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District and care center receive approval

By BAILEY CLINE

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Plans are in place for Jay County Solid Waste Management District's new building.

Portland Board of Zoning Appeals approved a special exception use request Tuesday for the district to build a new office and recycling facility along Tyson Road.

It also approved a use variance request for Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County to potentially relocate to the former South Side Church of Christ.

Economic Portland Development Corporation is donating approximately 9.18 acres of its 75-acre parcel on the southwest side of Portland — west of Tyson Foods and Community Fiber Solutions — to Jay County Solid Waste Management District for construction of a new office and recycling facility.

The new building would replace the district's current site at 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. That building is leased from Waste Management, which operates Jay County Landfill.

Plans call for a 60-foot by 140-foot building with a 40-foot wide driveway. It would sit approximately 100 feet away from Tyson Road. Jay County Commissioner Rex Journay explained the district intends to leave the wooded area to the west of the property, allowing trees to cover the front of the building and avoiding the wetlands in the area. (Jay County Commissioners signed a letter of intent in April to commit the county to conduct a wetlands survey and a land survey, which helped determine the proposed placement of the build-

Journay also noted trash will be collected the building, inside where it will be compacted before being transported out of the county.

Board member Ron

Laux asked if equipment

would be outside. See Approval page 2

City is clicking



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins laughs while talking with city council member Dan Watson (left) and clerk-treasurer Kara Lowe (right) following his State of the City address Tuesday at West Jay Community Center. Robbins touted business growth in the city and pointed to plans for new housing and potential projects through the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0.

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins touts progress and plans during annual State of the City address

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — The city is headed in a positive direction.

The hope is that there is to come.

That was the message shared by Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins and his department heads during Tuesday's State of the City address at West Jay Community Center.

Robbins spent most of his time touting local business growth, noting two new buildings — the new AgBest Countrymark and the new MJS Mortuaries facility — in the downtown area. He mentioned other businesses as well, including the new Firehouse BBQ & Blues restaurant. He added that

ing a new art center adjacent to Sculpt Fitness owners Darrin and Eleathia Harding are continuing to work on downtown buildings.

He reminded residents that Ardagh will start a partial shutdown on Oct. 4 for renovations.

"That's a big investment for Dunkirk," Robbins said. "If they're going to do that, that's throwing a lot of money back into that plant. That's good to hear. ... That means they're interested in staying

Dunkirk.' He noted projects completed, future, he said Dunkirk Indus-

Dunkirk Historical Society is including the addition of deten- trial Development Corporation Those efforts come from the the police department and city's five-year utility master plan.

Looking toward the future, Robbins noted various projects the city submitted for Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0, including funding for planning. Other potential projects include restoring the Stewart Brothers building for commercial use on the first floor and apartments above and adding a davcare at West Jav Community Center.

looking toward the Also

moving to the Webster Depot tion basins on the southeast is trying to acquire land on the building, Rock and Kathy side of the city and improve- south side of the city for hous-Fuqua are on the verge of openments along Broad Street. ing development. He said he's targeting 18 to 24 homes.

Following his comments, he opened the floor to questions from the public. He received only one response from the few dozen in attendance.

"I just want to express appre-

ciation for all your commitment," said Dunkirk resident Blake Watson. "It takes a team ... It takes a whole group of people to come together and put for the commitment. And it's there. The chemistry's there. And it's just exciting. It seems like everything is going in a positive

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Park work approved, projects discussed

The Commercial Review A couple of small projects moved forward.

Some larger ones are being considered. Portland Park Board approved some repairs for Portland Water

Park during its meeting Monday and discussed various projects as possibilities moving forward. Street and parks department superintendent Matt Shauver explained to the board that some

tile will need to be repaired at the water park. The issue was identified during an annual inspection. "This is why they come," Shauver said. "This is why we bring

them there. Because if we don't do anything at all, water continues to get in there over winter time. It freezes and busts and we have a mess when it comes to opening time.'

no issues with new tile that was installed in 2022.

Shauver also shared an issue with the pool's grates, saying he was notified that they are not compliant with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act. Those grates have been removed.

Park board members Brian Ison, Shauna Runkle and Jennifer Weitzel, absent Michael Brewster and John McFarland, awarded a \$5,983.38 contract to replace the grates to JTR Pools of Indianapolis and a \$3,500 contract to Blakley's of Indianapolis for the tile work.

The board discussed a variety of other projects:

•A consulting proposal from Framework Planning and Design of Zionsville regarding Milton Miller Park. It would involve cre-

He noted that there have been ating a project-based map and a estimates for the work range from site master plan, identifying proposed programs, reviewing infrastructure, projecting costs and a workshop with the park board. Additional items could include workshops with the public and artist's renderings of proposed park upgrades. The cost would range from \$8,000 to \$15,000 depending on the scope.

•Replacement or repair of the mesh covering over the top platform of the slides, umbrellas and lily pads at Portland Water Park. Shauver said he has gotten initial quotes, including from Mainstream Furniture and Upholstery of Portland. He said he hopes to get the mesh covering and an umbrella completed this winter and to work on additional improvements gradually. Asphalt improvements at vari-

ous park facilities. Ison noted that

\$20,000 for the basketball court at Milton Miller Park to \$70,000 for the walking trail at Hudson Family Park to \$76,000 for both parking lots at Portland Memorial

•New playground equipment at Haynes Park. Board members asked Shauver to get an updated quote for the equipment.

•Having trees trimmed and inspected at Haynes Park. Shauver presented a quote of \$15,575 from Fifer Services.

The board took no action on any of those options but discussed potential funding sources. Ison noted that he asked for increases in park funding in the city's 2025 budget. Portland City Council is scheduled to vote on budget adoption at its Oct. 7 meet-

In other business, the board:

manager Ronnie Reynolds that fountains at Hudson Family Park have been repaired (the cost was covered by insurance) and staff has been working on tree trimming, dirt work for new lights around the path at Hudson Family Park, winterizing Portland Water Park and placing new pea gravel around playground equipment.

•Received an update from Ison regarding Portland Water Park, indicating that income was down \$2,874 for admissions from 2023 and \$1,433 for concessions. Runkle noted that while revenue was down, the park board and staff have worked to keep expenses under control. "So even though our income was down a little bit, our loss was down," she said. "At the end of the day, it was better than last year.'

Deaths

Janice Cremeans, 65, Port-

Regina Huey, 59, Geneva Janet Ramseyer, 83, Wells

Rhonda Clubs, 54, rural Portland Mark Banta, 69, Geneva Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County's high temperature reached 82 degrees Tuesday. The low was 50.

Tonight's low will be in the lower 60s. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour and a high in the lower

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Fairgrounds will host the Jay County Chainsaw Carving Invitational from noon to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday; a Jay County Fair Cards Coins Comics and Collectibles Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; and the Jay County Cancer Society Survivor Cruise-in and Carnival from 4 to 7 p.m.

Coming up

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

Saturday — Results from the JCHS football game at Adams Central.

Tuesday — Photos from weekend events scheduled at Jay County Fairgrounds.



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Continued from page 1 In addition to his comments. Robbins asked each of the city's superintendents to share information about their departments.

Police Chief Dane Mumbower told those in attendance that his department is fully staffed with six officers, though one is currently at Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. He emphasized the importance of training, saying he likes the city's officers to exceed state standards

One area that is a challenge, he said, is an increasing number of

Saturday

incidents relating to mental health.

Mumbower also encouraged residents to get involved in their community.

"Just because Dunkirk's small doesn't mean we don't have a lot to offer," he said.'

Fire Chief Robert Fields noted his department's effort to be involved in the community through education at schools and participation in events such as Glass Days. He pointed out the importance of a countywide grant that led to purchasing new

self-contained breathing appara-

Brad Barger of the street and parks department highlighted the rebirth of Dunkirk Junior League this year as well as the completion of the walking trail at Dunkirk City Park. He also talked about Community Crossings grants from the Indiana improvement." Department of Transportation that led to the paving of Quincy Place and Washington Street.

Water department superintendent Brock Farmer reported that the city passed checks for

lead and copper pipes. His department also replaced some fire hydrants and is in the beginning stages of installing a new water meter system throughout

'It'll help us find leaks on the city side and customers' houses, he said. "It will be a huge

He also noted efforts to add new wells in order to expand water capacity to allow for business and industry growth.

water department said the city now Dunkirk's clicking good.'

has gotten its water usage under control, indicating that his department is treating about 500,000 gallons per day down from about 850,000 when he started in his role. The department has also been working on getting a phosphorus issue under control. Robbins thanked the depart-

ment heads, city employees, city council and others involved in the day-to-day operations of the

ess and industry growth. "It takes (everyone) to make the Steven Gillette of the waste-city click," he said. "And right

over 20 years at Heritage Pointe in

proud of her collection of Camp-

bell's Soup memorabilia. Janet

attended Petroleum Community

Church and will be remembered as a

loving and supportive mother,

her husband Gale Ramseyer; in-laws

Elmer and Irene Ramseyer; her par-

ents, Dwight and Doris Murray; and

her siblings, Max Murray and Bruce

Loving survivors include her chil-

dren. Terry Ramsever and Michelle

Ramseyer; grandchildren Dustin

Ramseyer, Trey (Victoria) Ramseyer,

Alacia (Tyler) Doty and Cayden Ram-

seyer; and four great-grandchildren.

share and remember on Monday,

Sept. 16, 2024, at Walker & Glancy

Funeral Home, located at 109 W.

Windsor St., Montpelier, Indiana,

from 2 to 5 p.m. with a funeral serv-

ice beginning at 5 p.m. A graveside

Arrangements have been entrust-

Condolences can be expressed by

Friends and family may gather to

Janet was preceded in death by

grandmother and friend.

Janet enjoyed sewing, gardening and being outside. She was very

Warren.

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Sunday

Monday

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83/63	84/62	85/62	83/59	85/58
Mostly cloudy skies on the horizon for Friday, with wind gusts reaching nearly 20 mph.	Saturday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a high in the low to mid 80s.	There's a chance of showers. Oth- erwise, mostly sunny.	Another chance of showers under mostly sunny skies.	Tuesday looks to be sunny, with the low a night dipping to 58.
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Powerball

Friday

Estimated jackpot: \$134 million

Mega Millions

1-2-16-24-66 Mega Ball: 6 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Hoosier

Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 9-6-8 Daily Four: 1-9-4-3 Quick Draw: 1-3-5-16-20-21-26-30-37-39-40-47-50-66-69-72-73-74-76-78

Evening Daily Three: 7-9-9 Daily Four: 5-1-7-7 Quick Draw: 4-5-7-15-23-26-32-34-38-39-40-41-45-49-51-52-56-66-69-72

Ohio

Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 3-2-3 Pick 4: 7-6-4-7 Pick 5: 0-0-3-1-8 **Evening** Pick 3: 4-0-3 Pick 4: 8-9-3-1 Pick 5: 2-0-0-6-3 Rolling Cash: 10-27-28-

Estimated jackpot: \$150,000

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Today in history

In 1880, H.L. Mencken, a writer, editor and social critic, was born in Baltimore. He was best known for his social commentary. He served as came into office. editor-in-chief for the Baltimore Herald and Baltimore Sun.

In 1913, Olympic legend Jesse Owens was end of the year. Cuts born in Oakville, Alabama. Owens, a graduate of Ohio State University, won four gold medals during the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

War I, Gen. John J. Pershing launched the first major offensive of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe. In 1990, Jay County Council on a 3-2 vote decided

against adding three fulltime deputies to the Jay County Sheriff's Office staff in order to wait until the new sheriff

In 2013, Indiana University announced that it would cut about 800 jobs by the were set for seven hospitals, including those in Indianapolis, Muncie and Tipton.

In 2022, Eric Butcher was hired as the new In 1918, during World superintendent of Jay County Highway Department. Butcher took over the role about four months after the death of former superintendent Donnie Corn.

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Obituaries

Janice Cremeans

Oct. 6, 1958-Sept. 10, 2024 Janice "Homer" Cremeans, 65, Portland, died Tuesday at IU Health Jay in Portland

Arrangements are pending at the Williamson - Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Regina Huey

Oct. 13, 1964-Sept. 7, 2024 Regina Kae Huey, 59, of Geneva, Indiana, passed away at 7:51 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, due to an auto accident in Mercer County, Ohio.

She was born on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1964, in Portland, Indiana. She mar-

ried Keith Huev on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, at the First Missionary Church of Berne.

Regina was a 1984 graduate of South Adams High School. She was a CNA at Swiss Village and Chalet Village, both of

Huey Berne, and had worked as a machine operator at Fort Recovery Industries.

Regina was a member of the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association and enjoyed shopping, eating out, camping and fishing with a cane pole. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Regina will be forever missed by her husband Keith Huey, Geneva, Indiana; sons Eric L. (Julie) Noonan, Bryant, Indiana, Tood A. (Kayla) Noonan, Saginaw, Minnesota, Jay A. Noonan, Decatur, Indiana, and Curt J. (Courtney) Noonan, Berne, Indiana; sister Hulda (Roger) Harter, Montpelier, Indiana; brothers Randy Hough, Geneva, Indiana, and Earl (Lesley) Hough, Berne, Indiana; stepsons Eric Huey and Aaron (Denise) Huey, Portland, Indiana; stepdaughter Tammy

Weathers; grandchildren (Tim) Caleb, Colton, Catelynn, Karter, Alivia, Ryker, Jesselin, Axle, Waylon, Owen, Zane and Harper; stepgrandchildren Kyle, Dylan, Jeric, Gavin, Tehya, Phoebe, Jocelyn, Dalota, Abby and Cody; and great-grandchildren Farrah and Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her father John Jasper Hough; and mother Judith "Judy" (Guntle) Hough.
Family and friends may gather to

share and remember at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, located at 100 N. Washington St., Geneva, on Friday, Sept. 13, 2024, from 4 to 8 p.m.

A service to celebrate Regina's life will be at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024. Interment will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant.

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

Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneralhomes.com.

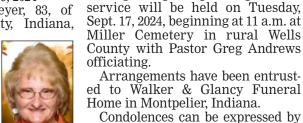
Janet Ramseyer July 31, 1965-Sept. 9, 2024

Janet Louise Ramseyer, 83, of southern Wells County, Indiana, passed away on Mon-

day, Sept. 9, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Janet was born and raised in rural Jay

County, Indiana, and graduated from Poling High School. She married Gale "Fred" Ramsever on July 31.

1965. Fred preceded her in death on Nov. 19, 2007. Janet was a stay-athome mother while raising her children, Terry and Michelle. Janet then worked for CTS in Berne for over 15 years and recently retired earlier this year after working for



Ramseyer

visiting glancyfuneralhomes.com. Rhonda Clubs, rural Portland, Sept. 17, 1969-Sept. 9, 2024. Services will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Mark Banta, Geneva, Oct. 27, 1954-May 29, 2024. A graveside burial will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at West Lawn Cemetery in Geneva.

Approval

Continued from page 1 if the area will be lit, with Management director George McGinnis explained that the building will include a drivethru door for visitors to unload their materials inside, where items will be inserted into a chute that will go directly into the sealed compactor.

"There's no chances of anything getting blown away (or) making messes on the ground," he said.

Once full, compacted units will be hauled to the center recycling

Muncie. McGinnis estimated the facility will see approximately 125 cars dropping off materials weekly, along with a monthly visit from a truck to empty the trash compactor and a visit every three months from a semi truck to pick up cardboard.

He pointed out that recycling operations will be similar at the new facility to how they are conducted now. Currently, the facility acts as a drop-off location for electronics, cardboard and lightbulbs, and offers paper shredding, among other activities. It also provides containers in locations around the county for residents to drop off their materials for recycling.

McGinnis added that the facility doesn't accept hazardous materials or chemicals regularly that now includes batteries — although they are taken on Tox Away Day. The one-day event this year is slated for 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, in the north parking lot at Jay County Junior-Senior High School

City attorney Schemenaur asked if the new facility would result in noise. McGinnis said the compactor is no louder than a car engine.

Schemenaur also asked

District light up the entire facility and parking area as well as install security cam-

"I definitely do not want any kind of illegal dumping," said McGinnis.

Board members Larry Petro, Virginia Burkey, Ron Laux and Aaron Loy, absent Kyle approved the request.

Also Tuesday, the board approved a request from Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County to potentially move its operations into the former church at 1209 S. Shank St., Portland.

Amy Schlichter, president of Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County's board of directors, shared hopes to relocate from the nonprofit organization from 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. The former church's larger size and parking options would provide more space to grow.

"We want to start some new programs and services, and we just don't have the space," she explained.

McGinnis noting plans to organization has made an offer on the building and hopes to hear back soon. Jay/Portland Building and Planning assistant director Pati McLaughlin noted if the Pregnancy Care Center of Jay County does not purchase the building, the board's approval of the request would be voided.

Former employee Linda Peters aired concerns about a lack of foot traffic at the facility since former executive director Patty Johnston retired in January 2023. Schlichter, who has been involved with the facility for about two years, said the organization has been working with others in the county to address gaps in the community, such as looking into offering coaching and counseling to address issues such as mental health, addiction-recovery trauma and domestic violence. "We have talked pretty

seriously about not changing what the pregnancy

Schlichter said the center does, but adding onto it (these) service that would meet (the needs of) men and women when it comes to emotional and spiritual support," she said.

> Board members then approved the request. Also, the

> board approved a use variance request to construct a 30foot by 40-foot storage building in a vacant lot along Vine Street south of intersection with Union Street. Fred DeHoff of Jay County Christian Home Builders shared hopes to put another house on the property in the future.

SERVICES

Today

Weaver, Alice: 11 a.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St.,

Friday

Wilson, Betty: I p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Banta, Mark: 2 p.m., West Lawn Cemetery, Geneva.

Saturday

Huey, Regina: II a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St.,

Monday

Ramseyer, Janet: 5 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Tuesday

Clubs, Rhonda: 6 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Citizen's calendar

6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council special meeting, park cabin, 50 Mooney St.

Monday

3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Port-

5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Wednesday Portland 4 p.m. Board of Aviation,

municipal airport, 661 W.

room,

school, 400 E. Butler St.

100 North. **Sept. 19**

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6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

616 N. Franklin St. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recov-Council, park cabin, 50 erv School Board, com- Mooney St.



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Family

Library hosts new series

Library's next adult mental health series begins its first session in a few weeks.

"Be Your Best Self," a three-part series for the fall season, begins at 6 p.m. Sept. 24. Jenni VanSkyock of IU Health Jay will lead the series, which explores different topics each month to help with mental health and self-love. The Sept. 24 session will focus on changing a person's mindset to look for inner strengths and love themselves. To register, call or visit the library or visit bit.ly/BeYourBestSelf1.

Other upcoming library offerings include:

•Mother Goose — a story time event for children at 11:15 a.m. Friday mornings from Sept. 20 through Dec. 13

•Teen Hour — a new, afterschool club for teenagers in grades 7 through 12, meets at the library from 4 to 5 p.m. Sept. 24

Rally is Saturday

The Darke County Monster Mash & Food Truck Rally is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at Darke County Fairgrounds.

The event will feature monster truck shows at 1 and 7 p.m. Ro-Da-O-Farm of Arcanum, Ohio, will offer horse-drawn wagon wides from 2 to 7 p.m.

Food trucks scheduled to be at the event include Badge's BBQ, Bowman's Texas Tenderloins, Buckeye Burgers, Chuck's Foods & Concessions, Crème de la Crème Cakery, Fren-Cheese Eats, Homestead Spud, Kona Ice, Little Boijon Asian Cuisine, Martin's Lemonade, Concessions, Mikesell's Nacho Pig, The Gypsy

Taking Note

Craft vendors will also be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Parking is \$5. For tickets to the monster truck show(s) costs range from \$15 to \$20 for adults and \$5 for children available are itickets.com.

Junior members

Two local residents have been named new junior members of the American Angus Association.

Henry Forthofer of Portland and Silas Ault of Pennville recently joined the national organization as junior members, allowing them to register cattle, participate in programs and take part in sponsored shows and other events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef breed association in the world, with nearly 22,000 active adult and junior mem-

more information For about Angus cattle and the American Angus Association, visit angus.org.

Labs available

Arts Place is accepting registrations for its guitar and piano labs.

students in fourth through 12th grade with lessons at 4 p.m. on Mondays for eight weeks beginning Sept. 23. Piano labs are for students in second through fourth grade with lessons on Tues-Kitchen and Timeless Tacos. days for six weeks begin- Sept. 21

will be at the Jay County campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. Fees are \$40 and \$30, respective-

To register, visit myartsplace.org.

Collectibles show

Collectibles of all kinds will be back at Jay County Fairgrounds this weekend.

The next Jay County Fair Cards Coins Comics and Collectibles Show is slated for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the fairgrounds. The show features sports cards, Pokémon, Magic: The Gathering and Yu-Gi-Oh! cards, coins, Coca-Cola items, NASCAR memorabilia, Funko Pop! items, comic books and vintage toys.

For more information, contact Jason McGraw at (260) 251-0414.

Other 2024 shows are scheduled for Oct. 19 and Nov. 16.

Shows scheduled

Charles W. Brown Planetarium has a variety of shows scheduled for the fall semester.

Shows continue through December.

offerings Upcoming include:

Kitz the Cat's SuperMoon Adventure — Three cats work together to clean up space junk — 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sept. 21

Big Astronomy — A jour-Guitar labs are open to ney to three world-class observatories — 5 p.m. Friday and Sept. 20, and Saturday and Sept. 21

We Are Stars — Explore the secrets of cosmic chemistry — 6:30 p.m. Friday and Sept. 20, and Saturday and

Wife waits to share news of man's death

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Guy," and I enjoyed a happy marriage for 30 years, despite the fact that his mother disliked me and did everything she could to undermine our relationship. Guy died suddenly in his sleep last month while we were vacationing in South Asia. I cut the trip short, but between complying with local legalities, arranging for his cremation and his ashes' return to the U.S., and rebooking an international flight, it took me five days to get home.

I decided not to tell anyone that Guy had died until I arrived home. I felt uncomfortable having people know when I was halfway around the world. So, once I was safely home, I immediately notified Guy's family and my own family and ran an obituary in the local newspaper.

His mother is livid with me for not telling her immediately. She sent me a vicious email in which she called me every bad name in the book, even hinting that I may have had something to do with Guy's demise. I'm not going to respond to her, but was I wrong by delaying the announcement? Is there a rule that says his family was entitled to immediate notification? SUDDEN WIDOW IN THE SOUTH

DEAR WIDOW: Guy's mother is grieving. Her anger may stem from the pain of losing her son. She might have wanted the opportunity to see him one more time before he was cremated, if that was possible. If she really thinks you might have had something to do with his demise, offer her a copy of his death certifi-

And no, there isn't a rule of etiquette about notifying someone's family about a death, although it usually happens at the time the per- them once in a while. Howevson dies. That said, his moth- er, if they aren't receptive, er should have taken into con- back off.

Dear Abby



sideration the fact that you were in shock yourself and alone in a foreign country, which could account for why no one heard from you until you were safely home.

DEAR ABBY: I'm not exaggerating when I say my son and his wife are slobs. Their house is filthy, the outside is neglected and their cars are disgusting. They are both working professionals, and I understand that, but my husband and I are working professionals too, and we always cared for our home. That

is the life my kids were used to.

It's difficult to spend time in their home. We no longer stay overnight because the perpetual chaos and dirtiness is stressful. My daughter struggles to be in their home for the same reasons. I am hoping for suggestions to help us maintain a good relationship but also to guide them gently. It's not a healthy environment for their two children, either. — APPALLED MOM IN **FLORIDA**

DEAR MOM: Your son and daughter-in-law are busy, and their priorities are different from yours. If their home is as bad as you say, my concern is for the children who are growing up to think this is normal. If they are earning good money at their jobs, perhaps they could afford hiring someone to do the cleaning and yard work they don't have time for. You might gently suggest it, or offer to treat

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To sub- Ministries, 228 S. Meridimit an item, email an St. in Portland. For news@thecr.com.

Today

SMART RECOVERY — ²⁵¹⁻⁸⁷⁹². A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Pizza Hut in Portland.

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30

p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260)

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Friday

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Saturday

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MOUS — 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-

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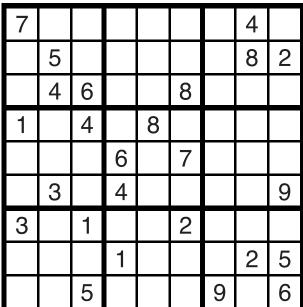
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Take small steps instead of LEAPs

By MORTON J. MARCUS

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is under justifiable criticism for its LEAP (Limitless Exploration Advanced Pace). Beyond the question of the water demands of this project just northwest of Lebanon are other legitimate concerns.

Foremost among these is the obvious magnitude and the questionable collusion of the program. As its website boasts, IEDC "has acquired control of more than 9,000 acres in ... Boone County ... ready to parcel for manufacturing or R&D facilities or corporate campuses. Modeled after the Research Triangle Park in North Carolina

Now, 9,000 acres is fairly goodsized space for growth and IndiEye on the Pie



ana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is readying its plan for another Interstate 65 interchange to serve the site.

But why in Boone County? Why involve Lilly and Purdue, both with links to former Gov. Mitch Daniels? Why not along Interstate 70, at a point between Indianapolis and Terre Haute? Then somewhere intersecting a line from Bloomington to West Lafayette. In fact, near Green-

This could be a grand oppor- made by IEDC be in areas where internet service with subsidies tunity for a western Indianapolis bypass, making U.S. 231 an interstate south from Purdue to Interstate 74 (heading west to the University of Illinois) and beyond to Greencastle, Interstate 70 and eventually to Bloomington and Interstate 69.

In addition, a four-lane Indiana 25 could continue southwest from Lafayette, through Fountain and Warren counties, and via Indiana 63, to Terre Haute.

Most importantly, IEDC should spread its largess to areas of the state that are not thriving. The latest population projections from the Indiana Business Research Center (July 2024) show 67 of our 92 counties losing population between 2020 and 2050.

Shouldn't most investments

population is declining or stagnant?

For a long time, IEDC has trumpeted its "regional" funding. Millions of dollars have gone to local areas, but few of the projects have been regional. In fact, IEDC specifically forbade transportation improvements that connected communities. They heartily supported restoring old movie theaters.

Now, no self-respecting person could oppose the restoration of a place where fond memories persist. Without doubt, the work done in Elkhart, Goshen and Princeton was admirable and of significance. But insufficient amounts of money have been spent on improving the connectivity of places in our state.

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of private corporations from the state using federal monies. Finally! But opportunities in Winchester, years ago, were lost for lack of adequate internet connectivity. Surely, the lost opportunities of yesteryear can be found statewide.

However, we don't have to look back to see the miles of narrow, two-lane roads used today for commuting to work. They are to be found in our cities as well as in our rural

IEDC has a desire to be grandiose, to think big, when we need to act small, to step rather than LEAP.

Marcus is an economist. Email him at mortonjmar-

Grave is not campaign trail

By SCOTT W. PATTON

Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

I don't care if you are an Independent, Republican or Democratic candidate – my brother's grave is not your campaign trail.

Sgt. Maj. Jerry Patton was a highly decorated Army Special Forces soldier who died in service to our country. He is buried in Section 60 of Arlington National Cemetery, alongside others who gave their lives for our freedoms. Their graves are not a campaign trail.

Arlington and all our national cemeteries are ground. They honor those who sacrificed for the freedoms enshrined in our Constitution — the right to vote, equality of opportunity and the rule of law. For the past 16 years, I have observed Memorial Day at Arlington to remember my brother and the lives of others buried near him.

My friends Anthony and Jeremy rest near Jerry. Both were killed in 2005. Anthony, a proud Native American with nearly 20 years of service, was killed by an improvised er died in uniform, leaving Operational Detachment Alpha in Iraq. Army officer. I, too, fought our global leadership." He left behind his wife, his on foreign lands, believing four children and his parents. Jeremy was killed in Afghanistan while serving as the team leader of an

ODA in the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group. It was his third tour in Afghanistan. He also served in Kosovo. He left behind a widow, his parents and a sister. Every year, I visit their

graves in Section 60 to reflect on their sacrifices. I remember Tony's sense of humor and his reputation a serious, highly trained operator respected by all. I recall Jeremy's baby-faced appearance, which belied his experience as a hardened combat veteran. He was both Special Forces- and Rangerqualified. Before joining Special Forces, Jeremy served as a platoon leader in the 187th Infantry Regiment (Rakkasans) of the 101st Airborne Division. I, too, am a Rakkasan, and our shared experience in the 101st forged a bond that will never be broken. I miss them both deeply, and their graves are not a campaign trail.

Scott W. **Patton**



Arlington brings dishonor to our republic and the heroes who protect our way of life. Gold Star families, service members and veterans have learned about this incident, and many are asking: Is this honorable? Does this represent my beliefs? Does this reflect my views about our fallen military members and those who continue to serve?

My great-grandfather fought in World War I and lived with the effects for the rest of his life. His two sons served honorably during World War II, fighting against tyranny, death and destruction. They stood up for truth, justice and the rule of law, defending the world from leaders who thrived on lies and division. Millions perished because others failed to stand up. My only brothexplosive device while four sons fatherless, and leading his Army Special his eldest son later Iraq as an deployed to I was sacrificing for the greater cause of freedoms protected by the Constitution.

Gold Star families come from all walks of life and have the right to invite anyone they choose to a private, nonpolitical ceremony at their loved ones' graves. When visiting my brother, I often speak of him with strangers and other Gold Star families, sharing stories of his love for our country. But what happened at Arlington was different.

The use of Arlington as a political prop by any candidate is despicable. It breaches tradition and, for me, is a personal infringement on my family's privacy because my brother's grave is not on the campaign trail.

Patton is a member of a Gold Star family and combat veteran who served in the 101st Airborne Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 5th Special Forces Group and 19th Special Forces Group. He is a real estate developer who lives The recent altercation with his wife and son in and campaign event at Columbus, Ohio.



Gary should not be the victim

The News Tribune (Tacoma, Washington) Tribune News Service

At the Democratic National Convention in Chicago last month, Vice President Kamala Harris did not say much about China. But we did hear her say she intended to ensure "that America, not China, wins the competition for the 21st century and that we strengthen, not abdicate,

So why, we wonder, is the administration in which Harris serves planning to block the merger of U.S. Steel with Japan's Nippon Steel?

Here would appear to be an easy way to follow through on what Harris promised in her acceptance speech. Nippon Steel is interested in this deal not least because it wants to strengthen itself against cheap Chinese imports glutting the mar-

"Glutting" may not convey the full force of the flood: China produces more than half of the world's steel including a whole lot for which it currently has no domestic use. It has shown it does not care much about the impact on the steel industry beyond its borders.

We don't necessarily buy the rhetoric that Japan and the U.S. should use this deal as some kind of tacit pseudo-military against Beijing's trade practices. But we do think that Nippon Steel was well advised to look for ways to strengthen its hand and that the U.S. Steel board of directors was free to approve the \$14.9 billion acquisition offer, as they did in April. Nippon has argued that the investment will revitalize American steel manufacturing and pay dividends in further industrial cooperation, and most economists, liberal and conservative, agree.

Let's be clear on something else. Japan is a staunch U.S. ally,

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making very weak tea of whatever national security argument has been dreamed up here, unless you interpret national security as meaning protecting domestic industry from fair foreign competition, which leads to isolationism and protectionism and is against longstanding U.S. policy. This is not a matter of letting Chinese spies into the mills: Japan is a member of the Group of 7 nations (G7), and national security issues are (supposedly) shared concerns.

As the Japan Times recently noted, pointedly, Japan was the largest source of foreign direct investment in the U.S. in 2023, thanks in no small part to the brands. Japanese auto China continues do as what China does, the cooperative U.S.-Japan relationship will only grow in importance. Anyone with a clue can see that. So what is going on here?

It's pretty simple. Both the Democrats and Donald J. Trump's protectionist Republicans are terrified of losing Pennsylvania, a vital state come November. That means they fear the political might of the United Steelworkers union, even though many employees of U.S. Steel are in favor of the merger with Nippon. The union has a preferred alternative buyer and some of the rhetoric on the blocking side, which likely includes the Biden administration, smacks to us not just of protectionism but jingoism.

Furthermore, U.S. Steel is not just evance here.

of interest to Pennsylvanians, even though it's headquartered in Pittsburgh. The company's largest domestic operation is Gary Works, a familiar sight on the Indiana shore of Lake Michigan since 1908, and the company also has plants in East Chicago and Portage in Lake County, Indiana.

The Gary South Shore RailCats their baseball at U.S. Yard; heck, Gary was founded as a company town and named after the chairman of this very company. To say that U.S. Steel remains a vital economic anchor is to understate the dependency.

Metropolitan Chicago and the state of Indiana both have a big stake in the fate of U.S. Steel. Nippon Steel has promised major new investments in these Midwest facilities, including \$300 million for Gary Works alone.

Gary's long-term economic distress hardly needs further detailing; that community is in serious need of the kind of support Nippon has offered. If the deal falls through, U.S. Steel President David Burritt has said, jobs in the older facilities in Gary may go. Investment priorities will shift away from old-line mills like the ones in Garv in favor of newer facilities elsewhere in the country.

Sure, such threats are routine parts of these controversies. But this one has some bite. Nippon Steel has deep pockets, and it's hard to see the same level of Gary-specific investment coming from elsewhere.

As we see it, Gary is not well positioned to take that kind of risk. There are more than 4,000 workers employed by U.S. Steel in Gary and their well-paying jobs impact the city's tax base.

Indiana is not a swing state, of course. But that should have no rel-

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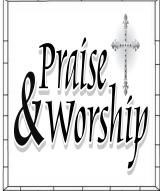


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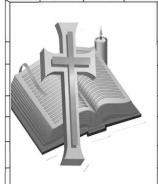
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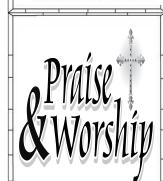
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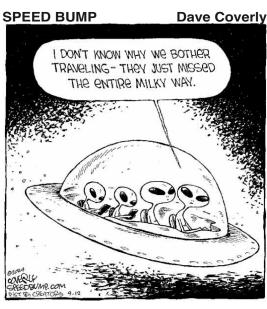
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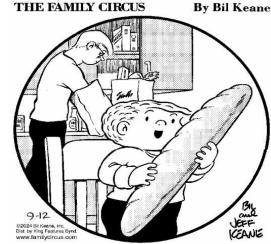


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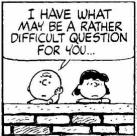
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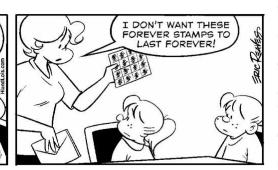












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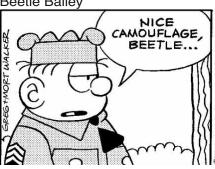


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Nobody plays perfectly

instead of the queen and returned a

low spade at trick two.

This play presented declarer with

a difficult guess. Unfortunately, he guessed wrong by playing the nine

instead of the jack. As a result, he went down one, making only eight tricks rather than the 12 he could

have made by playing the jack. Declarer's play of the nine was cer-

tainly reasonable and would have succeeded if East had held, say, the A-K-10-5-4 instead of the A-K-Q-

The contract at the second table

was also three notrump, and again the opening lead was the spade deuce. But here East took the first

trick with the queen before return-

ing a low spade at trick two. Declarer stewed for a long time before finally deciding to put up the

North dealer. East-West vulnerable. ♦ K Q J 10 6 5 WEST ♠ A K Q 5 4 ♥ Q 7 3 ♦842 •Q5 SOUTH **4** J 9 7 3 ♥ A K 5 The bidding

North

3 NT Opening lead two of spades. The best players in the world bid and play their cards consistently well, whether they are declaring or defending. This is not to say, how-

Consider this deal played in a high-level team championship. At the first table, South got to three notrump on the bidding shown, and West led the deuce of spades. East falsecarded very smartly by winning the trick with the king

jack, and as a result he finished with 12 tricks. ever, that they never make a mis-

Regardless of what you might think of South's play at trick two at the first table, or East's play at trick one at the second table, the fact remains that the final contract at both tables was decidedly inferior. Five diamonds and five clubs would both have been much better contracts than three notrump, and a slam in either minor could have been made by guessing the location of the queen of clubs.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

9-12 CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals F

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Times

Continued from page 8 illness, Joseph Boggs contributed a 18:48.32 for fourth.

"Things have been relatively slow," Boggs said. "In practice, I'm maintaining about what I was running last year. ... Now it's about having the motivation to push forward when I'm running all the way to the end. And I'll keep notching down until hopefully I'm at least back to where I was last year.'

In the last home meet, Dougie Cox beat out Max Klopfenstein. innior Tuesday, the reclaimed the fourth spot in the order.

Both Patriots finished with sub-20-minute times for the first time in their careers. Klopfenstein ran a 19:43.90 to place fifth, while Cox claimed sixth in 19:55.46.

"What that brings us, by those guys getting down into those 19s

— and we have to go and look at In his second race back from the other sectional and conference teams — but that gives us a four and a five makes us really competitive as a team," Wood said. "Those two are kind of pushing each other a little bit ... competing with each other and that's going to make them faster.

> The JCHS girls also claimed five of the top seven overall spots. (Union City didn't have enough athletes to compete as a team, so JCHS secured five of the top six scoring spots.)

> Leading the pack was Brooklynn Byrum. The freshman started the race slightly ahead of a pack that included Union City's Ava Jefferis, Winchester's Erica Grubbs and teammates Jessie Homan and Abby Fifer.

> Byrum held the top spot, but during the second mile Jefferis made a push to pull even.

They were neck-and-neck with

less than 200 yards to go before Byrum found an extra kick to take off and claim first place.

Byrum's time of 22:11.21 improved on her career best by 12.58 seconds and beat the Indians' top runner by 4.89 seconds.

"At the beginning, it started at a fast pace, and I kind of felt comfortable in it, so I just kept at it,' Byrum said. "(At the end) I was just taking control of my breath, getting ready for a finish and just took off after it because I knew if I didn't she would catch me and I would get second.

Grubbs claimed third place in 22:37.74 before five more Patriots filed in.

Homan was the first of that group of JCHS runners to cross the finish line at 22:41.53. Fifer followed with a time of 23:01.69, and not far behind was Ava May, who claimed sixth in 23:21.90. Alexis Sibray rounded out the Patriots' score with a 24:06.45.

"I think we all don't know how good they can be yet," Wood said in reference to both teams. "They're improving all the time and I don't think they're sure how fast they can be. They were all pretty fast in junior high, but they still have more in the tank and training is going good."

The four Patriots to take scores away from Winchester, but not add to the Patriots' total were:

·Natalie Carreno in eighth (24:18.23)

•Lyla Kunkler in 10th (25:18.30) ·Beckett Brandenburg in ninth (20.54.32)

Lukes Powers in 11th (21:29.19)

Junior high

The Jay County Junior High cross country team dominated Winchester and Union City in the boys race and escaped with a victory in the girls.

The boys claimed five of the top six spots, only missing out on fifth place, to finish with 16 points. Winchester and Union City lagged behind with 60 and 61, respectively.

One day after breaking Raif Beiswanger's school record of 11:15, Sam Wiggins shaved even more time to finish in 10:30.99. Caison Lloyd came in nearly two minutes after Wiggins to claim

Other finishes came from Logan Fifer, Ango Kato and Carter Lloyd.

Jay County eked out a 27-28 win in the girls race.

second place.

Winchester's Danie Rose claimed first place in 12:48.97, but Gracie Rowles (13:41.86) and Abbie Rowles (14:19.61) came in to swoop up second and third.

The other three scores came from Allie Rowles in eighth, Emalee Aker in ninth and Alexis Tipton in 11th.

Roundup

Continued from page 8 JC breaks through

One day after setting a new team record, the Jay County girls golf team broke their season low for a 197-198 victory over the Yorktown Tigers on Tuesday at Portland Golf Club. Wes-Del only had two golfers competing and therefore, didn't place as a

Maddy Snow and Brooklynn Bright finished as comatch medalists by shooting 46s. Bright's season-low round consisted of two pars on the 15th and 17th holes,

supplemented by four bogeys. Snow made bogey seven times, including four straight to start the round.

Yorktown's Lindsey Mathews finished one stroke behind the pair to lead the Tigers.

Bailey Towell tied Mathews with a 47, giving the Patriots (2-7) three scores under 50 for the first time this season.

Erin Aker rounded out the score with a 58. Freshman Javcee Rowels broke 60 for the first time in her career, but her 59 didn't affect the final.

Patriots roll

LYNN — The Jay County boys tennis team cruised to a 4-1 victory over the Randolph Southern Rebels for the second win over a sectional opponent on Tues-

Kayden Carpenter and Alex Miller quickly took care of the No. 1 doubles match, beating Kohwen Pegg and Jacob Flaugh 6-1, 6-0.

The Patriots (3-6) also got a point at the No. 2 doubles position as Jacob Monroe and Carson Westgerdes didn't have an opponent.

Eli Dirksen's 6-4, 6-1 started Allen County Athdefeat of Noah Allen in the No. 1 singles match makes five straight victories for the senior.

Gabe Pinkerton also picked up a win, taking down Kyron Pegg 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 3 singles contest.

The Rebels got their only point in the No. 2 singles match, as Tucker Griffin couldn't overcome Braden Austin in a 6-2, 6-7 (5-7), 10-4

JC starts well

County volleyball team

letic Conference play off on the right foot with a 22-25, 25-18, 25-12, 22-25, 15-9 triumph over the Bluffton Tigers on Tuesday.

A pair of Patriots had double-digit kills, while two more came close. Elizabeth Barnett led the offense with 13 put downs and Hallie Schwieterman followed with 10. Mya Kunkler and Maria Hemmelgarn added nine and eight kills, respectively.

Paisley Fugiett assisted BLUFFTON — The Jay the hitters 38 times in the match.

Kunkler led Jay County (4-3, 1-0 ACAC) with seven blocks, while Brenna Schmiesing added five.

The junior varsity fell 25-13, 25-23, 15-7 to the Tigers.

The Patriots found some strength at the service line with six aces. Carley Trinidad led with three, followed by Ella Rigby (two) and Chloe Muhlenkamp (one).

Rigby assisted hitters 14 times.

Amelia Heath, Emalyn Homan and Lydia Johnson each had five kills.

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Jay County High School's Caleb Garringer (32) leads Winchester's Hunter Patterson and teammate Dash Thacker early in the meet on Tuesday. Garringer had the top time of 17 minutes, 34.55 seconds, to lead JCHS to an 18-40 victory.

Cutting times

JC takes five of six scoring positions against Winchester

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review

Patriots coach Bruce Wood has had faith his team would find more and more success as the season goes

While the girls came out the gate as a revitalized team, it took the boys a bit more time to reach Wood's vision.

The picture is now starting to come into frame.

All five boys who scored for the Jay County High School cross country team managed to run times lower than 20 minutes to take down the temp drops, because I think we can line were Patriots. Winchester Golden Falcons 18-40 on pull off some more times.

Tuesday in a three-team meet that included Union City. In the girls race, Brooklynn Byrum found the kick she needed to claim the top spot in a 19-43 beating of the Falcons.

Union City did not have enough runners to post a team score.

"I feel really good about both teams," Wood said. "It was good to get back out and compete again. I think everybody felt pretty fresh.

"Still a little bit on the warm side, so I think everyone's excited about some cool temps ... I'm excited to see how they do when they get those

Four of the top five Patriot boys finished with their season-best times in the meet to help JCHS pick up five of the top six spots.

Caleb Garringer finished with a time of 17 minutes, 34.58 seconds, just 2.08 seconds away from his season best, to claim the top spot in the race. Behind him, freshman Dash Thacker put up a new career-best of 17:42.90 for second place.

Winchester's Hunter Patterson spaced things out by claiming the third-place finish in 17:57.85, but the next three runners to cross the finish

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Review preview Friday - 7 p.m.



Jay County Patriots

Portland, 2-1 (1-0 ACAC) Coach: Grant Zgunda, fourth year (27th overall

Conference: Allen County Last week vs. Southern Wells: The Patriots bounced back from their week 2 loss to New Castle by dominating SWHS 47-0 in the ACAC opener. Jay County had a balanced attack with 175 passing yards for three touchdowns, 164 rushing yards for three TDs and a 60-yard punt return by Grant Wendel.

Season leaders: Passing — Sean Bailey — 35 for 351 yards and five TDs. Rushing — A.J. Myers – 22 carries for 130 yards and three TDs. Receiving — Carter Fugiett — four receptions for 75 yards and one TD. Defense — Isaac Dues – 24 tackles, three sacks, 21 yards lost.

Adams Central Jets

Monroe, 2-1 (0-0 ACAC) Coach: Michael Mosser, 16th Conference: Allen County

Last week vs. Muncie Central:

The Jets dominated the Bearcats wire-to-wire for a 34-6 victory. Adams Central scored at least one touchdown in every quarter and had 15 points in the only period MCHS found the end zone.

Season leaders: Passing — Jamison Roach -10-of-22 for 144 yards and four TDs. Rushing — Matt Heiser — 35 carries for 177 yards and two TDs; Aaron Hirschy — 17 carries for 145 yards and three TDs. Receiving — Braylend Reber — six receptions for 93 yards and three TDs. Defense — Max Kaehr - 42 tackles; Cam Fravel — 23 tackles and two sacks.

Last meeting: Jay County's defense held strong in the first quarter, shutting the Jets out before the flood gates opened in the second quarter for 28 points. The Jets went on to win 42-7 and give JCHS its first loss of the year. The Patriots' lone touchdown came on a 26-yard pass from Sean Bailey to Benson Ward with 4 minutes, 19 seconds, remaining in the game.

Game notes: This will be the 11th matchup between the Patriots and the Jets. Adams Central has won all 10 of the previous games by a combined 473-102 ... After three straight state tournament appearances in Class 1A, Adams Central sits outside the rankings in Class 2A, finishing 15th in the voting ... Jay County's 46.57 Sagarin rating ranks 190th overall and 39th in Class 3A, while Adams Central's 74.01 is 48th overall and first in Class 2A ... John Harrell predicts Jay County to lose, 31-10, while Calpreps.com lists Adams Central as 32-point favorites.

opez leads girls soccer team to dominant victory.

After starting off the season hot, Aixa Lopez has had a quiet Jay County stretch outside of the game against South Adams. That roundup didn't last as she secured the Patriots' first hat trick of the season.

Lopez exploded offensively leading the Patriots to a 9-1 vicfor the Jay County High School tory over the Wapahani girls soccer team on Tuesday, Raiders.

The junior found the net for the final two goals of the sec- the second. ond half at 24:34 and 14:33. Her second-half score came in at 13:02 on an assist from London

Lopez's assisted teammates twice, the first time for Mor-

Lopez led JCHS (5-2) in with gan DeHoff — who also had from DeHoff for her goal 36:30 three goals and two assists. two assists — at 26:16 and later for Raylin Hummer at 16:43 in

> Jayla Huelskamp started the scoring for Jay County at the 29:36 mark in the first half. She added a second goal at 19:45 in the second, assisted by DeHoff. Lloyd also received an assist

into the second half. The final score of the day

came from Krishna Flores with 6:45 remaining.

In the goal, Maleah Parsons made four saves and only let one ball get through on a penalty kick in the second half.

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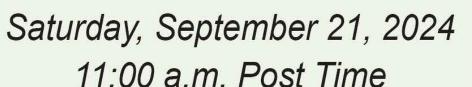
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