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Lease OK'd; JCDC offers its response

Board rejects commissioners' call to reduce its voting membership

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Jay County Development Corporation agreed to a lease.

It also responded to "points" presented by Jay County Commissioners.

During a meeting Monday, the Jay County Development Corporation (JCDC) board of directors approved its lease agreement with the city for its office space in Community Resource Center.

It also addressed 13 "points" presented by Jay County Commissioners in May as part of the ongoing contract discussion between the organization and the county. Most notably, it rejected a call from commissioners to

make changes to its board membership.

Executive director Travis Richards presented the proposed lease agreement with the city, reminding board members that a discrepancy regarding responsibility for furnace, air conditioning and other related repairs had been removed. The contract still leaves JCDC with the responsibility for receiving bills for shared utilities and collecting payments from other tenants.

Board president Angela Paxson recommended that JCDC move forward with the contract for this year and plan to address the utility issue ahead of the 2025 contract.

The JCDC board unanimously approved the lease agreement, which calls for \$350 monthly rent, 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.

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Election case moving forward

By ZOE TILLMAN

Bloomberg News

Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON

The U.S. special counsel investigating Donald Trump is pressing ahead with prosecuting the former president on charges of trying to overturn the 2020 election after facing a recent setback from the U.S. Supreme Court.

Special Counsel Jack Smith on Tuesday filed an updated indictment that removes several pages of allegations following the high court's blockbuster

decision finding Trump at least partially immune from prosecution related to his official acts as president. Smith has decided against pursuing a major court hearing to present evidence before the Nov. 5 election.

The new indictment cuts certain claims related to Trump's communications with government officials but features the same four charges accusing him of conspiring to reverse his election loss to President Joe Biden.

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Paint prep

Dave Stoner, a part-time employee with Portland Parks Department, prepares a swing set at Haynes Park for a fresh coat of paint Wednesday.

Report shows shortfall

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle

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A shortfall of \$2.4 billion. That's how much more analysts estimate Indiana would need to eliminate poorly rated local roads and bridges across the state over the next ten years.

The gap for preserving current conditions or improving conditions is less, at \$987 million and \$1.8 billion, respectively. And none of those numbers include the amount of dollars local units of governments would need to pitch in nor does it include any road projects that would add capacity.

The numbers come from the Local Technical Assistance Program, a partnership with state government and Purdue University. Jennifer Sharkey, a lead research engineer with the organization, presented those findings before the Funding Indiana's Roads for a Stronger, Safer Tomorrow Task Force Tuesday afternoon.

"What we did was to look at what would it take to improve these facilities in the future. These future road funding investments were estimated, but we did not include added capacity proj-

State would need nearly an additional \$1 billion to maintain current road conditions

ects — projects that add turn lanes, widen the roadway or add travel lanes," Sharkey said. "Also, we did not include new infrastructure. So new road corridors or new bridge structures that might be utilized to facilitate growth and development in our local communities. We only look at the existing network and its existing configuration."

The task force is examining future funding sources for state and local infrastructure as fuel efficiency and electrification of vehicles have eroded the current funding.

Much of Indiana's current road funding model comes from gas taxes, which are expected to fall in the future as more people adopt electric or hybrid vehicles. Additionally, with better fuel efficiency standards, Americans will need to purchase less gas.

Other states have implemented alternative taxes to make up that difference, such as taxing delivery vehicles, toll roads or annual road use fees.

Sharkey dissected the types of roads across the state — 90% asphalt for cities and towns compared to 56% asphalt for counties — and reported conditions of those roadways. Across 430 cities and towns as well as all 92 counties, the group found that 28% of roads earned a "good" condition rating.

But while 41% of roads were fair in cities and towns, counties reported that 46% of their roads earned that rating — with the latter placing a heavier emphasis on improving the busiest roads while the former concentrated on all road types equally.

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Tribune News Service/The Detroit News/Dan Mears

Working to restore

A telephone pole snapped in half Wednesday at Livernois Road and Harding, in Rochester, Michigan. DTE Energy reported more than 191,000 customers had no electricity following storms that slammed the state.

Deaths

Roberta Garringer, 90,
Dunkirk

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 92 degrees Tuesday. The low was 72.

Tonight's low will be in the upper 60s. There is a 30% chance of showers. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with a 40% chance of rain and a high in the lower 90s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Balbec Days is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Balbec cabin, 6703 N. Indiana 1, north of Pennville. The event will include garden tractor pulls, flea markets, a blacksmith demonstration, a Civil War display, historical demonstrations, a silent auction and a variety of food options.

Coming up

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

Saturday — Results from the JCHS football game against New Castle.

Wednesday — Coverage of the JCHS soccer games against Woodlan.



Obituaries

Roberta Garringer

July 27, 1934-Aug. 25, 2024

Roberta J. Garringer was born on July 27, 1934, in Dunkirk, Indiana, to Robert and Lillian Fuller. The youngest of four children and the only girl, she grew up alongside her brothers, Bob (Joyce), Jim, (Sally) and Dale (Jama) Fuller.

After a solid year of battling dementia and a myriad of other health issues, Roberta peacefully passed away at her home, in the company of her caring grandson, Jeremy, this past Sunday evening.

She was the life-of-a-party, lively and enthusiastic, quick-witted and a force to be reckoned with. As her favorite niece once said, "Once you've met her, you'll never forget her." A life-long resident of Jay County, retiring from Ball-Foster Glass

after 40 years, there are countless people who can attest that she was truly unforgettable.

Roberta genuinely embodied the qualities of a "good neighbor," always willing to lend a hand and ever civic-minded. This is truly a loss for us all, as her contributions were invaluable to the residents of Jay County. She worked tirelessly throughout her life belonging to many local groups and organizations, including, but not limited to, the United Way; Jay County AIDS Awareness Task Force; Protective League; and Glass Bottle Blowers Association. She served as a union officer for Local #96. She also served as chairman of the Glass Days Committee festi-



Garringer

val held annually for over 40 years. She could routinely be found supporting athletics at Jay County High School, as she treated every child on the field like her own. She was "Grandma" to so many students throughout the years. Her booming voice in the JCHS gymnasium will be missed during basketball season, especially.

She was acknowledged for her contributions, receiving awards such as "Citizen of the Year" in Jay County and was bestowed the title of "Sagamore of the Wabash" by Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels. The highest honor given to a Hoosier, Roberta received this award for her wisdom, public commitment and sincere concern for the well-being of others.

Roberta may have held many titles in her life, but the most important ones were that of

Daughter, Mom, Aunt, Grandma, Great-Grandma, Great-Great Grandma and Friend. She was a true matriarch, fiercely loving and supportive to them all, and a person whose respect you earned and cherished. She leaves behind a legacy, empowering her granddaughters to lead by her example.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Bob, Jim and Dale Fuller; a son, Gary DeWayne Barlow; and grandson, Stephen Wade Sain.

She is survived by three children, Colinda Anderson (Tim), Dean Barlow (Julie) and Stephanie Hicks (Chadwick); grandchildren RanDale Harrison, Jeremy Barlow, Doug Anderson (Stephanie), Katie Barlow, Amanda Warner (Robert) and Hannah Fuller; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Aug. 31, 2024, at MJS Mortuary in Redkey, Indiana. Friends and family may call from noon to 3 p.m., with services following immediately thereafter. In true Roberta fashion, in lieu of flowers, please consider making a monetary donation to the basketball booster program at JCHS.

She would also remind you to vote blue this coming November.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Friday 8/30	Saturday 8/31	Sunday 9/1	Monday 9/2	Tuesday 9/3
93/67	83/60	84/52	75/49	75/49
There's a 40% chance of storms Friday, with the chance increasing to 70% at night.	Saturday looks to be mostly sunny with a slight chance of rain. Temperatures will be in the mid 80s.	Sunny skies are on the horizon for Sunday, when the high will be around 84.	Labor Day looks to be mostly sunny. Temperatures will be more moderate, around 75.	Mostly sunny skies, when the high will be in the mid 70s.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$54 million	Evening Daily Three: 0-8-5 Daily Four: 1-0-9-3 Quick Draw: 3-6-7-11-13-14-15-20-26-28-36-41-43-48-52-55-60-69-70-77
Mega Millions 16-18-21-54-65 Mega Ball: 5 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$627 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 3-8-1 Pick 4: 7-8-1-8 Pick 5: 2-8-2-1-4 Evening Pick 3: 1-7-4 Pick 4: 8-3-7-6 Pick 5: 2-4-0-4-8 Rolling Cash: 4-6-10-29-39 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 0-5-9 Daily Four: 4-9-0-1 Quick Draw: 2-5-14-16-19-21-23-26-38-39-42-46-53-54-55-57-59-61-69-78	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.35 Sept. corn3.40 Wheat4.17	Sept. beans9.34 Wheat4.93
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....3.37 Sept. corn3.51 Oct. corn3.46	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.37 Sept. corn3.37 Beans.....9.54 Sept. beans9.54 Wheat4.72
The Andersons Richland Township Corn3.39 Sept. corn3.39 Beans.....9.44	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....3.30 Sept. corn3.37 Beans.....9.29 Sept. beans.....9.29 Wheat4.44

Today in history

In 1862, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing began operations at the United States Treasury.

In 1943, responding to a clampdown by Nazi occupiers during World War II, Denmark managed to scuttle most of its naval ships.

In 1944, 15,000 American troops of the 28th Infantry Division marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.

In 1957, the Senate gave final congressional approval to a Civil Rights Act after South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster that had lasted 24 hours.

In 1995, The Portland Foundation awarded a \$100,000 grant to Jay County Public Library's capital campaign for construction of a new facility.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near Buras, Louisiana, bringing floods that devastated New Orleans. More than 1,800 people in the region died.

In 2008, Republican presidential nominee John McCain picked Sarah Palin, governor of Alaska, to be his running mate. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today
9 a.m. — Portland Facade Committee, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
9 a.m. — Portland Historic Preservation Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Wednesday
5:30 p.m. — Jay County Council budget review, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

JCDC ...

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The bulk of the discussion regarding the commissioners' "points" — they were presented in May after commissioners rescinded contract demands that included not renewing Richards' contract — was around board membership. The commissions have called for voting members of the JCDC board to be reduced to nine or 11, consisting mayors or town council presidents from Portland and Dunkirk, one county commissioner, one county council representative and representatives from Bryant, Redkey, Pennville and Salamonina. The board could have additional non-voting members.

Other "points" cover issues such as funding, reporting and defining responsibilities.

Josh Atkinson started the discussion by saying he sees no reason for JCDC to entertain any of the demands, saying he believes the May primary election was a referendum on JCDC. (The county will have two new commissioners in May, as Brian McGalliard lost his bid for re-election to Duane Monroe and Rex Journey chose not to seek a second term.) He said JCDC should wait until January and address any items the new group of commissioners would like to discuss at that time.

"If the community did not

believe in us, then they would have voted," he said. "That vote, we all know, was a make or break for JCDC. I don't see any reason to make any changes whatsoever, because our community told us what they wanted in the last election."

Alicia Corwin and Mike Medler spoke in opposition to reducing the board membership. Corwin said the business community would lack representation with most of the voting membership taken by election officials. Medler noted that in the current form — the board has 25 members — business, government, industry, education, energy and a variety of other sectors have representation.

"I just don't see how you reduce this board and make it better," said Medler.

Joe Johnston spoke to the history of the board, saying it was meant to provide "broad representation" of the community. Cindy Bracy agreed, saying the community is geographically large and diverse.

The board voted unanimously to reject the demand for changing the board membership. They then addressed each of the other "points" one by one.

JCDC agreed to return unused funds from completed projects back to the county; approve the

lease agreement with the city (as had already been done earlier in the meeting); amend bylaws to reflect any new changes agree to; meet monthly or as needed; and report to commissioners quarterly in person and via email as needed.

The board rejected the following points: for JCDC to lead the manufacturing sector and the community coordinator to lead the business section; and for the JCDC executive director to be the head local economic development official for the county with the community coordinator as the assistant.

JCDC did not address the remaining points, with Journey advising on some of them that no action was needed.

The board also heard various community updates, including:

•Balbec Days is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Balbec cabin, 6703 N. Indiana 1, north of Pennville.

•The new Jay County Chainsaw Carving Invitational is scheduled for Sept. 13 through 15 at Jay County Fairgrounds. Saturday, Sept. 14, will be a busy day at the site, as it will also host the Jay County Cancer Society Cruise-In and a Jay County Fair Cards Coins Comics and Collectibles Show.

•The grand opening for the Jay County Baseball Club's new facility is scheduled for Oct. 5.

Shortfall ...

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In the poor category, 31% of city and town roads earned that rating while 27% of county roads did, meaning that 28% of roads are in poor condition statewide.

Fixing poor roads costs more, between \$150,000 to \$1.5 million per mile compared to \$1,000 to \$7,500 per mile for roads in good condition — according to numbers shared by Sharkey.

Road preservation, the cheapest plan of action, would reduce the percentage of roads with a poor

rating to 20% statewide, "but falls short of adequately addressing failed road facilities," the presentation said.

"The first strategy we looked at aims to preserve the improvements that have been made since the previous infrastructure influx of funding ... (and) looks to add more years of life to the network than is lost," Sharkey said.

This story was edited for length. To read the full version, visit indianacapitalchronicle.com.

Felony arrests

Drug possession
Two Indiana residents were arrested recently for drug possession.

Curtis A. Faught, 42, 328 S. Jaqua Ave., Portland, was arrested Wednesday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He was being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Tara L. Rogers, 47, 347 N. Charles St., Parker City, was arrested Tuesday and preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana.

She was being held in Jay County Jail on a \$12,000 bond.

Case ...

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The move from Smith's office is expected to kick off a fresh round of legal wrangling between prosecutors and Trump's lawyers over whether the updated indictment can survive under the Supreme Court's more expansive definition of presidential immunity from criminal charges.

It wasn't immediately clear how quickly U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan, who has been overseeing the election case, would move to the next phase of the proceedings.

SERVICES

Today

Bright, Madonna: 11 a.m., Green Park Cemetery Chapel, Portland.

Saturday

Garringer, Roberta: 3 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

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65th anniversary

Verus and Rose Muhlenkamp



Rose and Verus Muhlenkamp - 1959

The Muhlenkamps are celebrating 65 years of marriage next month. Verus and Rose (Koesters) Muhlenkamp of rural Bryant wed Sept. 7, 1959, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Carthagena, Ohio.

Verus Muhlenkamp is a retired farmer. Their children are Theresa (Dennis) Muhlenkamp of Portland, Diane (Ron) Rosenbeck of Bryant, Anita (Ron) Homan of Bryant, Doug (Joan) Muhlenkamp of Bryant and Vern (Jill) Muhlenkamp of Bryant. They have 20 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren.

Plans are to celebrate with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Bryant, followed by a family celebration.



Rose and Verus Muhlenkamp - 2024

Learn how to manage the summer time migraines

BY **SONYA GOINS**
Mayo Clinic News Network
Tribune News Service

Severe weather conditions are enough to give anyone a headache, but temperature fluctuations are even more problem-

atic for migraine sufferers. Dr. Rashmi Halker Singh, a Mayo Clinic neurologist, says the weather can trigger migraines.

What triggers migraines?
A migraine is a neurologic dis-

ease that affects people differently. Some migraine sufferers experience sensitivity to light, sound and smells.

Extreme weather can affect various changes in the brain and cause a migraine.

"Many people say that barometric pressure changes and changes in the weather, but some people say it's the heat that triggers them," says Dr. Halker Singh.

It's crucial for migraine suffer-

ers to stick to a routine and get plenty of exercise and rest. Also, it's important to stay hydrated during the summer.

"I think sometimes we don't even realize we're dehydrated. It just happens," she says.

Husband doesn't care to help

DEAR ABBY: I recently scheduled a last-minute consultation with my doctor that might result in surgery. My husband has a meeting during that time, which isn't actually necessary, but he feels he needs to attend. I feel he is choosing a non-urgent obligation over my more immediate concerns.

All that said, I am capable of handling what comes my way by myself. I was just hoping for some emotional support from my spouse of 31 years. I have had plenty of that financially, but not emotionally. I'm trying to figure out why he's not taking my medical issue as seriously as I am. — ON MY OWN IN WASHINGTON

DEAR O.M.O.: What a sad letter. After 31 years, you may have to accept that financial support is all your husband is capable of giving. Because you need emotional support, consider asking a close friend or relative to stay close while you resolve your medical issue. Although it may not be your first choice, it would be the more practical solution.

DEAR ABBY: My father left my older sister and me out of his will.

He inherited money, went to an Ivy League university and raised two sets of stepkids. I know he didn't have a lot left at the end, but what there was went to his third wife. We had hoped he would help his granddaughters with cars, etc. I wish we had discussed it beforehand so it wouldn't have spoiled our larger-than-life memories of him. Are we selfish to feel let down? — STILL MISSING DAD IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR STILL MISSING: Your feelings are your feelings. If your father led you to believe your children were in his will, then those feelings are justified. However, if he DIDN'T do that, you are wrong to have expected him to buy "cars, etc." for your children. Considering his marital history, his widow may need every penny he left her.

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: I have a neighbor I truly love. I garden; she does not. Despite my asking her two years ago not to take any of my asparagus, yesterday she mentioned in conversation, "I love your asparagus. Sometimes I pick some for myself."

Abby, last year I was left with only enough for one meal for myself! How can I say to her, "Stop raiding my food source!?" I live on a limited budget. Many times, I can't afford to buy vegetables, which she is aware of. I'm very hurt by her behavior. Thank you for any insight you can give. — OUT OF THE GARDEN IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR OUT: Sit your light-fingered neighbor down and remind her of some facts of your life. Tell her AGAIN that you are on a limited budget and grow vegetables because they have become too expensive for you to buy. Also remind her that you have asked her before not to do what she has been doing, and tell her how hurt you are that she would steal from you. It is the truth, and she needs to hear it. She should be ashamed of herself.

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, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and liv-

ing 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.

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

Saturday
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.

GOODYEAR FAMILY REUNION — Begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at Greek's Pizzeria in Portland. Please remind other family members.

Sunday
A BETTER LIFE — BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday
PORTLAND BREAK-

FAST 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.

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.

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- Conducts billing to insurance and Medicaid companies for vaccines administered.
- Maintains current knowledge of CDC guidelines and immunization/vaccination standards and attends educational training/seminars as necessary.
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- Answers telephones and greets office visitors, responding to inquiries, providing information and assistance.

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- Possession of or ability to obtain Notary Public License and National Incident Management (NIMS) Certifications.
- Ability to serve the public with diplomacy and respect, including occasional encounters with difficult persons.
- Ability to problem solve and collaborate as a team player.
- Ability to operate standard office equipment.
- Ability to travel off-site (active Indiana driver's license).

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Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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1	6	3	7	4	2	8	9	5
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The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

Indiana's job market has changed

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Our standard reports are about people who have jobs, those who don't, those who are looking for jobs and those who are not. But we don't hear much about the self-employed, the people we call business proprietors.

It's important to understand we are discussing jobs in an economy where the same person may hold two jobs in the day and be the proprietor of an online, garage-based home business on weekends.

In 2022, there were 54.4 million American proprietors — business owners. That's an increase of 15 million or 38% in a decade. Indiana saw an increase of 193,000 proprietors (29%) in those 10 years.

Some think COVID-19 and

Eye on the Pie



working at home prompted the rise in proprietorship. Others credit the internet's flexibility in reaching customers, suppliers and examining alternatives without requiring investment in a brick and mortar store.

Whatever the causal factors, proprietors represented 22% of American jobs in 2012 and were 26% in 2022. Further, they accounted for 45% of the increase in jobs over those

years. Indiana also saw a rise in proprietors as a portion of total jobs, but at rates below the nation. We saw proprietors move from 18% to 21% of all jobs, which was 38% of our job growth.

Indiana is heavily concentrated in wage and salaried (W&S) jobs. In 2012, 82% of Hoosier jobs were in that category compared to 78% nationally. Between 2012 and 2022, W&S jobs accounted for 61% of Indiana's job growth and 55% nationally.

Yes, the number of Indiana W&S jobs grew less rapidly (10.3%) than the nation's (13.2%). Likewise, Indiana's total W&S earnings failed to keep pace with the nation, growing by 52% versus 57%. Howev-

er, our growth rate for earnings per job almost matched the nation's (37.5% vs 38.7%). Unfortunately, our W&S earnings per job in 2022 were nearly 16% (\$13,300) below the national average.

Hoosier farm proprietors saw a 2022 that was far better than 2012. Total income was more than double the level in 2012 while nationally the gain was only 24%. Where the average Hoosier farm proprietor beat the average for the nation by only \$830 in 2012, that differential was over \$34,000 in 2022.

We'll let the ag economists tell us if that was the Hoosier switch from livestock to crops or some other change.

Between 2012 and 2022, earnings per non-farm proprietor

fell 1.7% nationally and 7% in Indiana. But the spread between the national and Indiana non-farm proprietors remained large although declining from \$18,200 to \$15,100. Why?

The growth in the number of non-farm proprietors was 40% nationally and 32% in Indiana. Maybe Hoosiers are not as eager to become proprietors as much as those in other states. That might mean existing and new Hoosier proprietors were better prepared to make money in shifting times.

Whatever the answer, some state agency will take the credit.

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The whole country needs more housing

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

The United States of America needs more housing — lots of it. The lack of supply in cities and suburbs in particular is the main force driving up the cost of living for millions, and keeping young people on the outside looking in, their faces pressed against the double-pane glass.

Though street homelessness like what we see on sidewalks and subways is often an outgrowth of complicated maladies including alcohol and drug addiction and mental illness, the wider phenomenon of homelessness in America is undoubtedly driven by high housing costs.

For all those reasons and more, we are pleased as punch to see the Democratic Party trying to become the city of "Yes In My Backyard," the movement that's emerged across the nation to try to bulldoze restrictive regulations and let more types of housing get built in many more places.

For generations, America's suburbs have been single-family zones, where granny flats and garage apartments and even low-rise complexes near train stations are often verboten. And for just as long, too many of our cities have been places where steep building costs, onerous zoning and piles of red tape conspire to make it all but impossible for housing supply to begin to meet demand. New York has been the laggard of laggards.

Fortunately, New York City under Mayor Eric Adams, like New York State under Gov. Kathy Hochul, is in the thick of an awakening on this front. Adams' City of Yes for Economic Opportunity relaxed tons of ridiculous and out-of-date rules dictating what kinds of businesses could go where, and his City of Yes for Housing Opportunity will come before the City Council in the fall.

Those crucial reforms would gently add more density all across New York, especially in the vicinity of transit. One can credibly argue that it's not ambitious enough, but given the punishing cost of housing here, it's impossible with a straight face to make the case that these modest reforms would destroy the city or the character of its neighborhoods. When New

Guest Editorial

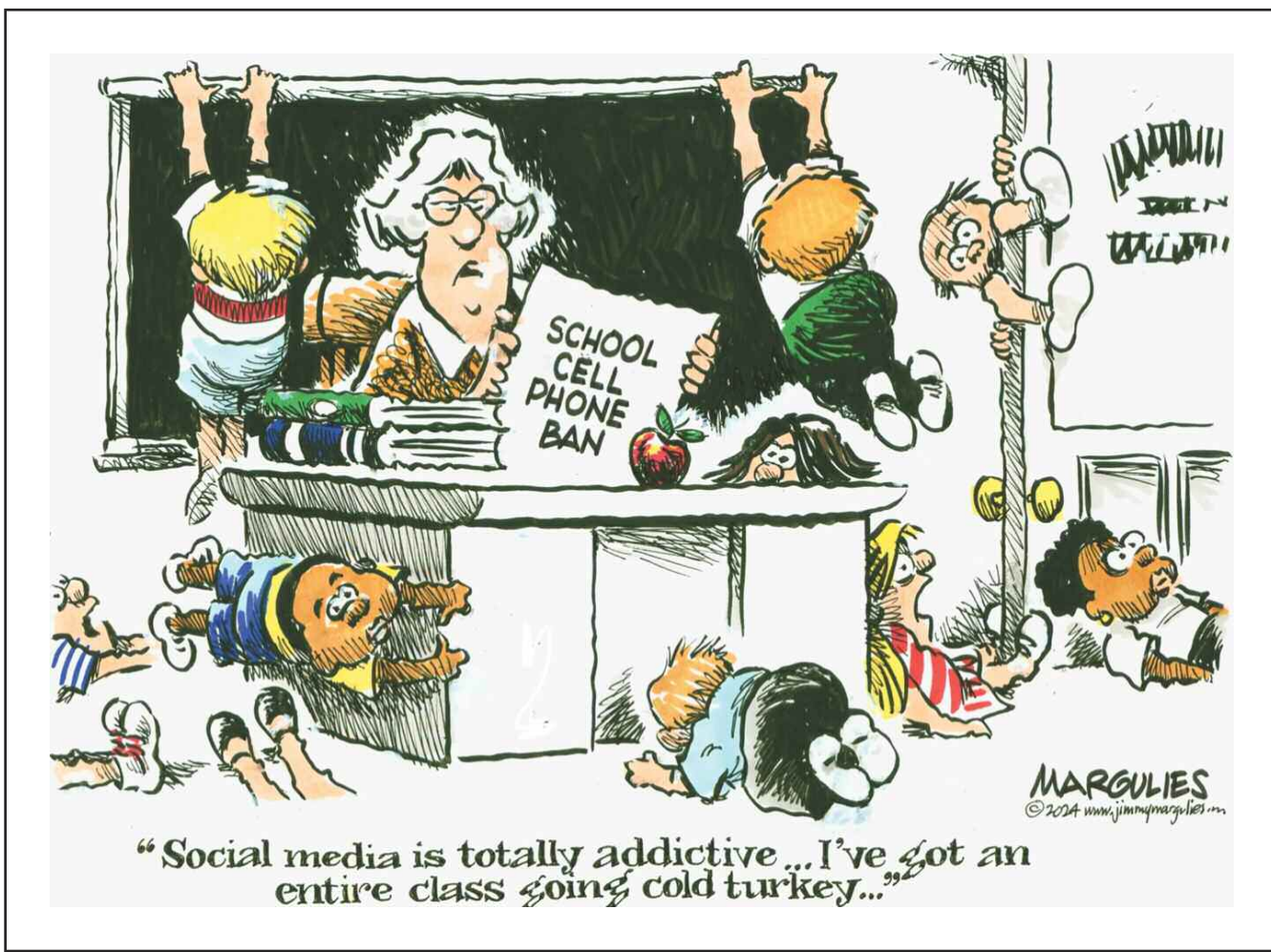
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Yorkers see some of the same local leaders who never miss an opportunity to lament the city's exorbitant cost of living line up against City of Yes, they should roll their eyes and close their ears.

At the federal level, Democratic presidential standard-bearer Kamala Harris chose her first major policy address to lay out a housing production and affordability agenda that includes, among other things, a pledge to build 3 million new homes; hefty down-payment subsidies and tax credits for first-time homebuyers; tax incentives for builders erecting affordable homes for those buyers; and the much more aggressive use of federal land to construct affordable housing. What she's laid out isn't everything America needs on this front, but it's a damn good start.

Harris can speak for herself, but it was also pretty great to see the last two-term Democratic president, Barack Obama, offer hearty support to these ideas in his DNC speech last week. "if we want to make it easier for more young people to buy a home," said Obama, "we need to build more units and clear away some of the outdated laws and regulations that made it harder to build homes for working people in this country."

Amen. Build, baby, build.



Indiana isn't asking enough

By MICHAEL LEPPERT
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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It's the most wonderful time of the year! The fall semester starts this week, and I might be a little too excited. I need to remember to have a little sympathy for my new students, particularly those in my 8:00 am class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For the rest of their lives, when they hear the term, "morning person," they will immediately think of me.

Even when my professional world revolved around legislation in the Statehouse, I rarely had business in the realm of education policy. Over the years, I only watched that stuff as a citizen. My sons went to Catholic school, so I felt a little detached from the annual wrangling over what the next moves from the Indiana General Assembly and the Indiana Department of Education would be.

Lately though, the biggest two moves seem to have a common theme: aiming lower.

Last year, Senate Bill 202 was a headline-maker that had folks in the realm of higher education all worked up. Conservative lawmakers were trying to address the reality that college professors tend to be more ideologically liberal or progressive than they prefer. You know, leftists like me are "indoctrinating" young people, not teaching them. It's a "problem" worthy of an eye roll.

From the perspective of a public university faculty member, I only cared a little about the bill in a practical sense. It never appeared to be impactful on what or how I teach. I already make space for diverse ideological viewpoints when appropriate, and honestly, it matters only in the rarest of circumstances. The "problem" the legislature is trying to solve here is incredibly overblown, and their solution is, in fact, not one. More importantly, that non-solution is expensive.

Michael Leppert



As implementation of the new law is beginning, I can now see the resources being invested in an attempt to comply with it. The legislature should be happy with how seriously the new law is being taken, no matter how poorly it was written. But when administrators are through, it will have cost a fortune and accomplished practically nothing. I read the estimated fiscal impact the bill had while it was under consideration, and that too is laughably void of what it is certain to cost.

Last year's legislature also decided to rework the standards for Indiana's high school diplomas. This was even less interesting to this college professor, whose adult children are already done with school. But again, as the new high school diplomas the IDOE was directed to develop are now coming into focus, it is clear that academic rigor and the college-going rate for Hoosiers is not the priority.

The first stab at the new diplomas inspired objections by the state's universities because the new standards would further reduce Indiana students' ability to even be admitted to college after graduating high school. Our college-going rate has dropped from 65% in 2008 to 53% now, though the plummeting seems to have flattened in recent years. In 2012, officials set the goal of getting that number to 60% by 2025. No way is Indiana going to get there.

Instead, the latest move is to reshuffle the priorities by focusing on preparing our young people for the employment opportunities legisla-

tors predict will be here for them. Apprenticeships and job training that doesn't require a bachelor's degree in economics or English are the new shiny objects. This is another mistake.

The second draft diplomas create "readiness seals" that will allow some freedom for students to choose a path that suits them. I wonder if I would have taken physics or trigonometry if my school didn't think they were important at the time. I know those classes helped me learn how to think, so I'm still glad I took them, 40 years later.

While preparing my classes for the semester last week, something other than my excitement became obvious. My already demanding classes will be even more difficult this year. I teach communication at a nationally competitive business school, which means none of my students came there to take my speech and writing classes. Most only discovered these requirements well after they chose Indiana for college.

I plan to keep pushing them until I discover their limit, and mine.

There's nothing special about that. It's intuitive for me and my colleagues, really. And after we get rolling this week, most of us will lock into our tunnel vision until the semester ends in December. Then we will evaluate how it all went and ask ourselves how we can do it better in the spring. There will be a time when I ask too much of my students, and when that day comes, I'll adjust.

But in Indiana, that day is definitely not today.

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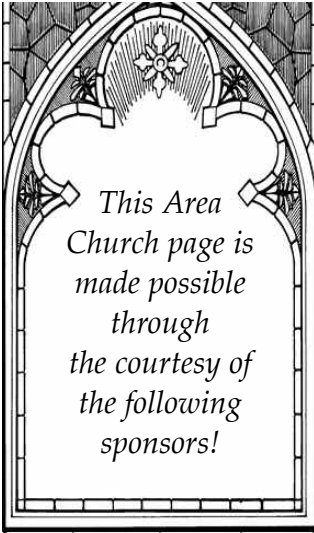
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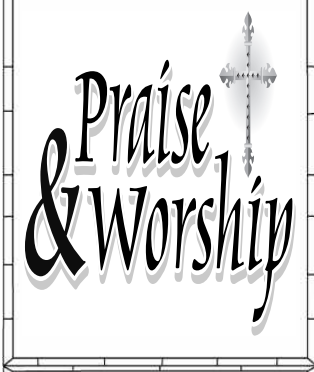
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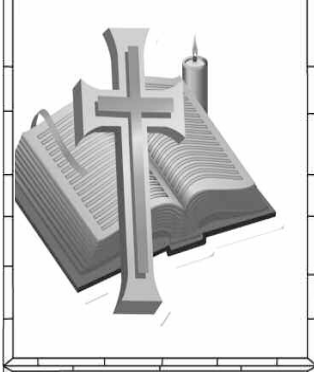


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Road and county road 300 East
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bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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susan.duroveyantrim@in.unc.org

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christchapelfr.com

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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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nanybell@yahoo.com

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Services: 10 a.m.

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(260) 251-2403
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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
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Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

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Faith Community
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(260) 251-5254
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thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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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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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. Carol McKay
(304) 617-0101
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

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Immaculate Conception Catholic
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Services: 9:30 a.m.

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Rev. Darrell Borders
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Services: 9 a.m.

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(260) 251-2406
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nbholiness.com

New Covenant Fellowship
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New Life Ministries
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(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
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Bruce Bryan
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mypleasanthillchurch.org

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Bob Graham
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Sunday school: 9 a.m.

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RedkeyFaith.org

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matt@therockjck.org

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Mike Eads (260) 703-0733
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St. Paul Catholic
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Rev. Alexander Witt
Services: 11 a.m. Sunday

St. Peter Catholic
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pastorrobino@gmail.com

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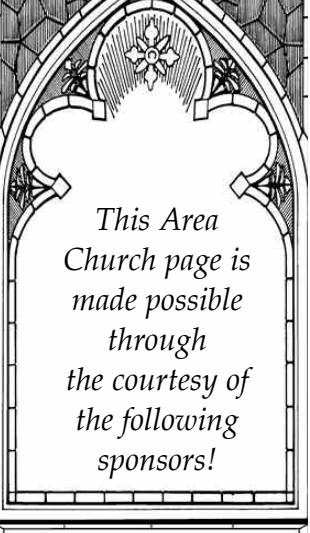
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Interim Pastor Chris Kruckow
(260) 849-0687
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Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene
County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
Fred Stevens
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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
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Gil Alicea
(260) 726-4691
Services: 10 a.m.
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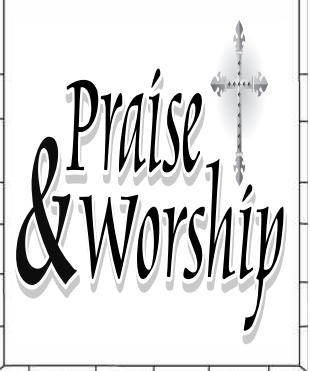
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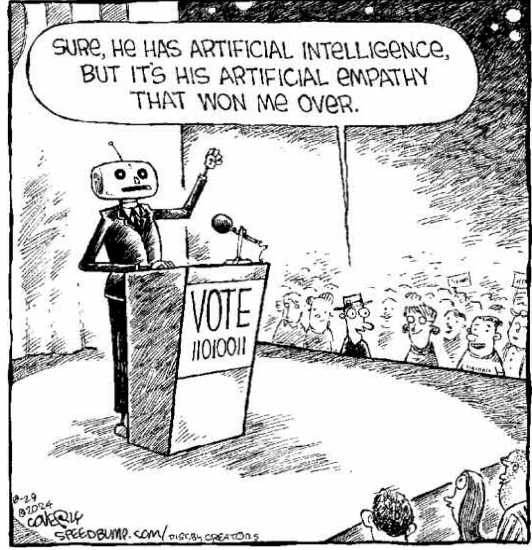
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his last diamond, but West had no more trumps, and South scored the rest of the tricks to make exactly four.

At the second table, the bidding and opening lead were the same, but when East took the ace of diamonds, he realized that a diamond return at this point would almost certainly limit the defense to three tricks. Declarer would presumably begin to draw trumps as soon as he gained the lead, extracting West's remaining trump in the process, so West would not be able to ruff a second diamond.

A fourth trick for the defense therefore had to come from somewhere else, and the only realistic hope was to play West for the king of hearts. Furthermore, it was essential to establish West's presumed heart trick while the defenders were still in control.

So at trick two, East shifted to the nine of hearts. South had no choice but to finesse, losing to the king, and West returned a heart. Declarer won with dummy's queen and led a low trump.

East thereupon rose with the ace and returned the ten of diamonds, ruffed by West. West then led a heart, ruffed by East. That was the end of the line for East-West, but by this time they had five tricks to show for their well-thought-out efforts.

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

Opening lead — two of diamonds. Just as declarer's primary goal is to make the contract, a defender's primary goal is to defeat the contract. Consider this deal from a team match. At the first table, West led his singleton diamond against South's four-spade contract. It was not hard for East to read the lead as a singleton, so he won with the ace and returned the five. West ruffed and shifted to a club. Declarer took East's king with the ace and led a trump to the eight. East won with the ace and returned

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

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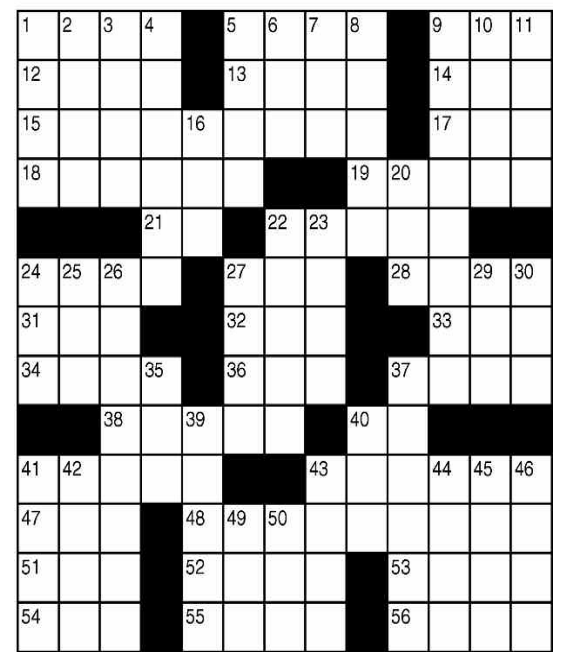
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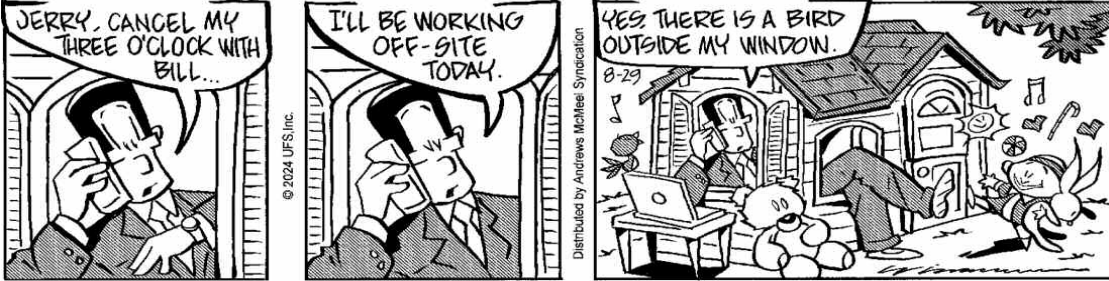
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Jay's offense too much for Trojans

The Patriots returned a majority of their offensive players from the 2023 season.

The strikers weren't very fruitful in the season opener, only scoring one goal to top Muncie Central.

One week later, and some of those returners are starting to click.

Blake Collins and Levi Muhlenkamp connected

twice within the span of 2 minutes and 31 seconds to give the Jay County High School boys soccer team a firm lead over the New Castle Trojans en route to a 3-0 victory over the sectional foe on Tuesday.

The Patriots (2-0) first found the net only 6:35 into the game as Collins crossed a pass to Jay County's returning offensive leader for the goal.

JCHS didn't need to wait long to expand on its lead as Collins found Muhlenkamp for a second time with 30:54 remaining in the second half. Muhlenkamp ended up taking 11 shots in the game, up from only four in the opener.

New Castle (1-3) held the Patriots off until the second half, when Dylan Marentes found freshman Raif

Beiswanger for his first career goal at the 21:20 mark.

Both of Jay County's goalies had an easy day, only seeing three shots on the net between the two of them. Peyton Yowell manned the goal for the first 78 minutes, stopping two balls before freshman Rocky Beiswanger made a save in the final two minutes.



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Grand opening

Jay County Junior-Senior High School held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the official opening of the new Patriot Sportsplex on Wednesday morning. Boys and girls soccer previously made their season debuts on the turf Aug. 20 and 22 and the football team will open Friday against New Castle.

Super ...

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The set ended on four consecutive Patriot points that included a pair of Hallie Schwieterman kills, a hitting error by Auden Hummel and a kill by Lani Muhlenkamp.

The Patriots took off running in the fourth set, scoring the first five points on a pair of Winchetser hitting errors, two aces by Muhlenkamp and a kill from Elizabeth Barnett. The

teams traded points until the scoreboard read 8-4 in Jay County's favor. The Patriots then went on a 17-6 run to end the match, including nine straight.

The Patriots took the first set courtesy of three runs of four points or more and 10 Winchester hitting errors. Hitting errors accounted for six of the final 10 Patriot points along with a service error; a Brenna Bailey

ace and a Hemmelgarn block.

The Golden Falcons took the second set thanks to nine kills by Hummel — the sophomore finished with a match-high 13 — and two late runs.

“(Hummel) had an OK game,” said Winchester coach Matt Curts. “We’ve got to get more swings around the blocks and place the ball better. But, in terms of offense tonight, they really put us down with her.”

Review preview
Friday - 7 p.m.

Jay County Patriots

Portland, 1-0
Coach: Grant Zgunda, fourth year (27th overall)
Conference: Allen County
Last week vs. Blackford: Jay County's defense came to play against the Bruins, only allowing two first downs and 43 rushing yards to blank Blackford 49-0. The Patriots scored in a variety of ways including three passing TDs, three rushing and one on a blocked punt by Lucas Strait.
Season leaders: Passing — Sean Bailey — 12 for 162 yards and two touchdowns. Rushing — A.J. Myers — six carries for 40 yards and one TD. Receiving — Benson Ward — one catch for 44 yards and one TD. Defense — Lucas Strait — 10 tackles, one blocked punt and recovery.

VS.

New Castle Trojans

New Castle, 0-1
Coach: Kyle York, eighth year
Conference: Northeast 8
Last week at Franklin County: The Trojans opened up their season with a 41-14 loss to the Wildcats last week. Franklin County jumped out to an early lead with 14 first quarter points and 20 in the second. New Castle's offense was silenced until the second half, a pair of TDs in the third and fourth quarters.
Season leaders: Passing — Carson Bell — 10-of-21 for 147 yards and one touchdown. Rushing — Caleb Clapp — 13 carries for 63 yards and one TD. Receiving — Neil McMartin — three catches for 83 yards and one TD. Defense — Malachi Hernandez — eight tackles, one fumble recovery.

Last matchup: The last time Jay County and New Castle clashed was back in the second round of the 2007 sectional. The Patriots picked off the Trojans 23-16 en route to their only sectional championship. A scoreless second half helped prove the Patriots victorious as Kyle Cooke forced a safety that turned the momentum. On the next drive, Michael Jobe ran in the game-winning touchdown.

Game notes: This is the second meeting all time between New Castle and Jay County, with the Patriots winning the only game ... This will be the Patriots' home opener on the new artificial turf at Harold E. Schutzen Memorial Stadium ... Jay County's 162 Sagarin rating ranks 162nd overall and 33rd in Class 3A, while New Castle's 45.63 is 206th overall and 51st in Class 4A ... John Harrell predicts Jay County to win, 35-21, while Calpreps.com lists the Patriots as six favorites.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Cross country vs. Fort Recovery — 5:30 p.m.; Girls soccer at Coldwater — 6 p.m.; Volleyball at Muncie Central — 6 p.m.; Boys soccer vs. Delta — 7:30 p.m.; Junior high cross country at Bellmont — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys golf vs. New Knoxville — 4:30 p.m.; Cross country at Jay County — 5:30 p.m.; Volleyball (including freshmen) at Marion Local — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school football vs. Minster — 5 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Football vs. New Castle — 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Football at Urbana — 7 p.m.

TV sports

Today
9:15 a.m. — Paralympic men's and women's

track (USA)
11:30 a.m. — Paralympic swimming (USA)
12 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
3:30 p.m. — Paralympic basketball: USA vs. Canada (USA)
5:10 p.m. — MLB: Oakland Athletics at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
6 p.m. — College football: Howard at Rutgers (BTN)
6 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — College football: North Dakota State at Colorado (ESPN); North Carolina at Minnesota (FOX)
8 p.m. — High school football: Boerne at Pieper (ABC)
9 p.m. — College football: Eastern Illinois at Illinois (BTN)

Friday
4 a.m. — Paralympics: Track and field (USA)
7:30 a.m. — Paralympics: Wheelchair rugby (USA)
10 a.m. — Paralympic basketball: USA vs. Germany (USA)
12 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)
12:40 p.m. — MLB: Milwaukee Brewers at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
6 p.m. — Grand Slam tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN2)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: Milwaukee Brewers at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — College football: Temple at Oklahoma (ESPN); Florida Atlantic at Michigan State (BTN)
7 p.m. — High school football: Barnesville at Bellaire (FOX)
9 p.m. — College football: Western Michigan at Wisconsin (FS1)

10:30 p.m. — College football: TCU at Stanford (ESPN)

Local notes

Turkey Trot sign-up open
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Water will be provided throughout the race, as well as a to-go turkey meal at the end.
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Classic set
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Super Schmiesing



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Jay County High School's Mya Kunkler hits around the block attempts from Auden Hummel (9) and Jasmine Rheinart (3) of Winchester in the Patriots' win on Tuesday. Kunkler had nine kills in the match, trailing only Hummel (13) and JCHS sophomore Brenna Schmiesing (11) and tying Rheinart in the 25-17, 20-25, 25-17, 25-10 victory.

Sophomore and other Patriot middles push Jay past Winchester in four

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

Amy Dillon said she felt her middle blockers would be a strong point for the Patriots in 2024.

The trio caught fire in the third and fourth sets to lead the Patriots to a win.

Sophomore Brenna Schmiesing and her fellow middle blockers disturbed the Winchester Golden Falcons' offense enough to push the Jay County High School volleyball team to a 25-17, 20-25, 25-17, 25-10 triumph Tuesday.

"I'm very proud of them," said Dillon, the JCHS coach. "I think in the first two matches of the season, a little lack of knowledge showed. So, in practice, we've been working on that knowledge aspect with at least one drill that touches on that."

"Last night we worked on seeing the block and not just swinging. Tonight when they came off they were all like, 'I actually saw the block tonight.' So I think the knowledge

part is going to come and it looked a little bit better tonight."

Middles Mya Kunkler, Maria Hemmelgarn and Schmiesing led the Patriots statistically to total 27 of the team's 41 kills and 11 blocks. Schmiesing had the strongest day, leading with 11 kills while adding two blocks and an ace. It was only the sophomore's third varsity match and the first time she had more than one kill.

"I'm feeling pretty good," Schmiesing said. "I

couldn't have done it without an amazing team, amazing passers and amazing setters. Everybody did a great job. ...

"I just really felt the momentum tonight. Everybody was up and cheering me on."

The third set started off back-and-forth before Dillon found a lineup that clicked offensively, particularly one that benefitted Schmiesing.

The run started when the teams were tied 13-13 and Hemmelgarn got one

of her seven kills by switching hands midair to get the ball back on the Patriots' side.

The lineup that had Paisley Fugiett, Brenna Bailey and Schwieterman in the back row and Elizabeth Barnett, Schmiesing and Hemmelgarn in the front rattled off seven straight points to take control of the set. Schmiesing in particular excelled with two blocks and two kills.

"Those last two lineups that we ran and two mid-

dles ... I do think that made a bit of a difference because Brenna was on fire tonight with blocking and finding a hole," said Dillon. "So, keeping her in that middle spot ... really helped with the last two sets."

Winchester (4-3) stopped the run but trailed 20-13 before taking three points back. Schmiesing followed with her fourth kill of the set before Lyndi Whitenack of the Golden Falcons took one back.

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Naomi Osaka cruises past Ostapenko in U.S. Open

By **PETER SBLENDORIO**
New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — Naomi Osaka did not disappoint in her return to the US Open.

Competing at Flushing Meadows for the first time since giving birth 13 months ago, the two-time US Open winner cruised past 10th-seeded Jelena Ostapenko 6-3, 6-2 at Louis Armstrong Stadium

on Tuesday afternoon to advance to the second round.

With a lively, packed crowd behind her, Osaka froze and looked to the sky as she clinched the winning point in a match that lasted an hour and four minutes.

"Just to win this match and to be in this atmosphere means so much to me," a teary-eyed Osaka said in her on-court interview afterward.

Dressed in a lime green Nike outfit with shoes and a visor to match, Osaka dominated the star-powered matchup with a clean performance and a serve she dialed up around 120 mph.

Osaka did not participate in the US Open last year while she was on maternity leave. Once ranked No. 1, Osaka entered as the No. 88 player and as a wild card in the tournament in Queens.

But it took little time for Osaka to establish herself as the better player Tuesday.

She won the first game of the opening set with four consecutive points.

She won the final three games of the first set and the first two of the next, with the crowd getting louder with each successive victory.

She recorded nine aces.

Osaka, 26, won her first US Open title in 2018, when she defeated Serena Williams in the final in straight sets.

She won again in 2020, beating Veronica Azarenka in three sets, but has not advanced past the third round since. Osaka was eliminated in the first round by Danielle Collins in 2022 in her last appearance at Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

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