBODY WHO'S
WET SMOUCHES WHILE PICKING UP A TOWEL,
I GUESS THAT'S A KISS BEFORE DRYING.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals Q

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Who was the pick?

1) What quarterback who ranks fifth all-time in NFL passing yards was drafted from a Mid-American Conference school?

2) Who was the first quarterback chosen No. 1 in the NFL Draft who went on to win a Super Bowl?

1) Ben Roethlisberger
2) Terry Bradshaw

4-29 CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: THIS AMETHYST
SAMPLE ISN'T AMAZING, BUT IT IS OF
ACCEPTABLE QUALITY. IT'S PAR FOR THE
QUARTZ.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals L

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to lawn and garden. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 8 = S)

A. 5 2 23 9 13 25 8
Clue: Colorful plants

B. 15 25 4 8 8
Clue: Lawn plant

C. 2 4 22 16 8 17 4 24 13
Clue: Visual features on property

D. 10 23 9 13 25
Clue: Cuts grass

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to gardens.

W R E T A

ANSWERS: Water

Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Texas on April 25, 1969. I made my big screen debut in the film "Empire Records" in 1994. I am widely known for a number of films, including one movie musical and another in which I played a famous movie star from yesteryear, a role that earned me an Academy Award.

ANSWER: Renée Zellweger

kids' corner

SCIENCE FACT!

THIS COMMON OUTDOOR PLANT CAN HELP PREVENT SOIL EROSION, MAKE A HOME LOOK NICE, AND CLEAN THE AIR.

ANSWER: GRASS

What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A **B**

ANSWERS: 1. Dog rolling in grass. 2. Flower in blue flower pot. 3. Missing plant on cart. 4. Tree has an extra branch.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

APR 26

- 1803: THOUSANDS OF METEOR FRAGMENTS FALL FROM THE SKIES OF OTTAWA AND HULL, DESTROYING THEM IN 12 HOURS.
- 1900: FIRES CONSUME THE CANADIAN CITIES OF OTTAWA AND HULL, DESTROYING THEM IN 12 HOURS.
- 1954: THE FIRST CLINICAL TRIALS OF JONAS SALK'S POLIO VACCINE BEGIN.

New word

LAWN
an area of short, mown grass in a yard

LAWN & GARDEN WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS:

- AMEND
- BLOOMING
- BORDER
- COMPOST
- CUT
- DRAINAGE
- DROUGHT
- EDGE
- FERTILIZE
- GARDEN
- GREEN
- HEALTHY
- INSECTS
- LANDSCAPING
- LAWN
- MOSSY
- MULCH
- POLLINATOR
- PRUNE
- SCENT
- SHRUBS
- SUNLIGHT
- TRIMMING
- WEEDS

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Mow
SPANISH: Cortar
ITALIAN: Falciaie
FRENCH: Tondre
GERMAN: Mähen

Did You Know?

CENTRE COURT AT WIMBLEDON IN ENGLAND IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE TENNIS COURT IN THE WORLD. THIS COURT REQUIRES A LOT OF UPKEEP.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: GARDEN GNOME

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Distant seeds
4 Exploits
8 Pleased
12 Pub serving
13 Vincent van —
14 Pasta sauce brand
15 Meadow
16 "Super-food" berry
17 Inter —
18 Kid's front-yard business
21 "Bad" cholesterol
22 Recline
23 Alpha's opposite
26 Do sums
27 Storefront sign abbr.
30 NYC gallery
31 Hosp. workers
32 Naturalist John
33 Stickum
34 Bit of butter
35 Saturn features

DOWN

36 Plant seeds
37 Chick's mom
38 Slogan of solidarity
45 QB Tony
46 Comic Jay
47 Golf prop
48 Winged Count
49 Counterpart
50 "Sheesh!"
51 Like some lingerie
52 Terrier type
53 Devious

3 500 sheets
4 Kampa-la's land
5 L.A.'s region
6 "Zounds!"
7 "Suddenly Susan" actress
8 Shred, as cheese
9 In — land
10 Opposite of "fer"
11 Group of two
19 "Three Sisters" sister
20 "Ice Age" sloth
23 Texter's "Wow!"
31 Idles
32 Gum
34 "Ulalume" writer
35 Fix a shoe
36 Bedtime reading
37 Ford or Hudson
38 Russian river
39 The Big Easy acronym
40 Apple on a desk
41 Feeble
42 \$ dispensers
43 Actress Patricia
44 Contradict

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 4-27

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Foresight

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 6 3
♥ 7 2
♦ A 10 9 3
♣ 8 6 5

WEST
♠ 7 4 2
♥ 8 5 3
♦ J 8 6 5 4 2
♣ 9

EAST
♠ 5
♥ A Q J 10 9 4
♦ K Q
♣ J 10 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 9 8
♥ K 6
♦ 7
♣ A K 7 2

The bidding:
South 1♠ Pass
West 4NT Pass
North 5♦ Pass
East 3♥ Pass

Opening lead — nine of clubs.

It's not easy to figure out how declarer made six spades on this deal played in a European championship. But make it he did, and how he accomplished that feat is a challenge even if you see all four hands.

West led the nine of clubs — almost surely a singleton — whereupon South played the queen from dummy and the seven from his hand! As a result from this far-sighted unblocking play, he was able to make the slam.

Declarer next played the A-K-Q

of trump, producing this nine-card position:

North
♥ 7 2
♦ A 10 9 3
♣ 8 6 5

West
Immaterial

East
♥ A Q J 10
♦ K Q
♣ J 10 4

South
♠ J 10 9
♥ K 6
♦ 7
♣ A K 2

South now led dummy's eight of clubs, planning to finesse, but East covered with the ten. Declarer won with the jack, led a diamond to the ace and returned the six of clubs, rendering East helpless. If East played low, South would next lead a heart from dummy toward his king; if East covered the club six with the jack, South would win with the ace, return the deuce of clubs to dummy's five and then lead a heart toward his king.

Had declarer's club holding in the diagrammed position been the A-K-7 rather than the A-K-2, he could not have made the contract against best defense. He would have found it impossible to take the necessary two club finesses and also lead a heart toward his king, and the slam would have failed.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J 3
♥ J 7 3 2
♦ K J 5 2
♣ Q J

WEST
♠ 9 7 4
♥ 8 5 4
♦ 10 9 7 4
♣ 7 6 2

EAST
♠ A 6
♥ A K Q 10 6
♦ A 8 3
♣ 9 4 3

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 8 5 2
♥ 9
♦ Q 6
♣ A K 10 8 5

The bidding:
South 1♠ Pass
West 1♦ Pass
North 1NT Pass
East 2♥ Pass
South 3♣ Pass
West 2♥ Pass
North 3NT Pass
East 3♥ Pass

Opening lead — eight of hearts.

At the highest levels, success at bridge is determined less by system or card play than it is by accurate judgment in the bidding. Expert players who consistently display fine bidding judgment are almost certain to wind up as winners.

Today's deal, which occurred in the 1983 Spingold Knockout Teams, is exceptional in that it featured a surprising lack of judgment on the part of just about everyone concerned with it.

At one table, the bidding went as shown. After South initially passed with a hand that mostly players would open, North decided to pass his partner's one-spade response. North-South were thus about to miss a cold game when East unwittingly came to the rescue by reopening the bidding. Given another chance, North-South quickly zipped into four spades and shortly thereafter entered plus 620 on their scorecards.

One can sympathize with poor East for refusing to sell out to one spade, but the fact remains that his misjudgment cost his side dearly and spared North-South a similar embarrassment.

But that was not all. At the other table, the bidding went:

South 1♠ Pass
West 1♦ Pass
North 1♥ Pass
East 1♥ Pass
South 2♠ Pass
West 2♥ Pass
North 2NT Pass
East 2NT Pass
South 3NT Pass
West 3♥ Pass
North 3♥ Pass
East 3♥ Pass

Here South did open the bidding and subsequently bid his spades twice to identify a five-card suit. This should have led to the routine four-spade contract, but North opted to play in notrump despite his tenuous heart holding and lack of controls.

East then miscalculated by doubling three notrump, which gave North a chance to reconsider. Incredibly, North not only refused to budge, but redoubled! This contract went down two — 1,000 points — after East led the A-K-Q and another heart, giving his team a total gain of 1,620 points on the deal!

Tomorrow: A state of beleaguement.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Cookie holder
4 Sedi-ment
9 Ruin the veneer
12 Pub brew
13 Lubri-cate
14 Glacial
15 Very small amount of a drug
17 Browns, on score-boards
18 Toss in
19 Zodiac sign
21 Bull or bear
24 Guesser's words
25 Brit. record label
26 Cotillion attendee
28 Shade of black
31 Diplo-macy
33 Plopped down
35 Gift tag word
36 Places in the heart

DOWN

1 Bread spread
2 Frazier foe
3 Fun and games
4 Gizmo
5 Brain-teasers
6 "Evil Woman" gp.
7 Enthusiasm
8 Aspara-gus servings
9 Beer made in limited quantities
10 Rights org. since 1920
11 Deli loaves

16 Ewe's mate
20 "Wild Blue Yonder" mil. group
21 Self-referential word
22 Latin 101
23 Pet identifier
27 Rail
29 Classic Kinks song
30 Mideast ruler
32 "Kon-—" like some candles
37 Friend of Porthos
39 Slobbers
42 "Get —!" ("Stop interfering!")
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45 Autumn
46 Europe's neighbor
50 Middling grade
51 Hooter
52 Salty expanse
53 Tex- — cuisine

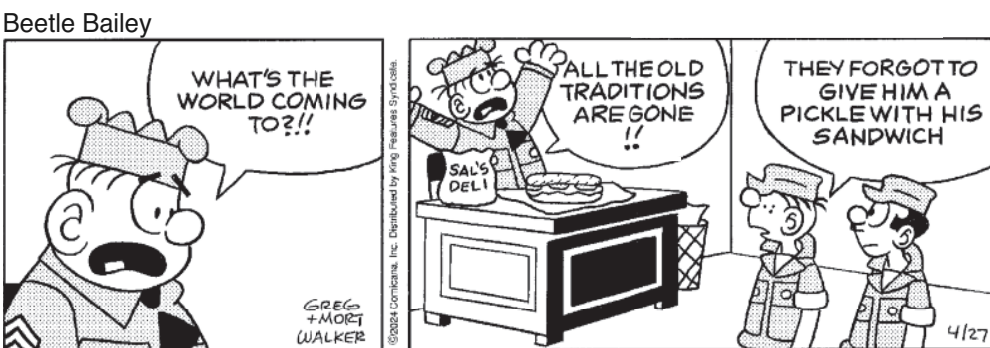
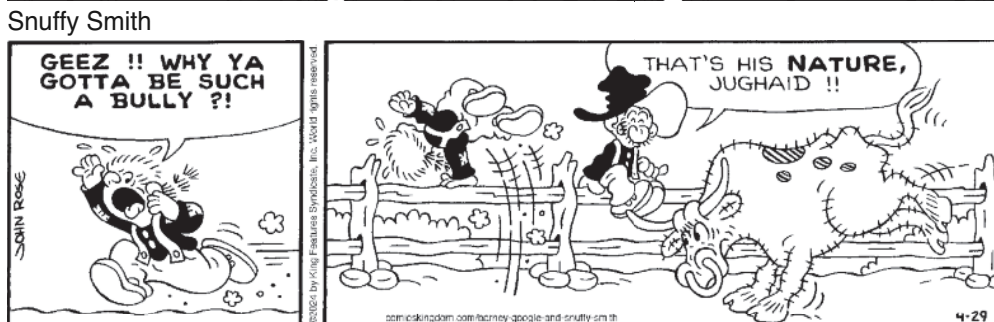
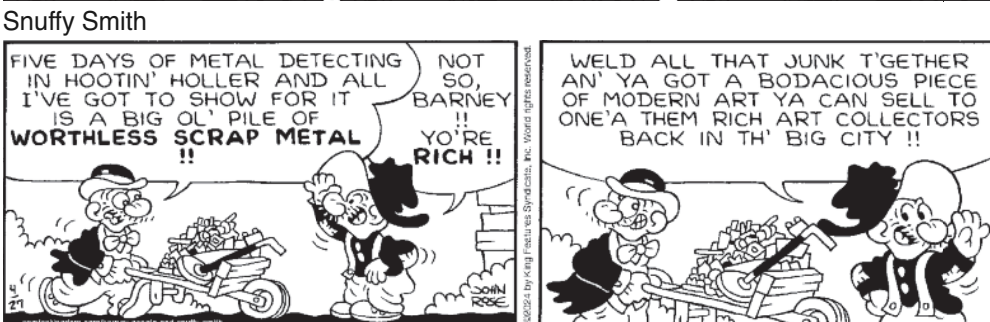
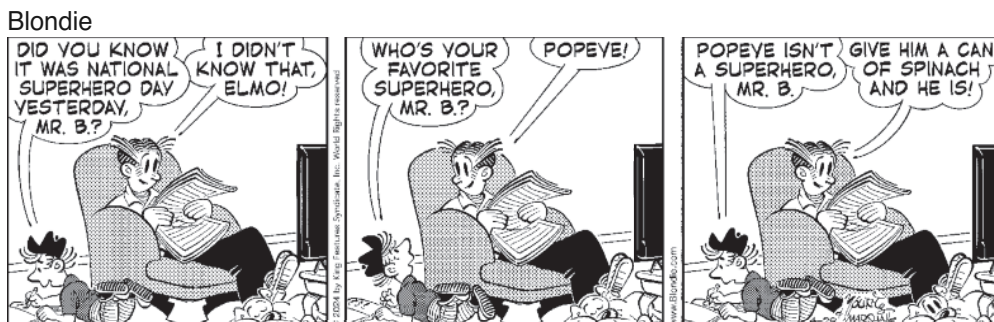
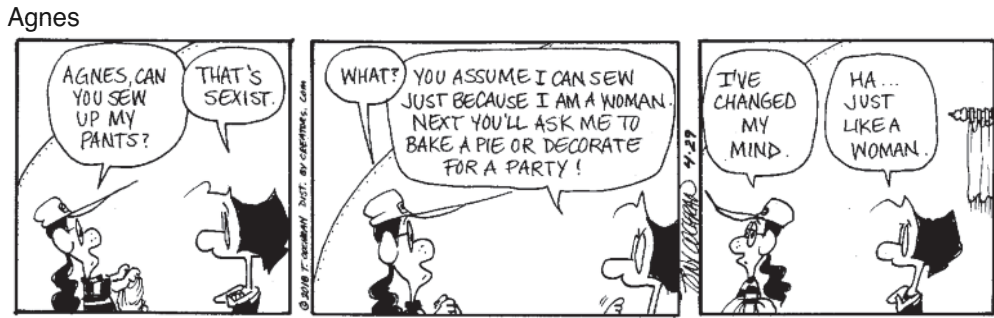
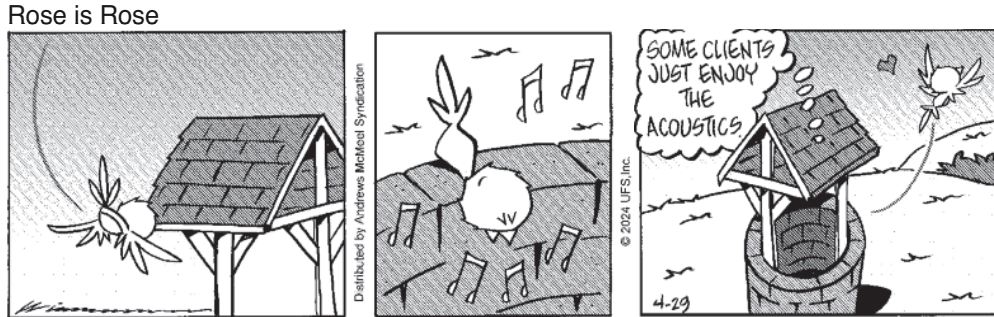
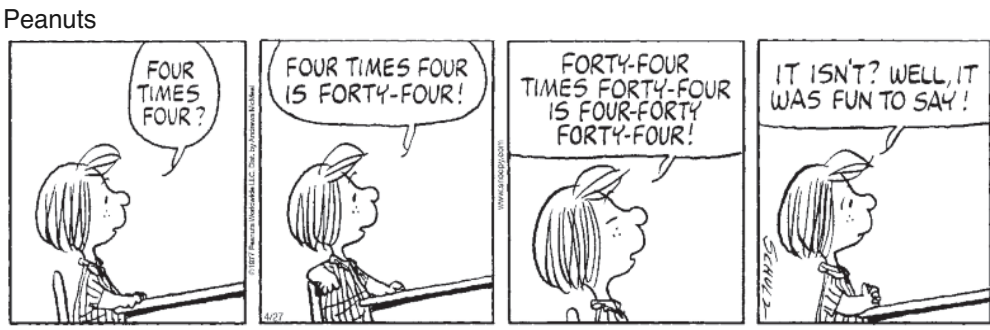
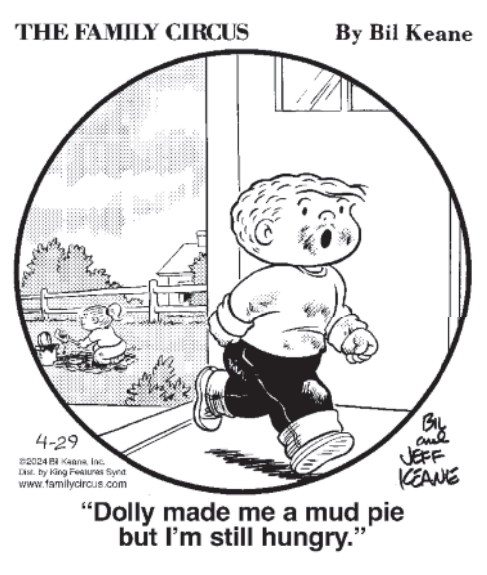
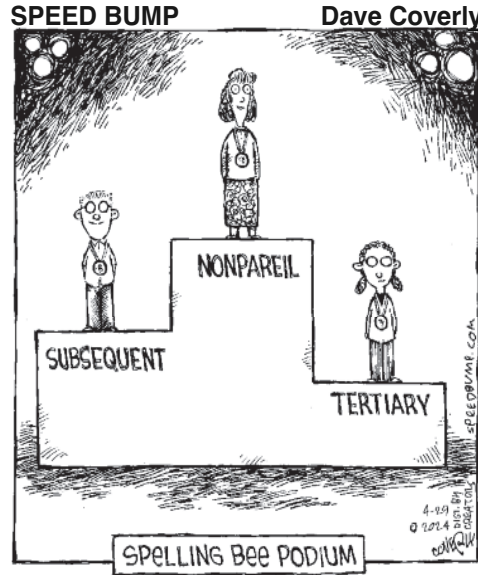
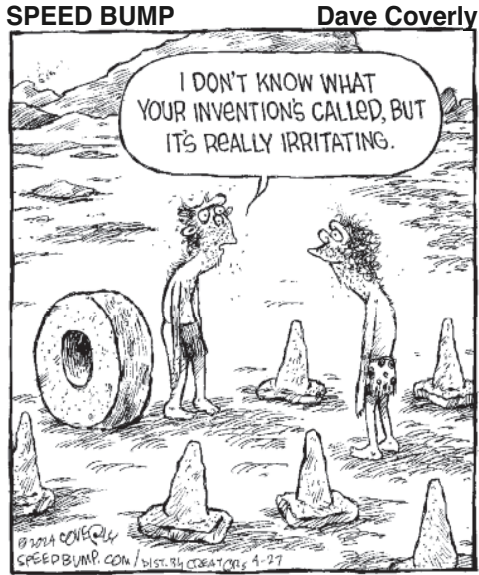
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AT 9:30 A.M.
REAL ESTATE – 270 E Liberty Street:
PARCEL #1:
Lot size is 130' x 150'. There is a structure on this parcel that has a new metal roof.
Parcel #2: Corner of North Street and Water Street:
This is an empty lot that is 49' x 148'.
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Kenmore Elite 3 door refrigerator; Kenmore Oasis HE washer and dryer; 5 pc. king size bedroom suit; Tonka cement mixer; Precious Moments figurines; LARGE COLLECTION OF MICKEY MOUSE ITEMS: Snow globes, candy dispensers, mugs, bobble heads, banks, just to name a few. Cabbage Patch dolls in original boxes; Texaco oil can; and many other items not listed.
2007 CHRYSLER ASPEN - TOOLS
2007 Chrysler Aspen Limited 4 door vehicle with 5.7 liter Hemi engine, 1974 Suzuki dirt bike, (3) storage trailers; Honda 350 motorcycle; Snap On tool box with tray; basement jacks; single plow; metal cart; chain link fence; and many other items not listed.
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PUBLIC AUCTION
SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 2024
9:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 3430 W State Road 67, Portland, IN or 3 1/2 miles west of Portland at the corner of Hwy 67 and County Road 200 South.
NOW ACCEPTING CONSIGNMENTS UNTIL
NOON. THURSDAY, MAY 2ND, 2024.
SKID LOADER - TRACTORS – ATTACHMENTS
International 5488 Tractor CHA FWA 6915 hrs. Massey Ferguson 180 Tractor with Multi-power. Oliver '88 Tractor with Loader. JCT rotary mower. JCT Backhoe attachment. Hyd. post hole auger with 18" and 12" bits. Tree shear. 78" 4 in 1 Bucket.
VEHICLES-TRAILERS-COLLECTABLES-MISC.
2002 Dodge 2500 4x4 with 9' Boss V-Plow. Reman engine and transmission. 20,000 miles. 2004 Ford Bucket truck.
2003 Great Dane 48' Dry Van Semi trailer. JD D-105 riding mower with 38" cut and bagger. Stihl chainsaw, weed eaters, blower. Lazer levels and transits. Rollaway toolboxes. Shop and hand tools. Power tools. Old signs. Old gas cans.

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Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 W Votaw St., Portland, IN
Sunday Afternoon
May 5th, 2024
12:30 P.M..
MODERN HOUSEHOLD GOODS – OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS
Oak dining room table with 2 extra boards and 6 chairs; dresser; Oak roll top desk with chair; Oak file cabinets; Oreck sweeper; Ping golf clubs; egg basket; metal flower baskets; cement bench; and many other items not listed.
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Oak Lumber (several boards); Gen Pro 6X 270 – 5000 watt generator; Jet Dust Collector; Bostitch nailer; Craftsman 1 hp sander; Stihl sander; Black & Decker battery weed eater; aluminum extension ladder; Black & Decker electric blower; post jobbers; sprinkler; and many other items not listed.

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SATURDAY, MAY 4TH
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VEHICLES-TRAILERS COLLECTABLES-MISC.
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Public Notice

ORDINANCE 2024-2
CREATING CHAPTER 95.03
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RIGHT OF WAY USE PROVISIONS
BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Dunkirk, Indiana as follows:
95.03 RIGHT-OF-WAY USE PERMIT.
(A) Definitions. For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.
BOND. The posting of required surety to guarantee prompt and satisfactory replacement and repair of facilities damaged or disrupted by the permitted operations.
BOARD. The Board of Public Works and Safety of Dunkirk, Indiana.
INSPECTOR. The authorized representative of the Board assigned to make detailed inspections of permitted performance.
PERMIT. A form of written authorized to permit action to be done within the right-of-way as per outlined specifications.
PERSON. Shall include any natural person and any entity recognized by the law.
RIGHT-OF-WAY. The boundaries established by a recorded plat, a duly adopted thoroughfare plan or usage for the purpose of providing public transportation or utility services.
CITY. The City of Dunkirk, Indiana.
UTILITY FACILITIES. Either above-ground or below-ground utility facilities including, without limitation, telephone, electronic, electric, cable, fiber optic, gas, water, sewer, heating and cooling facilities.
ABOVE-GROUND UTILITY FACILITIES. Includes, without limitation, telephone, wireless communication, electronic, electric, cable, fiber optic, gas, water, sewer, heating and cooling facilities existing at, or above ground level.
BELOW-GROUND UTILITY FACILITIES. Includes, without limitation, telephone, electronic, electric, cable, fiber optic, gas, water, sewer, heating and cooling facilities existing below ground level.
(B) Activities requiring a right-of-way use permit.
(1) Except as provided in division (D) below, no person shall undertake any of the following activities within a public right-of-way without first acquiring a right-of-way use permit to do so from the city:
(a) Any construction, altering or removing of any surface or subsurface material, digging or excavating in a town right-of-way;
(b) Installation or repair of above-ground utility facilities, below-ground utility facilities, private connections to public utility facilities, or facilities of any other entity having the right to use the public right-of-way; and
(c) Installation of mailbox approaches, sidewalks or any such object of lawful encroachment, which would share right-of-way space with governmental transportation needs, or to construct a temporary fence or barrier which may be required for environmental or construction purposes.
(2) Exceptions. The following activities do not require a right-of-way use permit:
(a) Maintenance of grass, drives or sidewalks within the right-of-way;
(b) Any work or activities conducted in a right-of-way or public grounds performed directly by the city or State of Indiana;
(c) Public road construction and maintenance done under a contract with the city; and
(C) Unlawful activities within the right-of-way. Unless a special permit to encroach is issued by the Board, it shall be unlawful for any person to:
(1) Construct a parking area within a right-of-way;
(2) Construct a fence within a right-of-way other than a temporary fence required for environmental or construction purposes;
(3) Place any advertising material within a right-of-way; and
(4) Perform any work not listed under division (B) of this section within a right-of-way without a permit.
(D) Permit application. A person desiring to undertake any of the activities set out in division (B) of this section shall sign and file an application with the Clerk-Treasurer of the city, and secure a right-of-way use permit before starting any work or activity inside the right-of-way, all as set in the following sections. The Board is the permit issuing authorities for all activities other than set forth in division (B) of this section. The Board shall exercise its discretion in the issuance or denial of a permit and may impose such reasonable conditions as it sees fit prior to the issuance of a permit. At a minimum, the Board shall require all asphalt cuts in any city street or alley to be repaired and all asphalt replaced. The Board may, in its sole discretion, require that the permittee repave the entire block. No work shall be done or activity taken prior to the issuance of the permit except in the event of an emergency requiring immediate remedial action for utility facilities, in which case the utility shall comply with division (G) of this section.
(1) Contents of permit application. The application for a right-of-way use permit shall be submitted to the Board and shall, at a minimum, include the following information and documents:
(a) The name, address and phone number of the person or entity for whom the work is to be done or the activity is to be conducted, and the name, title and phone number of the person responsible for the work or activity;
(b) The name and address of the contractor responsible for the work or activity;
(c) The reason for, estimated cost of and an exact description of the work to be done or activity to be taken;
(d) The precise location of the work or activity site and the location and dimensions of any excavation;
(e) Whether all or a portion of a street will be closed and for how long;
(f) The expected beginning and ending dates of the project, including all repairs to the affected areas;
(g) The method of traffic control to be used by the applicant at the site; and
(h) Any other pertinent information requested by the Board.
(2) Insurance requirements. There shall be furnished to the Clerk-Treasurer at the time of making application written proof that the applicant or the contractor for the applicant is covered by public liability insurance in an amount not less than \$300,000 for property damage and \$1,000,000 for injury to any one person, and \$2,000,000 for any one occurrence. The applicant shall prove to the satisfaction of the Board the payment of a premium for the insurance so that the town will be protected for a period of one year from the date of the commencement of the work.
(3) Bond requirements. The applicant or contractor for the applicant, shall file a bond in an amount not less than \$5,000 or 10% of the estimated cost of the project, whichever is greater, as determined by the Board, conditioned on the performance of the work and the maintenance of the work for a period of two years from the completion of such work, all in accordance with the terms of this section. Upon review of the application, the Board may exempt individual property owners above stated bond requirement.
(4) Indemnity agreement. The applicant shall furnish a written agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the city, its officials, agents and employees from any liability due to loss, damage, injuries or other casualties of any kind, or by whomsoever caused, to the person or property of anyone on or off the right-of-way arising out of, or resulting from the issuance of the permit or the work or activity connected therewith, or from the installation, existence, use, maintenance, conditions, repairs, alteration or removal of any equipment or material, whether due in whole or in part to the negligent acts or omissions of:
(a) The city, its officials, agents or employees;
(b) The applicant, his or her agents, contractors or employees, or other persons engaged in the performance of the work or activity; or
(c) The joint negligence of any of the above, including any claims arising out of the Workman's Compensation Act or any other law, ordinance, order or decree, for a period of the applicable statute of limitations. The indemnity shall also provide that the applicant shall pay for all costs associated with the removal and/or moving of the public utility facility or other object located within the right-of-way or reimburse the city for all expenses it incurs in the event that the city removes and/or moves the public utility facility or object on behalf of the applicant. The indemnity shall also provide that the applicant shall pay all reasonable expenses and attorney fees incurred by or imposed by the city in connection herewith in the event that the applicant shall default under the provisions of the indemnity agreement.
(5) Installation and design of the facility. The applicant shall be responsible for the installation and design of the facility to be installed within the right-of-way. The Board will only be responsible for the review and approval of the proposal with respect to the locations of the facilities to be installed and the manner of installation. Approval of the permit does not relieve the applicant of responsibility for the design. The city does not alter current regulations or authority for installing utility facilities nor for determining financial responsibility for replacing or adjusting utility facilities. The city limits itself to matters which preserve the safe operation, maintenance and integrity of the town's rights-of-way.
(E) Permit fees. A permit fee shall be paid at the time of filing the application as set out below.
(1) Above-ground utility facilities. The permit fees for conducting any work or other activities on above-ground utility facilities shall be \$500.00 and must be paid at the time of filing. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$750.00.
(2) Below-ground utility facilities. The permit fees for conducting any work or other activities on below-ground utility facilities shall be \$500.00 and must be paid at the time of filing. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$3,000.00.
(3) All other work or activities. The permit fees for conducting any other work or activity requiring a right-of-way permit shall be \$25 and must be paid at the time of filing. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$250.00.
(4) Violations. Any violation of the terms of this section or the specifications and instructions adopted by the Board pursuant to this section shall be assumed to require additional inspection and an additional inspection fee shall be assessed for each such infraction. The city may enforce this ordinance by injunction, fine or any other legal remedy. Each day of a violation constitutes a separate offense.
(F) Board to establish rules and regulations. The Board is hereby authorized to establish such specifications and procedural instructions for work and activity within the right-of-way as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section. The specifications and procedural instructions shall be kept on file in the office of the City Hall and may be amended from time to time by the Board.
(G) Emergencies. In the event of an emergency, work on a utility facility within the public right-of-way may commence without submitting an application for a right-of-way use permit. In such event, the person responsible for completing the work or activity shall:
(1) Notify the city of the emergency and provide a brief description of the work or activity to be done as soon as practicable after learning of the emergency. Such emergency notification under this division (G)(1) must be sufficient to notify the city at the earliest time possible following the discovery of the emergency and may be either written or oral;
(2) Submit an application, bond and indemnity agreement for a right-of-way use permit within 24 hours of starting its work or the next working day to the Clerk-Treasurer, whichever is sooner;
(3) Attach to the application a full and complete written explanation concerning the emergency and its cause; and
(4) In the event that the Board shall determine that in its judgment an emergency did not exist, it shall forward a copy of the application and all attachments to the City Attorney as a violation of this section.
(H) Relocation. The city shall require relocation of public utility facilities, private connections to public utility facilities or facilities of any entity having the right to use the public right-of-way when the city is installing utility facilities in the right-of-way. The costs for the relocation of the utility facilities shall be paid by those entities or persons that have installed the same in the city's right-of-way.
(I) Written notice required. Unless specifically stated otherwise, all notifications required under this Section shall be in writing. Any notification other than an initial emergency notification, which is not made in writing will be deemed to have never occurred.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the city of Dunkirk, Indiana on this 22nd day of April, 2024.
Jack Robbins, Presiding Officer
Attest: Kara Low, Clerk-Treasurer
Submitted to and approved by me on this 22nd day of April, 2024.
Jack Robbins, Mayor

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Plan ...

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Curtin also reported that the city council at its March 18 meeting did not take any action on the redevelopment commission's proposal to have Rundell Ernstberger Associates lead a process to update the city's zoning and subdivision ordinances. There was a discussion at that meeting about Jay/Portland Building and Planning handling the process with input from the redevelopment commission.

Curtin asked the redevelopment commission whether it would like to continue to pursue the issue.

City attorney Wes Schemenaur said he believes the key moving forward is for redevelopment commission members to explain why they believe outside help would be beneficial.

"I think we might be able to get there," he said, suggesting a collaborative process involving the building and planning department and city council.

He added that there was a feeling that the previous zoning update in 2009 was thrust upon the city by an outside firm and did not have enough local input.

"We're looking for help here, not for somebody to take over this process for the city," Schemenaur said.

Redevelopment commission vice president Reda Theurer-Miller agreed, saying there should be a balance struck between local input and outside expertise.

Also Monday, redevelopment commission member Joe Johnston asked about the progress on Indiana Department of

Transportation's project on Meridian Street (U.S. 27).

Traffic signals along Meridian Street at its intersections with Water, Main, Walnut, High and Lafayette streets will be removed beginning "on or after Monday, April 29," INDOT said in a press release this week. Temporary stop signs will be placed at the intersection of Meridian and Water streets, making it a four-way stop, with other intersections to become two-way stops with traffic free-flowing along Meridian Street. (Temporary "buzz strips" will be placed along Meridian Street at each intersection to encourage drivers to slow down.)

The traffic signal removal is part of a larger project that includes paving Meridian Street between county roads 100 North and 200 South and reconstructing Americans with Disabilities Act ramps to sidewalks with extended "bump outs" at some intersections in the downtown area.

Theurer-Miller noted that the project is expected to be complete in October, which would allow time for Portland Main Street Connect's downtown planters to be decorated for Winterfest.

In other business, commission members Mike Simons, Dave Teeter, Theurer-Miller and Johnston, absent Rusty Inman:

- Approved the financial report, which shows \$841,508.78 across all funds.

- Adopted a resolution to not release any of the assessed value back to taxing entities for 2025. Curtin made the recommendation, noting that projections show about \$351,000 in income for the commission next year with \$550,000 estimated in expenses.



Tribune News Service/The Atlanta Journal-Constitution/Arvin Temkar

Protesting for Palestinians

Pro-Palestinian protesters chant at police at the Emory campus in Atlanta following arrests on Thursday. Emory University President Gregory L. Fennes said Friday he was "saddened" and "horrified" at protests that took place at the school Thursday, but said actions that disrupt the campus will not be tolerated.

Resigns ...

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"Last week was embarrassing, a bad representation of Redkey," he continued, apologizing for the "unprofessional" and "uncivilized" behavior.

He said he hopes the council pulls together for the good of the town. He also thanked the town's voters.

Retter said he would deliver his resignation to Jay County clerk-treasurer Jon Eads on Friday.

By state law, such vacancies are filled by a caucus of the party of the departing officeholder. Such a caucus must be held within 30 days of the vacancy. (In cases in which fewer than two precinct committeemen are eligible to be members of a caucus, the party's county chair fills the vacancy.)

The absence of a town attorney was also addressed, with council president Dave Dudelston saying he had reached out to attorneys Josh Atkinson and John Brooke regarding the position. He said neither had given him a firm response yet. Council members agreed to continue to reach out to potential attorneys in an effort to fill the position.

Retter's resignation came at the end of a meeting during which former town council president Erik Hammers asked to take Retter's seat if, in fact, he did depart. (Retter had commented previously that he planned to resign.)

Hammers chose not to run for a second term in 2023, saying he hoped things would go smoothly under the new council.

"The reason I want to come in is because of the disorder that we've been going through for a while, ever since January," he said.

He advocated for his return to the president position if he is named to council.

Hammers also offered opinions on several issues, including that zoning in the town will take time to put together, livestreaming meetings — it will be required beginning July 1, 2025 — will be a challenge financially and logistically in the park cabin, that town properties have not been mowed by council members as planned and that he is concerned about the town not having an attorney following Schemenaur's resignation.

(He later suggested "begging" Schemenaur to return to the job.)

After another discussion that was sometimes heated — Dudelston at one point threatened to adjourn the meeting early again — the issue with the sewer clean-out at Bob and Alisha Miller's property at the east end of Delaware Street was resolved.

The Millers said the clean-out was installed in the wrong place and that they wanted it moved at no additional cost. When a motion to do so failed 3-2 last week, the meeting devolved into chaos with Dudelston abruptly adjourning the meeting.

This time, the Millers' nephew Shannon Clark spoke on their behalf, asking a series of questions in an effort to get the clean-out moved. After another back-and-forth discussion, council member "Watermellon" Jim Phillips again made a motion to move the clean-out at no cost to the Millers. The motion passed, with Brenda Beaty, Phillips and Retter in favor. Dudelston and Floyd Life dissented. (Retter flipped his vote from the previous meeting. "Enough's enough," he

said, "I want to help the Town of Redkey.")

Dudelston had started the meeting with a warning that any disruptive behavior would not be tolerated, saying offenders would be escorted out of the meeting. He referred to previous town council policy that those interested in speaking should ask to be placed on the agenda and would be limited to five minutes.

In other business, council:

- Officially hired Chris Boggs as a new police officer. (Boggs had already been on the job, with other council members saying Dudelston had hired him without a proper vote.) His hiring passed unanimously.

- Approved a mowing contract for town properties with Tim Kesler, which has handled the work for years, at a rate of \$398 per mow. (Gary Fraley had the other bid at \$395 per mow.) The contract passed 3-1 with Dudelston dissenting and Phillips abstaining. (Phillips said he feels mowing is part of town employee Randy Young's job description.)

- Approved a contract with Suzy Bass of Local

Government Services at a rate of \$150 per hour plus travel, hotel and meal costs for training for the clerk-treasurer's office.

- Heard Beaty ask a question about the town's situation with Indiana Department of Environmental Management, which has given Redkey until Dec. 31 to update its Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan. No one had an update.

- Briefly discussed the following:

- the town's personnel policy and whether a previous version had been signed by council. Former clerk-treasurer Mary Eley said such documents should be available via the Department of Local Government Finance website.

- plans to install a flag pole at Redkey Fire Department.

- the possibility of converting one of the Redkey Morgan Park basketball courts into a pickleball court

- putting a tee ball dugout back in place — it was moved in a recent storm — before the start of the season May 11

- Sought input from those in attendance regarding

the handling of junk cars, dilapidated houses, trash and other issues. Council was urged to enforce the existing ordinance on those issues.

- Reviewed a proposed reimbursement contract for town marshal Zach Moser, who is currently at Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Council members tabled the contract in order to have it reviewed by an attorney.

- Heard a question from Beaty about when street paving will begin. Dudelston said he does not have a date.

- Voted 3-2 with Dudelston and Retter dissenting to keep the red key on the side of its police vehicles. Boggs had suggested having the key, which he said draws attention to the vehicles, removed.

- Heard former town council president Dottie Quakenbush suggest a flashing stop sign at the intersection of Meridian (Indiana 1) and High streets in Redkey.

- Accepted the high bid of \$651 from Randy May for the purchase of a Chevy Impala police vehicle.

- Approved a water leak adjustment of \$751 for 39 E. Delaware St.

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Jay softball begins to slip with pair of losses

MONROE and ROCK-FORD, Ohio — The Patriots got off to a hot start of the season, but the past eight days have proven to be quite tumultuous.

The Jay County High School softball team dropped a pair of games on Thursday and Friday, losing to the Adams Central Jets 14-13 and the Parkway Panthers 6-2.

The Patriots (5-3, 0-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) couldn't quiet the bats of Adams Central (6-4, 2-1 ACAC) as they dropped their first conference game of the season. The Jets scored two or more runs in all but the first inning.

Jay County roundup

The Patriots pushed four runs across the plate in the fourth inning and nine in the fifth to momentarily take a 13-7 lead. Charlie Trinidad came in to relieve starter Mallory Winner in the bottom of the fifth and gave up five runs on four singles and two doubles. Trinidad surrendered the lead in the sixth after two singles and a triple.

Friday's game against the Panthers (14-2) was decided in the fifth inning. With the game tied 1-1, Parkway scored five runs off of Trinidad on three doubles and two singles.

Jay County tried to respond in the top of the sixth with Riah Champ scoring on a passed ball, but Jozey Shimp ran into an out at home plate trying to do the same to end the game.

Trinidad suffered the loss in both games to fall to 1-2 in the circle on the season.

Vazquez rolls
MONROE — Zedrian

Vazquez tossed four scoreless innings to put the Jay County baseball team in position for a 7-1 victory over the Adams Central Jets on Thursday.

The Patriots (7-5, 2-0 ACAC) kept their conference champion hopes alive as their win kept them undefeated in ACAC play and extended their winning streak to seven games.

Vazquez started the game for JCHS and earned the win, only giving up one run on three hits and three walks. Aiden Phillips threw three innings of relief while only allowing three players to reach base.

A four-run fifth inning acted as the difference-maker in the game. Sam Myers and Ryne Goldsworthy both hit two-RBI singles in the inning. Myers ended up with four RBIs, two hits and a run scored.

The only run for Adams Central (8-4, 1-1 ACAC) came in the bottom of the fifth inning on a sacrifice fly by Trevor Currie.

DeRome leads

HARTFORD CITY — The Jay County boys golf team took down the Blackford Bruins 188-209 on Thursday at Blackford Golf Club.

Caleb DeRome earned match-medalist honors by shooting a 44 for the Patriots.

As has been the case in most matches for Jay County (4-1), Gage Sims put up the second-best score of 46 strokes.

Cody DeHoff and Luke Fugiett tied with a nine-hole score of 49 strokes to round out the team's score.

This was Fugiett's second time contributing to the team score this season — the first time coming on April 19 against Northeastern.

Liam Garringer's 50 did not contribute to the team's final score.

Coach ...

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Before that action was taken, Gulley made a recommendation to place Bomholt on probation based off information discussed during an executive session held April 9. A motion was made to that effect but died for lack of a second.

Ford then made the motion that was eventually approved, while also asking Gulley and

attorney Josh Atkinson a series of questions.

"I think the motion and the second to Mr. Ford's motion ... is acceptable to me to get to a fair outcome that could prevent further issues coming in the future and at that point in the future, the ball will be in the coach's court," Gulley said.

Four members of the public spoke, ranging from support for

Bomholt to specific thoughts on potential punishment. The reason for the potential disciplinary action had not yet been officially disclosed before public comment.

Patrick Lambert, father of basketball player Gradin Swoveland, stood in for his son in support of Bomholt as Swoveland could not make the meeting because of a practice in Fort Wayne.

Former school board member Chris Snow brought concerns about disciplinary actions that would result in probation looming over the 2024-25 season, affecting Bomholt's ability to coach. He also said it could create a situation detrimental to the players if Bomholt were to be fired midseason.

Greg Miller expressed con-

cern about the number of staff that have been put on administrative leave this year, stating that if the infraction was enough to warrant a vote, it was enough to warrant discipline.

Kelly Hemmelgarn questioned the entire process of extending coaches and the decision-making process for disciplinary action.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys golf at Winchester — 9 a.m.; Baseball at Wapahani — 9:30 a.m.; Softball vs. Woodlan — 12 a.m.; Girls tennis at New Castle — 12 p.m.

Monday
Jay County — Junior high baseball at Blackford — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high boys track at Southern Wells — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high softball vs. Centerville — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Wapakoneta — 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Boys golf vs. Wapahani — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; Track at Woodlan — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Mississinewa — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Track county meet at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at New Knoxville — 5 p.m.; Softball at Anna — 5 p.m.; Junior high track county meet at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Versailles — 5 p.m.

Wednesday
Jay County — Junior high softball vs. Elwood — 5:30 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Boys golf vs. Bluffton — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Adams Central — 5 p.m.; Softball at Bluffton — 5 p.m.; Junior high golf at Driver — 4:30 p.m.; Junior high track at Adams Central — 5 p.m.; Junior high baseball vs. Yorktown — 5 p.m.; Junior high softball at Eastbrook — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Track county meet at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at New Bremen — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. New Bremen — 5 p.m.; Junior high track county meet at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. New Bremen — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
7:30 a.m. — Premier League: Liverpool at West Ham United (USA)
9 a.m. — MotoGP: Spanish Grand Prix (TruTV)
10 a.m. — Premier League: Luton Town at Wolverhampton (USA)
11:20 a.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Wurth 400 (FS1)
11 a.m. — College softball: Florida at Georgia (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — NFL Draft 2024 (ESPN)
12 p.m. — College football: Nebraska Red-White spring game (BTN)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Brentford at Everton (NBC)
1 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Cleveland Cavaliers at Orlando Magic (TNT)
1 p.m. — College baseball: Florida at Arkansas (ESPN2)
1:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: BetRivers 200 (FS1)
1:45 p.m. — MLS: Los Angeles Galaxy at Austin (FOX)
2 p.m. — NHL: Carolina Hurricanes at New York Islanders (TBS)
2:15 p.m. — College baseball: Iowa at Nebraska (BTN)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Zurich Classic of New Orleans (CBS)
3 p.m. — AMA Supercross: Philadelphia (NBC)
3:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Oklahoma City Thunder at New Orleans Pelicans (TNT)
4 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Texas Rangers (FOX)
4 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN2)
5 p.m. — NHL: Florida Panthers at

Tampa Bay Lightning (TruTV)
6 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Boston Celtics at Miami Heat (TNT)
7 p.m. — UFL: Arlington Renegades at San Antonio Brahmas (FOX)
7 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — Major League Rugby: Dallas Jackals at Miami Sharks (CBS)
8 p.m. — NHL: Boston Bruins at Toronto Maple Leafs (TruTV)
8:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Lakers (ABC)
9:40 p.m. — MLB: Arizona Diamondbacks at Seattle Mariners (FS1)
10 p.m. — USL Championship: Loudoun United at Sacramento Republic (FOX)

Sunday
8 a.m. — MotoGP: Spanish Grand Prix (TruTV)
9 a.m. — Premier League: Arsenal at Tottenham Hotspur (USA)
11 a.m. — College baseball: Rutgers at Indiana (BTN)
11:30 a.m. — Premier League: Manchester City at Nottingham Forest (USA)

12 p.m. — College softball: Florida at Georgia (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — UFL: D.C. Defenders at St. Louis Battlehawks (ESPN)
1 p.m. — NBA playoffs: New York Knicks at Philadelphia 76ers (ABC)
1:30 p.m. — IndyCar: Children's of Alabama Indy Grand Prix (NBC)
2 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Wurth 400 (FS1)
2:30 p.m. — NHL: Winnipeg Jets at Colorado Avalanche (TNT)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Zurich Classic of New Orleans (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Los Angeles Clippers at Dallas Mavericks (ABC)
3:30 p.m. — UFL: Memphis Showboats at Michigan Panthers (FOX)
4 p.m. — MLB: Houston Astros at Colorado Rockies (ESPN)
5 p.m. — NHL: Vancouver Canucks at Nashville Predators (TBS)
7 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Milwaukee Bucks at Indiana Pacers (TNT)
7 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at Boston Red Sox (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NHL: New York Rangers at

Washington Capitals (TBS)
9:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Minnesota Timberwolves at Phoenix Suns (TNT)
10:30 p.m. — NHL: Edmonton Oilers at Los Angeles Kings (TBS)

Monday
7:40 p.m. — MLB: Minnesota Twins at Chicago White Sox (FS1)
9:40 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at San Diego Padres (Bally Indiana)
10 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Los Angeles Lakers at Denver Nuggets (TNT)

Tuesday
3 p.m. — UEFA Champions League: Real Madrid at Bayern Muenchen (CBS)
7 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Philadelphia 76ers at New York Knicks (TNT)
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Local notes
Challenge set
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Sports

Coach disciplined

Board action followed Bomholt's confrontation with student athlete

Editor's note: A previous version of this story that was published online at theocr.com referred to Jay County High School boys basketball coach Jerry Bomholt being placed on probation. School board member Phil Ford contacted the newspaper Friday morning to dispute that account. The Commercial Review independently reviewed the recording of the meeting and determined Ford's assessment is correct. The story has been edited based on that review.

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

Jerry Bomholt received an extension last month to remain

the Patriots' boys basketball coach for the 2024-25 season.

Just over a month later, he is receiving disciplinary action.

Jay School Board voted 5-1 Thursday to implement disciplinary action for Bomholt following an incident with a student.

Bomholt has coached the Jay County High School boys basketball team for the last four seasons.

On March 18, Jay School

Board approved Bomholt's contract extension 6-1 with Chip Phillips dissenting. Prior to the vote, the board discussed that some constituents had expressed concern about the extension.

Following the meeting on March 18, Bomholt confronted a student athlete in class about his coaching contract, Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gulley said Thursday in response to a question posed by

Jay School Board member Phil Ford.

"Coach Jerome Bomholt confronted and questioned the student athlete, giving rise to a complaint by his father and this student," Gulley said.

"His conduct was unprofessional and inappropriate. His actions were under the color of his authority as head basketball coach and presented an imbalance of power between the adult and student in this situation.

"The questions and topic Bomholt raised with the student were in connection to his coaching contract and not any topic related to his classroom."

As a result of that action, the board decided to discipline Bomholt, with members Vickie Reitz, Jason Phillips, Marcie Vormohr, Ron Laux and Ford voting in favor. Donna Geesaman abstained and Chip Phillips was absent.

The discipline includes three items:

- Counseling twice a month
- A written warning
- To not violate any further school policies

See Coach page 7

'Cats silence Indians

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians' bats have been a lot more lively in 2024. The Wildcats finally found a way to keep them quiet.

The Minster Wildcats shut out the Fort Recovery High School baseball team 5-0 on Thursday.

The Indians (5-6, 2-3 Midwest Athletic Conference) only managed one hit in the game. Reece Evers delivered that hit in the bottom of the fifth inning, but the line drive to left field couldn't score Riggs Tobe from second base.

Small ball helped the Wildcats (15-2, 5-1 MAC) build a 3-0 lead over the first three innings as runs scored on a ground out, a sacrifice bunt and a sacrifice fly.

Two more runs scored in the fifth inning as two walks and a pair of stolen bases set put James Niemeyer in position to drive in a run with a

FRHS roundup

ground out. Ian Homan followed with a double to push another across the plate.

Alex Gaerke suffered the loss, giving up all five runs on three hits and six walks over 4 1/2 innings pitched.

The Indians' best chance to score came in the sixth inning as Reece Wendel reached base on a dropped third strike and Gavin Fallner and Troy Homan both drew walks to load the bases with two outs. Louis Magoto struck out Tobe to end the inning with no damage done.

Seven run fifth

MINSTER, Ohio — A seven-run fifth inning

pushed the Minster Wildcats over the limit as they beat the Fort Recovery softball team 11-1 in five innings Thursday.

The Wildcats (20-1, 4-0 MAC) started the inning hot as they hit back-to-back doubles to score a run off of Britney Tebbe who came into the game as relief. Tebbe walked the next batter and threw a wild pitch to allow a second run to score before Fort Recovery (6-10, 3-3 MAC) moved back to starter Jenna Homan. She gave up a single before a fielder's choice recorded the first out of the inning.

A subsequent walk, single and ground out scored four more runs. The game ended on an error by catcher Kylie Post that allowed a run to score.

The Indians' only run came in the third inning on a single by Ava Grisez that drove in Tebbe.



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