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Hunter at Haynes

Hunter Muhlenkamp, 5, races down the slide Wednesday at Haynes Park in Portland. Temperatures are expected to hit the high 70s today under sunny skies.

JCDC to ask for \$ to restore staffing

Executive committee continuing to discuss commissioners' contract points

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

Jay County Development Corporation will request funding to return the organization to its previous staffing level.

Points of consideration offered by Jay County Commissioners as part of contract negotiations are still being discussed.

The JCDC board of directors voted unanimously Tuesday to request \$261,975 from the county for 2025, which would allow the organization to hire a new employee to restore the Jay County Community Development position that has been vacant for nearly two years.

Board president Angela Paxson explained that the board's executive committee went back and forth on whether to request funding (\$156,010 from the county) for JCDC's current staff of two or a return to three. She expressed her preference for three, saying the organization needs an additional grant writer, work on its website and the ability to free up executive director Travis Richards to spend more time in the community.

The community development position has been vacant since August 2022. County commissioners decided to go in a different direction, opting to hire a community coordinator through East Central Indiana Regional Planning District.

The board unanimously voted to request the funding to return to a three-person staff.

Paxson also reported to the board that its executive committee has met twice to discuss the proposed contract points from commissioners as part of JCDC's contract negotiations with the county. She said the committee plans to meet again regarding those points, which include reducing board membership to between 9 and 11 from the current 25 with the mayors or council presidents of Portland and Dunkirk, one county commissioner, one county council representative and representatives from Bryant, Redkey, Pennville and Salamonina as members; meeting monthly or as needed; and making manufacturing the purview of JCDC while retail business would be handled by the community coordinator.

As the negotiations continue, the board informally agreed to request the disbursement of county funds for the first half of 2024 as a good-faith gesture.

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Board, commissioners discuss expectations

By **BAILEY CLINE**
The Commercial Review

Jay County Country Living Advisory Board of Directors met with Jay County Commissioners on Tuesday to discuss expectations moving forward as well as for changes to policies.

They also shared hopes to begin a partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank.

"There has been decades of neglect and lack of oversight (at Jay County Country Living), and therefore this has been a daunt-

ing, hard task," said advisory board president Cindy Bracy.

She noted the board's recent inception — commissioners approved an ordinance creating the facility in February 2024 — and addressed communication issues.

Because Jay County Country Living's board of directors is an advisory board, she said, commissioners have the final say in decisions. She asked that commissioners give their final decisions directly to the advisory

board and suggested sending commissioners the board's recommendations immediately after a meeting.

Commissioner president Chad Aker said that would be helpful, and noted the board could come with its recommendations to the next commissioners meeting for a decision. He also later committed to tagging all board members in emails he sends to Bracy regarding the residential center.

Board member Harold Towell pointed out Tuesday's discus-

sion stems from the board's unanimous recommendation May 13 to not allow pets at the facility.

Members of the community discussed the decision on a Facebook post the following day, with several advocating for a dog, Kilo, who has lived at the residential center for a long period of time. Questions about the advisory board also came into play, and a few county officials chimed into the conversation.

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Microsoft plans Indiana data site

The Times (Munster)
Tribune News Service

LAPORTE — Microsoft plans to invest \$1 billion to build and operate a 245,000-square-foot data center in the city, a project Mayor Tom Dermody describes as the largest economic development project in the city's history and one that will have a lasting impact on the community of about 23,000 citizens.

"Wow," Dermody said of the plan. "Changing our future direction. This is amazing."

Dermody's remarks came Monday night after the LaPorte City Council unanimously approved a 40-year data center tax exemption to be applied strictly to the high tech equipment to be contained inside the facility.

In exchange, Microsoft will refund as much as \$2.5 million, or about 30%, of its tax savings per year through the lifetime of the

agreement. Those funds will be split between the city's Redevelopment Commission and the LaPorte Community School Corp.

"It's massive for the city of LaPorte. The jobs are all going to be quality, high paying jobs which is something we can't have enough of," said City Councilman Tim Franke.

Microsoft's plan was announced publicly Tuesday morning by Gov. Eric Holcomb. A news release from the governor's office said the data center would create up to 200 new jobs by the end of 2032, and "will accelerate cloud computing infrastructure to support growth in technology and artificial intelligence worldwide."

Microsoft officials said the company will construct at least one 245,000-square-foot facility on Boyd Boulevard just east of U.S. 35 on the far south side of LaPorte.

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Graduation grin

Ryne Goldsworthy shakes hands with Jay County High School principal Chad Dodd after receiving his diploma Sunday. Goldsworthy was one of 208 members of the Class of 2024 to receive a diploma.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 86 degrees Tuesday. The low was 73.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the mid 50s with winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with a chance of showers and a high in the lower 70s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Two candidates have filed thus far to run for Jay School Board. Aaron Clark has filed to run in District 4 (Richland and Knox townships outside of Dunkirk) and Chad Towell has filed in District 6 (Wabash, Noble, Madison and Pike townships). The District 1 (City of Portland) seat is

also up for election this year. Current school board members whose seats are up this year are Jason Phillips (District 1), Phil Ford (District 4) and Vickie Reitz (District 6).

Filing, which was moved up on the calendar this year, runs through June 20.

Coming up

Friday — Preview of the Fort Recovery baseball team at the state finals.

Saturday — Results from JCHS senior Caleb DeRome at the regional golf tournament.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



JCDC ...

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Board member Rex Journay, who is also a county commissioner, later suggested that JCDC respond to the commissioners' points before making their funding request.

JCDC took no further action on the issue.
Richards noted that he has received an updated lease agreement from the City of Portland for the organization's space in Community Resource Center. He said he will forward it to board members for their review.

There has been a dispute over the lease agreements since the fall because the updated terms were not the same for all tenants. Tenants met with Portland Board of Works on May 15 to discuss the contracts, coming to an agreement in principle to monthly rent of \$350, one-year leases to be reviewed annually, the city covering maintenance for permanent structures such as heating, cooling, plumbing, electrical, the parking lot, etc.; and tenants

being responsible for utilities and the cost of other shared items such as bathroom and cleaning supplies.

Richards said he expects the contracts to be on the agenda for the next board of works meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Richards updated the board on recent JCDC activity, including a tax abatement for Fort Recovery Holdings, the \$35 million Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI 2.0) and the coming final application for projects, challenges being submitted regarding internet access as part of the Broadband Equity Access and Development program, business retention and expansion visits and his certification to work on Community Development Block Grant work.

In other business:
•Richards presented the financial report, noting that the organization closed a certificate of deposit at the end of April. That resulted in \$30,000 shifting

from the CD to JCDC's general fund.

•The board celebrated recent honors, including the Not for Profit of the Year Award during the Jay County Community Awards and Richards winning the inaugural East Central Indiana Pathfinder Partnership Award. "I hope what that shows is we're doing the right things, we're on the right path," Richards said.

•Alexander commented on the strength of Indianapolis pharmaceuticals firm Eli Lilly, which is now the ninth most capitalized company at \$791 billion. He said the growth the company has shown is great news for the state, noting that it results in additional funding being available through the Lilly Endowment.

•Mary Adair noted that the county now has a representative — McKenna Vore — through the Ball State University County Ambassador Program, which is an effort to empower students to share community pride and to

encourage their friends and classmates to get to know their county and why they may want to consider working or living there in the future.

•The board heard reminders about various events, including:

—Community appreciation day at CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union with lunch from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday

—The National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture Gathering of Great Lakes Nations from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association Grounds, 1010 N. Morton St., Portland.

—Portland Elks' observation of Flag Day, scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, June 14, at the Elks Lodge, 126 W. High St.

—A fundraiser for Jayland Partners, also sponsored by the Elks, beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, June 14, at Good-Rich Brewery

—A Hank Ruff and the Hell-

benders concert, a benefit for Jay County Cancer Society, on Aug. 17 at the Hudson Family Park amphitheater

—A ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon Friday at Patriot Auto Service and Sales, which will include a cookout.

•Journay offered a reminder that applications are open for the county's owner-occupied rehab program. It offers funding for home improvements including roof, water heating or heating ventilation and air conditioning unit replacements, electrical work or upgrades to make a home more accessible and applications are available at Jay County Auditor's Office at Jay County Courthouse in Portland, Dunkirk City Hall, Redkey Town Hall and community coordinator Nate Kimball's office at the Community Resource Center in Portland.

•Trent Paxson complimented the business growth in the former Westlawn Elementary School building in Dunkirk.

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Friday 6/7	Saturday 6/8	Sunday 6/9	Monday 6/10	Tuesday 6/11
72/55	76/57	76/55	75/55	78/57
Mostly sunny skies are expected Friday when the high will be in the low 70s.	Saturday's weather looks mostly sunny, with a low in the mid to upper 50s.	Another chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly sunny. The low may be in the mid 50s.	Monday's forecast shows rain and thunderstorms are possible under mostly sunny skies.	Mostly sunny skies with a high in the upper 70s.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$185 million	Evening Daily Three: 1-9-7 Daily Four: 4-3-7-3 Quick Draw: 2-4-5-8-9-10-12-14-20-21-25-38-42-51-60-72-74-78-79-80
Mega Millions 19-37-40-63-69 Mega Ball: 17 Megaplier: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 3-0-1 Pick 4: 7-7-7-2 Pick 5: 5-0-3-4-3 Evening Pick 3: 1-0-8 Pick 4: 0-3-8-7 Pick 5: 7-7-8-1-3 Rolling Cash: 29-31-32-34-38 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 2-2-6 Daily Four: 7-3-0-0 Quick Draw: 1-5-19-22-25-26-27-34-38-39-40-46-50-57-59-60-62-65-75-80	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.32 July corn.....4.34 Wheat5.35	July beans11.65 Wheat 6.05
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Today in history

In 1970, the Dunkirk Watsons stayed undefeated with a 4-0 victory over Redkey.
In 2013, Anne Vormohr broke a pair of Jay County Summer Swim Team records in a 659-538 victory over South Adams at Berne Pool. She posted record times of 1 minutes, 3.38 seconds in the 100-meter freestyle and 1:11.34 in the 100 backstroke. One records were previously held by Abby Arnold.
In 2018, Fort Recovery High School graduate Nick Thwait's was selected by the San Diego Padres in the 15th round of the Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft. Thwait's had signed to play at Kent State University, but would later accept a contract with the Padres.
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Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
1 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Fort Recovery Park Board, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Expectations ...

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Commissioners discussed the subject at their May 27 meeting and tabled it until they could do more research, specifically mentioning they would like to see if a dog bite would be covered by the county's insurance. Commissioners then verbally agreed to not allow pets inside the building. (Kilo has lived outdoors and indoors at Jay County Country Living. Two cats had also been living at the facility, and one has since been removed.)

Commissioner Rex Journay said he believes decisions such as allowing a dog at the facility should be up to the director or board of directors. (Bracy pointed out if there was a lawsuit, it would be commissioners' business.)

Although commissioners have the final decision on specific items, such as admission policies, budgetary problems or a new set of rules for residents — the latter is in the works — county attorney Wes Schemenaur said the intent of the board was to oversee regular management of the facility.

"I think there (has been) a misapprehension that this group is totally powerless, because I think the language of the ordinance gives you some of that authority to have some say-so in the day-to-day operation out there," he said.

The current version of the lease agreement for residents states no

pets are allowed at the facility. (Bracy pointed out it was created in 2022, and board member Jon Eads noted it was approved by current commissioners.) Aker suggested taking a closer look at the agreement for the future.

Bracy noted admission policies from Howard Haven Residential Center, a similarly owned facility in Kokomo. She suggested using its guidelines as a template for Jay County's residential center moving forward, and later in the meeting she advocated for the board and director Kristie Delaney to visit Howard Haven Residential Center. She pointed out the residential home is partially funded through a nonprofit organization.

"Projecting forward, if we could do that with the long-term goal of ... quality of life for the residents and to be a shining star for our community, and for our state, because there are very few facilities, and then to be fiscally responsible to our Jay County taxpayers," said Bracy. "(Those are) my wishes, and I think that we all feel that way."

Board members and commissioners, absent commissioner Brian McGalliard, also heard hopes to begin a partnership for meals through Second Harvest Food Bank.

Bracy noted Jay County Country Living meets the parameters required to be a part of the program, and she submitted a formal applica-

tion on behalf of the residential center Monday. Second Harvest Food Bank would deliver food priced at a lower cost to the facility. The delivery fee would also be between \$50 and \$75.

"It's, again, a new thing, but I think it will greatly help the budget," she said, noting food and personnel are the two largest expenses for the facility.

Also Monday, Jay County Country Living Advisory Board of Directors members Chris Nixon, Becky Thornburg, Eads, Towell and Bracy:

•Learned Bug Free Pest Control has not yet treated the facility for bed bugs, which were discovered in two residents' rooms during a pest inspection. (Commissioners approved a \$3,250 contract and a \$250 monthly fee with the company May 13.) Board members and commissioners said they thought the initial treatment had already taken place and told Delaney to coordinate with Bug Free Pest Control as soon as possible.

•Discussed having a resident-community outreach program for Jay County Country Living following installation of new flooring and pest control treatment.

•Recommended commissioners elect either Cliff Moser or Laura Garringer to the seat recently vacated by Virginia Burkey.

•Heard there are currently 22 residents at the facility.

Capsule Reports

Pool opens

Dunkirk City Pool opened for the summer today.

Regular hours will be noon to 6 p.m. The admission fee is \$3. (Refunds will not be available for inclement weather.)

Fifty-cent nights will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays.

The facility is also available for rental.

Lost control

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Portland man lost control of the vehicle he was driving and crashed into a telephone pole along county road 400 East about 6:40 p.m. Monday.

Rocki R. Jimenez, 22, was driving a 2010 Dodge Challenger south on the road near county road 200 North when he lost control of it on the stone surface, causing it to crash into a pole.

Jimenez was cited with

an infraction for driving without a license. The vehicle is registered to Carmen A. Garcia of Portland, and it was towed.

Tire troubles

A Ridgeville teen lost control of the vehicle he was driving and crashed into a tree along county road 900 South about 12:58 p.m. Sunday.

Colten A. Ruth, 17, was driving a 2009 Pontiac G8 east on the road when its front tire blew out, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. He overcorrected, causing the vehicle to leave the road and hit a tree.

His passenger, 18-year-old Landon J. Hicks of Monroeville, complained of head pain.

Damage was estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The vehicle he was driving — it's registered to Bradley T. Clark of Farmland — was towed.

Data ...

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The data center will be on nearly 500 acres of former farmland Microsoft purchased in two separate transactions, one in 2023 and one early this year, after the property was annexed into the city at the request of the former property owners, who had expressed a desire for the land to be redeveloped, said LaPorte Economic Advancement Partnership executive director Bert Cook.

The site is now known as the Radius Industrial Park.

Unlike tax abatements, which forgive a percentage of property taxes typically over a 10-year period.

SERVICES

Saturday

Frasher, David: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

June 15

Weaver, Larry: 10:30 a.m., Akron Community Center, 815 Rural St., Akron, Indiana.

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Partner tired of one-sided relationship

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been together for eight years. We live separately, and I live with my son. The problem is my boyfriend says he loves me but doesn't seem to like spending time with me. He would rather mow my lawn than spend that same amount of time just hanging out with me.

Dear Abby



explain how I feel about this, he exaggerates and says that if I had my way, I'd have all of his free time.

Before COVID, we would get together one night a week for beers and a sleepover. Now he will come over for an hour or two for drinks, maybe twice a week in the evening, but not for a long visit. Not much else. I have asked him repeatedly to go for a walk with me.

I feel lonely and undesired. I think I should end the relationship, but I am afraid I will never find someone else and that what little I have is better than being completely alone. I don't know how to

have a real conversation with him without him getting angry with me. Please help me figure this out. — LONELY IN WASHINGTON

DEAR LONELY: Has it occurred to you that being so dependent on him may be what has caused him to distance from you? My first suggestion is to find a friend to walk with you. You say your "dates" consisted of him coming over, drinking and going to bed with you. Forgive me for seeming unromantic, but that sounds less like a date than a booty call.

Stop begging him to see you. You feel unappreciated because you are. Let things ride for now but quit telling him how needy you are. Get online and start meeting people. Other, more rewarding, relationships are possible — but not if you stay stuck in the rut you're

in. The two of you want different things from this relationship.

DEAR ABBY: I'm divorced. My ex-husband has a girlfriend and has just gotten engaged. We have two sons, 23 and 20, and they are going to their father's wedding in four months. I'm kind of annoyed that they are going, and I'm not sure what an impact this will have on my life as the "ex" or how my boys will feel. Advice? — NEW ERA IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR NEW ERA: If it isn't too late, refrain from conveying to your sons your annoyance that they will attend their father's wedding. They belong there. Give them the chance to get to know the woman without trying to influence them either way.

Remember, above all, that you are a person in your own right, rather than just an "ex." You are also still your sons'

mom. You have the opportunity for a happy, successful future if you don't allow bitterness to get in the way. I hope you will give yourself that gift.

DEAR ABBY: When my son was in the second grade, his teacher recommended counseling because she thought he was introverted. We blew her off. Decades later, we found out our son had been molested by a family member. It started when he was in the second grade. We are devastated and reeling from guilt. How do we move forward and help our son? — GRIEVING IN THE WEST

DEAR GRIEVING: You do now what you should have done when your son was in second grade and his teacher spotted a problem: Seek a referral to a licensed psychotherapist for ALL of you.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who, any time we ate out, if a server tried to take her empty plate, and others around her weren't done eating, would stick her hand out to prevent the server from taking her plate. She says it's rude to take a plate when others haven't finished their meal. I think it is rude for her to do that to the server. I have mentioned this to her only once and we've been friends for 30 years. What do you think? — DINING OUT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DINING: I don't think your friend is rude. According to Emily Post, when a server removes someone's plate before everyone is finished eating, it can leave the impression that those still eating are holding things up, and those who are done can be left feeling that they rushed the meal.

Library hosting writing contest this summer

Jay County Public Library's writing contest is in full swing.

The library is hosting a contest through July 20 for all ages. Children who have completed kindergarten through eighth graders may write a short comic strip for a chance to win a prize, with first place winners to receive writing kits. (There are three separate age groups with different rules.) Teenagers in ninth grade through adults may write a short story for a chance to win. First place winners will receive writing bundles.

Winners will be announced July 29. To learn more, stop by the library's information table.

A variety of other activities and events are ongoing at the library this summer, including

Taking Note

an indoor story trail featuring "Make More S'mores" by Cathy Ballou Mealey and a letter hunt adventure through June 29.

Golden Hoosier

Nominations are being accepted from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Aging's 2024 Golden Hoosier Award.

The award honors Indiana

seniors who go above and beyond to help others. It is the highest honor the state bestows on its seniors.

Anyone who is an Indiana resident and is 65 or older is eligible for the honor.

To make a nomination, email goldenhoosier@fssa.in.gov. The deadline is July 14.

Scholarships available

Scholarship funding is available for high school students interested in pursuing work-based learning and credentials.

High school sophomores, juniors and seniors can apply for a Career Scholarship Account and receive up to \$5,000 to pursue apprenticeships, applied learning experi-

ences, work-based learning and credentials.

About 2,000 scholarships are available for the 2024-25 school year. The funding can be used for class expenses for student's apprenticeships/internship program; postsecondary education and/or training; equipment for student's apprenticeship/internship program; certification and credentialing examinations; career coaching and navigation services and transportation.

For more information, or to enroll, visit in.gov/tos/csa. The deadline to apply is Oct. 1.

Planetarium shows set

Charles W. Brown Planetarium at Ball State University has a series of shows scheduled

this month. The offerings at the planetarium include the following in June:

•Our Night Sky, a look at navigating the night sky via stars and constellations, at 5 p.m. Fridays June 14 and June 21.

•Moons: Worlds of Mystery, a look at the moons of the solar system, at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays June 14 and June 21 and Saturdays June 15 and June 22.

•One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure, a program that follows Big Bird and Elmo exploring the night sky, at 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays June 15 and June 22.

Living Worlds, a look at what makes Earth livable and where those conditions could be found elsewhere, at 5 p.m. Saturdays June 15 and June 22.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

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

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765)

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

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its next meeting at noon, Friday, June 7, at Harmony Café in Portland.

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday

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

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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Technology has changed outlook

By MORTON J. MARCUS

According to the latest County Business Patterns (CBP) assembled by the Census Bureau for 2021, Indiana had nearly 2,755,000 jobs in 151,000 establishments with annual payrolls totaling \$145 billion.

This is only a partial tally of Hoosier economic activity. Excluded are data on self-employed individuals, employees of private households, railroad employees, agricultural production employees and virtually all employees at every level of government.

Our 151,000 establishments are the places where people are paid for working. It excludes the sweet (unpaid) elderly gentleman who talks to you while you wait for his daughter to cut

Eye on the Pie



your hair in that one-chair barber shop. Also excluded are the volunteers who assist the paid staff at the church recycle store.

Of those 151,000 establishments, 76,600 (51%) had fewer than five employees, which accounted for fewer than 5% of the jobs and payroll in the state.

Some analysts might suggest these are inefficient small businesses which should be encour-

aged by their banks to get bigger. Further, local or state governments might be asked to provide favorable tax treatment to keep them alive in the face of competition from larger firms offering the same services at lower prices.

Let's think about the local dry cleaner where you are taking your winter coat now that more temperate weather is here. First, it may be part of a chain of such stores where garments are taken and retrieved. The actual cleaning may be done at a centralized, larger facility.

Second, consumers may prefer taking and picking up their garments at a shop with a single purpose rather than combining infrequent trips with

their routine grocery shopping.

There are big boxes that offer dry cleaning along with shoe repair, banking, optometry, tax preparation, (and perhaps soon-to-be-announced) family counseling, veterinary and mortuary services. Look for the ads: Drop off Dad as you stock up for that weekend barbecue.

In similar fashion, 71% of Hoosier not-for-profit (NFP) establishments had fewer than 10 paid jobs in 2021. They accounted for just 10% of NFP jobs and 7% of NFP payrolls.

This makes sense since a small unit is often close to the people served, does not require a human resources director and can rely on outside firms for specialized services.

By contrast, NFPs with 250 or more jobs had 42.2% of the annual NFP payroll and 48.4% of the jobs operating in 48% of the establishments. It takes lots of workers to stuff those envelopes and many creative minds to plead incessantly on different platforms for funding.

A business or NFP activity of small size is not inherently inefficient. Nor is a firm of great magnitude inherently wasteful. In the past, technical changes encouraged greater size. Now, we seem to be in an era when technology enables both smaller units for the provision of services and larger units for production.

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NCAA money deal has rewards, risks

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

Just three short years after the dawn of an era in which college athletes can profit off their name, image and likeness, a newer era is about to dawn courtesy of a legal settlement.

Some 14,000 student-athletes who played and learned from 2016 to now will divvy up \$2.8 billion in damages from the name, image and likeness money they were denied, and, going forward, schools will figure out how to divide around \$20 million a year in a historic revenue-sharing arrangement.

The agreement, yet to be finally approved by a federal judge, would resolve a series of lawsuits challenging the NCAA, and affect students past, present and future in the Big Ten, Southeastern, Atlantic Coast, Big 12 and Pac-12 conferences.

It's impossible to be wholly negative about a set of policies that will shift the balance of power in big-time college athletics, whereby multi-billion-dollar TV rights wind up buying massive contracts for coaches and lavish facilities, but negligible money flows to the students themselves, who actually play the games that generates all the cash.

But today's and tomorrow's athletes already have the ability to profit in the free market of social media promotion, or at least the superstars do. Officially changing the paradigm so that players share a set percentage of revenue generated — in this case, about 22% — effectively defines athletes as workers, not students. And that is a fateful, unfortunate shift.

College extracurriculars come in many shapes and sizes. Some young people put on theatrical performances; others spend time in professors' laboratories, or compete in chess, or debate, or play volleyball or fencing or crew or lacrosse. It's sports and only sports — and truly only a couple of lucrative sports, men's football and basketball — that are now resetting their terms. And that's bound to create all manner of perverse consequences.

Let's get specific. Alabama's football team generates earnings; other programs do not. So, should players on its baseball team see a windfall? How about those in smaller sports? And women's sports? Title IX generally requires a certain degree of parity between men's and

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women's athletics; should it extend to the distribution of money under this settlement?

The principle advanced by the legal agreement is that those who generate revenue deserve a share of it — not that practicing and playing games is labor in and of itself. But by that logic, money generated by TV contracts, merchandise sales and the like should only benefit players in the relevant sports, and not second- or third-stringers, either. And by that logic, the lament that college sports is an education-distorting, profit-making enterprise will only become more true.

Speaking of which, some fools in the New York Legislature, not content with having opened the floodgates to casino and sports gambling in our state, now want even more people to part with their money — by legalizing prop bets in fantasy sports apps. These are wagers that go beyond traditional cover-the-spread type propositions to let people lose or win money based on specific predictions, typically about individual players' performance.

Whether aimed at pro or college sports, they're a recipe for corruption. There's no good reason to legalize them, except to keep lining the pockets of gambling proponents, and emptying out the pockets of people who have trouble controlling their impulses.



Reasonable doubt is elusive

By MICHAEL LEPPERT

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The background noise in my house is the television show, "Law & Order." My wife and I both read more than we watch TV, so reruns that we aren't paying much attention to mask the noise from the city streets but don't distract us. We both have already seen every episode. So, when it's on, we race to declare, "he's the one who did it," or "they needed a search warrant for that." And after about the first fifteen minutes, it's only noise.

Donald Trump's criminal trial in New York, that ended with his conviction on 34 felony counts of falsifying business records last week, was just as predictable as any other rerun. No prosecutor, of any political party, in any part of the country, would bring a case to trial that he or she didn't believe could be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. Add the complicating factors of this defendant's unlimited financial resources and media reach, and the original reluctance can be multiplied by a thousand.

This is primarily why conviction rates are so high. Cases aren't brought when the prosecution lacks a provable case. Either the government has the goods on the accused, or it doesn't. It's too much work, and too publicly embarrassing, to invest all of the time and resources necessary to obtain a conviction when the evidence is weak. Remember, prosecutors are elected in 47 states, and they never run on a platform of losing.

Since Thursday's conviction, Trump world has gone bonkers in its attempt to try and make the world believe that their man has been mistreated. Don't confuse their mania with an attempt to show that he is innocent, that is almost never even part of any MAGA rant. In this case,

Michael Leppert



Trump's defense team didn't even present a theory of his innocence. The defense was entirely about how Trump's enemies were liars, and how the process was unfair.

Was it unfair? Hell yes, it was. For example, it is unfair for a defendant to be found in contempt ten times during a trial and never revisit the jail. But the strategy of whining and victimhood is now the go-to mantra of every scrape the former president faces. It's never "innocence."

In every legal proceeding or investigation Trump has faced since he was inaugurated in January of 2017, not once has he behaved as an innocent person. Not once. And now the legal defeats are piled so high, there is only one rational generic conclusion: he's guilty.

The post-truth era we live in outside of the courtroom is the only place any debate about his criminality and lack of morality continues. Trump's following has gone all-in on the post-truth thing, not just those in the back rows of his rallies, but the entire Republican party.

In Indiana, all three presumptive statewide GOP candidates are so wrapped up in Trumpism that they now have no platform of their own. Imagine Mike Braun, Jim Banks or Todd Rokita without Trump. They would all three become mimes in his absence.

Only Senator Todd Young has broken free from the madness here.

Imagine what America would have to endure to put Trump back in the

White House. Peter Baker succinctly wrote for the New York Times on Sunday: "If he wins, it means he will have survived two impeachments, four criminal indictments, civil judgments for sexual abuse and business fraud, and a felony conviction."

In that horrific list, not a shred of innocence exists.

The irrelevant, unpersuasive noise Trump's team made in the New York trial should have been replaced with a plea agreement. On Law & Order, this case never gets to trial, not because it was a long shot, but because the evidence was so clear, any other defendant would have pled it out.

Admitting the obvious is not in Trump's wheelhouse, and therefore it's not in his constituency's either. But juries don't often struggle with the truth like the MAGA world does. In New York, the truth was clear.

I was called for jury duty once. The defendant was being charged for possession of a handgun without a license, back when we used to think people needed licenses for killing machines. While I was waiting to be questioned "in the box," I couldn't help but wonder why this was going to trial. It's the kind of crime that really could only have two questions to settle: Did he have the gun? Did he have a license for it?

Pundits and partisans tried to make the New York case complicated. It wasn't. None of his other criminal cases are either.

Donald Trump is a convicted felon, a criminal, and reasonable doubt about it no longer exists.

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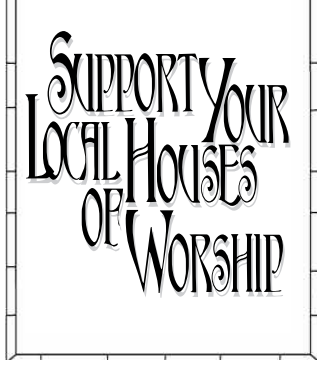
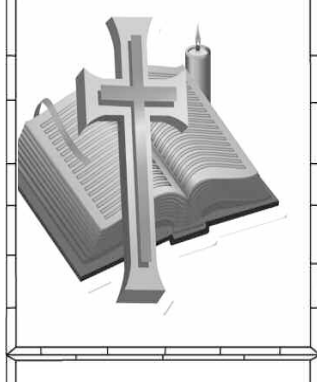
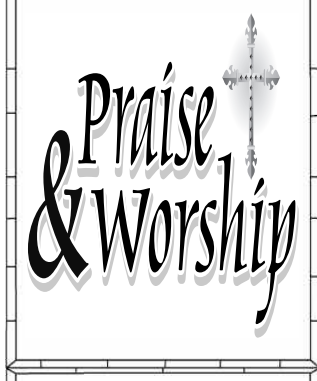
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asburyministries.org

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bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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nanybell@yahoo.com

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450 South, 1 mile west of U.S. 27
Billy Stanton
(260) 251-2403
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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Wayne Ward
(260) 726-7714
Services: 10 a.m.

Cornerstone Church of Pennville
190 W. Main St., Pennville
David Davidson
(260) 202-9718
Services: 10:30 a.m.

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226 E. Center St., Dunkirk
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(765) 768-6199
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Evangelical Methodist
930 W. Main St., Portland
Steve Arnold
(260) 251-0970
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

Fairview United Methodist/Jay County
2875 E. 200 South
Pamela Freeman
Lay leader: Beth Stephen
(260) 726-9184
Services: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community
9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk
Joe Schmit
(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

Family Worship Center
200 E. Elder St., Portland
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(260) 726-4844
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thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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289 S. 200 West
Hugh Kelly
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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427 S. Main St., Dunkirk
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Services: 10:30 a.m.
fccftrecovery.org

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Everett Bilbrey Jr.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.
Services: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; 7 p.m. Wednesday

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12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

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Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
(260) 726-8462
Services: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.
firstpcportland.org

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401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
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(419) 375-4680
Services: 10:30 a.m.
frnaz@frontier.com

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309 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery
Rev. David Yinger
(937) 337-5781
Services: 9 a.m.

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468 E. Washington St., Dunkirk
Robert Thomas
(765) 348-4620
Services: 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

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100 W. Line St., Geneva
Barry McCune
(260) 368-7655
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Geneva Nazarene
225 Decatur St., Geneva
(260) 525-8609
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Prayer meeting: 6 p.m. Wednesday

Gilead Church
County road 650 North, one-quarter mile east of Balbec
Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Indiana 1 and Indiana 26
Earl Doll
(260) 731-4477
Services: 10:30 a.m.

High Street United Methodist
435 High St., Geneva
Rev. Joseph Hampton
(260) 368-7233
Services: 9 a.m.

Holy Trinity Catholic
7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant
Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
Services: 8 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Saturday

Hopewell of Life Ministries
County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
Rev. Ruth Funk
(260) 251-8581
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic
506 E. Walnut St., Portland
Fr. Peter Logsdon
Fr. Martin Sandhage
(260) 726-7055
Services: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Kingsley Full Gospel
4030 S. 700 East, Dunkirk
Stuart Phillips
Services: 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday

Mary Help of Christians
403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
(419) 375-4153
Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.

Mount Tabor Community Church
216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk
Scott McClain
(765) 768-7273
Services: 9:30 a.m.

Mount Zion United Methodist
County roads 600 East and 200 North
Rev. Darrell Borders
(260) 726-4786
Services: 9 a.m.

New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
4017 W. 200 South
Randy Smith
(260) 251-2406
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
nbholiness.com

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1238 W. 450 South
Chuck Myers
(260) 251-0063
Services: 10:30 a.m.

New Life Ministries
415 S. Helen St., Portland
Dr. Kay Fairchild
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Services: 4 p.m.
drkayfairchild.com

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5905 S. Como Road
Neil Butcher
(765) 499-7838
Services: 9 a.m.

Noble Congregational Christian
1964 N. 800 East
Aaron Huey
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove United Methodist
829 S. Indiana 1
Neil Butcher
(765) 760-9085
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Pleasant Hill
9945 N. 800 East, Union City
Bruce Bryan
(765) 964-3664
Services: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.
mypleasanthillchurch.org

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1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
Bob Graham
(260) 726-7777
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Services: 10:20 a.m.
Bible School: 6 p.m. Wednesday
portlandcoc.com

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Sunday school: 9 a.m.

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4527 E. 1000 North (Jay-Randolph county line)
Rev. Josh Canfield
(765) 584-7045
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Malin and Elm streets, Bryant
Father Dan Layden
(260) 997-6787
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(765) 369-2920
Services: 10 a.m.
RedkeyFaith.org

Redkey First Christian
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Redkey United Methodist
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Redkey Church of the Nazarene
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Chuck Hollandbeck
(765) 369-2676
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River of Life
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(260) 729-1095
Services: 10:30 a.m.

The ROCK
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Matt Ransom
(260) 726-7474
Services: 10 a.m.
matt@therockjkc.org

Salamonia Church of Christ
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Services: 9 a.m.

Second Chance at Life Ministries
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Dave Keen (260) 251-8792
Mike Eads (260) 703-0733
Services: 10:30 a.m.

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Rev. Alexander Witt
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Rev. Kevin Hurley
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

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Rev. Alexander Witt
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St. Peter Catholic
1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery
Rev. Alexander Witt
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Services: 10:30 a.m.
Bible study: 6 p.m. Wednesday

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Scott McClain
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templebaptistin.com

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Services: 10:35 a.m.
churchatwestchester.org

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pastorrobino@gmail.com

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Services: 10:15 a.m.
portlandtrinity.com

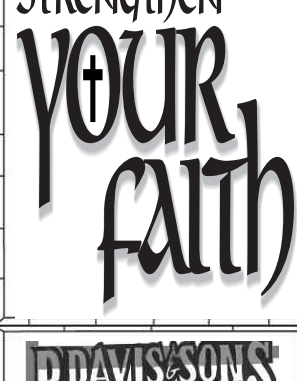
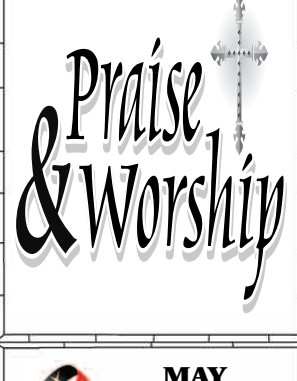
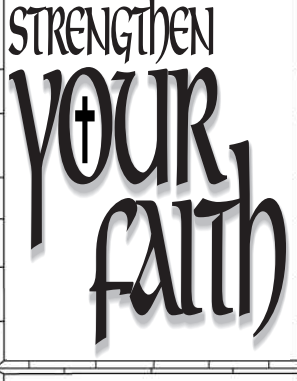
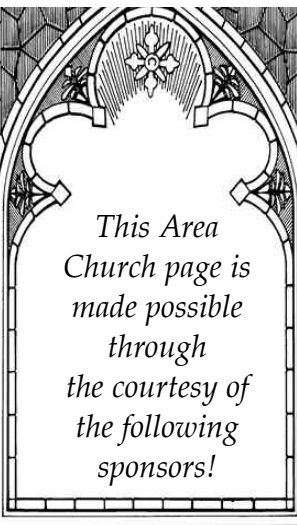
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County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
Fred Stevens
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Walnut Corner
County roads 200 North and 500 West
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Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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204 W. Walnut St., Portland
Gil Alicea
(260) 726-4691
Services: 10 a.m.
westwalnutchurchofchrist.org

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Robin Owen
218 E. High St., Portland
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zionlutheranportland@gmail.com
Services: 10:30 a.m.



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Rose is Rose

Agnes

Hi and Lois

Between Friends

Blondie

Snuffy Smith

Beetle Bailey

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Haste makes waste

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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

EAST
 ♠ 10 3
 ♥ J 10 7 2
 ♦ J 8 6 5
 ♣ J 7 5

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q
 ♥ K 8 6 5 4
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A Q 8 3 2

The bidding:
 North 1♠ East 2♥ South Pass West Pass
 3♥ Pass 4♣ Pass
 4NT Pass 5♦ Pass
 5NT Pass 6♥

Opening lead — king of diamonds. Assume you're declarer with the South hand at six hearts and West leads the king of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

When the deal occurred, declarer won with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of hearts and led a heart to the king. Had the trumps divided 3-2, he would have been in good shape. He'd have cashed the K-Q of spades, crossed to the queen of hearts and run dummy's spades to score all 13 tricks.

But when the hearts didn't break,

South found himself with a hopeless task. After cashing the K-Q of spades, he re-entered dummy with a trump and played the ace of spades, ruffed by East with the jack of hearts. Declarer discarded a club but eventually lost three more club tricks to finish down three.

South would have made the slam had he given more thought to the possibility of a 4-1 trump division and taken the necessary steps to guard against it. This could have been done in a surprisingly easy fashion.

After winning the first trick, declarer should cash the K-Q of spades and the king of hearts, then lead a heart to the queen. The effect of this play is to leave an extra entry to dummy should it be needed.

If the hearts divide 3-2, South simply draws the missing trump with the ace and runs the spades, taking all the tricks. But if the trumps fail to divide, declarer is still in position to salvage the contract.

In the actual deal, after West shows out on the second trump, South begins to play dummy's good spades. East can ruff with one of his two remaining trumps at any point, but declarer wins any return, crosses to the ace of hearts — simultaneously drawing East's last trump — and runs the rest of dummy's spades to make the slam.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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- 1 Draped garment
 - 5 Pyramid, maybe
 - 9 Plant seeds
 - 12 During
 - 13 Met
 - 14 Three, in Rome
 - 15 2008 hit song by Taylor Swift
 - 17 British ref. work
 - 18 Goodies
 - 19 British nobles
 - 21 "— Cid" (Masse-net opera)
 - 22 Hoops star
 - 24 Trenches
 - 27 Hearing thing
 - 28 Bar bills
 - 31 Equi-
 - 32 Ton fractions (Abbr.)
 - 33 French monarch
 - 34 Mimic
 - 36 Ms. Farrow
- DOWN**
- 1 Bagel
 - 2 "The Lincoln Highway"
 - 3 Split apart
 - 4 Paragons
 - 5 Body pics
 - 6 Granada gold
 - 7 Old space station
 - 8 Aspirin maker
 - 9 Rise and fall of a narrative
 - 10 Pitcher
 - 11 Ties the knot
 - 16 Fr. holy woman
 - 20 Louvre treasures
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Reds' Frankie Montas nearly no hits Rockies

By PATRICK SAUNDERS

The Denver Post
Tribune News Service
Somewhere, Hideo Nomo breathed a sigh of relief. His legacy as the only pitcher to throw a no-hitter at Coors Field lives on.

But right-hander Frankie Montas gave it his best shot Tuesday night in the Reds' 4-1 win over the Rockies.

Montas took his no-no into the seventh before Colorado catcher Elias Diaz led off with a line-drive double. No biggie for Montas. He kept the Rockies off the board by getting Brendan Rodgers to fly out, striking out Elehuris Montero, and coaxing Brenton Doyle to ground out.

"He did a really good job mixing (pitches) and staying out of the heart of the plate," Rockies third baseman Ryan McMahon said. "He did a good job of keeping it up and when a guy is

throwing 97 (mph) it's tough to cover.

"The thing I struggled with, and what I thought I saw some of my teammates struggle with, was that he was changing the shape of his slider. He would throw his cutter; he would throw a bigger slider, and he would throw a normal one. They would come out looking pretty similar, so you have to tip your cap to him."

For those unaware, Nomo, the Dodgers' right-hander, tossed the first of his two career no-nos on Sept. 17, 1996, on a cold, rainy night in LoDo.

Montas became the fourth opposing pitcher in Coors Field history to toss at least seven scoreless innings with one or fewer hits allowed, joining Houston's Roy Oswalt (nine innings, one hit on Sept. 6, 2008), Nomo, and Miami's Pat Rapp (nine innings, one hit, on Sept. 17, 1995). But

Montas is the first member of that club to strike out nine batters.

On a perfect late-spring night, the Reds won for the eighth time in their last 11 games and clinched the three-game series by winning the first two games. It's the first time Cincy has won a series in Colorado since May 30 to June 2, 2016.

Montas entered Tuesday's game with a 4-2 and a 4.60 ERA. But he pitched like an ace against the offensively challenged Rockies, who lost their fourth consecutive game — a streak of futility in which they have scored five runs.

"It happens," Rockies manager Bud Black said. "These last four games, we haven't swung the bats great, and we have pitched good enough to hang in there — except for last night. It's a little bit of a mini-bad stretch here. We have to come out of it."

Over seven scoreless innings, Montas allowed one hit, walked two and struck out nine. He set down the first 11 hitters he faced, not yielding a base runner until the fourth inning when McMahon coaxed a walk on a 3-2 count. But Montas whiffed Diaz for the third out.

Colorado actually got a runner into scoring position against Montas in the fifth. Speedy center fielder Brenton Doyle reached on a fielding error by third baseman Jeimer Candelario. When Candelario compounded his first error by throwing the ball past first base, Doyle advanced to second. But Montas got No. 9 hitter Hunter Goodman to fly out to right.

Colorado broke up the shutout in the ninth. Diaz hit a two-out single and Brendan Rodgers drove him home with a double off right-hander Buck Farmer.

Colorado veteran Ty Blach seemed to have the advantage at first pitch. He entered the game with an excellent track record at home this season, going 2-1 with a 3.42 ERA in his four starts at Coors, including quality starts in his last two outings. While the Reds never had a haymaker inning vs. Blach, they landed plenty of punches, tagging him for four runs on 10 hits over five innings.

"They chipped away at him," Black said. "Ty's best games are when he's able to locate that fastball on the inside corner. He did a few times, and he broke some bats, but he missed a little bit inside, where he's usually pretty fine."

Cincinnati opened the game by playing small ball. Stuart Fairchild led off the game with a perfect bunt down the third-base line and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Elly De

La Cruz. Spencer Steer's double off the right-field wall scored Fairchild.

De La Cruz launched a mammoth two-out solo homer off Blach in the third, blasting Blach's 3-2 sinker beyond the center-field wall.

Cincy made it a 4-0 ballgame in the fourth, capitalizing on Tyler Stephenson's leadoff double, Blach's plunking of Yonathan India, and run-scoring singles by Luke Maile and Fairchild.

Blach disagreed with Black's performance assessment, at least a little bit.

"I thought I threw the ball inside, maybe better today," he said. "But I thought there were a couple of pitches today that came back over the plate that got hit. The (pitch) to De La Cruz I was trying to go in and it was middle (of the plate)."

Clears ...

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"This has been a uniquely challenging time, so I am especially grateful for my support team — my family, agent, agency, lawyers, and advisors along with the entire Dodger organization, who showed endless support throughout this process.

"It's time to close this chapter, move on and continue to focus on playing and winning ballgames."

The Dodgers also issued a statement saying the team would "put this entire matter behind them."

Marcano placed 387 baseball

bets worth more than \$150,000, most of which came when he was on the injured list with the Pittsburgh Pirates last season.

"Ultimately, Marcano lost all of his parlays involving the Pirates and only won 4.3% of all of his MLB-related bets overall," the league said in a statement.

Kelly placed 10 baseball bets worth \$99.22 in 2021, as a minor leaguer in the Houston Astros organization.

Saalfrank placed 29 baseball bets in 2021 and 2022, worth \$445.87, as a minor leaguer in the Diamondbacks organization. Said MLB: "Saalfrank only won

five of his 28 MLB-related bets and lost his \$1.80 college bet."

The other minor leaguers suspended for a year: Padres pitcher Jay Groome and Phillies infielder Jose Rodriguez. The league said none of the five suspended players had chosen to appeal.



The Commercial Review/Mark Mann

Dunkirk runner Jeff Brown skims the low hurdles during the finals at the regional high school track and field meet at Indianapolis North Central, which he set a new regional record in 1974. One week later, Brown was awarded the Hinshaw Mental Attitude Award.

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Brown competed in both the high and low hurdles at the 1974 state meet to complete the physical aspect of the requirements. (He finished as the runner-up in the low hurdles that year, while managing to take fifth in the high hurdles.) But he wasn't expecting to be a contender for the mental attitude award.

"At that time, I didn't know that my principal (Virgil Kessler) and coach (Roy Sneed) had actually nominated me for that award," Brown said. "So, it was obviously a complete surprise when that was announced."

Winning the award has left a lasting impact for Brown.

Following state finals, Brown remembers being honored at the Dunkirk

Glass Days festival.

The principles behind the award have followed him to this day.

In the long term, Brown's mental attitude went on to help him both athletically and in his career. Brown went on to run track at Purdue University and be named a captain his senior year. He utilized the same principles in his career in which he started as an engineer before working his way up to run paper mills.

"It certainly set the stage for me," Brown said. "I was very competitive at that time and wanted to be successful. ... It is part of the mental attitude award, wanting to be successful."

"I certainly look back at it as a nice reflective cap to my high school career."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

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Jay County — Boys golf regional at The Players Club — 8 a.m.

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Portland Rockets at Fort Wayne Jackers — 7:15 p.m.

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11 a.m. — Tennis: French Open (NBC)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — College softball tournament

(ESPN)
8:30 p.m. — NBA Finals: Dallas Mavericks at Boston Celtics (ABC)
8:30 p.m. — College track and field: Women's outdoor championship (ESPN2)

Friday
7 p.m. — NHRA motorsports: Super Grip NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals (FS1)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
8:30 p.m. — College softball tournament

(ESPN)
9 p.m. — College track and field: Men's Outdoor Championship (ESPN2)

Local notes

Date set
The 42nd annual Cancer Association of Darke County/Annie Oakley Golf Tournament is set to take place on July 22 at Turtle Creek Golf Course in Greenville, Ohio.
Lunch will be served at 11:15 a.m., with a shotgun start to follow at 12:15 p.m.
All proceeds will go to the Cancer Association of Darke County.
For additional information or an entry form call (937) 548-9960 or email director@cadcf.org.

Races coming up
The Adams County Challenge has two races

scheduled for June.
On June 8 at 8 a.m., the Youth for Christ 5K will start at Ceylon Covered Bridge outside of Geneva. Participants can register online at bigjawsfc.org/event/5k for \$20. A t-shirt is included for those who register before June 1.
The Superhero Fun Run for those 12-and-under will be held at 8 a.m. with a 5K following at 8:30 a.m. on June 15. Both races will begin at 141 N First St., Decatur.
Registration costs \$15 and will also include a t-shirt if done before June 1.

Outing scheduled
The annual City of Portland Mayor's Golf Outing has been scheduled for Friday, June 14, at Portland Golf Club.

Registration for the event will be held from 11 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on the day of the outing. A meal will also be provided for the four-person teams at this time. Registration is limited to the first 20 teams and must be completed by June 10 and submitted to 321 N. Meridian St., emailing mayorsoffice@thecityofportland.net or calling (260) 726-9395.

Golfing will begin with a shotgun start at noon. Those interested can also sponsor the event. It cost \$150 to sponsor a hole, \$200 to sponsor a team and a meal or \$300 for to sponsor a team, a meal and hole sponsorship.

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Sports

Golden attitude

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

The Indiana High School Athletic Association has a version of the mental attitude award for every sport.

Since opening 49 years ago, Jay County High School has taken home a version of that award four times.

Glenn Glogas was the first to take home the award for wrestling back in 1982. Three years later, Bob Morrison claimed the award for boys swimming and diving.

JCHS claimed the award two more times after the turn of the

Dunkirk High School's Brown won mental attitude 50 years ago

century — first from Tyler Rigby in boys basketball in 2006 and most recently Alex Bader for girls swimming and diving 2018.

Among other sports, the Patriots have never brought home the

award in track and field. While JCHS can't claim to have any history with the track and field award, the same can't be said for Jay County.

Saturday marked the 50th

anniversary of Jeff Brown of Dunkirk High School winning the Robert S. Hinshaw Mental Attitude Award in Boys Track and Field.

Brown was a part of the second-to-last class to go through Dunkirk High School before it consolidated with Portland, Redkey, Pennville and Bryant into Jay County High School. Winning the award brought the Speedcats their only mental attitude award before consolidating.

"The aspect of being a part of a small town atmosphere and small town sports team was totally cool for me," Brown said. "I'm a kid

from a small school going to compete first against the Muncie kids in sectional and the like. Then heading down to Indianapolis and before obviously the whole state was there. Definitely, I knew that was a pretty cool thing to do at that time."

The award is named after Robert S. Hinshaw, who was the IHSAA's first assistant commissioner from 1945 to '61. To win the award, an athlete needed to make the state tournament and be nominated by their coach and principal for excelling in mental attitude, leadership and scholarship.

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Display Craft walks-off PG14

Display Craft and PG14 were locked in a 4-4 tie.

All the former needed to do was wait for Colvin Minch to step to the plate to deliver the game-ending single.

Minch's single pushed Display Craft to a 5-4 victory over PG14 in Portland Junior League Willie Mays baseball on Tuesday.

Along with Minch's heroics, Easton Johnson, Henry Teeter and Ben Wallace drove in runs for Display Craft.

Johnson delivered the biggest hit of the day with a solo home run.

Teeter drove in a pair of runs with a triple and a double. He also finished the final three innings on the mound with eight strikeouts.

Wallace's RBI came on a double.

Eli Homan led PG14's offense with a double and a single in the game. He also pitched the final three innings, netting four punchouts.

Local roundup

Forge dominates

Portland Forge defeated Loy's Auction 12-4 on Tuesday in Portland Junior League Sandy Koufax baseball.

Cohen Shimp led Portland Forge's offense by driving in two runs and scoring three more himself.

Andrew Day, Cooper Shimp and Logan Wendel all supported with two runs scored as well.

Tanner Day also scored a run and earned his first RBI of the season.

Spencer Smitley had the biggest offensive impact for Loy's Auction with a home run. Alex Miller also smacked an extra base hit in the form of an RBI double.

MLB formally clears Ohtani

By BILL SHAIKIN

Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — On the same day Major League Baseball banned a player for life for betting on baseball, the league formally cleared its biggest star from any involvement in gambling.

Within an hour of Shohei Ohtani's former interpreter Ippai Mizuhara pleading guilty to bank and tax fraud charges Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Santa Ana, the league issued a statement absolving Ohtani.

"Based on the thoroughness of the federal investigation that was made public, the information MLB collected, and the criminal proceeding being resolved without being contested, MLB considers Shohei Ohtani a victim of fraud," the statement read, "and this matter has been closed."

The player banned for life was utilityman Tucu-pita Marcano of the San Diego Padres, who had bet on games in which his team played.

Four other players — including Oakland Athletics pitcher Michael Kelly and Arizona Diamondbacks minor leaguer Andrew Saalfrank, who pitched in the World Series last year — were suspended for one year, for betting on baseball games in which their teams did not play.

The lifetime suspension for betting on baseball is the first since 1989, when Pete Rose agreed to such a ban while managing the Cincinnati Reds, and the first time since Major League Baseball opened its wallets to an onslaught

of advertisements from and partnerships with sports betting outlets.

On Monday, Bloomberg reported that the Bally Sports channels — home to 12 MLB teams, including the Angels — soon could be renamed by Fanduel, which calls itself "the undisputed leader in American online sports betting and daily fantasy sports."

The league said it was tipped off by "a legal sports betting operator" in March and corroborated the players' betting with other sportsbooks.

The league also said none of the five players appeared in any games on which they had bet and said no evidence, including betting data and interviews with players, indicates games were "compromised, influenced, or manipulated in any way."

The league continues to investigate former Angels infielder David Fletcher and his association with the illegal bookmaking operation used by Mizuhara.

The federal government alleged Mizuhara stole more than \$17 million from Ohtani to pay off an illegal bookmaker. Mizuhara, who faces up to 33 years in prison, is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 25.

"Now that the investigation has been completed, this full admission of guilt has brought important closure to me and my family," Ohtani said in a statement. "I want to sincerely thank the authorities for finishing their thorough and effective investigation so quickly and uncovering all of the evidence."

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