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Stipulations discussed

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

New stipulations are being considered for the proposed contract between Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Development Corporation.

The Commercial Review received an email Friday afternoon questioning if the newspaper was notified of a meeting of the county commissioners held Thursday. An additional text message and phone call came in later regarding the same issue.

The newspaper had not been notified.

The email to The Commercial Review, sent by a Jay County Development Corporation board member, included a forward of an email from Jay County Commissioner Rex Journey to the organization's executive director Travis Richards and board president

Commissioners talked about JCDC contract options Thursday: newspaper questions legality of meeting without public notice

Angela Paxson. The email from Journey indicates several stipulations for the county considering a contract with Jay County Development Corporation, including that the organization's board not renew Richards' contract.

The email says, "The decision was made in a meeting yesterday by a 2 to 1 decision of the commissioners the following: 'The contract will not be renewed as presented to JCDC. The commissioners would consider the following changes

before entering into a new contract.

"1 The JCDC budget is to be returned to the county control ie the auditor would be handling all expenses as was done back in the 90s

"2 The board would not renew Travis Richards contract

"3 The board would need to reduce its membership to between 9 and 11 members

"4 The commissioners would entertain a new contract after JCDC has found a qualified director"

The email also says commissioners do not feel their relationship with JCDC is "repairable as is. Also they do not feel the board has exercised enough financial oversight."

Commissioners president Chad Aker and county attorney Wes Schemenaur said there was no vote at Thursday's meeting. At press time, Journey had not responded to voicemail messages from the newspaper.

Aker confirmed that commissioners discussed the options indicated in Journey's email.

"We're just trying to consider different options moving forward," said Aker. "How we want to address it. Do we want to move forward with him? Do we want to move forward without him? Do we want new leadership? Do we not want new leadership? We're just trying to discuss all aspects of ideas of how to move forward in a way that's going to best benefit everybody."

Reached Friday evening, Richards said he has no comment on the issue.

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Friday fun

Violet Vogel, 1, walks to her father before going down the slide Friday at Hudson Family Park. Temperatures ranged in the mid to low 70s Friday afternoon with a slight breeze. Today's forecast shows a 40% chance of rain and thunderstorms with showers continuing into Sunday.

Contracts awarded for city projects

Jutte, Jackson will handle wastewater improvements

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

A multi-million improvement project for Portland's wastewater treatment plant is moving forward.

Portland Board of Works on Thursday awarded contracts for the construction of a new equalization basin and wet weather pump station at the facility.

Jutte Excavating of Fort Recovery was the low bidder for the equalization basin in December at \$4.57 million. Other bids ranged from \$5.2 million to \$5.73 million. There were no bids for the wet weather pump station at that time.

After going through a second bidding process, James S. Jackson Company of Bluffton came in with the low bid of \$13.73 million for the wet weather pump station. Jutte was the only other bidder at \$14.62 million.

Board of works members Jerry Leonhard and Mayor Jeff Westlake approved the low bids for the projects, which combined total of just over \$18 million. (Board member Steve McIntosh was absent.)

Both bids came in significantly higher than the last engineers' estimate of \$2.9 million and \$9.3 million, respectively, in March 2023.

Portland clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips explained that the city has closed on its \$23 million bond for the project. She noted that the bond also covers preliminary work, engineering and other costs beyond the construction.

Construction of the equalization basin is expected to take 330 days, with the wet weather pump station to take 515 days. Phillips said a start date for the work has not yet been set.

The equalization basin and wet weather pump station are partner projects that are part of the city's agreed order with Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

See Contracts page 5

Voters will take to polls Tuesday

Voters in Jay County will make their selections Tuesday.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday as local voters make their selections for Republican nominations for commissioner in the north and south districts and three at-large seats on Jay County Council. The only contested race on the Democrat ballot locally is for the nomination for state representative in District 33.

In addition to primary election day, Jay County Courthouse will also be open for early voting from 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday.

The pair of commissioner races highlight the ballot at the county level, as in the north district former three-term commissioner Mike Leonhard, a retired contractor, is running against longtime farmer Doug Horn. Incumbent Republican Rex Journey chose not to seek a second term.

In the south district, the race is a rematch from 2020 as incumbent Brian McGalliard, owner of Pizza King in Portland, faces off against Jay County REMC employee Duane Monroe. (McGalliard defeated Monroe and Barb Street in a three-way race for the GOP nomination in 2020.) Democrat Blake Watson is unopposed for the Democratic nomination for the south district commissioner seat. For Jay County Council,

four Republicans — current council president Matt Minnich, incumbent Dave Haines, former Jay School Board member Bryan Alexander and former Portland City Council member Michael Brewster — are vying for nominations for three at-large seats. (Republican incumbent Jeanne Houchins chose not to seek another term.)

The other contested race for a county office pits cur-

rent county treasurer's office employee Jonelle Foreman and current county clerk Jon Eads against each other for treasurer.

The ballot also includes contested races in both parties for the nomination for state representative in District 33. For the Republicans, the race features three-term incumbent J.D. Prescott against Portland attorney Greg LeMaster.

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Downtown economic plan advances

By RAY COONEY

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Portland's downtown economic development plan is moving forward.

Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved the Portland Downtown Economic Development Plan, the second step in the approval process.

Already having received initial approval from Portland Redevelopment Commission, the plan now moves to Portland City Council.

if it is approved by the council, it will return to the redevelopment commission for final approval.

CWC Latitudes consultant Ed Curtin explained that in order for the redevelopment commission to spend money on an initiative it must be in the downtown economic development plan. He noted that having a plan in place is helpful in order to pursue grants, mentioning opportunities through Indiana Department of Transportation.

He also pointed out that the plan is a framework and that funding opportunities change over time, including the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) and an additional \$250 million in grant funding from the Lilly Endowment that is to be distributed alongside the READI 2.0 funding. Neither were in place when the last downtown economic development plan was written. (Also this year, the state's Office of Community and

Rural Affairs introduced the new Stellar Pathways program, an update on what was previously called Stellar Communities.)

The plan — it is available at portlanddowntownplan.com — lays out goals including beautifying the city, creating an entrepreneurial environment, enhancing economic health, improving connectivity, increasing housing opportunities and increasing transparency.

See Plan page 5

Deaths

Larry Weaver, 78, Roann
Eli Byler, 81, rural Bryant
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 74 degrees Friday. Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers and a high in the mid 70s. Conditions Sunday and Monday will be similar. Expect lows in the lower 60s and upper 50s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Fort Recovery Local Schools spring choir concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday in the elementary/middle school auditoria.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS baseball double-header against Hagerstown.

Wednesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.

Thursday — Results from next week's primary election in Jay County.



Obituaries

Larry Weaver

Dec. 6, 1945-April 30, 2024
 Larry Joe Weaver went home to Heaven on April 30, 2024. He was born on Dec. 6, 1945 in Muncie, Indiana. He was a 1963 graduate of Selma High School. He joined the Marines and served in Vietnam. He married Pamela Haffner from Portland, Indiana, in August 1970. He worked at Createc for 40 years. In 2022, he and his wife moved to Roann, Indiana, to be closer to family. He enjoyed a fulfilling

life of husband, father and grandfather of seven grandchildren. He was always a farmer at heart and enjoyed actively participating in daily farm activities at his son and daughter-in-law's dairy. Last summer, he volunteered at the Stockage Mill in Roann and served as a guide. He was always willing to offer a helping



Weaver

hand, lend a listening ear and be actively present in his grandchildren's lives. He was preceded in death by daughter Sally Weaver. Survivors include his wife, Pamela Weaver; son Phillip Weaver; daughter-in-law Amy Weaver; daughter Sara Keith; son-in-law Paul Keith; grandchildren Alaina, Jordan, Alex and Jesse Weaver; and Cameron, Connor and Kaitlyn Keith; brothers Tom and Johnny Weaver; and brother-in-law Craig A. Haffner.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, June 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Akron Community Center at 815 Rural St. in Akron, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Sally Weaver Scholarship Fund at Lynn Veterinary Hospital in Lynn, Indiana, or Stockade Mill, c/o Ronnie McColley in Roann, Indiana. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

1942-May 2, 2024. Services will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the David E. Schwartz residence, 348 E. 700 South, Berne. *****
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

Sunday 5/5	Monday 5/6	Tuesday 5/7	Wednesday 5/8	Thursday 5/9
74/57	74/61	79/63	82/63	76/56
Sunday's forecast shows a 30% chance of rain and thunderstorms. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	More rain is on the horizon for Monday when there's a 50% chance of thunderstorms.	Tuesday has a 60% chance of thunderstorms and rain. The high may be 79.	Another chance (50%) of rain to round out the week under mostly sunny skies.	There's a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms under mostly cloudy skies.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 2-2-9 Daily Four: 2-5-1-1 Quick Draw: 4-7-8-16-26-28-29-32-33-35-36-40-47-49-52-63-71-75-78-80	Pick 5: 0-8-7-6-5 Evening Rolling Cash 1-9-27-28-39 Jackpot: \$110,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 5-1-3 Pick 4: 4-4-7-9	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$203 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$284 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.46 June corn4.48 Wheat5.13	June beans12.03 Wheat5.83
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.50 June corn4.60 July corn.....4.50	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.39 June corn4.42 Beans11.99 June beans12.02 Wheat5.79
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.50 June corn4.45 Beans12.01	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.43 June corn4.46 Beans11.75 June beans11.85 Wheat5.58

Today in history

In 1626, Dutch colonists purchased the island of Manhattan from the Algonquin tribe. (The Dutch had already established the town of New Amsterdam, which would later become New York, at the southern end of the island.)
 In 1814, Napoleon arrived for the first of his two exiles on the island of Elba.
 In 1894, Bird Day was first observed as an effort to bring conservation training and awareness to the public.
 In 1904, the United States took over construction of the Panama Canal.
 In 1919, Chinese students protested the decision at the Paris Peace Conference that Japan would retain rights and possessions in Shantung in what became known as the May Fourth Movement.
 In 1929, actor Audrey Hepburn was born in Brussels, Belgium.

In 1942, the United States began food rationing during World War II.
 In 2013, the Jay County High School softball team split with the Adams Central Flying Jets, winning the opener 2-0 in eight innings and dropping game two 4-3. Larissa Boles recorded 12 strikeouts in the game-one win.
 In 2018, The Commercial Review took first place for general excellence at the Indiana Associated Press Media Editors awards banquet for the second consecutive year. The newspaper won 17 awards in all.
 In 2022, Jay County Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Advisory Committee agreed to recommend providing \$18,000 to A Better Life - Brianna's Hope for its podcast "Faith in Your Recovery."
 —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, School-house Community Center.
Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S.	Wednesday 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Stipulation ...

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 When questioned about the legality of Thursday's meeting being held without public notice, county attorney Wes Schemenaur said it was held to carry out administrative functions as allowed via Indiana Code 5-14.1.5-5. That section of the code indicates that public notice requirements — meetings typically require 48 hours' notice — do not apply under the following criteria:
 "The executive of a county or the legislative body of a town if the meetings are held solely to carry out the administrative functions related to the county executive or town legislative body's executive powers. 'Administrative functions' means only routine activities that are reasonably related to the everyday internal management of the county or town, includ-

ing conferring with, receiving information from, and making recommendations to staff members and other county or town officials or employees. 'Administrative functions' does not include:
 (A) taking final action on public business;
 (B) the exercise of legislative powers; or
 (C) awarding of or entering into contracts, or any other action creating an obligation or otherwise binding the county or town."
 The Commercial Review disagrees that discussing the Jay County Development Corporation contract falls under those guidelines. The newspaper contacted Indiana Public Access Counselor Luke Britt, who said such discussions about a contract do not fall under the "administrative functions" exception to public meeting notices. (In Indiana, the public access counselor provides advice and assistance concerning Indiana's public access laws. His opinions are not binding.)
 "I think the plain reading of the statute itself is pretty clear that contracts are out of bounds for that," Britt said Friday afternoon.
 In response to Britt's assessment, Aker said, "We're going off of what our attorney tells us."
 Jay County Development Corporation and the county have been at odds since October 2022, when county and municipal government officials proposed that the county commissioners tabled the contract and asked to hold an executive session to discuss it with Richards and Paxson. During the commissioners' April 22 meeting, commissioners agreed to discuss the contract with Jay County Development Corporation during a public special session following the commissioners' regular meeting on May 13.

Voters ...

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 On the Democrat ballot, 2022 nominee John Bartlett of rural Hartford City is running against Redkey Town Council member "Watermelon" Jim Phillips. Amy Schlichter and Marla Lutes are running for Republican precinct committeeman in Penn Township. Republicans Matt Lehman for

District 79 State Representative, Brian Hutchison for Jay Circuit Court Judge, Missy Elliott for county clerk, Brayden Fields for county coroner, Brad Daniels for county surveyor, and Aaron Loy, Robin Alberson, Angela Moeller, Jesse Bivens, Rebecca Thornburg, Randy Stephen, Lenny Muhlenkamp, Kerry Muhlenkamp, Zach Chenoweth, Jeff Hopkins, Jennifer

Felony arrests

Probation violation
 Two Indiana residents were arrested Friday for violating probation. Holly M. De Morrow, 39, 310 E. South St., Pennville, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. De Morrow was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 60 days suspended and given 60 days credit for time served. A petition alleging she violated the conditions of her probation was filed in court April 29.
 Cassandra L. Odom, 40, 455 West Windsor St., Montpelier, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge for possession of methamphetamine, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed. She was sentenced to 910 days in Indiana Department of Correction with all but 545 days suspended and given 14 days credit for time served. Odom was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to submit to an evaluation for substance abuse counseling. A petition alleging she violated the conditions of her probation was filed in court March 27.

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Monday McGraw , Katrina: noon, Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Tuesday Byler , Eli: 9 a.m., David E. Schwartz residence, 348 E. 700 South, Berne.
June 15 Weaver , Larry: 10:30 a.m., Akron Community Center, 815 Rural St., Akron, Indiana.

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- A firm believer in JCDC

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70th anniversary



Martha and Arnold Hilgefard - 2024

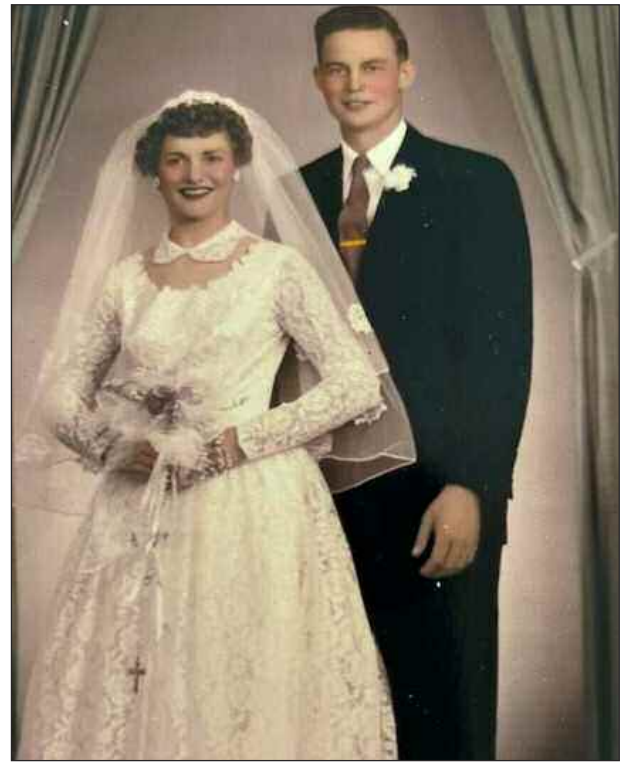
Arnold and Martha Hilgefard

Martha and Arnold Hilgefard of Portland are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary next week.

Arnold Hilgefard married Martha Muhlenkamp on May 8, 1954, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Bryant.

They have eight children — the late Dan Hilgefard (wife Linda), Deb Barnett (husband Steve), Linda Huelskamp (husband Gregg), Betty Strawn (husband Dennis), the late Randy Hilgefard, Donna Chenoweth (husband Dennis), John Hilgefard and Peg Starr (fiancé Steve Pollard). They also have 33 grandchildren and 63 great-grandchildren.

The Hilgefards will celebrate with an open house from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 5, in the activity room at Briarwood Nursing Home, 100 Don Desch Drive, Coldwater, Ohio.



Martha and Arnold Hilgefard - 1954

Felon's impending release worries girlfriend

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Will," and I have been together for seven years. We get along great. I love his close-knit family and adore his parents. He's the youngest of five brothers, most of whom I get along with great. The only brother I don't know is the oldest. "Rick" has been incarcerated for the better part of 30 years for rape. I've always known about him and the "sugar-coated" circumstances surrounding his incarceration.

Recently, Rick has been letting the family know that he has been rehabilitated and will be released with extensive supervision. He told my boyfriend he would like to meet me and also connect with the nieces and nephews he's never met (not my children). Upon hearing this, I did some

Dear Abby



research, and I found the NON-sugar-coated details of his crimes. Will has made clear to me he will support his brother's release and is excited to see him. This is the same feeling most of the other family has.

Abby, the thought of being in Rick's presence terrifies me. I don't believe a person who commits a crime of this magnitude can be rehabilitated. (A few others feel the same.) I'm worried

about the backlash I may receive from family members, as well as his parents, who wholeheartedly believe Rick's release is warranted. Help, please. — APPREHENSIVE IN MINNESOTA

DEAR APPREHENSIVE: I understand your apprehension. However, Brother Rick will have served his time when he's released, and it won't be without strings attached. If you want a relationship with Will, you are going to have to meet his brother. Of course, it will be under supervised conditions — with your boyfriend and other relatives, so you won't be alone with him.

As you get to know Rick (it will happen in stages), you may become less fearful of

him. Your intuition will guide you. However, if you are still uncomfortable after that, you may have to end your relationship with Will.

DEAR ABBY: My stepdaughter gave her daddy (my husband) concert tickets — for just him, her husband and herself, and excluded me. I was given no warning that she planned to do this, and all the tickets were all sold out when I went online and looked — not that I would've gone anyhow. It would've been pushing my way in where I felt I wasn't wanted.

How should I handle this? I know my husband is struggling with it, and I'd like to talk to him about it. I feel like he's being put in the middle and feels

he must go because his daughter bought the ticket. Should he not go and make his daughter mad, or go and make me mad? How would you handle this? What should I say to my husband so I'm not the bad guy? — OUT OF THE ARENA IN ALABAMA

DEAR OUT: What you should say to your husband is the TRUTH. Tell him, "Go to the concert, Honey, and have a good time. I'm just confused about why your daughter didn't include me."

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

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

Today

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.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on

the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113. S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will

meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church,

204 E. Arch St. in Portland.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday

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

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

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.

THANK YOU MR. LeMaster

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Attorney Greg LeMaster for his prompt response to the Election Integrity Survey, which I recently distributed to both Republican candidates for the Indiana State House of Representatives. Mr. LeMaster's thoughtful and thorough answers have been invaluable in providing insights into his stance on election-related issues.

If anyone would like to discuss the survey questions or Mr. LeMaster's responses in greater detail, please feel free to reach out to me at either Clayto55@aim.com or at (765) 730-3301. I would be happy to engage in further discussion. Thank you once again, Mr. LeMaster, for your time and cooperation.

Best regards,
J. Clayton Phillips
Paid for by J. Clayton Phillips

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Elementary Schools
May 6-10

Monday: Main Entrees: Classic chicken sandwich **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** smile potatoes

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Turkey corn dog **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, garlic breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** Steamed carrot & broccoli medley

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Whole grain french toast sticks **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, garlic breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** Hash brown patty

Thursday: Main Entrees: Mashed potato & chicken bowl **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, garlic breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic pepperoni pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, yogurt & cheese fun lunch, popcorn chicken salad base, garlic breadstick, **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned peas and carrots

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Thank you for prom support

To the editor:
We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful community for making the prom season a memorable one. Your support and enthusiasm truly made a difference.

Letters to the Editor

A special shout out to all the businesses that supported us during the prom season. Your contributions helped make the events even more spectacular.

We are excited to share that the "Through the Looking Glass" Prom was a huge success. Our students looked fabulous and had a fantastic time celebrating.

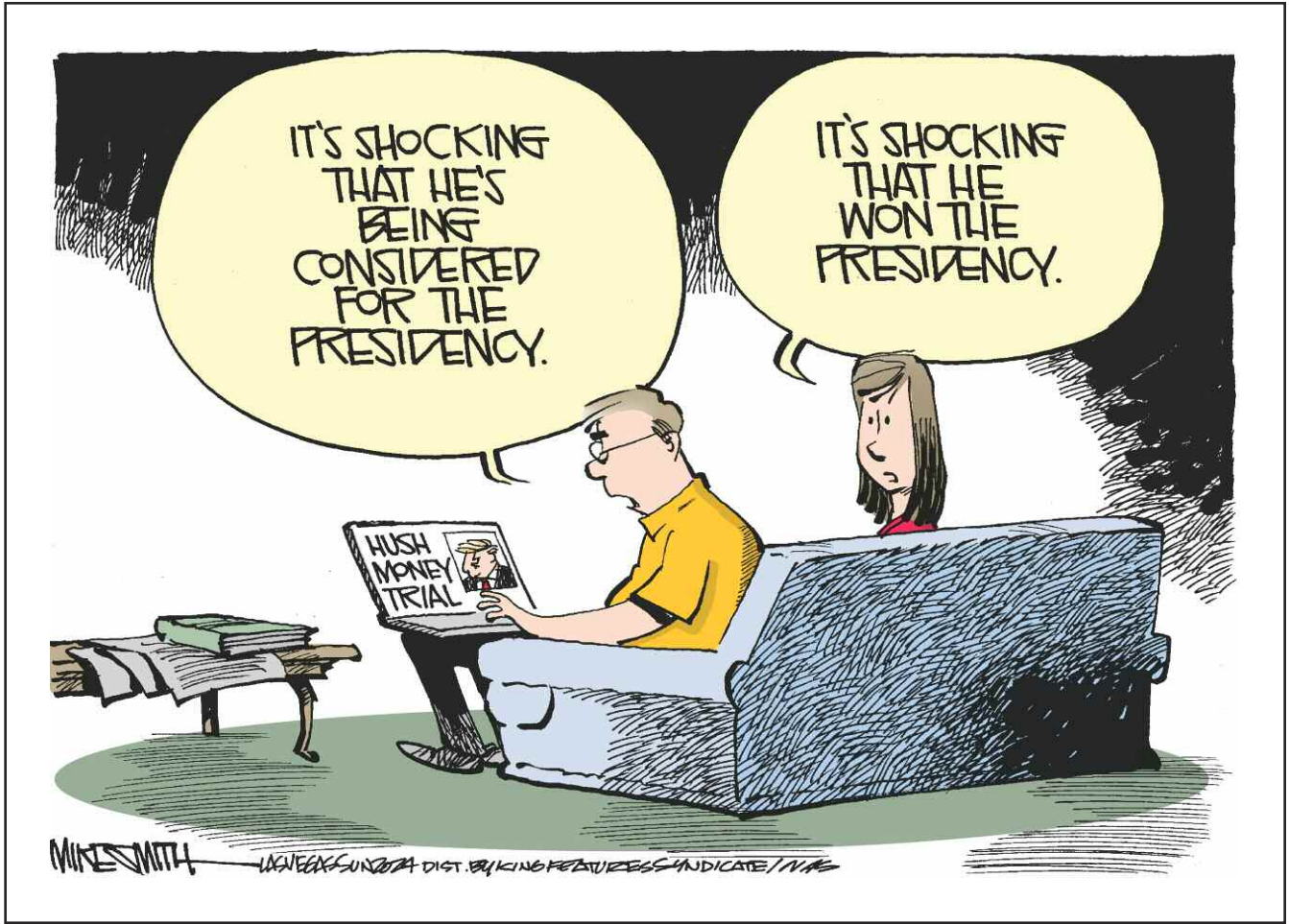
We would also like to express our gratitude to our families for their continued partnership

and support. Together, we can create amazing experiences for our students.

We truly appreciate each and every one of you for being part of our school community and making moments like prom season truly magical.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication.

Warm regards,
Junior class sponsors
Brandy Foster and
Christie Sommers



We can't botch reform again

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

Indiana is in the process of revamping its high school curricula. This could be a superb opportunity to rethink some fundamentals about schooling, its role in society and the needs of the future economy. It is also a good time to re-center the long-term wellbeing of students into the discussion.

However, the last time Indiana made significant changes to school curriculum, we failed badly. That cannot happen again.

In December 2013, then-Gov. Mike Pence announced an ambitious plan to offer more career-focused education to Hoosier high school kids who weren't going to college. It was a smart, thoughtful and much-needed addition to our educational landscape. I was an enthusiastic supporter and wrote in support of it.

Almost from the beginning, the execution of that plan was botched. It is worth recounting how a very good idea became very bad public policy, and how the accumulated mistakes of a decade continue to haunt Indiana's economic performance even now and into the distant future.

The Daniels-era education reforms were successful on almost every important measure. The push for higher standards revealed itself in test scores, graduation rates and college attendance and success. They strengthened good local public schools and forced bad ones to change. But not everyone wishes to go to college and, for three generations, we'd cut programs for those students.

Pence's plan was met with strong support by business, which offered free curriculum in STEM, and support for students wishing a career route. My school corporation, led by Jennifer McCormick, developed an award-winning program with a local manufacturing firm. Things started off well. Then the Department of Workforce Development began to push the state's board of education.

The DWD had an occupational forecast claiming that, between 2014 and 2024, there'd be a huge demand for high school-only graduates — that is, students who graduated high school and did not go to college. The DWD forecast claimed that the state would need 400,000 more high school-only graduates by 2024.

I did everything I knew how to do in order to explain why this was mistaken. I used labor demand forecasts from a half dozen economists that said we'd need fewer high school graduates by 2024. I showed them the studies from the 1970s through the 2000s explaining how these forecasts

Michael J. Hicks



college. The bad forecast drove policy.

Funding for K-12 stalled on a per-student basis and dropped as a share of GDP. Pence's vision morphed into an anti-college agenda. The state's workforce development director and the president of our community college system downplayed the benefits of post-secondary education.

By 2017, Indiana introduced career indoctrination down to sixth grade. Among the largest of these were manufacturing occupations and truck drivers. The demand for both is lower today than in 2014.

Pence's program to offer career-focused opportunities to older students became a platform for pushing students away from post-secondary education. To their credit, in 2020, the legislature increased the age that career pathways would start. So, today, we wait until children are 13 to provide them bad labor market advice.

The most damaging effect was on college attendance. Indiana peaked in 2015, sending 65% of our high school graduates to college, at a time when the national average was 72% of students. In the race for a talented workforce, Indiana was well behind and running slower than the pack. Over the past two years, fewer than 53% of our high school graduates have gone to college. Until this changes, we will not be contenders in a 21st century economy.

We are now near the very bottom in human capital development, making it an opportune time to compare what Indiana does and aspires to do with that of the nation as a whole. Over the past three decades, more than 100% of new jobs in the U.S. have gone to people who attended college, with 8 in 10 going to 4-year degree holders.

Over the same time, the college wage premium has grown. We are now 50 years into an economy that places a premium on human capital. That won't change, no matter how badly some states prepare.

Indiana is moving in the wrong direction at record speed. The period since 2015 is the start of the first decline in educational attainment in Indiana history. The educational reforms we now consider must reverse this decline. We must consider what students need to know for the next 50 years of work — not what low-wage employers say they need after graduation. We simply cannot fail at this again.

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Florida's ban endangers lives

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I'm an emergency physician in Miami, and I see pregnant patients every day.

Sometimes we discover new pregnancies. I tell my patients news that changes their lives. We talk through their options. I ask if they want to explore prenatal care, or if they'd like to consider termination, or if they just need time to process. But when Florida rolls out its six-week abortion ban on May 1, we can't do this anymore.

A "six-week" pregnancy is actually about four weeks old. Pregnancies aren't dated by the age of the embryo. A ban on abortions after six weeks effectively bans abortions altogether.

Pregnancy is one of the most dangerous endeavors a young, healthy woman can undergo.

Our country has an unreasonably high maternal mortality rate, and Black women suffer most. All of these risks feel more intense for our pediatric patients, some of whom are too young to truly understand.

Pregnancy reroutes blood vessels, compresses the vital organs in the belly and changes how blood cells bind together, which can lead to devastating blood clots.

Pregnancy can put a woman on bedrest, cause life-threatening infections and lead to seizures. Pregnancy changes everything about a body, and people should be able to choose if or when they are pregnant.

In the emergency department, my patients also include women who wanted their pregnancy. I hear their stories, examine the bleeding, review ultrasound images and often diagnose early pregnancy loss. I tell them that at least one in four pregnancies end in miscarriage. I let them know they aren't alone and that there's nothing they could have done differently. Then we talk about their options. We can wait and let the miscarriage pass on its own, which four out of five women will do within two months. We can give them medications that help them pass the miscar-

Juhi Varshney



riage in about three days. Or they can schedule an appointment with an OBGYN for a short procedure, but the wait times for this vary quite a bit.

The medications we use to treat miscarriage in the emergency department are misoprostol and mifepristone. They are safe and research shows that this combination is the most effective regimen we have. They're also the same medications used for abortion. Mifepristone is heavily regulated and there are already multiple barriers to administering it in the emergency department.

Recently, arguments against mifepristone have been heard in front of the Supreme Court. That ruling will not only impact abortion care, but will affect our ability to care for miscarriages too.

These laws have created so much confusion, and women end up paying the price. We see heartbreaking headlines. A woman in Texas was thrown in jail two-years ago after having a miscarriage.

Even legal exceptions to abortion law put women at risk — another woman in Florida was discharged after her water broke early because she wasn't "sick enough" to qualify for a medical exemption. She almost died from blood loss shortly after.

To our legislators, the abortion ban is abstract. But if they spent time in the emergency department, up close to the reality of early pregnancy, they would see what I see. And they'd know that this law hurts real women, who have real lives and real health conditions, who support real families, many of whom already have children.

Women who have real hopes and dreams, who deserve real dignity and real peace, deserve so much better than this.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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Contracts ...

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Signed in 2008, the order is intended to eliminate combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in the city by increasing the wastewater plant's capacity. (CSOs occur when the amount of water in the system exceeds its capacity, causing untreated stormwater and wastewater to be discharged into waterways.)

The new system will allow excess water to be pumped into the equalization basin during times when the city's facility is overloaded. That water can

then be pumped back and treated before being discharged.

The agreed order also calls for the construction of an oxidization ditch in the future.

The board also approved an interlocal agreement with Jay County. The agreement, which commissioners approved last week, details the following:

The agreement outlines the following:

- Portland can dispose of vegetative debris at the highway department
- Jay County will mow

along areas of Pearl Street, Tyson Road, Boundary Pike, River Road and along the banks of the Salamon 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 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, Community Resource Center and Jay County Health Department.
- Jay County will allow storage of sand, sandbags and related equipment at Jay County Highway Department. The city and county entities will alter-

nate in providing sand for use in filling the bags.

In other business, the board:

- Agreed to maintain leases with all entities that rent space at Community Resource Center and schedule a meeting between the city and those entities to discuss the terms. There has been a dispute over the handling of utility payments since the board approved updates to the leases late last year.
- OK'd a reimbursement agreement with Patrick Long for his training at

Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. The agreement requires that Long pay back a percentage of the costs of his training if he leaves Portland Police Department within three years.

- Approved the following: The purchase of an ATV for the street department for \$10,690; a memorandum of understanding with Fifer Properties to allow it to put in trees and berms in the right-of-way at 510 S. Bridge St.; water bill adjustment of \$37.27 for 125 S. Munson St.

Plan ...

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Approved uses for tax increment financing (TIF) district revenue, which is administered by the redevelopment commission, include acquisition and construction of projects or property, enhancing public safety, providing financial incentives, updating zoning ordinances, job training, housing attraction, public amenities, park improvements, infrastructure, tourism, sidewalks/streetscapes, transportation enhancement and utility projects.

allow the redevelopment flexibility. City attorney Wes Schemanour noted that the redevelopment commission contributed financially to the Meridian Street storm sewer project that was completed last year.

Both Schemanour and Jay/Portland Building and Planning director John Hemmelgarn agreed that the downtown economic development plan fits within the guidelines of the city's comprehensive plan.

Geesaman suggested taking more time to review the plans, but plan commission member Ron Laux expressed trust for the work done by the redevelopment commission to put the plan together. (Design and planning firm Rundell Ernstberger Associ-

ates led the redevelopment commission in the process of developing the plan, including looking at existing plans and reviewing public policy, visiting the city to talk with residents and business owners, surveying the condition and use of downtown buildings and hosting focus groups and a public open house.)

Plan commission members Bart Darby, Matt Goldsworthy, Kyle Cook, Jerry Alexander, Kent McClung, Ashley Hilfiker, Geesaman and Laux, absent Steve McIntosh, unanimously approved the plan.

Also Thursday, the plan commission had a brief discussion about potential updates to the city's zoning ordinance. (The redevelopment commission iden-

tified a few areas for potential change during the process of creating the downtown economic development plan.)

Hemmelgarn said his department is continuing to review the ordinance for potential updates. (It was last updated in 2009.) He added that one of the redevelopment commission's suggestions — making second-story housing a permitted use rather than requiring a special exception — should be an easy change.

Geesaman suggested getting in contact with Accelerate Indiana Municipalities for tips on best practices for such ordinances. Hemmelgarn said his department has been looking at ordinances from other cities.

Schemanour, as he has at previ-

ous meetings, advocated for a collaborative process between the plan commission, redevelopment commission, city council and others locally, with help from outside consultants if needed. Hemmelgarn said he doesn't feel a complete overhaul is needed and that his department will continue to work on identifying potential updates.

The plan commission also heard from Portland resident Nick Miller, who recently ended his term as a representative to the Muncie Housing Authority. He said almost \$20 million in grant funding is available in grant funding for "mixed income housing" development. He noted Joliet, Illinois, as a city that has had success with such projects.

5-4 CRYPTOQUIP

BQCH KEZ OXH'V MCVCSNHC
BQCVCY TESCQNHU NT
XOVZXJK YCXJ, N'M OXJJ
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A BELOVED STEVIE WONDER HIT ABOUT FOLKS WHO CAN CREATE PERFECT NEEDLEWORK: "SUPER STITCHIN'."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals C

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

On the track

- 1) What horse broke a 37-year Triple Crown drought when he won the Belmont Stakes in 2015?
- 2) How long, in miles, was the first Kentucky Derby race, which was held in 1875?

(1) American Pharoah
(2) 1.5 miles

5-6 CRYPTOQUIP

JTRNSY WBTR C XFV ZLT
ZCG TFY JCBTMUSX TS C
WBUXUP PCV: "U'R XNYYUSX
YTT JTMP WTB YLUG."

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU CAN'T DETERMINE WHETHER SOMETHING IS ACTUALLY REAL, I'D CALL THAT AN ENTITY CRISIS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals G

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	35 Violin student's home assignment	53 Remains projectile	11 Parsley piece
1 Alligator's home	54 Pub projectiles		13 Museum artifact
6 "Peer Gynt Suite" composer	DOWN	1 Vulgar type	18 Biblical boat
11 Small burger	39 Cupid's alias	2 28th President	21 Painting mishaps
12 Pitcher, in slang	40 Egggy quaff	3 Ruckus	23 Orange peel
14 Politico Nancy	42 Goblet feature	4 Disorder	25 Wapiti
15 Store fodder	43 Wander about	5 First-rate, in slang	27 Dundee denial
16 Dorm VIPs	44 Fess up	6 Small pickle	29 Amazon e-readers
17 Brainy Eugene	46 World Series org.	7 Litter's littlest	31 Sired planet
19 Western st.	49 Quaint "Omi-goshi!"	8 Apr. check	33 Humble — de
20 Sport shirt brand	51 Skirmish	9 Draw forth	36 Maximum
22 Mork's home	52 Pencil part	10 Trattoria desserts	37 Searches deeply
23 Tubular pasta			38 Glowing coal
24 Music category			41 Mocked
26 Kind of energy			44 Friend
28 Sort			45 Model Banks
30 "Still-matic" rapper			48 "This — recording"
31 Yokel			50 Honey holder

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 5-4

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A simple rule of thumb

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 7 2
♥ 10 6 3
♦ A K J 8
♣ J 9 4

EAST
♠ 8 5 4
♥ Q 9 5
♦ Q 7 4 2
♣ 6 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ A K 8 7 2
♦ 10 9 5
♣ A K Q 10

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 2♣ 3♥ Pass
6♥

Opening lead king of spades.

There is certainly nothing unusual about reaching an uncertain contract — it happens all the time — but when you do, you should still do everything possible to try to make it. Consider South's plight in the present case where he was in six hearts and West led the king of spades.

With ordinary play, South would have gone down one, losing a trump

trick and a diamond. But he managed his assets very well and wound up making the slam.

He won the spade lead with the ace, cashed the A-K of trump and then embarked on a campaign to try to avoid the risky diamond finesse. He began by leading the ten of clubs to the jack, ruffed a spade, then led the ten of diamonds to the ace and ruffed dummy's last spade.

Having run East out of spades to set the stage for a potential endplay, declarer next played the A-K-Q of clubs, discarding a diamond from dummy on the last club. East refused to trump the fourth club and then he forced to lead a diamond into dummy's K-J, so he discarded a diamond instead.

This merely delayed the inevitable, because declarer next led his last trump, forcing East to win and return a diamond from the Q-7 to yield the slam.

In finding the winning line of play, declarer merely followed the general principle that one shouldn't stake the outcome on a finesse without first seeking a reasonable alternative. Once South applied the principle, the rest was as easy as pie.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 9 7 6 4
♥ 9 8 3
♦ 7 5 4
♣ 5

EAST
♠ J 3
♥ A K Q J 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ 2

SOUTH
♠ 8 5
♥ —
♦ K 10
♣ A Q J 9 8 7 6 4 3

The bidding:
East South West North
1♥ 5♣ — Dbie
Opening lead — four of hearts.

This deal occurred in the 1993 Cavendish Invitational Pairs. South was Ron Gerard, who, with Mike Kamil, finished second in the event.

Gerard wasted no time bidding five clubs on his nine-card suit after East had opened with one heart. West, with three potential defensive tricks in his own hand, confidently doubled, no doubt expecting to set the contract at least two or three tricks.

As the cards lie, it might appear that South must lose two diamonds

and a club for down one. But Gerard found the way to get home safely.

After ruffing the opening heart lead, he cashed the ace of clubs and conceded a club to West's king. Gerard ruffed the heart return and led a spade to the queen. When this held, he ruffed dummy's last heart and cashed three more trumps to produce this position:

North
♠ A 9
♦ 7 5

West
♠ K 10
♦ A 3

South
♠ 8
♦ K 10
♣ 7

Gerard now led his last trump, forcing West to discard the diamond three. Declarer then pitched dummy's nine of spades, and East did his best to try to deceive him by discarding the diamond jack, hoping Gerard would next lead the diamond king in an attempt to fell the ace and queen together.

But Gerard read the position perfectly and led the diamond ten, felling West's ace. The spade ace and diamond king then scored the last two tricks, and the doubled game was home.

Tomorrow: The theory of gain vs. loss.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	44 Catches some rays	4 Nepal's neighbor	50 Sandwich shop	53 \$ dispenser	55 Sandwich cookie	56 Too sportage maker	58 "Just Do It" company	59 Subject, usually	60 Before	61 Spiritual leader?
1 Suntan lotion letters	4 "Nova" ailer	7 Couch	11 Head light?	13 Joan of —	14 La Scala solo	15 Norwegian saint	16 Carnival city	17 Forum wear	18 Hair dryer	20 Spelling or Amos
22 Cartoonist Chast	24 Soft hue	28 Flip out	32 Submit taxes on line	33 New York canal	34 Nuke in the microwave	36 Europe's neighbor	37 Really annoy	39 Sponges	41 Pizza servings	43 Newt
4 Standard	4 Telly watcher	6 Reporter's coup	7 Contentment	8 Granada gold	9 Pear-shaped fruit	10 Motorist's org.	12 Excessive response	19 Mauna —	21 "The Lovebirds" star	23 Snoring, in comics
25 Mrs. Addams, to Gomez	26 Writer Wiesel	27 Meadows	28 Pop music's Bee —	29 Like some vaccines	30 New York's —	31 Thanks-giving veggie	35 "The Bells" author	38 Afternoon get-together	40 Frequently	42 plumber's tool
45 Commotion	47 Party cheese	48 Comic shrieks	49 Low digits	50 Quarter-back	51 "Evil Woman" band	52 Baton Rouge sch.	54 Actress West			

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Saturday's answer 5-6

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SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly

OVERALLS

UNDERALLS

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

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"That sure made me hungry when we sang 'Lasagna in the Highest.'"

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly

TURN RIGHT... TURN LEFT... MAKE A U-TURN... TURN LEFT... MAKE A U-TURN... MAKE A U-TURN...

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

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"Miss McElfresh says you can help with my math as long as it's the way we learn in school."

Peanuts

SEE?

YOU DREW MOLLY VOLLEY FOR A PARTNER IN THE MIXED DOUBLES...

IN THE LAST TOURNAMENT SHE BEAT UP HER PARTNER, TWO LINESMEN AND A BALL BOY!

HERE SHE COMES NOW.

ALL RIGHT, WHERE'S MY PARTNER?

Peanuts

HI, I'M MOLLY VOLLEY!

HI, MY NAME IS CHARLIE BROWN

THIS IS SNOOPY... HE'S GOING TO BE YOUR PARTNER IN THE TOURNAMENT

I'VE HEARD OF MIXED DOUBLES, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

Rose is Rose

HE'S HIDING BEHIND A SMALL MOON IN THE LAST PANEL.

HE DEARMED THE TRACKING DEVICE... HE'LL BE FINE.

WON'T THE MUTANTS FIND HIM?

YOU'RE A RANGER RORY COMIC BOOK FAN?

MY DAD TAUGHT ME HOW TO READ WITH HIS RANGER RORY COMICS.

Rose is Rose

THANKS SO MUCH, ROSE... CORKY REALLY APPRECIATES THE LOAN.

AS LONG AS JIMBO GETS OUR HAMMOCK BACK BY HIS NAPTIME.

NO PROBLEM, ABBY...

Agnes

THAT'S IT!... NO MORE PLAYING AROUND. THIS BIKE IS GETTING ON THE ROAD THIS SUMMER!

I'M MAKING A CHECKLIST. I WILL CALL OUT WHAT I WILL NEED, AND YOU WRITE IT DOWN IN THIS LEDGER.

OK... NUMBER ONE... UNEQUALED OPTIMISM.

ARE THERE TWO L'S IN 'UNEQUALED'?

Agnes

WHAT COLOR SHOULD I PAINT MY BIKE? A RAGING RED? A FAT, SCREAMING YELLOW?

PERHAPS A FINE INDIGO PEARL? A BRILLIANT EMERALD METAL FLAKE? PAGAN GOLD CANDY? MURDER IT OUT WITH FLAT BLACK? A CREAMY ROOT BEER BROWN?

HOW DO YOU ENVISION IT?

BACK IN THE DUMPSTER.

Hi and Lois

IT'S LIKE CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON HALLOWEEN...

SUMMER BLOCK-BUSTERS IN SPRING.

CAN WE SEE IT NOW?

DEADPOOL 3

NOW SHOWING

Hi and Lois

YOU KNOW WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT WORKING AT HOME?

MY COMMUTE IS ONLY 10 FEET.

Between Friends

COFFEE, EH?

YEP

CAFFEINATED?

YEP

I THOUGHT CAFFEINE WAS MAKING YOU MOODY

NO CAFFEINE WAS ALSO MAKING ME MOODY

AND IF I'M GOING TO BE MOODY I MIGHT AS WELL ENJOY IT

Between Friends

GOOD MORNING, JILL!

JILL?

GOOD MORNING

IF YOU SAY SO...

Blondie

DO YOU THINK WE'RE WEIRD FOR ASKING YOU TO CATER A HORSE WEDDING?

WE WERE THINKING AN OATS CAKE WITH A SIDE OF SUGAR

LOVELY! AND HOW NICE OF YOUR SON TO HELP PLAN THINGS

HERE'S A TREAT!

THAT'S NOT OUR SON, THAT'S OUR JOCKEY!

AND I'M THE BEST MAN!

Blondie

LEAVING ALREADY?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ALREADY?

I'VE BEEN HERE FOR NINE STRAIGHT HOURS!

WELL, THAT WAS MORE OF A FRIDAY JOKE THAN A MONDAY JOKE!

Snuffy Smith

D'CIDED WHO YO'RE VOTIN' FER, SNUFFY?

NOT YET !!

STILL WAITIN' FER BARLOW TO PUT UP HIS LAWN SIGN !!

Snuffy Smith

ARE YA WORRIED 'BOUT ALL TH' ARTYFISH'L INTELLIGENCE STUFF OUT THAR, SNUFFY?

YEP !!

BUT NOT AS MUCH AS ALL TH' GENYOOWINE STUPIDITY STUFF THAT'S OUT THAR !!

Beetle Bailey

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO WEAR CIVVIES TO THE GENERAL'S PARTY

I ONLY HAVE ONE SUIT

THAT'S WHY YOU NEVER SEE SARGE OUT OF UNIFORM

GREG + MORT WALKER

Beetle Bailey

YOU CAN GO IF YOU FINISHED MOPPING THE FLOOR

OOPS!

THIS IS GOING TO END BADLY

WET FLOOR

GREG + MORT WALKER

We Deliver

Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

Laughter

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MAY 4th, 2024
AT 9:30 A.M.
REAL ESTATE – 270 E Liberty Street:
PARCEL #1:
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Patch dolls in original boxes; Texaco oil can; and many other items not listed.
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PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 W Votaw St., Portland, IN May 11th, 2024 9:30 A.M.
ANTIQUE - PRIMITIVES - OLD COLLECTORS ITEMS
Alladin Jadeite lamp; butter prints; coffee grinders; Alladin shades and chimneys; big wheel ion tricycle; Shirley Temple Dolls; cast iron crust roller Crescent stove; cast iron engine; flat iron; military patches and buttons; John Deere pull type combine; New Ferguson tractor with box; 1964 Reds All Star game program; cast iron horse wagons; Wagner child's small skillet and tea kettle; cast iron Fordson tractor with plow; cast iron Hubler steam engine; **LARGE ASSORTMENT OF JEWELRY;** 1898 Auglaize Co atlas; Tonka log wagon and grain hauler; **HAM RADIOS AND CB'S;** cast iron skillets; cast iron seats; and many other items not listed.
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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.
LUMBER - TOOLS
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.
AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. day of auction for preview.
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PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 W Votaw St., Portland, IN May 13th, 2024 5:30 P.M.
VEHICLES - GOLF CARTS - MISCELLANEOUS
2018 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV 196,137 miles; 2017 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUV 187,691 miles; 2006 Ford F250 Truck 55,925 miles; 2002 Ford 3DC Truck (retired ambulance) 118,725 miles; (3) EZ Go Golf carts; Flatbed trailer (no title); (2) typewriter desks; 1 large drafting table; and other items not listed.
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TIME 10:00 A.M.
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Beech-nut, Marlboro, Newport, and other signs. Stihl wheels. 120 lb anvil (damaged). Porcelain laundry stove. Chevrolet thermometer. RR lantern. 40 and 20 gal Cast iron kettle with legs. Cast iron skillets and pots. Glass door hutch. Grandfather clock. GE washer and dryer. Whirlpool upright freezer. Apartment sized refrigerator and freezer. Window air conditioner.

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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 authorization 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

(d) 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 (GX) 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

CR 4-27,5-4-2024 -HSPAXLP

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Indians split against Cards, Stars

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians have had an up and down season.

It doesn't get more up and down than the past two days.

The Fort Recovery High School softball team picked up its fourth Midwest Athletic Conference win of the season over the New Bremen Cardinals 10-1 on Thursday, before the South Adams Starfires flipped the script to hand the Indians a 9-1 loss on Friday.

Ella Schoen powered the Indians' offense with three RBIs on two hits in Thurs-

day's game. She hit a single in the first to get Fort Recovery (8-11, 4-3 MAC) on the board early and ended the scoring with a two-RBI double as part of a six-run fifth inning.

Britney Tebbe secured the win. She threw the first four

innings, giving up three hits and three walks to New Bremen (8-12, 1-8 MAC), but never surrendering a run.

After going 0-7 in the MAC last season, the Indians will finish fourth. Minster took home the title with a perfect 7-0.

The Starfires (13-1) jumped on Jenna Homan right away for three runs in the first inning. The FRHS freshman gave up a triple, single and a walk to lead off the game. They proceeded to score on a fielder's choice, a sacrifice fly and a stolen base.

The Indians stopped South Adams in the second but the runs continued to pile on with one in the third, two in the fourth and three in the sixth. The Indians finally got on the board in the seventh inning on a two-out single by Emma Will. With a nine-run deficit, it was going to be too late for FRHS to mount a full comeback.

Homan took the loss, giving up nine runs on 10 hits and three walks. She did strike out 11 batters in the contest and only five of the runs were earned.

Schoen powers FR in victory, South Adams offense pounces early

Roundup ...

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An error and a wild pitch in the second inning allowed two more runs to score in the third inning. All five runs were charged to Kade Sommers, giving him the loss. The Patriots (9-7, 3-1 ACAC) took back three runs in the final two innings, but fell one short of extending the game. Sam Myers and Parker

Nichols led the offense with two hits, a run and an RBI each.

Jay swept

MONROE — The Jay County girls tennis team got swept by the Adams Central Jets 5-0 on Thursday afternoon.

Brenna Haines and Maggie Dillon played the most consistent matches for the Patriots (5-4, 0-2 ACAC) at

the No. 1 singles and No. 3 singles positions, respectively. Haines won three games in each set as she fell to Hillary Tobias 6-3, 6-3.

Dillon lost to Macy McClure 6-3, 6-4.

Melanie Bertsch narrowly avoided a third set against Brenna Bailey in the No. 2 singles match. Bertsch came out on top 6-0, 7-5.

Meredith Dirksen and Sophia Sprunger were defeated by Adams Central's Alexa Brotherton and Anna Leyse 6-1, 6-2 in the No. 1 doubles match.

Zion Beiswanger and Lucie Henneaux failed to get a game in the first set but managed three as dropped the No. 2 doubles match 6-0, 6-3 to Aliana Bertsch and Alyana McCullough.

Faith Faulker captured the only win for JCHS on the night with a 6-2 victory in the junior varsity No. 3 singles match.

Four strokes short

WINCHESTER — The Jay County Junior High School golf team fell 164-168 to Driver on Thursday at Winchester Golf Course. Tobe Schwartzentru-

ber's 37 strokes earned him match medalist honors. His best hole came on the second in which he finished with a bogey.

Karson Hines and Bailey Towell came up with the next best scores of 41 and 43. Crystal Schwartzentru-ber rounded out the team score with 47 strokes.

Camden Buckland's 51 and Kason Sims' 52 did not affect the team score.

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International 484 diesel tractor with 3058 hours. 3PT Blade with Cyl. Mounted cycle bar mower. Double chain elevator. 2-wheel Trailer. Hog feeders. 500 gal LP tank. Fifth wheel camper hitch. Lincoln 225 Welder. Portable air compressor. Wheelbarrow. 8' Fiberglass step ladder. Maple, Oak, and other misc lumber. Smoker. Earth woodstove.

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Oak cabinet. Oak chair. Wardrobe. Table and night stand. Metal lawn chair. Royal Porcelain sign. Old doors and windows. Old license plates. Radio Flyer wagons. Collectable glassware. Oil lamps. Paper weights. 2 gallon jug and other crocks. Longaberger baskets. Square dining room table with 6 chairs and matching hutch. Full size bed complete. Twin bed complete. 3 pc bedroom suite full size. Cedar chest. Lighted curio cabinet. 7 drawer desk. Living room and rocking chairs. Glider rocker with footstool. Sewing machine with cabinet. 3 cushion sofa. Wurlitzer organ w/ stool. Stamp collection. Maytag washer and dryer. GE and Sears upright freezers. KitchenAid refrigerator. Small kitchen appliances. Tupperware. Smith & Wesson 38 Special Revolver. Remington 222 Model 788 Rifle w/ Bushnell scope. Marlin 3030 Model 336CS Lever action Rifle. Double action 22 pistol Model 1900.

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2012 Audi A8 4 door sedan, 4.2 engine, 66,075 miles. Older Chevy Lumina for parts. Yamaha Motorcycle for parts. Smith & Wesson 9mm Pistol with laser sight and extra clip. Stevens Model 22-410 Over and Under. JC Higgins Model 33 22 Caliber tube fed. Westpoint Model 911 12 gauge Double barrel. Morgan dollars years 1921 (7). 1922 Peace dollars (7). 1923 Peace dollars (11). 1921 Peace dollar (1). 1928 Peace dollar (1). 1964 Kennedy Half dollars (28). (11) Franklin Half dollars years '54-'63. \$25 worth of silver dimes. (6) Rolls Jefferson and wartime nickels. \$25 worth of silver quarters ranging from '58-'64. Gold Class rings, other rings, and misc jewelry. Louis Marx Train set. Cast iron skillets. Metal toys and trucks. Old Phones. Milk and cream cans. Egg baskets. Wood pulleys. Buzz saw blade. Pitcher pumps. Ford 5 gal gas can. Old oil cans. Chicken crates. Camelback and other trunks. Treadle type sewing machine. Sellers table. Old pennants and memorabilia. Hop along Cassidy guns and holsters w/ box. Metal wrought iron gate and fencing. Wooden barrel. Platform scales. Columbia Speedliner men's bike with basket and fenders. Fairbanks- Morris scale. Wooden high chair. Bear hide. Deer, fish, and wildlife mounts. 4 and 6 drawer dressers. LG and other 42" flat screen tv's. Coleman camping stove. Fishing poles and supplies.

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MAY 11, 2024

9:30 A.M.

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Jay ...

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Fugiett shot the other birdie for the Patriots. His came on the 178-yard, par-3 18th hole. Both golfers finished with a score of 43 to contribute to the team total.

DeRome earned match medalist honors with a 38. His only significant slip up came on hole No. 11 where he shot a double bogey. A bogey on the 13th was the only other time he shot over par the rest of the match.

DeRome also started his day with a par on the 10th hole. His tee shot landed next to a bridge 136 yards away from the pin. His second put him at the base of the large hill leading to the green. DeRome's chip left him just 3 feet short for an easy putt for par.

"I played pretty well and pretty consistent today," DeRome said. "My putting was pretty good tonight and my driver was pretty good too, but my irons were definitely the best."

Belmont had four golfers tie for the top team score of 42 strokes. Owen Minnick, Ben Binegar, Brady Malone and Cameron Sum-

mers scored, while Carson Manley finished with a 45.

Bluffton's top two scorers, Declan Grieser and Connor Klopfenstein, shot 45s as well.

Gage Sims had the second-best score of the match with a 40. Sims started with two bogeys then rattled off six straight pars before ending on a sour note, sending two balls out of bounds long off the tee on hole No. 18 to double par.

Cody DeHoff also had a strong start, sitting at just two strokes over par through the first five holes, but three-straight double-bogeys hurt him. His 44 strokes did not affect the team score.

DeRome, Sims and Fugiett beat the other two members of their threesomes, while DeHoff had two more strokes than Malone and Garringer only had one more than Summers.

"That's always your goal," Haines said. "If you beat the guys you're playing against, then you're helping the team. I've always found that if you're playing with someone you're competing against, you play better."



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jay County High School senior Gage Sims chips onto the green on the 16th hole at Portland Golf Club on Thursday. Sims put together the second-best score of 40 strokes to lead the Patriots to wins over both Bluffton and Bellmont.

FR's Roessner breaks records

Junior set school records at Mercer County Meet

COLDWATER, Ohio — Anna Roessner had a strong season last in 2023.

The junior is now in the midst of a full break-out season and it's full steam ahead.

Roessner had a record setting day as the Fort Recovery track teams finished in the middle of the pack at the Mercer County Meet hosted by Coldwater on Thursday.

The girls tallied 99.5 points to come in third as Celina won with 118.

The boys totaled 38 for

fourth place (out of six) and Marion Local (156) took the top spot.

Roessner broke four records in the meet.

She set new FRHS school records in the 400-meter run (58.21 seconds) and the 200 dash (25.08 seconds, second place). Roessner already held the 200, but broke Cassidy Martin's 400 run record from 2016 (58.73).

She also broke meet records in the 400 run and 100 dash (12.32 seconds).

The 4x100 relay team of Paige Guggenbiller, Kiana Matsuda, Madison Heitkamp and Mara Pearson broke the meet record with a time of 51.08 seconds.

Other first-place finishes belong to Trevor Heitkamp in the 1,600 run (4 minutes, 26.52 seconds) and the 3,200 run (9:43.56), Karlie Niekamp in the discus (110 feet, 9 inches) and Natalie Brunswick in the 1,600 run (5:17.06).

Perfect ...

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Dues joins Jerry Obringer, Dale Bruns, Dominique Coughlin and Nick Twaits as the only Indians with a no hitter, while being the only player in FRHS history with a perfect game.

"It just doesn't really seem real to me," Dues said. "I wish I had it all on video so I could just rewatch it again and relive that moment. ..."

"I couldn't have done it without Riggs (Tobe) behind the plate making good calls and not making any mistakes. My defense behind me, and having trust in them to make the next play, meant I can just keep pitching the ball and they'll have my back."

The FRHS senior had a comfortable 4-0 lead entering the

seventh inning, but as the reality of the situation started to set in, Dues had to remind himself to stay focused.

"I was very, very nervous," Dues said. "It was already 80 degrees outside and just going back onto the mound, it made everything like 10 degrees warmer it seemed like. I just knew I had to take it one batter at a time."

Gavin Quellhorst led off the inning for New Bremen (6-10, 2-7 Midwest Athletic Conference). He took ball one before looking at a strike to even the count. Quellhorst hit the third pitch to second baseman Sage Wendel, who threw onto Gavin Faller at first to secure the first out.

Aaron Thieman drew a 2-2 count in the second at bat before

connecting with the ball, which sailed to center. Troy Homan secured out number two to bring Dues within one out of history.

Nolan Kuenning stood at home plate as the deciding batter for Dues, who said he started shaking a bit at that point.

Fort Recovery's ace got ahead early as Kuenning swung and missed at the first two pitches. Kuenning laid off two pitches that got called balls to even the count at 2-2. Finally, Dues threw a pitch to lock Kuenning up and catch him looking for strike three, the third out of the seventh, the final out of the game and the strikeout to put Dues' name down in Fort Recovery history.

"It felt really cool and really

amazing (to walk off the mound)," Dues said. "I already knew the chances of it happening were slim-to-none. But that very last pitch and seeing him strikeout looking and the umpire calling it strike three and it just hit me. I finally did it."

Dues struck out the Cardinals in eight of the 21 at bats. Dues said he focused on working his curveball and slider before throwing his fastball, while also working on the corners of the zone to produce the results.

Run support in the second and seventh innings secured the win for the Indians (7-6, 4-3 MAC). Dues helped his own cause with an RBI single in the second inning. Reece Wendel also drove in a run with a walk.

In the seventh, Alex Gaerke's single drove in two runs. He finished as the Indians' offensive leader with three hits and two RBIs.

Dues had the opportunity to reflect further about his achievements nearly a day after the game and he mentioned that he didn't think it was possible for him to do. While Dues is currently the only player to throw a perfect game for FRHS baseball he wants to see more achieve the same after him.

"It's still really, really exciting and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Dues said. "I really hope that other kids in years below me will get to fulfill this achievement and be in the same shoes I'm in right now. Feels really cool."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Baseball vs. Hagerstown — 10 a.m.; Girls tennis at South Adams — 10 a.m.; Softball Lady Panther Classic at Elwood — 10 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball double header vs. Russia — 11 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; Softball Cancer Strikeout at Coldwater — 11 a.m.; JV baseball double header at Russia — 11 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Baseball vs. Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Softball at New Castle — 5 p.m.; Junior high golf at Selma — 4:30 p.m.; Junior high track at Driver — 5 p.m.; Junior high baseball at Muncie Burris — 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Baseball at Arcanum — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Franklin Monroe — 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Boys golf at Southern Wells — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Southern Wells — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Randolph Southern — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Southern Wells — 5 p.m.; Junior high baseball at Daleville — 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track MAC meet at Versailles — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. St. Marys Memorial — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
7:30 a.m. — Premier League: AFC Bournemouth at Arsenal (USA)
7:30 a.m. — Championship soccer: Huddersfield Town at Ipswich Town (ESPN2)

10 a.m. — Premier League: Nottingham Forest at Sheffield United (USA)

12 p.m. — College baseball: Maryland at Rutgers (BTN)

12 p.m. — UFL: Memphis Showboats at Birmingham Stallions (ABC)

12 p.m. — Formula 1: Miami Grand Prix (ESPN)

12 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Heart of America 200 (FS1)

12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Wolverhampton at Manchester City (NBC)

2 p.m. — ARCA Menards Series: Kansas (FS1)

2:15 p.m. — MLB: Chicago White Sox at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)

3 p.m. — PGA Tour: The CJ Cup (CBS)

3 p.m. — UFL: St. Louis Battlehawks at Houston Roughnecks (FOX)

5 p.m. — College volleyball: NCAA Men's Volleyball tournament (ESPN2)

5:50 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: AdventHealth 400 (FS1)

6:40 p.m. — MLB: Baltimore Orioles at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Philadelphia 76ers at New York Knicks (TNT)

7 p.m. — UFC fighting (ESPN2)

7:15 p.m. — MLB: New York Mets at Tampa Bay Rays (FOX)

8 p.m. — NHL: Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Bruins (ABC)

8 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Heart of America 200 (FS1)

8:30 p.m. — USL Championship: Oakland Roots at San Antonio FC (FOX)

Sunday
9 a.m. — Premier League: Aston Villa at Brighton & Hove Albion (USA)
1 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Orlando Magic at Cleveland Cavaliers (ABC)
1 p.m. — UFL: Michigan Panthers at Arlington Renegades (FOX)
1 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Kansas City Current at Houston Dash (CBS)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: The CJ Cup (CBS)
3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series:

AdventHealth 400 (FS1)
4 p.m. — MLB: Baltimore Orioles at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
4 p.m. — UFL: D.C. Defenders at San Antonio Brahmas (FOX)
4 p.m. — Formula 1: Miami Grand Prix (ESPN)
6:45 p.m. — MLS: Los Angeles Galaxy at Seattle Sounders (FS1)
7 p.m. — MLB: San Francisco Giants at Philadelphia Phillies (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Clippers (TNT)

Monday
3 p.m. — Premier League: Manchester United at Crystal Palace (USA)
6 p.m. — MLB: Detroit Tigers at Cleveland Cavaliers (FS1)
7:45 p.m. — MLB: New York Mets at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)

Tuesday
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Arizona Diamondbacks at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — MLB: Houston Astros at New York Yankees (TBS)



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Picture perfect

Dues keeps Cardinals off bases in FR win

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review
NEW BREMEN, Ohio — A perfect game is one of the rarest accomplishments in sports.

Only 24 pitchers have recorded one in the MLB.

Alex Dues now holds the only perfect game in Fort Recovery baseball history.

Dues sat down all 21 of the New Bremen Cardinals that came to the plate on Thursday to make history in the Fort Recovery High School baseball team's 4-0 victory.

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Special to The Commercial Review/Kim Wendel


Fort Recovery High School senior Alex Dues gets doused with water by Mason Diller and Caden Homan after throwing the first perfect game in Fort Recovery baseball history on Thursday in a 4-0 victory against New Bremen.

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Jay pulls out two victories

All five Patriot golfers shoot under 45 strokes

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review
Last year, the Patriots' lineup stayed pretty consistent, while this season has had more shakeup.

The top two golfers had been strong, while the rest floated in limbo.

In the most recent match, things came together to look like the team they thought they could be in the preseason.

All of the members of the Jay County High School boys golf team shot scores beneath 45 to finish with a team score of 164 and beat Belmont and Bluffton on Thursday at Portland Golf Club.

Jay County (6-1, 2-0 Allen County Athletic Conference) had all five golfers put up strong numbers, including their No. 4 and No. 5 golfers Liam Garringer and Luke Fugiett who both scored for the team.

"I'm really happy," JCHS coach Dave Haines said. "I expect Gage (Sims), Cody (DeHoff) and Caleb (DeRome) to play pretty consistently. Luke and

Liam have been up and down a little bit so I was really happy for them to come through and shoot in the low 40s."

Garringer's night started on the 370-yard, par-4 11th hole. He drove the ball off the tee about 270 yards to the center of the fairway.

From there, Garringer found the front edge of the slope that leads up to the green, barely missing getting on the green in regulation. The Jay County senior's chip came in a little bit too hot, bouncing off the pin, but it only rebounded about three 3 from the hole. He sunk the putt to earn a par.

"I parred the first hole and I just knew I was going to take off from there," Garringer said casually after the match.

Garringer only finished with one par, but had six bogeys and one of the two JCHS birdies. His came on the 10th hole, a par 4 with the tees sitting 348 yards away.

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Softball gets first ACAC win

BLUFFTON — The Patriots have had a rough go in Allen County Athletic Conference play.

They finally broke through and the offense poured in.

After only tallying three hits and one run on Tuesday, the Jay County High School softball team poured on 17 hits for 16 runs against the Bluffton Tigers in a 16-5 clobbering on Thursday.

A double by Jozey Shimp in the first inning got the Patriots (6-4, 1-2 ACAC) on the board early. The second inning was quiet as well, but the sluggers opened the game up with a five-run third.

The Tigers (6-8, 0-4 ACAC) answered back with five runs of their own over the next two innings, but Jay County put the game on ice with seven runs in the sixth and three more in the seventh.

Mallory Winner earned the win by going the distance with nine strikeouts. She gave up six hits and one walk to contribute to five earned runs.

All nine of the Patriot batters got a hit as Mady Fraley and Carley

Jay County roundup

Trinidad contributed three. Fraley and Trinidad were joined by Jaelynn Lykins for the most RBIs with four as well.

Fraley's top hit was a three-run home run in the seventh. All of Lykins' RBIs came on a grand slam in the sixth inning. Trinidad had a pair of two-RBI hits, a single in the third inning and a double in the sixth inning.

Came up short

BLUFFTON — The Bluffton Tigers got ahead of the Jay County Baseball team early on Thursday and despite a late push, a full comeback wasn't in the card for the Patriots as they fell 5-4.

The first three batters reached base for Bluffton (10-5, 5-0 ACAC) in the bottom of the second inning and a double by Easton Blair and a single by Nick Pastore plated them.

See Roundup page 8