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## Air at the fair

A competitor soars through the air during the autocross event July 9, 2023, during the Jay County Fair. Today's newspaper includes our 2024 Jay County Fair preview special section. The fair, which begins Saturday, includes two demolition derbies, 4-H livestock shows, rides and the Flo Rida concert at 8 p.m. Friday, July 12.

## Council approves ordinance for sick leave

*Alcohol sales ordinance clears first reading; four-way stop denied*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

An ordinance creating a "sick bank" was fast-tracked.

Another regarding the sale of alcohol in city parks passed on first reading while city council put the brakes on second reading on an ordinance to create a new four-way stop.

Portland City Council addressed three ordinances during its meeting Monday, including approving the ordinance regarding sick leave benefit donations on first and second reading.

Mayor Jeff Westlake brought up the sick leave benefit donations ordinance as a way to provide additional time off for employees who may need it for personal or family illnesses or injuries. Employees can voluntarily donate paid time off (sick days or personal days) to other employees in need.

In order to be eligible for the additional days, an employee must:

- Be a full-time employee
- Need time off related to their own personal health or the serious health condition of a spouse, child, sibling or parent
- Have exhausted all sick and personal time and all but one week of vacation time

Employees in need of the additional time off must fill out a request form to be approved by the mayor, clerk-treasurer and department head. Those wishing to donate days must do the same. (Once days are donated, they may not revert back to the original employee, even if they are not used.)

See Ordinance page 5

## Fort Recovery awarded grants

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — State funding is pouring into the village.

Fort Recovery Village Council heard about two grants awarded to the village as well as funding allotted to Fort Recovery Morvilius Opera House during its meeting Monday.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine signed the capital budget bill into law June 28, ensuring three local projects will be funded. The budget includes a \$600,000 contribution toward constructing Fort Recovery's new water tower, a \$500,000 contribution toward renovations at the opera house and a \$450,000

contribution toward renovations at Ambassador Pool.

Village administrator Randy Diller noted his surprise when he learned funding for the pool project made it into the bill proposed in the Ohio General Assembly and signed by DeWine last week.

"We did get both grants," he

said. "I wasn't counting on that, because they asked me to make a choice of which one had the higher priority."

Items on the wish list for renovation work at the pool include replacing the stainless-steel recirculation system, installing a pool liner, if structurally sound — it has

a horizontal crack that was professionally sealed years ago — adding a zero-entry sloping entrance, rehabbing the wading pool, filter building and pool house, adding a splash pad, replacing the pool heater and adding other amenities, such as slides or games.

See Grants page 5

*Funds will go toward water tower, opera house and Ambassador Pool projects*

## PathWays launched

By NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) on Monday announced its PathWays for Aging program launched for more than 123,000 eligible Hoosiers aged 60 and over.

"This is an exciting day for Indiana as we go live with this transformative program," Indiana Medicaid Director Cora Steinmetz said. "We thank our partners across the state who have been instrumental in helping us design a program that will make a difference for this population, and the state."

FSSA said PathWays for Aging is a Medicaid managed care program designed to improve the health and wellbeing of the Hoosiers it serves, provide choice for those members who want to age in their homes or communities, and better manage the rising costs of providing Medicaid coverage to the aging population.

*New program provides assistance with Medicaid*

This becomes the state's fourth managed care program in addition to the Healthy Indiana Plan, Hoosier Healthwise and Hoosier Care Connect.

"Before PathWays, the aging individuals on Medicaid had to navigate a complicated healthcare and supports system on

their own," FSSA Secretary Dr. Dan Rusyniak said. "Now, individuals need only one point of contact for assistance, making it easier for more Hoosiers to stay in their homes, surrounded by family and friends."

Managed Care Entities (MCE's) will now administer long-term supports and services, meaning the state will pay a flat rate to cover member health benefits rather than individually paying for claims.

See Launched page 5



Tribune News Service/cleveland.com/David Petkiewicz

## Super shoot

David Corenswet as Superman flies through the air during a reference filming shot. Filming for the Superman movie continued Tuesday on Public Square in Cleveland.

### Deaths

Dianne McCord, 86, Portland

Aaron Arnold, 70, Albany  
Willodean Fox, 94, Berne  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County's high temperature topped out at 73 degrees Monday. The low was 52.

Tonight's forecast calls for showers and thunderstorms with a low around 70. There is a 50% chance of showers on Independence Day with a high temperature in the lower 80s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

The Commercial Review will not publish Thursday in observance of the Independence Day holiday. We will resume our regular publishing schedule Friday.

### Coming up

Friday — Coverage of this week's Portland Park Board meeting.

Saturday — Photos from the Jay County 4th of July parade and celebration.

Tuesday — Coverage of the opening weekend of the Jay County Fair.



# Felony arrests

## Drug possession

Two Portland residents were arrested Saturday for drug possession.

Damion M. Lewis, 45, 140 E. Baker St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for possession of cocaine, a Level 6 felony for possession of a schedule I drug and two Class A misdemeanors for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He was

being held on a \$15,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Tara L. Rogers, 47, 140 E. Baker St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine and three Class A misdemeanors for possession of marijuana, possession of a schedule II, III or IV drug and possession of paraphernalia. She was released on a \$4,500 bond.

# CR almanac

Thursday 7/4	Friday 7/5	Saturday 7/6	Sunday 7/7	Monday 7/8
<b>83/68</b>	<b>84/65</b>	<b>79/62</b>	<b>84/66</b>	<b>86/67</b>
Independence Day looks to be rainy with a 60% chance of thunderstorms possible.	There's a 60% chance of thunderstorms Friday. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Saturday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of rain.	There's a slight chance of rain Sunday. Otherwise, sunny.	Another chance of thunderstorms is in the forecast for Monday.

## Lotteries

### Powerball

Monday  
5-9-32-39-55  
Power Ball: 9  
Power Play: 2  
Estimated jackpot: \$138 million

Daily Four: 2-7-7-7  
Quick Draw: 2-9-14-16-19-24-25-33-34-35-37-39-44-46-50-58-60-65-71-75  
Cash 5: 11-26-27-41-45  
Estimated jackpot: \$400,000

### Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$137 million

### Ohio

Monday  
Midday  
Pick 3: 5-9-3  
Pick 4: 2-9-9-4  
Pick 5: 2-2-8-9-4  
Evening  
Pick 3: 7-7-5  
Pick 4: 4-4-3-3  
Pick 5: 0-4-3-7-8  
Rolling Cash: 14-16-20-29-30  
Estimated jackpot: \$150,000

### Hoosier

Monday  
Midday  
Daily Three: 3-7-8  
Daily Four: 9-1-0-1  
Quick Draw: 5-6-7-9-11-17-29-34-35-38-42-50-51-54-55-59-61-62-67-68  
Evening  
Daily Three: 8-1-4

## Markets

### Cooper Farms Fort Recovery

Corn.....3.92  
Aug. corn .....3.96  
Wheat .....5.05

Aug. beans.....10.66  
Wheat ..... 5.30

### ADM Montpelier

Corn.....3.82  
Aug. corn .....3.85  
Beans .....11.59  
Aug. beans.....11.29  
Wheat .....5.29

### POET Biorefining Portland

Corn.....4.00  
Aug. corn .....3.98  
Sept. corn .....3.93

### Heartland St. Anthony

Corn.....3.92  
Aug. corn .....3.92  
Beans .....11.39  
Aug. beans.....11.24  
Wheat .....5.05

### The Andersons Richland Township

Corn .....3.88  
Aug. corn .....3.96  
Beans .....11.64

## Today in history

In 1863, during the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg, Union troops defended an artillery assault on Cemetery Ridge. The Union ultimately won the conflict, with casualties on the Confederates' side near 60%.

In 1962, Tom Cruise was born in Syracuse, New York. The American actor is known for his roles in popular films, including "Top Gun" and "Mission: Impossible."

In 1985, "Back to the Future" was released in theaters. Starring

Michael J. Fox as Marty McFly, the film about time travel led to several sequels.

In 2014, Jay County Summer Swim Team beat Wells Community 687-466. Its 15-and-older girls 200-meter medley relay team composed of Anne Vormohr, Jamie Valentine, Sophie Bader and Sydney Mathias set a new team and pool record — they had already done so once earlier in the season — at 2 minutes, 10.75 seconds. — The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Today**  
7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, health department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland.

ty Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

**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 Coun-

4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, 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.

# Obituaries

## Dianne McCord

Feb. 26, 1938-June 30, 2024  
Dianne J. McCord, age 86, of Portland and longtime Dunkirk resident passed away on Sunday, June 30, 2024, at her residence.

She was born in Muncie on Feb. 26, 1938, the daughter of Jacob and Regina (Rozzell) Uhrick. She was retired from Saint Gobain after 48 years and was a Dunkirk High School graduate. She enjoyed doing word search puzzles.

Surviving are two daughters, Kimbra Cunningham (husband: Mike) of Portland and Kathy McCord of Portland; one sister, Rosamond Scott (husband: Raymond) of Anderson; nephew Roger Humphrey of Ossian; nieces Sandra Humphrey Williams of Eaton, Pamela Scott Fitzgerald of Washington, D.C., and Deborah Scott of Watertown, Massachusetts; four grandchildren, Jennifer McCord, Lissy McCord and Sierra Caster, all of Portland, and Andrew Buckner of Indianapolis; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Dana McCord and Kevin Buckner; a daughter, Karen Buckner; and a sister, Joanne Jocelyn Humphrey.

Memorial services will be Friday, July 5, 2024, at 4 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Arnold presiding. The family will receive guests from 3 to 4 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Heart to Heart Hospice, Jay County Cancer Society or Jay County Heart Fund. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.



McCord

Calvin J. and Mary M. (Jones) Arnold. He attended Union City Community High School. Andy worked at Tyson Foods in Portland and was a member of Job Corp.



Arnold

Andy enjoyed fishing, camping, horses, motorcycles and barbecuing with his friends and neighbors and spending time with his family.

Survivors include: His siblings — Patricia Fritz (husband: Robert), Greenville, Ohio, Mary Hall (husband: Bill), Redkey, Indiana, Calvin W. Arnold (wife: Cindy), Richmond, Indiana, John Arnold (wife: Lisa), Union City, Indiana, Joseph Arnold (wife: Cheryl), Richmond, Indiana, Michele Markin (husband: Brian), Piqua, Ohio, and Michael Arnold (wife: Stacey), Union City, Indiana

Several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Calvin J. and Mary M. Arnold; one sister and brother-in-law, Carol A. Hall and Harold W. Hall; a niece, Melissa D. Hall; and a nephew William B. Hall.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Pastor Gil Alicea will officiate and burial will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, southeast of Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

## Willodean Fox

May 8, 1930-June 28, 2024  
Willodean M. Fox, 94, of Berne, Indiana, passed away at 2:53 p.m. on Friday, June 28, 2024, at Swiss Village Inc. in Berne, Indiana.

She was born on Thursday, May 8, 1930, in Adams County, Indiana. She married Ivan Dale Fox on Sunday, June 6, 1948, in Berne, Indiana.

Willodean was a 1948 graduate of

Berne High School. She lived in the Geneva and Berne area for most of her life. Willodean was a member of the Monroe United Brethren Church. She had worked for CTS in Berne for 27 years.



Fox

She enjoyed crocheting, shopping, sewing and playing Rubik's Cube. Willodean was a great mother. She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them.

She is survived by her daughter Nona Marie (George) Boice, Bryant, Indiana; daughter Cheri (Douglas) Dunlapp, Leesburg, Florida; son Roger D. Fox, Portland, Indiana; son Ted L. (Pam) Fox, St. Mary's, Ohio; half-sister Bessie Bollenbacher, Berne, Indiana; half-sister Catherine Bollenbacher, Texas; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father Lawrence J. Bollenbacher; mother Nona (Biberstein) Bollenbacher; ex-husband Ivan Dale Fox; grandson Chadd Fox; and sister Earline Rhodes.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva, on Friday, July 5, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A service to celebrate her life will be at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington Street, Geneva, at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 5, 2024, with Pastor Troy Green officiating. Interment will follow in the M.R.E. Cemetery in Berne.

Preferred memorials may be sent to Monroe United Brethren Church, 205 S. Adams St., Monroe, IN 46772, and/or Stillwater Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva.

Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneralhomes.com.

## Aaron Arnold

Aug. 31, 1953-July 1, 2024  
Aaron "Andy" Arnold, age 70, passed away on Monday, July 1, 2024, at Albany Health and Rehab in Albany, Indiana. He was a former resident of Dunkirk.

Andy was born Aug. 31, 1953, in Bainbridge, Indiana, the son of

# Felony court news

## Dealing narcotics

A man was sentenced to 12 years in prison for dealing narcotics in Jay County.

Anthony D. Best, 33, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to dealing in a narcotic drug, a Level 3 felony. He was sentenced to 12 years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Best was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. The court recommended Best for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completing a substance abuse treatment program it would consider modifying his sentence.

As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 3 felony for dealing cocaine, a Level 6 felony for possession of a narcotic drug, a

Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a habitual offender enhancement.

## Burglary

A man was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to prison for burglary.

Jason Davison, 46, pleaded guilty to the Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to four years in Indiana Department of Correction and assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a habitual offender enhancement was dismissed.

## Intimidation

A man was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to prison for intimidation.

Jason Davison, 46, pleaded guilty to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 910 days in Indiana Department of Correction and assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of his plea agree-

ment, a habitual offender enhancement as well as charges for intimidation, a Level 5 felony, and battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A misdemeanor, were dismissed.

## Domestic battery

Three men were sentenced in Jay courts to serve time for domestic battery.

Brandon C. Wible, 24, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to domestic battery, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Wible was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee.

Dustin A. Roser, 30, 41 W. 275 South, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony.

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## SERVICES

### Today

**Garringer**, Allison: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

### Friday

**Fox**, Willodean: 2 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

**McCord**, Dianne: 4 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

### Monday

**Arnold**, Aaron: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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# Disabled son targeted

DEAR ABBY: My son "Ethan" is a visually impaired adult with disabilities. He's articulate, down to earth and joyful to be around. He's a homeowner in a nice area of town.

Dear Abby



A woman we met through the Nextdoor app bought an expensive winter coat from us very cheap. She and her husband know Ethan is in Special Olympics and awaiting a guide dog. She raised chickens, and when Ethan mentioned the new egg hatcher we bought for him, she asked if she could borrow it. I told her she could, after our one chick was grown enough.

I have asked repeatedly for her to return it. She said she would, and even asked for our address. I provided her with the information. She has since moved, but she's still in town. When I asked her more recently to please return it, she posted Ethan's photo from the Nextdoor app with a quote, "Dangerous and Unstable Person." What can I do to defend him? Legally, I think something needs to be done for his reputation now. — PERPLEXED MOM IN COLORADO

DEAR MOM: There is enough discrimination toward people with disabili-

ties without this awful woman contributing to it. Consult an attorney to discuss her behavior and find out how to defend your son from her uncalled-for attack. To label your son as dangerous and unstable is a slander intended to damage his reputation.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a long-distance relationship for 11 years. I love "Roger." He's a hardworking, decent person. He says he loves me too. We got engaged three years ago and set a date for this year.

Well, Roger has called it off, but he still wants to be together. He put our wedding on hold after we had a fight. He told me he can't marry me if I act like that. Abby, he's exaggerating the fight. He's my best friend, and he's always there for me if I need him. He lives two hours away. After I had a flood, he came to help. He

couldn't even see too well. (He got shingles two days before my flood.) Regardless of how sick he was, he drove all that way to help me.

Roger has his own construction company. He has remodeled my kitchen and bathroom and done many other things for me. This is the second time he has postponed our wedding. I can't imagine life without him. Should I stay with him? Should we break up? I'd really hate to start dating again. Do you think he will marry me? — ON HOLD IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR ON HOLD: You stated that Roger lives two hours away. Have you driven those two hours to be with him? If you haven't, it may be time you did because he may have another romantic relationship going on closer to home that would be complicated to get out of.

From your description, he seems like a caring person, but there has to be a reason why he refuses to make a commitment. Until you get some honest answers from him, a marriage isn't likely to happen. If he is unattached, some premarital counseling may help to calm his fears.

# Cincinnatus honoring six with Hall of Fame

Cincinnatus League of Jay County will be honoring six individuals at its annual hall of fame induction ceremony during Jay County Fair.

This year's honorees entering the Jay County Hall of Fame are Florine Golden, Anita Hall, Robert C. Lyons, Williard "Butch" Micheau, Connie Retter and Rose Snow. To be selected, individuals must have devoted extraordinary time and effort to the Jay County community through volunteerism, live in Jay County or have significant ties to Jay County and be at least 65 years old by the ceremony, which will begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, at the Farmer's Building on Jay County Fairgrounds.

### Grants awarded

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education selected two local students to receive Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarships.

Jay County High School graduates Hannah Laux and Zoey Shaneyfelt were selected for the scholarships this year.

Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship winners, who were selected through a competitive process, receive up to \$10,000 per year. In exchange, they agree to teach for five years at an eligible Indiana school.

"Teachers play a vital role in inspiring hope and preparing students for postsecondary and

### Taking Note

career success," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "Thanks to the Indiana General Assembly for supporting this initiative, the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship is key to ensuring future Hoosier educators have access to training and resources needed to build the next generation of the Indiana teacher workforce."

Almost 950 students applied for the scholarship this year, with more than 300 being awarded. To qualify, students had to rank in the top 20% of their class, score in the top 20% on the SAT or ACT or have at least a 3.0 grade point average.

### To perform

Crowder will perform in concert at Ball State University's Emens Auditorium on Friday, Sept. 20.

The GRAMMY-nominated contemporary Christian musician is known for his blend of folk, rock and electronic elements. He has had four No. 1 radio singles.

Tickets are available at the Emens box office, by calling (765) 285-1539 or at ticketmaster.com.

# Community Calendar

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

### Today

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

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

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

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP

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

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m.

each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

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

### Friday

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

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.

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.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its next meeting at noon Friday, July 6, at Harmony Café.

### Saturday

LOCAL'S MARKET — Will be held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in June through October in the parking lot at Jay Community Center in Portland. For more information, contact Bill Cook.

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 - BRANNA'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.

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer

Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland.

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

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



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

Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday's Solution

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# There's a story behind the rocks

*Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from July 21, 2010. With Independence Day tomorrow, this column seemed more than appropriate. Do you know the story of the rocks at Jay County Junior-Senior High School? Do you know their name? Read on.*

**By JACK RONALD**  
The Commercial Review

And then it suddenly struck me, most of these kids hadn't even been born then.

It was a hot July afternoon, and I was taking pictures of all of the members of the Marching Patriots.

Usually, we do the group shots on the East Jay Middle School football field prior to the Fourth of July parade in Portland. But the Fourth parade was on a Sunday, and band director Kelly Smeltzer and I agreed that we didn't want the photo shoot to collide with church services. The parade's noon start time was going to be enough of a problem as it was.

So we scheduled things for a late afternoon practice, which meant dealing with a sun low in

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the sky that had all of us squinting. I think it was Kelly who suggested taking some of the pictures over by what he called "the rocks."

And I remember thinking at the time: They have another name.

Unfortunately, with the rapid passing of time and a tendency to shortchange institutional memory in the 21st century, little things like the story behind "the rocks" get forgotten. It was clear when I spoke with band members that they were clueless about the background, but — after all — it all happened before most of them were born.

So, here, for the record and to provide a bit of lost Jay County High School history, is a brief his-

story of "the rocks" and how they came to be there.

On the wall of my study, hanging above me as I write this, there is a framed artist's impression of three boulders positioned on the grounds of JCHS. The drawing, enhanced with watercolor to give the rocks some visual pop, is inscribed to my wife. It says, "To Connie, who during an indoor cookout started the whole thing rolling." It's dated 1992. That was the year that the Jay County Arts Council, predecessor of Arts Place, had a wide-ranging celebration of Irish culture, tapping into the Anglo-Irish roots of much of the county.

There were dozens of events, but the high point in many ways was a resident artist from Northern Ireland, who was provided by the British Council. His name was Gordon Woods, and he was — and is — a charming and intelligent fellow. It was Gordon who inscribed that drawing hanging on the wall of my study.

The "indoor cookout" was at Eric and Pam Rogers's house, and it was only indoors because a typ-

ical Indiana June thunderstorm chased us inside. Eric and Pam lived just over the back fence in those days, and it wasn't uncommon on any given summer weekend for informal invitations to come together at the drop of a piece of charcoal.

At any rate, the two of us found ourselves having a wonderful dinner with the Rogerses and artist Gordon Woods. And at some point, Gordon asked Connie about her work, which at that time was with Meshberger Brothers Stone Corp.

Suddenly a floodgate of questions opened. Gordon is a sculptor, and he was electrified to find out that there was a quarry near town. Questions about geology and glaciers and topography flew in rapid succession.

That was on a Saturday night. On Sunday, Gordon sneaked into the quarry and started looking at stones, big stones, a sculptor's paradise.

By Monday, he was putting together a proposal.

Within a matter of a few days, maybe a couple of weeks,

it all came together. Gordon's concept was this: Take three prime boulders from Meshberger's quarry, one a rusty red color, one a white Jay County limestone and one a bluish color. Position them — red, white and blue — near a handsome old tree on the high school grounds. Then carve an ancient Neolithic triple spiral known as the Newgrange spiral on the limestone.

The white limestone had formed here eons ago, the red and blue stones were dragged down here by the glaciers. Geologists call them "travelers."

Amazingly, Gordon was able to quickly convince not only Meshberger Brothers but also the school corporation to go along with his plan. Meshberger crews hauled the donated stones over, and the late "Tiny" Overla operated the heavy equipment to set them gently down in place.

They've been there ever since.

And, for the record, their name is appropriate: "The Three Patriots."

# Putin's proposal is far from serious

**Bloomberg Opinion**  
Tribune News Service

Before heading off to North Korea last week, Russian President Vladimir Putin made a "peace" offering to Ukraine.

He pledged an immediate cease-fire and peace negotiations if Ukraine withdraws from four partially occupied regions and abandons its bid to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. His other stipulation, of course, is that the West lift sanctions. This offer was patently designed to tempt and divide Ukraine's friends. No one should fall for it.

Sadly, wars don't always end justly. It's likely, however lamentable, that some form of territorial concessions will be part of a negotiated end to the war Putin started. That must be Ukraine's decision to make.

But it's preposterous for Putin to demand such concessions before talks can even begin. Moreover, if talks ever do get started, Putin's offers should be viewed with utmost skepticism. Nine out of 10 Ukrainians say they don't trust him, and they're right: He has an unblemished record of using negotiations to regroup and plan the next assault.

The U.S. and its friends need to show they understand this. There's been some progress. At the recent Group of 7 summit in Italy, the U.S. and Japan signed 10-year security agreements with Ukraine, signaling determination to stand by Kyiv.

The allies are working on finding responsible ways to use frozen Russian assets to bolster Ukraine's finances. And there are belated moves to tighten sanctions, which still have far too many holes, allowing Putin to amass more resources for his war.

The Biden administration's decision to let Ukraine use U.S.-supplied weapons against military targets inside Russia was another long-overdue shift. As French President Emmanuel Macron recently said, there's no point in giving Ukraine

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weapons and then refusing to let it defend itself.

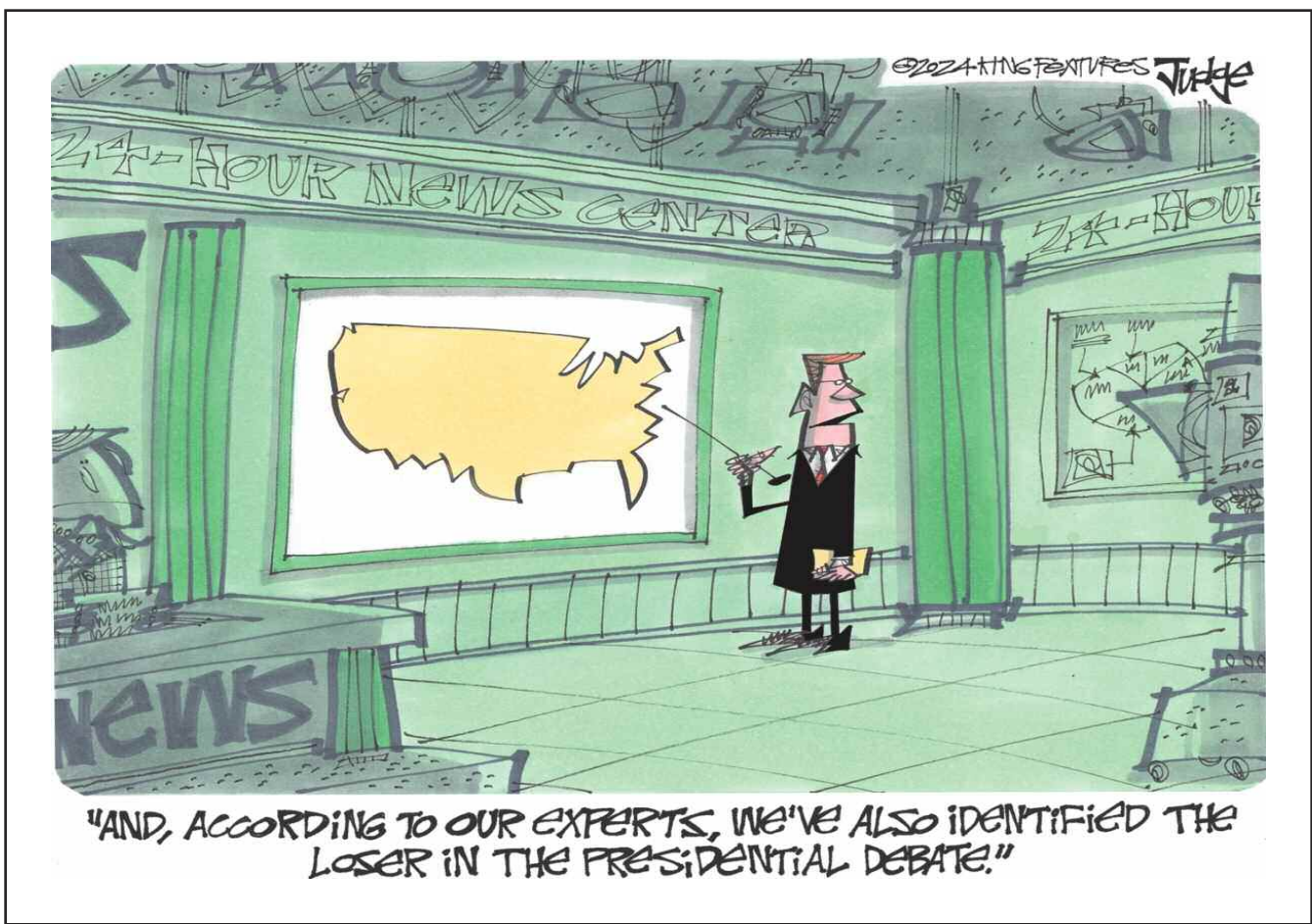
Indeed, Washington's lifting of restrictions doesn't go far enough: It's limited to forces targeting Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, which has come under heavy aerial bombardment. The same logic should be applied, at a minimum, to other front-line areas near the border.

Bolstering Ukraine's capabilities will also require critical ammunition supplies (which are now starting to arrive) and stronger air defenses. Russia's air force is playing a bigger role and its attacks are becoming more indiscriminate: 3,000 highly destructive glide bombs rain down on the country every month. Ukraine also needs more help in training and equipping reserves and new recruits.

Europe should give more thought to future-proofing its support. This demands changes in defense planning, coordination and production — so the Continent can serve its own defense needs, support Ukraine and deter Russia in the long term. Assisting in Ukraine's reconstruction will be another major challenge. Efforts to repair, rebuild and demine need to get going: This work cannot wait for the war to end.

Putin has flooded the battlefield with ill-trained and badly equipped forces; nurtured alliances with Iran, North Korea and China; and launched indiscriminate attacks against civilian targets. His capacity for destruction is impressive. But the costs of his war are mounting for Russia as well, and becoming ever harder to disguise. Time isn't necessarily on his side.

Putin's actions speak volumes. His proposal for talks in exchange for territory should be read as just his latest attempt to divide the allies and throttle Western support. Thanks, but no thanks.



# Big month has real consequences

**By NIKI KELLY**  
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The Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) is arguably the most important agency in state government. And it is crucial that they get upcoming July changes right.

Many of their services — from medical coverage to childcare and food assistance — are the difference between life and death for struggling Hoosiers.

The behemoth agency is the second-largest in terms of employees, with 4,305 (behind only the Department of Correction with 5,219) and serves literally millions of men, women and children on Medicaid and other programs.

And it's going to be a busy July 1 for FSSA. They have not one, but three significant changes rolling out. All of the changes have an important factor in common — money.

Spending on health and human services in Indiana is \$26 billion in the 2024-25 fiscal year. That includes both state and federal dollars and equals 51% of all appropriations. By comparison, education is 29% of spending at \$14.8 billion in state and federal tax dollars.

Of the Health and Human Services category, about 78% is the Medicaid program.

So, when a forecasting error found a nearly \$1 billion shortfall in the Medicaid program last year, it sent shockwaves through state government. I want to be clear — no money was lost or misplaced. Experts predicted Medicaid costs would be \$1 billion less than they actually were. Kind of like when you think your

## Niki Kelly



electric bill is going to be lower, and you are shocked when it arrives in the mail.

The shortfall was covered immediately through use of a Medicaid reserve account and tapping Indiana's substantial surplus.

Preparing for the future But lawmakers and state officials are now wrestling with the long-term problem of how to keep those costs from eating up more of the state budget than it already does. That has led to a number of changes:

•The first is a proposed \$300 million in cuts to Medicaid. While there are several changes occurring, the cut that has gotten the most attention is a shift in how they pay parents of medically complex disabled children to provide attendant care. The change to structured family caregiving is set to go into effect July 1 despite families reporting that numerous issues remain unresolved. Other changes include halting expected reimbursement rate increases for providers.

•Another major change is transitioning its current long-term supports and services offerings to managed care, meaning the state will pay Managed Care Entities (MCEs) a flat rate to cover member health benefits rather than individually paying for claims. This means that an estimated 130,000 Hoosiers over the age of 60

using Medicaid will now have an MCE coordinate their health coverage under the state's Pathways for Aging program. The change, which also goes into effect July 1, impacts services such as home health aides and nursing home care. The move is expected to save the state money and make future costs more predictable, though it is unclear how much savings the state will see.

•The last major change is that the state will start charging premiums again to some Medicaid beneficiaries. The state waived the cost-sharing requirement, otherwise known as POWER Accounts, in early 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. But on July 1, Medicaid beneficiaries in the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and MedWorks will get a bill — many of them for the first time, if they enrolled during or after the pandemic. A late Thursday court ruling was still being digested on this matter.

Some of these changes are painful but necessary, and I hope the transitions go well. But I equally hope FSSA will be open to delays if Hoosiers are getting lost in the shuffle of the cost-saving measures.

It's not a weakness to hold off on major change to ensure you get it right. It's the right thing to do, especially when you have fragile children and senior citizens paying the price.

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# Ordinance ...

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Council members expressed support for the idea, with council president Kent McClung and member Dave Golden both indicating similar programs they had available through their teaching careers. The ordinance passed unanimously on first and second reading.

Council members Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Ashley Hilfiker, McClung and Golden also approved an ordinance regarding the sale of alcohol in city parks.

The ordinance calls for any organization seeking to sell alcohol in a city park to receive a permit to do so by petitioning the park board. (Park board president Brian Ison explained that current regulations only allow permits for the sale of alcohol in Hudson Family Park.) Any such vendors must be licensed by the state, have licensed bartenders for the event, provide adequate security and follow any other terms or conditions imposed by the city. The permit application asks for the anticipated number of guests at the event and whether it will be open to those under 21 as well as the time, date and location.

The ordinance also allows a \$250 fine for anyone found in violation of the ordinance.

The version of the ordinance approved on first reading Monday — it will need to be approved on second reading before going into effect — differs from one that was previously posted on the city's website. The ordinance that moved forward does not address individuals bringing their own alcoholic beverages to parks or the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the parks.

On a related topic, Hilfiker asked about whether permits are needed to hold events in city parks. Ison responded that there is not, but that

the sale of any food is regulated by Jay County Health Department.

After passing 4-3 on first reading at the previous council meeting, the second reading of an ordinance to make the intersection of Middle and Water streets a four-way stop failed by the same margin.

Westlake, Golden and McClung advocated for the ordinance. May said he received mostly comments in opposition and Hilfiker said most of the thoughts she heard from residents were against the stop signs as well.

Golden made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading with McClung seconding, but it failed 4-3 with May, Brewster, Goldsworthy and Hilfiker voting against. (Hilfiker said she was on the fence prior to voting in favor on first reading and flipped her vote Monday after hearing from her constituents on the issue.)

In other business, the council:

- Approved a \$15,000 contribution to Arts Place for its Hudson Family Park Amphitheater concert series. Arts Place executive director Carolyn Carducci noted that a crowd of more than 700 attended the Phil Dirt and the Dozers concert that kicked off this year's series last month. The series continues this year with Whoa, Man! Band at 8 p.m. July 18, Liverpool Lads at 8 p.m. Aug. 8 and Sounds of Summer at 7 p.m. Sept. 12.

- Heard a reminder from clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips for parade-goers to be careful around construction areas along Meridian Street while attending Thursday's 4th of July parade.

- Approved a one-year tax abatement for Joyce/Dayton Corporation on about \$220,000 in new equipment to the city's tax abatement advisory committee. The abatement would save the company \$2,644 while the new equipment would generate more than \$20,000 in taxes over a 10-year period. Council also approved abate-

ment compliance forms for 26 open abatement on about \$78 million in investments.

- Received the following updates from Phillips:

- Crack sealing, funded mostly by an Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings grant, will begin next week

- A pre-construction meeting for upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant is scheduled for Wednesday with construction to begin later this month. (The project, which involves constructing an equalization basin and a wet weather pump station, is expected to take 15 months.)

- The city is still waiting on equipment to arrive to allow the livestreaming and recording of meetings, which will be required by state law beginning July 1, 2025.

- Heard May ask council to consider extending the paved path along Blaine Pike to Water Street. (The project that was officially completed early this year stops about 500 feet from the intersection.)

- Following a question from Brewster, Westlake said traffic lights along Meridian Street in Portland are expected to be back in place by mid-August. (They were taken down as part of an Indiana Department of Transportation project that includes paving and sidewalk improvements.)

- Heard Golden praise Portland Fire Chief Mike Weitzel following a letter to the editor from a Bluffton woman published in Saturday's newspaper thanking him for his off-duty efforts to help her husband when he was in medical distress.

- Approved closure of the alley between the Eagles Lodge and its parking lot for an event from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 7.

- Heard a question from Jim Wasson regarding his water and sewage bills.

# Launched ...

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On PathWays, individuals contact a care coordinator who can help them access services or find other resources to meet their needs.

"I am glad to hear that FSSA has heard from people who are having success and no issues with the transition taking place today with the new waivers," said Kim Dodson, CEO at Arc of Indiana. "However, we know there are some individuals and families in our state who are not having success and remain concerned about how they or their loved one will continue to get important services."

She said some families have yet to hear from their care manager, don't have a transition plan approved, or didn't hear from their provider on how to log in to start structured family caregiving.

"The crisis of a workforce shortage has plagued our state for several years and we should be looking for ways to resolve this conference — allowing legally responsible individuals to provide necessary and appropriate care should be allowed under guidelines and restrictions," Dodson said.

July 1 also marks the end of the Aged and Disabled Waiver. Two new waivers, the PathWays Waiver for individuals aged 60 and older and the Health and Wellness Waiver for indi-

viduals 59 and younger, will provide home and community-based services to eligible Hoosiers who need nursing facility level of care.

Per the federal approvals, both waivers have a designated number of slots available:

- PathWays for Aging Waiver: 39,842 slots, of which 29,268 are filled by Hoosiers already receiving services. 10,574 slots will remain for newly eligible individuals.

- Health and Wellness Waiver: 16,127 slots, of which 13,190 are filled by Hoosiers already receiving services. 2,937 slots will remain for newly eligible individuals.

A slot can only be used by one person during the July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 waiver year. The slot cannot be re-used by a different person if a member no longer needs services, like if the member moves out of state.

In April, FSSA established a waiting list for the former Aged and Disabled Waiver. Beginning this month, the agency will begin inviting eligible individuals on the waiting list to continue the process to access either the PathWays Waiver or Health and Wellness Waiver.

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# Grants ...

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Ambassador Pool is approximately 40 years old, Diller pointed out. He noted professionals in the field have advocated for installing a stainless steel liner, which would be longer-lasting than a fiberglass or vinyl liner.

In total, items on the wish list could cost nearly \$1 million. Diller shared plans to pursue additional grants, totaling about \$500,000, in the fall. The \$450,000 award from the state will be available for the village to use throughout the two-year budget cycle.

Diller also noted the village will likely form a committee specifically dedicated to overseeing pool improvements. (It would report back to Fort Recovery Park Board.) He asked community members interested in

joining the board to contact him.

The water tower project has been in the works for more than a year. Fort Recovery received a \$1.25 million grant in June 2023 from the Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure program to build a new water tower, and the village planned to contribute about \$450,000 from its own water tower improvement and water capital funds for the project.

Bids earlier this year came in higher than expected, with the village selecting Caldwell Tanks' low bid of \$2.44 million. The \$600,000 state funding allocation — it comes from the One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund — should help alleviate most of the unexpected increase, with the village con-

tributing the remaining amount.

The new 250,000-gallon elevated tower is planned for the north side of the village. It will include an additional 2,600 feet of water line to connect it to the village's distribution system. Work on the project could begin later this summer.

Fort Recovery Morvilius Opera House also received \$500,000 from the state capital budget for renovations.

Local residents have been working on plans to restore the 1883 facility for more than three years. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2022, the building will undergo construction work in the coming weeks on its annex. A groundbreaking ceremony is slated for 9 a.m. July 12.

Also Monday, council approved a \$74,870 contract with Shinn Bros of Celina for improving safety measures for pedestrians at the intersection of Elm and Center streets. The work — it involves installing flashing beacons and enhancing crosswalks — will be split between the village and Fort Recovery Local Schools.

The project was originally discussed as a part of Fort Recovery's School Transportation Plan, which identifies construction projects and new programs aimed at increasing safe pedestrian and bike travel to school.

In other business, village council members Al Post, Cliff Wendel, Scott Pearson, Erik Fiely, Greg Schmitz and Luke Knapke:

- Made amendments to the vil-

lage's tax ordinance to comply with Ohio House Bill 33, specifically noting the penalty for failing to file municipal income tax returns is now a one-time fee of \$25.

- OK'd a \$54,127.50 pay request from PAB Construction of Coldwater, Ohio, for reconstruction of Gwendolyn and Wiggs streets. The project has been completed.

- Were reminded Fort Recovery's National Night Out at Ambassador Pool is slated for 5 to 8 p.m. July 21.

- Appointed Shawn Thobe to Fort Recovery Zoning Board.

- Discussed purchasing a new vehicle for Fort Recovery Police Department. Mayor Dave Kaup asked police chief Jared Laux to look into prices for a Ford Explorer, Chevrolet Tahoe and truck.

# Felony court news

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He was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail and given 18 days credit for time served. Roser was fined \$25 and assessed \$189 in court costs.

Preston R. Keen, 27, 5938 W. 800 South, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to intimidation and domestic battery, both Level 6 felonies. He was sentenced to four years in Indiana Department of Correction with all but two days suspended. Keen was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee.

As part of his plea agreement, a Level 4 felony for criminal confinement, a Level 6 felony for strangulation and a Level 6 felony for domestic battery were dismissed.

## Battery

A Winchester man was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to prison for battery.

Andrew T. Willis, 41, 604 S. Main St., Winchester, pleaded guilty to battery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to five years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Willis

was assessed \$189 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a habitual offender enhancement was dismissed.

## Drunk driving

Two men were sentenced in Jay Superior Court to serve time for drunk driving.

Edgar J. Serna, 22, 420 S. 100 West, Portland, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Indiana Department of Correction, with all but 30 days suspended and given four days credit for time

served. Serna was fined \$1, assessed \$189.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug and alcohol countermeasures fee. He was also ordered to submit to an evaluation for substance abuse counseling. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for one year retroactive to July 3, 2023. As part of his plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana was dismissed.


Landon R. Light, 24, 1065 West County Road 1000 North, Eaton, pleaded guilty to operating a vehi-

cle while intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail with all but one year suspended and given one day credit for time served. He was ordered to spend 360 days in home detention. Light was fined \$100, assessed \$189.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$20 drug and alcohol countermeasures fee. He was also

ordered to submit to an evaluation for substance abuse counseling. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for one year retroactive to March 27, 2023. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge for operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.15% or more was dismissed.

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nanybell@yahoo.com

**Church of the Brethren**  
Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland  
Kevin McClung  
(260) 729-7295  
Services: 10 a.m.

**Church of the Living God**  
South Broad Street, Dunkirk  
Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Friday

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

**Cornerstone Baptist**  
211 E. Main St., Portland  
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.

**Dunkirk Nazarene**  
226 E. Center St., Dunkirk  
Tom Fett  
(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  
Ronald Willis  
(260) 726-4844  
Services: 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday  
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

**Fellowship Baptist**  
289 S. 200 West  
Hugh Kelly  
(260) 726-8873  
Services: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.  
Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

**First American Baptist**  
427 S. Main St., Dunkirk  
Dan Coffman  
(765) 768-7157  
Services: 10:40 a.m., 5 p.m.

**First Church of Christ**  
1049 Union City Road, Fort Recovery  
David J. Nicholson  
(419) 375-2860  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
fccftrecovery.org

**First Community Baptist**  
341 S. Meridian St., Redkey  
Everett Bilbrey Jr.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.  
Services: 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; 7 p.m. Wednesday

**First Free Will Baptist**  
12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk  
Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

**First Presbyterian**  
402 N. Ship St., Portland  
Rev. M. Rex Espiritu  
(260) 726-8462  
Services: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.  
firstpcportland.org

**Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene**  
401 E. Boundary St., Fort Recovery  
Revs. Brad and Kate Ratliff  
(419) 375-4680  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
frnaz@frontier.com

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

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

**Geneva First United Methodist**  
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.

**Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren**  
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.

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Services: 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.

**Mount Tabor Community Church**  
216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk  
Scott McClain  
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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

**New Covenant Fellowship**  
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  
(260) 223-2961  
Services: 4 p.m.  
drkayfairchild.com

**New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist**  
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

**Portland Church of Christ**  
1217 W. Votaw St., Portland  
Bob Graham  
(260) 726-7777  
Bible class: 9:15 a.m.  
Services: 10:20 a.m.  
Bible School: 6 p.m. Wednesday  
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**Portland First Church of Nazarene**  
920 S. Shank St., Portland  
Steve Cecil  
(260) 726-8040  
Services: 10:45 a.m.

**Portland Friends**  
226 E. Main St., Portland  
Herb Hummel  
(260) 202-9732  
Services: 10 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9 a.m.

**Praise Chapel Church of God**  
4527 E. 1000 North (Jay-Randolph county line)  
Rev. Josh Canfield  
(765) 584-7045  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Redeemer Lutheran**  
Malin and Elm streets, Bryant  
Father Dan Layden  
(260) 997-6787  
Services: 9:30 a.m.

**Redkey Faith Ministries**  
9811 W. Indiana 67, southwest of Redkey  
Rev. Craig and Robin Cotherman  
(765) 369-2920  
Services: 10 a.m.  
RedkeyFaith.org

**Redkey First Christian**  
Union and Malin streets  
Jeff Hammers  
(765) 468-6172  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

**Redkey United Methodist**  
122 W. Main St.  
Lori McIntosh  
(765) 369-2085  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Redkey Church of the Nazarene**  
801 W. High St.  
Chuck Hollandbeck  
(765) 369-2676  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

**River of Life**  
722 W. Main St., Portland  
Susan Hathaway  
(260) 729-1095  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

**The ROCK**  
1605 N. Meridian St., Portland  
Matt Ransom  
(260) 726-7474  
Services: 10 a.m.  
matt@therockjkc.org

**Salamonia Church of Christ**  
3900 S. 600 East  
Bruce Phillips  
(260) 335-2017  
Services: 9 a.m.

**Second Chance at Life Ministries**  
228 S. Meridian St., Portland  
Dave Keen (260) 251-8792  
Mike Eads (260) 703-0733  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

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1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery  
Rev. Alexander Witt  
Services: 7:30 a.m. Sunday

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346 S. Broad St., Dunkirk  
Rev. Kevin Hurley  
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

**St. Paul Catholic**  
517 Meiring Road, Fort Recovery  
Rev. Alexander Witt  
Services: 11 a.m. Sunday

**St. Peter Catholic**  
1477 Philothea Road, Fort Recovery  
Rev. Alexander Witt  
Services: 9 a.m. Sunday

**Sugar Grove Nazarene**  
3984 N. 550 West, Portland  
Pastor Mike Heckman  
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
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Bible study: 6 p.m. Wednesday

**Sugar Grove Church**  
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Scott McClain  
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**Temple Baptist**  
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
Services: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., 7 p.m. Wednesday  
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**The Church at Westchester**  
4487 E. 400 North  
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301 N. Wayne St., Fort Recovery  
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pastorrobino@gmail.com

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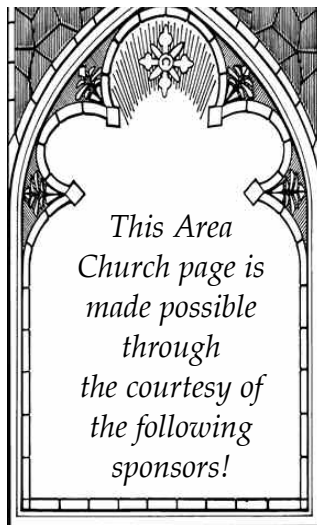
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Interim Pastor Chris Kruchkow  
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Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

**Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene**  
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  
Steve Rogers  
(260) 251-1113  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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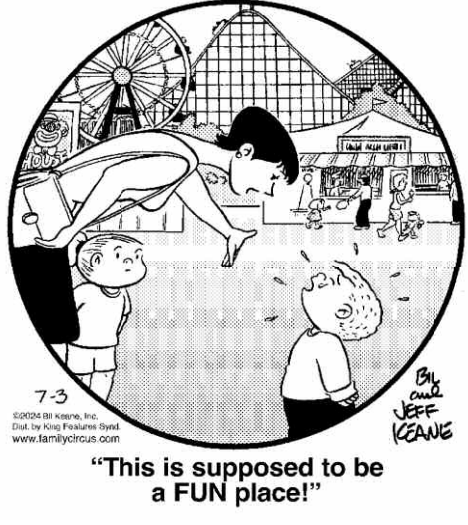
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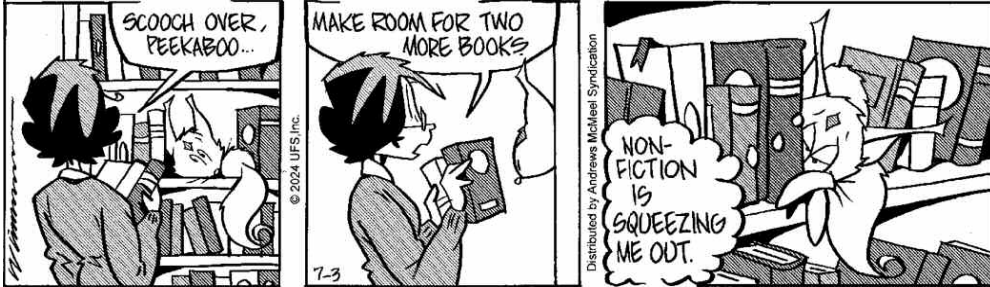
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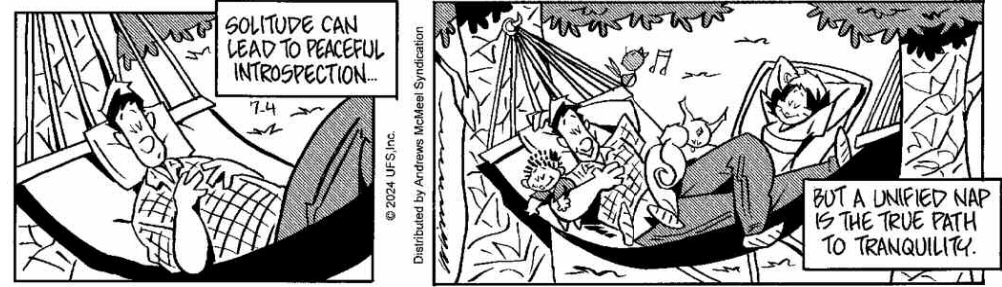
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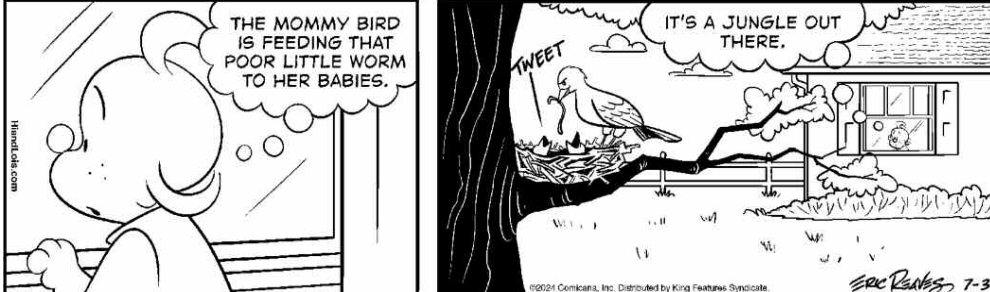
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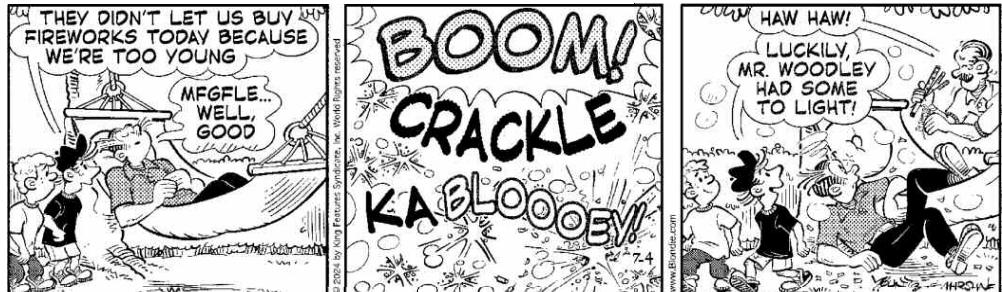
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# We Deliver

# Laughter



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.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The guess that went to school

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: A J 10 3, A 8, A Q 5, A J 10 4. WEST: 9 4 2, Q 9 5, 9 8 7 4, 6 5 3. EAST: 8 7 5, J 7 3 2, 6 3, Q 9 8 2. SOUTH: K Q 6, K 10 6 4, K J 10 2, K 7.

The bidding: South West North East 1 NT Pass 7 NT. Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

Guessing situations arise quite often, but a player is expected to guess right most of the time. There is nothing extraordinary about being right more often than not; it is largely a matter of approaching each problem, as it arises, in a rational fashion.

task would be simple, but since you're not playing with glass cards, you must try to figure out which opponent has the queen or is at least more likely to have it. There is not much information available at the start, so you should try to learn everything you can about the opponents' hands before attempting a club finesse in either direction.

Accordingly, you cash four diamond tricks and four spade tricks. In the process, you learn that West started with four diamonds and three spades, and that East started with two diamonds and three spades.

You still can't be absolutely certain about the location of the queen of clubs, but you should play East for it. Why? Because West started with six unknown cards that might include the queen, while East started with eight unknown cards that might include the queen.

The odds are therefore 8 to 6 that East has the queen, so you should lead the ten of clubs from dummy at this point and finesse. As it happens, the percentage play succeeds, and you make the grand slam.

It would not be fair to call this just a lucky guess. It would be much more accurate to call it an educated guess.

Tomorrow: Forever young. ©2024 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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Forever young

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH: A 6, A 9 7 3, Q 4, J 10 7 6 4. WEST: K Q 10 7 4, 8 2, K 9 8 6, A Q. EAST: J 9 8 5 2, K Q J 10 5 4, 7 3. SOUTH: 3, 6, A J 10 5 2, K 9 8 5 3 2.

The bidding: South West North East 1 Dble Redble 1 H 2 2 3 4 5 Dble.

In 1948, S. Garton Churchill and Cecil Head won the Life Master Pairs with the highest score ever recorded in that event, averaging 65.2 percent for four sessions.

More than four decades later, both were still active in the game and still scoring successes. Indeed, in the 1989 Epson Pairs, in which 80,000 players worldwide played the same deals simultaneously, Head, then 78, finished fifth overall

in North America and 16th in the world. He was partnered by Dr. George Dysart.

On the deal shown, Head achieved a top score by making five clubs doubled following a highly animated auction.

West led the king of spades, taken by dummy's ace. At first glance, it seems declarer must lose two clubs and a diamond, but Head proceeded to prove otherwise.

At trick two, he ruffed a spade, then crossed to the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart. Having done all he could to deprive West of safe exit cards, Head next led a low club.

West won with the queen and cashed the ace but was then in a hopeless position. In practice, he returned a spade, on which Head discarded a diamond from dummy while ruffing in his hand.

Head cashed the ace of diamonds and led the jack for a ruffing finesse. West covered with the king (it would not have helped him to play low), dummy ruffed, and a heart was ruffed with declarer's last trump. Dummy's remaining heart was discarded on the ten of diamonds, and dummy's two remaining trumps scored the last two tricks to give Head his doubled game.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz. ©2024 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals G

7-4 CRYPTOQUIP

JNX SXBUXADW NZVOXPDI YDADWVUXO IXTJ WZOUGR PDJJWXXO. JNXK NDB JZZ SDGK

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHICH KIND OF CAR IS PERFECTLY FITTING FOR AN EGG DELIVERY PERSON TO DRIVE? A YOLKS-WAGEN.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals K

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes solution time: 23 mins. and Yesterday's answer 7-3.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes solution time: 24 mins. and Yesterday's answer 7-4.

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Kenzie Wendel swims the butterfly stroke for the Fort Recovery swim team as part of the 11-12-year-old girls 200-meter medley relay at Ambassador Pool on Monday. Fort Recovery's relay team finished second to Jay County, who won the dual meet with a score of 800-545.

## Jay swim smothers Fort Recovery in makeup

FORT RECOVERY — Rain kept Jay County and Fort Recovery out of the pool back on June 10.

Nearly a month later, the meet got made up with a favorable result for Jay.

The Jay County summer swim team nearly doubled up the Fort Recovery Eels for a 800-454 victory at Ambassador Pool on Monday in a makeup meet.

The Jay County girls gained a 466-272 advantage, while the boys outscored Fort Recovery 334-182.

Jay County had three girls and one boy win a trio of events.

Laynie Mann earned wins in the girls 8-and-younger 50-meter freestyle, 25 butterfly and 25 freestyle.

Addisyn Champ and Sophie Warvel earned their wins in the 9-10-year-old and 11-12-year-old divisions, respectively. Champ's victories came in the 25 backstroke, 100 individual medley and 25 freestyle, while Warvel took the 50 butterfly, 50 backstroke and 50 breaststroke.

Cooper Glentzer was the oldest triple-event winner for Jay County, earning first-place finishes in the boys 13-14-year-old 100 freestyle, 100 IM and 50 freestyle.

Both of Fort Recovery's triple-event winners came in the 15-and-older age group, with Joelle Kaup representing the girls and Carson Fullenkamp the boys.

Kaup's top finishes came in the 100 freestyle, 50 butterfly and 100 IM. Fullenkamp claimed victories in the 100 freestyle, 100 IM and 50 freestyle.

### Offense falters

COLDWATER, Ohio — The Fort Recovery ACME baseball team's season came to a close on

### Local roundup

Monday as it fell 4-0 to the Marion Local Flyers in the sectional semifinal at Coldwater High School.

The Indians (7-6) only managed two hits in the shutout.

Mason Diller smacked a single to right in the first inning and Austin Siegrist earned a base hit on a ground ball through the right side in the third. Neither batter reached second base.

Gavin Evers was the only Indian to reach scoring position, doing so after walking and swiping second base.

Alex Gaerke suffered the loss, giving up 4 runs (only one was earned) on seven hits over six innings. Gaerke struck out 10 batters in the losing effort.

Host Coldwater took the championship game 12-2 over Marion Local.

### Meteors finish perfect

The Bro Shadow Meteors took down a pair of opponents on Sunday to claim the Pennville Soccer Club Space division championship and finish the season with a perfect 8-0-0 record.

The Meteors picked off the Vinson Rental Properties Galaxy 3-2 despite an early deficit on a score by Carter Love.

The Galaxy also got a goal from Raul Martinez, while the Meteors' Neymar Carreno netted a goal and Liam Phipps

scored two, including the golden goal in overtime.

The Galaxy had to beat the Ohio Valley Gas Stars 2-1 in the opening round. Martinez and Love both scored goals in the win (Love's score was an overtime golden goal), while Vinny New accounted for the Stars' score.

In the other semifinal game, the Dave's Heating and Cooling Asteroids beat the New Beginnings Holiness Church Rockets 3-1. Owen Ehrhart led with two goals for the Asteroids, supported by one from Eden Lee. Paizley Murphy had the only score for the Rockets.

Ehrhart netted the opening goal for the Asteroids in the championship game, but Carreno scored four times in the second half to take the title.

Carreno and Phipps led the division with 18 and 10 goals, respectively.

### Gibson comes through

Sam Gibson saved the Penrod Monument Jaguars with a second-half goal that allowed the Jaguars to take the Pennville Soccer Club Wild Cat title in a shootout on Sunday.

The Jaguars trailed the WPGW Lions 1-0 at halftime after a goal by Karsen Kuhn. Sam Gibson delivered his first goal of the season to tie the game up and force a shootout.

Gabrielle Gibson and Camden Vision both found the net in the shootout for the Jaguars, while Bryce Rickard was the only to score for the Lions.

Gabrielle Gibson also scored the only goal in the 1-0 victory over the POET Biorefining Cheetahs in the semifinal.

The Lions had to go through the Portland Insurance Cougars



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Lincoln Clamme swims the breaststroke leg of the 15-and-older 200-meter medley relay during the Jay County summer swim team's meet at Fort Recovery on Monday.

in the semifinal. Jackson Westgerdes scored the only goal in the 1-0 win for the Lions, as they held division-leader Lyle Beiswanger scoreless.

Beiswanger did net a goal in the Cougars 3-0 victory in the opener against Pennville General Store Tigers.

Mason Edmonds and Alivia McClain also scored in the victory.

### Penrod fuels title

Kenna Penrod had a career day to lead the A Place to Grow Wasps to the Pennville Soccer Club Stinger division title on Sunday.

The Wasps needed to go

through the AgBest Express Bees to make the championship game. Penrod netted three goals to get the Wasps a comfortable first-half lead before adding on three more in the second. Harper Love added two goals of her own to push the final to 8-0 in favor of the Wasps.

The Patriot Sportswear Hornets held the league-leader to only two goals in regulation and Raelyn McClain matched her to keep the game tied 2-2.

Penrod wasn't to be stopped, scoring the game-winning goal in the second overtime, lifting the Wasps to a 3-2 victory in the championship game.

Penrod ended the season with 18 goals to lead the league.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Friday**  
Portland Rockets in Portland Firecracker Tourney - 7 p.m.

**Saturday, July 6**  
Portland Rockets in Portland Firecracker Tourney - time TBD

### TV sports

**Today**  
6 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)

7 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at New York Yankees (Bally Indiana)  
7:45 p.m. — MLS soccer: Atlanta United at New England Revolution (FS1)

**Thursday**  
6 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)

1 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at New York Yankees (Bally Indiana)  
9 p.m. — Copa America soccer: Ecuador vs. Argentina (FOX)

### Local notes

**Soccer camp announced**  
The Jay County High School boys and girls soccer teams will hold a youth soccer camp July 29-31.

The camp is for kids going into first grade up to eighth grade. It will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. at the old soccer field behind the baseball diamond.

Admission is \$30 per child and each additional child from the same household will cost only \$20.

To sign up visit <https://qrc.co.de/bf9AoD>. For more information, email [kimuhlenkamp@jayschools.k12.in.us](mailto:kimuhlenkamp@jayschools.k12.in.us) or [reynolds@jayschools.k12.in.us](mailto:reynolds@jayschools.k12.in.us). Payment can be sent to the high school front office by July 12th.

**Meet booked**  
The Jay County Chamber Classic golf outing is set for Friday, July 19, at Portland Golf Club. The deadline to register is July 10, and

it's limited to 20 teams. Awards of \$400, \$200 and \$100 will be given out to first, second and third place, respectively.

Golf will begin with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

To register, email [tabby@jaycountychamber.com](mailto:tabby@jaycountychamber.com).

For more information call (260) 726-4481.

**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@cadinfo.org](mailto:director@cadinfo.org).

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Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Jay County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of Jay County Council at the Jay County Court House, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., on the 17th day of July, 2024 will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

	Amount Approved
1000-622-20-0016	COUNTY GENERAL Repair Equipment \$3,500.00
1112-001-30-0220	LIT-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JCDC Projects \$11,000.00
1133-001-30-0128	COUNTY SHERIFF CONTINUING EDUCATION Department Training \$5,000.00
1148-001-30-0126	DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES Jay County Organizations \$16,015.14
1237-001-30-0143	OPIOID RESTRICTED FUNDS Professional Services \$11,000.00
4500-001-30-0206	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WINDFARM Bryant \$10,000.00
8891-001-30-0087	TITLE IV- REIMBURSEMENT Pauper Counsel \$1,260.00
8950-001-30-0148	ARP-2021 CLFRF Professional Services \$11,000.00
	Total \$68,775.14

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriation as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action time.

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