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Policy in place



Jay County Commissioners on Monday approved a new admission policy and resident code of conduct for Jay County Country Living (pictured above). The facility has been under scrutiny recently, with an advisory board created to oversee its operations.

Commissioners approve admissions guidelines, code of conduct for Jay County Country Living

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dents applying to live at the to the meal schedule. First a new director, now a new facility must: be able to walk Among other items, the poliboard of directors. admission policy and code of or transfer to and from a cyrequires potential residents

According to the policy, resi- clothes every day; and adhere in writing to Jay County

Country Living's advisory contact information. See Policy page 5

Rent must be paid by the independently, to complete a full assessment 20th day of each month, either privately or with help from Indiana Residential Care Assistance Program, and residents must have health insurance and provide emergency

Board **OKs** raises, contract

> **Teachers** will see an average 7% increase

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review Teachers have a new contract in place.

Raises were approved for administrators, support staff and substitutes as well.

During an eight-minute meeting Monday, Jay School Board approved a collective bargaining agreement with Jay Classroom Teachers Association that calls for average raises of 7% and OK'd increases for other staff.

The teachers' association had previously approved the agreement.

Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley recommended the agreement, explaining that the average 7% increase is about the same as what was approved last vear. It will be taking the minimum starting salary for teachers to \$46,003 from the previous \$43,003.

The agreement also includes a 2% raise for all employees for extra-curricular activities.

"We're very happy with the contract and with the negotiation process in general," said JCTA president Abby Homan following the meeting. "Everybody comes to the table with the same attitude of wanting to do what's best for everyone involved.

"It's hard when our enrollment is down this far. We could have gotten a lot less, so we're very happy with what we did get and that the board was very willing and wanted to give us raises.' (Since 2015, the Jay Schools student count has dropped by 485 to 2,820.) There was no public comment or discussion on the proposed agreement. See **Contract** page 2

conduct. Changes are happening at Jay County Country Living.

Jay County Commissioners approved an admission policy and resident code of conduct Monday for the living facility formerly known as Jay County **Retirement Center.**

wheelchair take care of personal bath- prior to the application room needs, dress and bathe process to ensure they are independently; be cooperative physically capable of living at and non-combative; sign in the facility — the assessment and out as they enter and leave the premises; bathe at If denied, the applicant may least twice a week; change appeal the director's decision

will be scored by the director.

ARPA \$\$ approved

By RAY COONEY

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DUNKIRK —The city needs to have its federal coronavirus relief funds committed by the end of the year.

It got started on that process Monday.

Dunkirk City Council approved two expenditures using American Rescue Plan Act funds, both related to its parks.

City attorney Wes Schemenaur explained to council at its last meeting that all American Rescue Plan Act funds must be committed by the end of the year and spent by the end of 2026.

The city has about \$360,000 remaining.

Since then, Mayor Jack Robbins asked the city's department heads to consider their needs and present requests that could be paid for using the federal funding.

Donna Revolt, who acts as council's liaison with the parks department, brought two such requests forward Bivens,

Dunkirk will use some federal funding for park equipment, project

Monday. She suggested Christy Curts, Randy Murspending \$11,350 to purchase a new mower from Sutter Brothers of Coldwater, Ohio, for the parks department and \$10,064.10 to contract with Mustard Seed Remodeling of Portland for the installation of new playground equipment at Dunkirk City Park.

She noted that the quote from Sutter Brothers was the lowest received. Meanwhile, Mustard Seed was the only firm to provide a quote for the playground installation equipment after months of seeking options to complete the project.

Council members Jesse Dan Watson,

phy and Revolt unanimously approved both requests.

They discussed other possibilities for the American Rescue Plan Act funds, including installing new fire hydrants, but did not have quotes for additional projects yet.

Council approved the city's 2025 budget at just over \$2.7 million, down slightly from \$2.74 million for this year. (A chunk of the budget in both years involves spending of American Rescue Plan Act funds. With that money removed, the budget increased by 5.1% over 2024.)

See ARPA page 5



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Singin' Serjern

Liam Serjern performs Sunday during the Jay County Junior-Senior High School fall choral concert. Junior high selections included "Choose Your Fighter," "Ripple" and "We Are Warriors."

Deaths

Timothy Wells, 73, Albany Elmer Wendel, 89, Fort Recovery Geraldine Kuhn, 88, Berne Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 68 degrees Monday. The low was 37.

The forecast calls for a low in the lower 60s tonight withs winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. Expect rain Thursday with a high in the lower 70s and continued windy conditions. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Trick-or-treat hours for Halloween on Thursday are as follows: Jay County Merchants – 5 to 7 p.m.; Bryant - 5 to 7 p.m.; Portland - 5 to 7:30 p.m.; Salamonia – 6 to 7 p.m.; Redkey – 6 to 8 p.m. Jay County Public Library will host a variety of activities from 5 to 7 p.m. with children receiving a book, bookmark and candy.

Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of tonight's Redkey Town Council meeting.

Saturday — Results from the JCHS football team's sectional semifinal game.



Contract

Continued from page 1 Board members Ron Laux, Phil Ford, Jason Phillips, Vickie Reitz, Chip Phillips and Marcie Vormohr, absent Donna Gessaman, voted unanimously in favor of its approval.

"I think compensation is moving in the right direction for sure," said Gulley. "I'm looking around at other schools near us and seeing how are we stacking up, and it looks like we're hanging right in there. ... "Very smooth. Two sessions

and done. A lot of trust.'

The 7% increases the last two

Friday

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the 5.5% average from 2022. Previous raises for teachers averaged 2% in 2018, 3.5% in 2019, 4% in 2020 and 4.3% in 2021.

Also Monday, the board approved memorandums of understanding for administrators and support staff.

Administrators will receive 5% raises, taking pay to \$150,411 for the superintendent, \$124,635 for the junior-senior high principal, about \$99,000 for most junior-senior high assistant principals and elementary school principals, \$86,100 for elementary years are the largest teachers school assistant principals and mentary School head custodian \$13.50 per hour.

Monday

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had seen recently, surpassing \$79,336 for the director of transportation. The director of elearning's contract was pushed to 260 days, with Gulley including a note that "her current compensation is undervalued" and noting that she would take the lead role if the pilot program for Jay Virtual Academy is approved.

Local

Support staff will receive a minimum raise of \$1 or 5%, whichever is larger. Other changes include a minimum four hours pay for bus drivers for extra-curricular trips and a \$3 premium for the East Jay Ele-

Felony court news

Two people were sentenced to serve

Noah W. Teeter, 57, 914 W Race St.,

Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit

Court to maintaining a common nui-

sance, a Level 6 felony. Teeter was sen-

tenced to 18 months in Jay County Jail

with one year of his sentence suspend-

ed. He was given eight days credit for

time served. Teeter was assessed \$185 in

court costs. As part of his plea agree-

ment, the following charges were dis-

missed: a Level 4 felony for dealing in a

schedule I controlled substance, a Level

6 felony for dealing marijuana and a

Class C misdemeanor for possession of

guilty in Jay Superior Court to main-

taining a common nuisance, a Level 6

felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in

Jay County Jail with all but 180 days

suspended and given 80 days credit for

time served. Grady was assessed \$189 in

court costs. As part of his plea agree-

ment, a Class C misdemeanor for pos-

session of paraphernalia was dis-

A Portland woman was sentenced to

Mindy Weaver, 33, 4337 N. U.S. 27, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to

dealing methamphetamine, a Level 3

felony. She was sentenced to nine years

in Indiana Department of Correction

with six years suspended and given

credit for time served. Weaver was

assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered

to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution,

interdiction and correction fee. She was

Christopher M. Grady, 48, pleaded

time for maintaining a common nui-

Common nuisance

sance in Jay County.

paraphernalia.

missed.

Dealing drugs

prison for dealing drugs.

because of the size of the building and number of events held there

The school corporation is increasing its contribution to health insurance to \$7,000 for individuals and to \$16,400 for families for both teachers and support staff.

Board members also approved a \$5.50 increase to \$116.50 per hour for certified substitute teachers and a \$3 increase to \$98 per hour for non-certified substitutes. Rates for substitutes for other positions also went up, with the lowest rate coming in at

stance abuse treatment program, the

court would consider modifying her

sentence. As part of her plea agreement,

the following charges were dismissed: a

Level 4 felony for dealing narcotic

drugs, a Level 6 felony for possession of

a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony for

maintaining a common nuisance and a

Class C misdemeanor for possession of

A Dunkirk man was sentenced to jail

Andrew Z. Bishop, 31, 4490 County

for possession of drugs and resisting

Road 21 E, Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in

Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine and resisting law

enforcement, both Level 6 felonies. He

was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County

Jail and given 30 days credit for time

served. Bishop was fined \$25, assessed

\$189.50 in court costs and ordered to pay

a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdic-

Several people were sentenced to

Jacob R. Nelson, 22, 1511 S Clark St,

serve time after pleading guilty to pos-

Muncie, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior

Court to possession of methampheta-

mine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced

to one year in Indiana Department of

Correction and given four days credit

for time served. Nelson was fined \$25,

assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered

to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution,

interdiction and correction fee. As part

of his plea agreement, a Class B misde-

meanor for possession of marijuana

and a Class C misdemeanor for posses-

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paraphernalia.

police.

Drugs and resisting

tion and correction fee.

Methamphetamine

session of methamphetamine.

Obituaries

Timothy Wells, Albany, a former Dunkirk resident, Oct. 10, 1951-Oct. 27, 2024. There are no services scheduled at this time.

Elmer F. Wendel, Fort Recovery, Sept. 10, 1935-Oct. 28, 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Fort Recovery.

Geraldine M. Kuhn. Berne, a relative of Geneva residents, Jan. 30, 1936-Oct. 28, 2024. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge.

They include the name, citv of residence. birth/death date and *time/date/location* 0t services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services

SERVICES

Today Holley, Robert: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Friday

Wagner, Beverly: 10:30 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1010 W. Monroe St., Decatur.

Monday

Wendel, Elmer: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.

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Thursday 10/31 56/35 70/59 71/40 60/44 66/58 Mostly cloudy skies on Monday, when there's Another day Mostly There's a Thursday's of sunny on Satchance of mostly sunny forecast skies with a high near 57 urday, when the high will be showers. Othshows a 90% erwise, mostly chance of thunderstorms 63 degrees. around cloudy. 70% of chance degrees. throughout the rain early. day. **Lotteries Powerball** Daily Four: 9-0-9-1 Quick Draw: 1-6-7-8-18-Monday 28-31-36-44-46-47-48-51-55-21-27-32-48-67 57-58-61-63-64-68 Power Ball: 17 Cash 5: 3-4-27-29-32 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: Estimated jackpot: \$39 million \$451,000 **Mega Millions** Ohio Estimated \$250 million Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Thre

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Lost control woman comintersection of county road 400 South and



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Today in history

1485, In over as king of England. His reign accolades included ending the Wars of the Roses and York houses.

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was born in Braintree, leading to the act mak-Massachusetts. Among ing nationwide news by accomplishother ments, Adams served as the first vice presi- Ali defeated George dent and second presi- Foreman in the "Rumdent of the United States.

In 1895, Gerhard Domagk was born in Germany. Domagk was the 1939 recipient of the Nobel Prize for National Basketball Physiology or Medi-cine for discovering antibacterial effects in He was drafted directly Prontosil.

Henry and his Mercury The-Tudor (Henry VII) took atre on the Air group performed a radio adaptation of H.G. Wells' "The War of the Worlds." Some listeners between the Lancaster mistook the broadcast for an actual Martian In 1735, John Adams invasion of New Jersey, the next day.

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In 1974, Muhammad ble in the Jungle" match in Zaire, securing the world heavyweight boxing title.

In 2003, LeBron James debuted in the Association with the Cleveland Cavaliers. out of high school. — The CR

In 1938, Orson Welles

Citizen's calendar

Today

6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council special meet- City Council, council ing, park cabin, 50 Mooney St.

7 p.m. — Pennville Portland. Town Council public hearing and meeting, Pennville Town Hall, 105 N. Washington St.

Monday

5:30 p.m. — Portland chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., 7:30 p.m. — Fort

Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

plained of head pain after she lost control of the vehicle she was driving, causing it to flip alongside county road 575 South about 6:40 a.m. Tuesday.

Mackenzie N. Richardson, 28, Portland, was driving a 2021 Jeep Compass east on county road 575 South. She told police she hit some stone on the road, causing her to lose control of the vehicle. Richardson's vehicle left the north side of the road and flipped onto its top.

The vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Intersection crash

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into oncoming traffic at the between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

about 12:25 p.m. Wednesday.

Chloe D. Cook, 17, was driving her 2011 Dodge Caliber east on county road 400 South as she approached its intersection with Indiana 1. She told police she didn't see a southbound 2003 Honda Odyssey driven by 77-year-old Patricia L. Anderson of Pennville before continuing into the intersection. Cook's vehicle struck Anderson's vehicle, causing Cook's car to roll onto its side.

Anderson complained of chest pain. Her passenger, 37-year-old Joshua D. Troxel of Pennville, sustained a minor injury to his head.

The vehicles were towed. A Portland teen drove with damage estimated



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Family





Cincinnatus donations

Cincinnatus League recently presented checks to three organizations Jayland Partners, Secret Families of Jay County and Jay Community Center for their Family Fun Event. Pictured above are Amy Barrett of Jayland Partners, president Drew Houck of Cincinnatus League, Conny Knight of Secret Families of Jay County and Julia Schwomeyer of Cincinnatus League. At left are Anna Muhlenkamp of Jay Community Center and Schwomeyer.

Varying sex drive levels cause issue

DEAR ABBY: I'm a woman in my early 20s, and I have been dating my man for two years. I love him dearly and want to spend the rest of my life with him. He plans to propose before the end of the year, and we plan to be married next year.

Sex with him is fabulous. However, I have a very active libido (probably similar to that of a teenage boy), and I'd be good with having sex every morning, day and night. He, on the other hand, is good with once a week, if that. I feel deprived and sad. We have discussed this, and he claims he knows he needs to improve, but there has been no change.

I don't know if I want to say "I do" if this is what marriage to him will be like. I am afraid of him proposing now because I'm not sure I can marry him if he's not into sex as much as I am. Sex is an extremely important activity in my life. I had amazing sex with a previous boyfriend and have actually contemplated reaching out to him. (I wouldn't cheat.)

Must I settle? I don't want to miss out on having sex as often as I want it. It doesn't feel fair to me. I don't want to end the relationship because he's everything else I want. He's a good man, loving, generous, kind, thoughtful, funny, intelligent, a great conversationalist, fun, adventurous, but with almost no sex drive. Can you offer any insight? -- MISER-ABLE IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR MISERABLE: You are young and, I assume, there isn't a great age difference between you and your boyfriend. When this otherwise ideal man pops the question, your response should be that before you accept his proposal, you want the two of you to have premarital counseling. During some of those sessions, bring up the disparity in your sex drives. There role.





may be more than one way to solve your problem. Discuss this with a licensed sex therapist who can help you explore how you can be more satisfied without your boyfriend feeling "forced to perform."

DEAR ABBY: I became a grandmother 20 years ago. My first grandchild was biracial, and I suspect that's the reason my best friend, "Dori," never acknowledged her. When I sent her photos by mail a few times, they went unacknowledged.

Now, 20 years later, Dori has finally become a grandmother through adoption. Although I am happy for her, it stings that my grandchildren four were ignored. I have sent generous baby gifts. How do I move past my resentment without making a fuss? I don't want my grandchildren to ever meet her, as I feel any interest would be idle curiosity and not sincere. Dori has never even asked me their names. - BITTER IN CALIFOR-NIA

DEAR BITTER: Why do you refer to this woman as a "best friend"? From what you have written, Dori stopped being your friend 20 years ago. You were thoughtful to have sent her grandchild "generous gifts" (or any gift at all). As I see it, there is more than one way to deal with this situation. The first would be to air your feelings to Dori. The second is to continue living your life without her in a starring

Photos provided

Community Calendar

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

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WEDNESDAY MORN- St., Portland. ING BREAKFAST CLUB

helping families addiction Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw

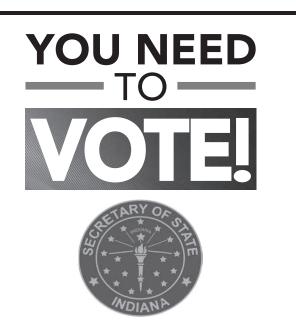
AL-ANON the east room of Richards nings, a support group for in the Zion Lutheran PING PONG — Will be Church, 218 E. High St., mation, call (260) 726-8229. A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

SMART RECOVERY meets at 4 p.m. each A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and liv-FAMILY ing a balanced life meets each month in the Fire-- Will meet at 8 a.m. in GROUP — New Begin- at 11 a.m. each Thursday place Room at Edelweiss in the IU Health Jay Out- Place at Swiss Village in patient Behavioral Health Berne. For more informa-Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., 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 Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

mer W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

SOFT SHOULDERS A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of tion, call (260) 589-3173.



Restaurant. All women friends and families of are invited to attend. alcoholics, will meet at Includes activities and 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday devotional time.

played from 11 a.m. to Portland. For more infornoon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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

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Level: Intermediate **Tuesday's Solution**

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Friday

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

DUNKIRK HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the for-

CÍNCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its next meeting at noon Friday at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-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) 729-7000.

DUNKIRK HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113. S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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Opinion

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Will stories have a happy ending?

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Oct. 27, 2004. Jack and his wife Connie attended the naturalization ceremony in 2017 for Svetlana, who is the subject of this piece. She is now a professor at Thiel College in northwestern Pennsylvania and her son Ilia will graduate from Kennesaw State University in May. "As for the happy ending," she said, "I'm still working on that." By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

The road home wound through the Indiana countryside as Svetlana unwound stories from her life on the other side of the world.

We'd first met in Kyrgyzstan, the land of her birth, in 2002. And now she was in the Midwest to take part in a panel discussion at a scholarly conference at Indiana University. It seemed the perfect opportunity to offer a little hometown hospitality and bring her back here for the weekend.

Though we'd worked together



students at the American University of Central Asia, it struck me that I didn't know much about her personal background. A couple of questions was all it took to get the tales flowing as we made our way back through an October afternoon.

She told me about her mother's grandfather, the leader of a Cossack village in Russia. When the tsar decided that the eastern edge of his empire needed better security, he ordered Svetlana's great-grandfather to uproot his life and his village and relocate them all in what is now Kyrgyzstan so the Cossacks could patrol the border with China.

She told me about her father's and I'd spoken to her journalism father, a Chechen who had been struggles.

exiled to Central Asia by a suspicious Stalin in 1940 along with soon after the Chernobyl disasabout 200,000 other Chechens. Chechnya and Mother Russia have had a contentious relationship for generations; many of the headlines we read today have roots going back centuries. The Chechens, exiled internally in the Soviet Union because Stalin feared a "fifth column" while the country fought Hitler, traveled by foot and by horseback over hundreds of miles.

Svetlana's grandfather's wife died along the way, leaving him with half a dozen children. He later formed a marriage of convenience with a Ukrainian widow — also in exile — who had about half a dozen kids of her own.

Svetlana's father was the offspring of that loveless marriage which ended after the war.

Her grandfather abandoned his new wife and son and returned to Chechnya.

She told me of her parents' bitter marriage and her own

She told of the time in 1986, ter, that she and other teenage students taking courses in Kiev to become military translators had traveled by train into the "forbidden zone" around the site of the nuclear accident. They somehow made their way to an evacuated town and walked its streets and peered into its empty houses for an afternoon's lark.

Svetlana was the only one so far — to experience any effects from the radiation. Soon after her return to Kiev, her hair began to fall out and she was plagued by headaches. It would be months before she returned to normal, and the reality is that she doesn't know what longterm damage may have been done.

She talked of her young son, Ilya, the product of what was apparently a brief love affair. She won't talk about the father at all, saying only that there are "legal impossibilities," which means that he's either married or politically powerful or both.

It was a long, fascinating trip home.

But there was one consistent thread to Svetlana's stories. They never had a happy end-

ing.

That's what she's trying to build today.

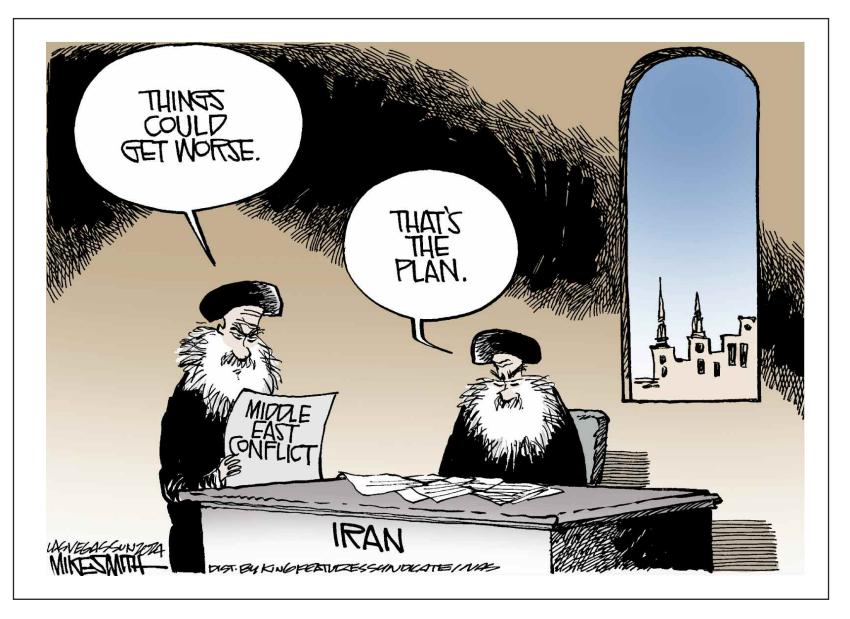
An outstanding student as a young woman, she later earned a Muskie Fellowship which brought her to the U.S., where she studied at Kansas State University and received her master's degree in journalism.

Now she's back in the States, working on her Ph.D. in mass communication at Louisiana State University. There's no fellowship this time. She's doing it on her savings from her university job at home and a teaching assistantship from the universi-

And it's going well.

In December, she'll return to Bishkek for a visit. And when she flies back to Baton Rouge in January, Ilya will be with her. They'll be together, looking

for that elusive happy ending.



Misinformation comes at a dangerous time

By ANDRA GARNER

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

With about six weeks remaining in this year's Atlantic hurricane season, we've already experienced multiple historic storms, vividly illustrating that as humans have warmed the planet, we have also made it more dangerous.

Bervl became a Category 5 hurricane in July, the earliest in the calendar year that any Atlantic hurricane on record has reached that magnitude; Helene yielded catastrophic flooding and damage from Florida to western North Carolina: Kirk traversed the Atlantic to bring damaging rain and winds to France: Milton - one of the fastest-intensifying storms on record — caused damage across Florida; and Oscar surprised forecasters this weekend by quickly becoming a hurricane and dumping flooding rains in the Caribbean. The 2024 Atlantic hurricane season has made it abundantly clear that the consequences of climate change are here.

This hurricane season has also amplified another disturbing more dangerous. trend: misinformation about catastrophic weather extremes. For example, social media users have falsely claimed that Hurri-making these extremes more dan-more likely to strengthen from ing to the study, two-thirds Jersey.

Andra Garner

canes Helene and Milton were created or steered by human technology. Such lies generate mistrust and anger, which are too often directed at meteorologists who work to save lives by providing accurate scientific forecasts warning those in harm's way to evacuate.

Technology capable of creating or steering hurricanes does not exist outside of science fiction, or perhaps the lairs of cartoon villains. Humans shape extreme weather in another way: When we burn fossil fuels such as oil and gas, we release heat-trapping greenhouse gasses that act as a blanket abnormally warming our planet. Scientists know that this human-caused warming is the real reason hurricanes such as Helene and Milton have become

This is where we need to focus our conversation — on understanding how climate change is to limit further warming, and identifying ways to solve this human-caused crisis.

Climate change makes hurricanes more dangerous in several ways. For example, as we heat the planet, sea levels rise because glaciers and ice caps melt and water expands at warmer temperatures. This raises typical coastal water levels and gives a head start to storm surge flooding, as was the case along Florida's coasts with Helene and Milton. Because of sea-level rise, flooding becomes more damaging than it would have been in the past.

A warmer planet also increases the potential for extreme rainfall from hurricanes. A warmer atmosphere can hold more moisture, which can in turn intensify both the rates and amounts of rainfall. As we saw with Hurricane Helene, the resulting moisture can be not just damaging, but deadly.

warmer planet also Α means warmer oceans that in effect provide fuel to hurricanes, enabling them to reach greater strengths faster than would have otherwise been possible. My own research shows that, compared to 50 years ago, today's storms are two to three times

gerous, learning what we can do Category 1 or less into a major of Americans — and 80% of peohurricane (meaning Category 3 or greater) within 12 to 24 hours.

We've seen that play out in real time this year. Beryl, Helene and Milton all strengthened from weak hurricanes into major ones within 12 hours as they traveled over unnaturally warm ocean Milton waters. Hurricane strengthened especially fast, intensifying at rates across both a 12-hour and a 24-hour window that ranked above the 99th percentile compared with Atlantic hurricanes recorded from 1851 to 2023

So the bad news is that we are making hurricanes worse. But the good news is, since we created this problem, we can also solve it. Generating fantastical lies about weather manipulation technology won't prevent these growing coastal hazards, much as threatening meteorologists won't make these storms less damaging. Actual solutions include developing better coastal defenses and emergency action plans and working to eliminate fossil fuel use across our economies.

A recent survey from the United Nations Development Program shows that this is precisely what people all over the world, including the U.S., want. Accordple around the world — think schools should teach more about climate change and its impacts. Two-thirds of Americans also want our country to strengthen commitments to address climate change, and more than half agree that we should quickly replace fossil fuels with renewable energy. A vast majority of Americans (80%) agree that we should work with other countries to combat climate change even if we disagree with them on other issues.

Although extreme weather has become more common, so too has the desire for meaningful climate action, which is the only viable option for sustaining our coastal communities. The task is difficult but not impossible. By understanding the impacts of climate change, sharing that information with each other and voting for leaders who will invest in successful solutions, we can secure a better future and prevent misinformation from defining our new reality.

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Local/Nation

Voting early

Voters arrive and depart at the Coral Gables Library during early voting Oct. 21 in Coral Gables, Florida. Election Day is Tuesday.



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Policy

Continued from page 1 Residents are also expected to follow several rules of conduct: •Being mentally and physically

capable of providing self-care •Providing their own clothing,

toiletries, medication and supplemental supplies

•Being responsible for or having another party to pay for their physician's fees, other professional fees and charges and ambulance fees for transportation to the hospital

•Taking medications if prescribed and keeping scheduled appointments with doctors, therapists and case managers if applicable

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Observing quiet times

•Behaving in a manner that is not threatening or disturbing to others

Cindy Bracy, president of Jay County Country Living's advisory board, noted the policy has been approved by the group. Residents will be asked to sign the policy once in effect, with Bracy pointing out board members asked for residents' input on a draft of the code of conduct at a past board meeting and that residents seemed receptive to it.

Commissioners Rex Journay and Chad Aker, absent Brian McGalliard, approved the new admission policy.

In related news, Bracy noted the facility's new director, Stacey Johnson, started working Monday. Johnson is training under interim director Melissa Blankley for the next few weeks.

Commissioners also heard from three insurance brokers Monday regarding fully funded and partially self-funded health insurance plans for next year.

Jessica Clayton with OneDigital

shared a renewal offer for the county with its current provider, Physicians Health Plan, and offers from a few other providers for a fully funded plan.

Physicians Health Plan's renewal includes an 8% increase — it initially came in at 18% — for a total annual premium of \$1.536 million, along with a 40% refund agreement mirroring the current year. Clavton noted the county's loss ratio came in at 102% amid the renewal process and now sits at 116%

Anthem offered a plan with a 4% increase from the current year — a \$1.48 million annual premium with a 25% refund agreement. (Clayton noted employees currently using a Health Reimbursement Arrangement would require a third-party administrator for the plan through Anthem.)

United Healthcare offered a plan with a 19% increase.

Addressing the county potentially seeking a partially self-funded plan, she pointed to a claimant who has been marked as a \$2 million "laser" — a higher individual deductible for a single claimant within a stop-loss insurance policy and suggested it may not be the right time to try self-funding.

Forrest Williamson of Unified Group Services — Steve Stockton of Portland's Bixler Insurance proposed earlier this month switching the county to a partially self-funded plan through the provider - referenced the same issue, suggesting if they moved forward finding that claimant another healthcare plan. Their proposed options for annual expected costs came in around \$1.5 million.

Representatives from Understand, Service and Innovate (USI) Insurance said they believed the last few years of claims from the county showed potential for a par-

tially self-funded plan and asked for time to input new data into their proposal.

Commissioners took offers from One Digital and Bixler Insurance under advisement. Aker asked representatives from USI Insurance to share their proposal within a week.

Also Monday, commissioners heard from Mike McCool, an engineer with consulting firm Egis, formerly Beam. Longest and Neff. McCool shared potential temporary solutions for repairs to some of the county's timber bridges but later noted the fixes may only give the county an additional four to 10 years before they need more attention. He explained the average life expectancy for a timber bridge is generally between 25 to 40 years. (Many of the county's timber bridges were installed in the 1980s.)

The county recently closed two roads because of unsafe bridges. which likely won't be fully repaired or replaced until Jay County can secure grant funding in the coming years.

In other business, commission-

•Signed a letter of support for internet service provider Mainstream Fiber Networks to pursue funding through Indiana's Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment program for a broadband project in Jay County. East Central Indiana Regional Planning District's regional coordinator for broadband, Autumn Marshall, noted she's been coordinating with Jay County Emergency Management Agency, Ritter Strategic Services and Mainstream Fiber Networks to look into offering a cost effective countywide broadband project. Marshall shared hopes to have estimates for the project by the end of the year.

•Approved the following: a $20,\overline{720}.24$ contract with Hays +

Sons Complete Restoration of Muncie for restoring parts of Jay County Recorder's Office and Jay County Prosecutor's Office in Jay County Courthouse damaged from a water leak in September; replacing carpet in Jay Circuit Court's bailiff's office and Jay County Assessor's Office for \$5,240.02 and \$7,063.97, respectively, with Medler's Furniture; a \$1,720 contract with Clemens Home Solutions of Muncie for repairing gutters at Dunkirk Emergency Medical Service base, which also serves as Dunkirk Fire Department. The cost will be split with the City of Dunkirk.

•OK'd decommissioning a 2009 truck from Jay County Highway Department's fleet and selling it in the near future.

•Gave permission for county clerk Jon Eads to switch companies used for court collections. (Jay County Circuit Court sends court attendees a 30-day notice alerting them to pay their bill before it is forwarded onto the collection agency.) The county will be switching from Capital Recovery to PayCourt of Taylorville, Illinois.

•Heard 2,485 Jay County residents — approximately 22.5% of registered voters - had voted early in-person at the courthouse as of Monday, with 213 of those residents voting on Monday. "Well, these are contentious times," commented Aker. "So there's no excuse for someone to not vote. Go out and vote, everyone."

•Paid nearly \$1.96 million in claims, approximately \$816,000 of which accounts for road resurfacing completed by Brooks Construction. (The amount is covered by an Indiana Department of Transportation Community Crossings grant.)

ARPA

Continued from page 1 The budget includes \$1.71 million in the general fund, \$319,010 in motor vehicle highway, \$135,000 in local option income tax (LOIT) public safety and \$100,000 in economic development income tax (EDIT).

Schemenaur also shared information regarding a request from Jonathon and Natalie Cassel to combine four lots along High Street and vacate and allev. He explained that because one of the lots is in a different subdivision than the other three, it can't be combined. (The other three could be combined, leaving the Cassels with two parcels.) He then walked through the process of vacating an alley, telling the Cassels he could likely have the paperwork done and be ready for a vote at council's Nov. 25 meeting.

In other business, council:

•Heard from Robbins about a \$378.000 grant The Foundation Portland received, \$211,000 of which will go toward the construction of a new early learning center planned to be added on to West Jay Community Center. "This is a good shot in Dunkirk's arm to have our own daycare," he said.

•Was reminded that the city's Feel the Warmth of Christmas celebration will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2. Santa will be at Gas Capital Chrysler during the event.

•Learned from Robbins that leaf pick-up will be on Thursdays throughout November. Residents are asked to bag their leaves and place them along the side of the street.

•Approved the following: a \$15,200 payment to Culy Contracting of Winchester for work on a water leak; \$1,450 for well head inspections at the city's water treatment plant; a \$100 sponsorship for Youth Service Bureau; and payment of claims totaling \$656,306.06.

•OK'd water bill adjustments fo \$1,731.76 for 206 Pearl St. and \$183.08 for 407 Meridian St. because of leaks.

Felony court news

Continued from page 2 Austin M. George, 21, 1212 North Franklin St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 450 days in Jay County Jail and given 98 days credit for time served. George was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Steven L. Rowles, 30, 805 E. Votaw St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Cir-

methamphetamine, а Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Corrections with 2.5 years suspended and placed on home detention for six months. Rowles was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 4 felony for dealing in a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony for neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 in court costs and ordered

sion of a syringe, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of parapherna-

Abby M. Romine, 34, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, а Level 5 felony. She was sentenced to four years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Romine was fined \$1, assessed \$189 cuit Court to possession of felony for unlawful posses- to pay a \$200 drug abuse,

prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, two Level 6 felony charges for maintaining a common nuisance and unlawful possession of a syringe were dismissed.

Nathan L. Scott, 35, 6769 West 400 South, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, а Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Scott was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a

\$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completing a substance abuse treatment program the court would consider modifying his sentence. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Alan W. Shawver, 41, 1003 W North St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He

was sentenced to 910 days in Jay County Jail with all but one year suspended and given eight days credfor time served it Shawver was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was also ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling.

As part of his plea agreement, a Class B mis-demeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.



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Bridge By Steve Becker

A double-barreled endplay

far from a rosy prospect consider-ing West's one-spade overcall. But when you study the hand more closely, you realize that you have an excellent chance to bring the contract home by means of an elimina-

Accordingly, you win the club with the ace, draw three rounds of trump and cash the A-K-Q of hearts. Cashing the hearts is in keeping with the standard procedure of removing all the cards with which the opposents wight later which the opponents might later exit safely. (If you surrendered the lead before cashing the hearts, the opponents could exit with one at

no cost to themselves.) Next, you make the key play of cashing the king of spades. You do this in order to extract East's probable singleton in that suit. Having completed these preliminaries, you then lead a club from dummy, not caring at all which opponent wins the trick

In the actual case, if East wins the club, he must return a heart or a club, allowing you to discard the jack of spades as you ruff in dummy. And if West wins the club, he must either yield a ruff-and-discard or lead a spade into your A-J. Whichever he chooses, the slam is home.

Tomorrow: Two heads are better than one. ©2024 King Features Syndicate Ind

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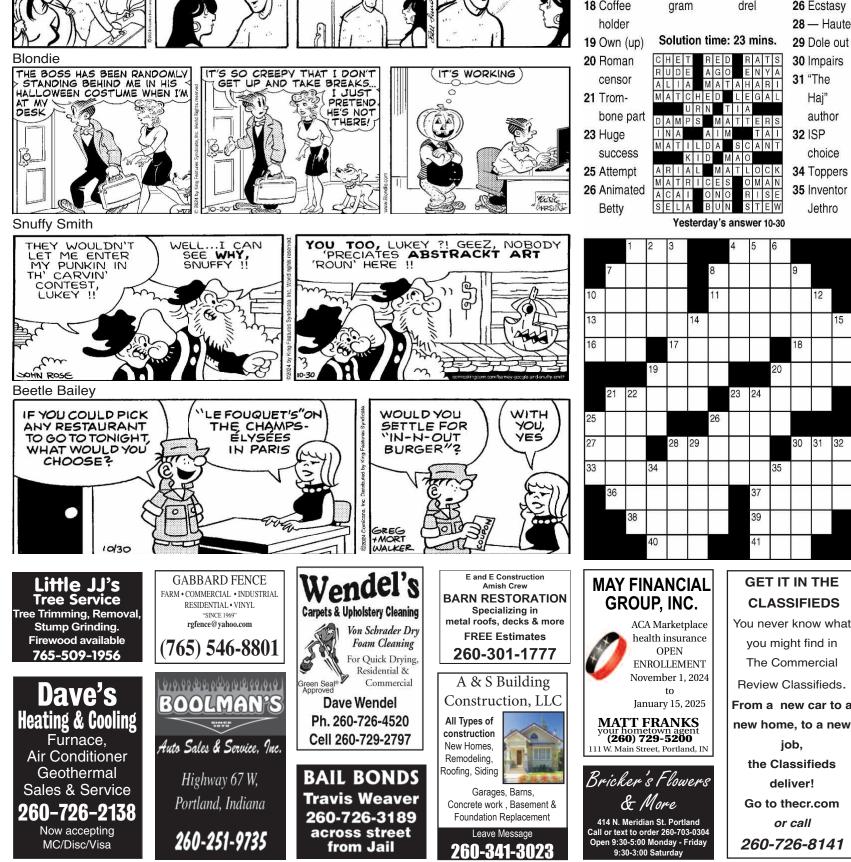
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"We know that we can beat them," Muhlenkamp said. "We just need to bring the energy, because we know they have some good hitters, but if our defense is as good as it was Saturday, we should be OK.'

Both teams boast similar resumes on paper despite different records as the teams share eight common opponents, and largely the same results in those matches. The only differences are Anna splitting with Russia while Fort Recovery beat the Raiders, and the Rockets picking off New Knoxville and FRHS falling to the Rangers.

Sports on tap

Local schedule Thursday

Fort Recovery - Volleyball regional opener vs. Anna at Northmont – 7 p.m.

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'We know that we can beat them. We just need to bring the energy, because we know they have some good hitters, but if our defense is as good as it was Saturday, we should be OK.'

-FRHS outside hitter Cameron Muhlenkamp

aggressive at what we do," the lineup. ... We've also got to Guggenbiller said. "We've got make sure we're doing things to make sure that our energy is in pressure situations. So, staying loud and that goes with we've been doing drills that are "We've got to continue to be the girls who are not even in highly intense so the girls

don't have time to sit there and wonder. They have to move on to the next play. ... That way they feel pressure and learn how to adapt to those situations."

Should the Indians beat Anna, they will take on the undefeated Cavaliers or the champions of the Knox Morrow Athletic Conference, Centerburg.

Coldwater beat Fort Recovery 25-20, 25-14, 25-16 back on Sept. 19, but Guggenbiller said the momentum behind the Indians and some natural changes to his team's rotation since the match could play a part in a potential upset should the two teams meet.

Coming from the central district, Centerburg has put together a strong season with a 22-2 record.

While the Indians are looking to make it back to the championship and try their hands at a second state appearance, Guggenbiller is looking for his players to continue making memories, while the Indians are thrilled to have made it to the regional.

excited." "I'm really Heitkamp said. "At the beginning of the season, we made it our goal to make it to regionals. We achieved that goal so I'm excited about that and it's also a great season for my senior year."

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Thursday 7 p.m. - NHL: St. Louis Blues at Philadelphia Flyers (FDSN Indiana)

7:30 p.m. — College football: Tulane at Charlotte (ESPN); North Carolina Cen tral at South Carolina Central (ESPN2) 7:30 p.m. - College volleyball: Iowa at Ohio State (BTN) 8:15 p.m. - NFL: Houston Texans at New York Jets (FOX) 8:30 p.m. - NBA: Houston Rockets

at Dallas Mavericks (ABC)

Local notes

5K Challenge is the Rainbow Lake 5K

Run/Walk, will take place on Nov. 26. Preregistration can be done at adamscounty5kchallenge.com

Turkey Trot sign-up oper Cooper Farms will be hosting its

17th annual Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov at the Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant in St. Henry, Ohio. All Participation costs \$15. proceeds benefit EverHeart Hospice

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Wednesday, November 6th, 2024 6:00 pm Location: 3233 E 1000 S Geneva, IN This charming ranch

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PUBLIC AUCTION Located: 7758 E SR 67, Bryant, IN Saturday Morning November 2nd, 2024 10:00 A. M. HOUSEHOLD GOODS-OLD ITEMS GE upright freezer; (2) Lazy Boy recliners; 1950;s china cabinet; patio table with chairs; storage trunks; wine chiller old sideboard; wagon wheel table; cedar chest; small table with glass feet; printer

REAL ESTATE 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch home containing 1390 sq. ft. finished living area. Blacktop driveway. GFA with Central air. 19' x 25' attached garage, and an

18' x 24' detached garage. Nicely situated on two lots containing 1.65 acres in a prime location.

ANTIQUES-HOUSE-HOLD-LAWN AND GARDEN

12' x 10' portable storage building. Oak pie safe, Kitchen cabinet, (2) Childs rockers, Parlor table, Garden plow, Parry Buggies thermometer, (2) 3 cushion sofas, Kenmore upright freezer, Whee horse 520-H riding mower with 48" cut and snowblower, Craftsman 10" table saw, Porch Swing, 3 hole dog box for pickup truck, Garage and shop

tools. Several items not to mention.

OWNER: Richard L. Manor Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos. SHAWVER AUCTION-EERING AND REAL ESTATE AC31800004 **AUCTIONEERS** Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587

PUBLIC AUCTION Saturday November 16th, 2024 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 5691 S 600 E (Gas City), Marion, IN LOADER-TRACTORS-**TRUCKS-COMBINES** Case W14 wheel loader with material bucket. Bobcat MT 52 with Kubota diesel and material bucket, Kubota L35 tractor with loader and backhoe, International

ete D. Shawve Lic. #AU19700040

260-726-5587

PUBLIC AUCTION Saturday November 23rd, 2024 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 6160 E 100 N Portland, IN **OPEN HOUSE Sunday** Nov. 10th 1-3p.m. or for

private showing phone auctioneers. REAL ESTATE 3 bedroom home containing 1150 sq. ft. finished living area. GFA with Central air. 30 x 40 pole barn. Several recent updates. Nicely situated on 2 acres.

ANTIQUES-HOUSE-HOLD-MISC Knock down wardrobe,

Wall, mantle, & came back clocks, Christmas

Open concept kitchen, dining, & living area. It has a 2 year old central air and furnace. 40x80 pole barn with electric and an insulated room with loft storage above it. Appliances are staying. Owner: Greg Mitchey For complete sale bill

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Jay County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of Jay County Council at the Jay County Court House, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., on the 13th day of November. 2024 will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

Amount Approved COUNTY GENERAL

COUNTY GENERAL	
1000-062-10-0053 Election- Wages-	
Absentee Voter Board	\$3,900.00
1000-068-30-0084 Repair Bldgs & Structures	\$50,000.00
1000-172-10-0039 Courthouse- Wages Overtime	\$1,500.00
1000-172-10-0063 Courthouse- Wages Part Time	\$5,500.00
1000-172-30-0082 Courthouse- Annex 2 Utilities	\$2,000.00
County General Total	\$62,900.00
BACKHOE REPAIR & REPLACEME	INT
4903-001-30-0016 Surveyor Equipment Repair	\$2,031.40
HEALTH BIOTERRORISM	
8109-001-20-0011 Office Supplies	\$500.00
8109-001-20-0040 Medical Supplies	\$1,000.00
8109-001-30-0046 Misc. Expense	\$2,600.00
8109-001-30-0113 Equipment Maintenance Contra	act \$2,850.00
8109-001-30-0156 Preparedness Coordinator	\$16,200.00
8109-001-40-0011 Office Equipment	\$1,850.00
Health Bioterrorism Total	\$25,000.00
ARP-2021 CLFRF	
8950-001-30-0148 Professional Services- REA	\$6,600.18
COMMUNITY CROSSINGS 2024	
9118-001-40-0027 Paving	\$816,033.75
Total	\$912,565.33

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

Emily Franks Jay County Auditor CR/NS 10-30-2024 -HSPAXLP

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Notice is hereby given by the Enforcement Authority and Hearing Authority of the Town of Geneva, Indiana, pursuant to the Town's Unsafe Building Ordinance, that sealed bids for the following-described demolition services will be received at the Geneva Town Hall located at 411 E Line Street, Geneva, Indiana 46740, until 4:00 PM on November 15, 2024, and such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the public meeting of the Common Council at 6:30 PM on November 19, 2024. For further information. contact the Unsafe Building Enforcement Authority, Mark D. Wynn, at (260) 724-5305.

Demolition services shall include:

Demolition and removal of all structures on the premises (including all basements and/or foundations) at 110 Lincoln Street, Geneva, Indiana 46740, with clean fill deposited upon the premises, compacted and leveled, and grass planted. It should be assumed that the structures may include asbestos materials, lead-based paint, and other hazardous materials that must be abated in a proper and legal manner. Any bid shall itemize the cost of such abatement within the total bid. Said demolition services must be completed within 60 days of the accep-

tance of a bid for the project. Description of unsafe building violation:

The Enforcement Authority conducted a residential inspection of the property and found that the structure is in such a state of disrepair as to make it unsafe for human habitation under Indiana Code § 36-7-9-4 and the Town of Geneva Unsafe Building Ordinance § 93.5.4. The structure is uninhabitable and has been condemned by the Adams County Health Department on April 26, 2019, and is determined to be no longer salvageable or repairable.

Legal description of property:

Lot number Three Hundred Fifty-five (355) in George W. Pyle's Fourth Addition to the Town of Geneva, Adams County, Indiana. Subject to easements, rights of ways, covenants, ordinances and restrictions of record. Tax parcel number: 01-11-29-211-001.000-019

Owners of property: Casa Ricca Investments LLC 17794 SW 2 Street Pembroke Pines, FL 33029

Blue Eyed Property Solutions LLC 7901 4th Street North, Suite 300 St. Petersburg, FL 33702

> Ohana Home Partners LLC 84-710 Kili Dr #1520 Wahanae, HI 96792

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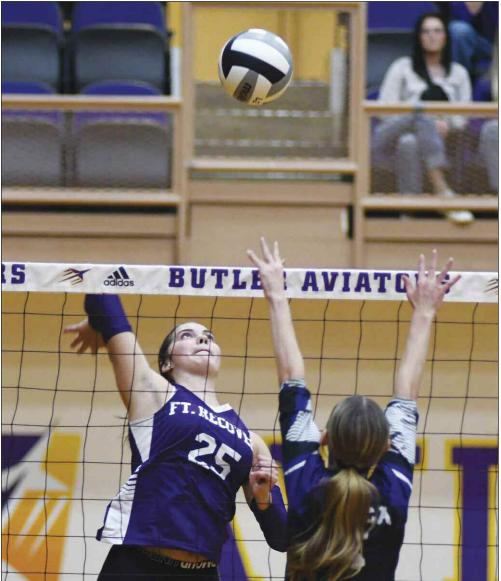
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Road to the final



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Bridget Homan, a sophomore at Fort Recovery High School, prepares to attack the ball during the district championship against Miami Valley Christian Academy on Saturday. The Indians will take on Anna Thursday in their fourth regional appearance.

Banchero leads Orlando past Pacers By JASON BEEDE

Orlando Sentinel Tribune News Service

ORLANDO. Fla. — After Paolo Banchero heavy lifting, it was secplayer to score at least 30 Black who nailed a go-

Banchero in order to capture the 119-115 victory at Kia Center.

While Banchero did the became the first Magic ond-year guard Anthony points on opening night ahead 3-pointer with 33 since Tracy McGrady seconds left in the contest. (2002) last week at Miami, A free throw from the third-year pro said it Banchero put the result Orlando begins a fivegame road trip Wednesday at Chicago. While Banchero did long to be once again men- most of the scoring for Orlando, Jalen Suggs contributed with a strong team start from 3-point range. The fourth-year pro single half with 37 before started 5 of 5 from beyond the arc to total 15 points at against the Pacers before the break. Suggs went onto make one more triple on the night and finished He added seven assists, And the Magic needed five rebounds, a steal and

Tribe spikers look to make it back to championship for first time in 33 years

Bv ANDREW BALKO The Commercial Review

The Indians set three goals for themselves coming into the season:

•Finish top four in the Midwest Athletic Conference

•Win 75% of their match-

•Make it back to the regional for the first time since 2020

The Tribe spikers came up short on the first two goals. They accomplished their third on Saturday.

Now, they have a chance to reach a point in the postseason that the Indians haven't seen in over three decades.

Fort Recovery High School's volleyball team will square off with the Anna Rockets in the Division OHSAA VI Regional 24 semifinal at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Northmont for a chance to make its first regional final match since 1991.

This will be Fort Recovery's fourth trip to the regional and second under coach Travis Guggenbiller. It first made the regional in 1990, when it went on to win state. Since then, the Indians returned in 1991 and 2020. The Indians made the final in the former before losing to West swept all four of its oppo-

Unity Hilltop and lost in nents, the semifinal in the latter appearance to Calvert.

regional championship, the Indians will have to go through Anna, which finished second in the Shelby County Athletic League. A win on Thursday would earn them a spot in Saturday's championship against the winner of No. 1 Coldwater and Centerburg

"We know we're going to face a team that's a solid defensive team that likes to run a quicker offense,' said Guggenbiller. "So, today we just discussed the game plan of how to defend a quicker offense and how do we attack that as well. ...

"I told the girls, 'What's great to see is we have this regional week of practice and we're getting better yet. And that's beautiful to see growth this late in the season."

Prior to the playoffs, the Indians (13-13) dropped seven of its final eight regular-season matches. During that stretch, FRHS only won five of 24 sets and gave up an average of 24.4 points per set.

Since opening the sectional on Oct. 16, FRHS has

including Arcanum team that beat it in five sets in the first To make it back to the month of the year. (The other victories came against Yellow Springs, Twin Valley South and Miami Valley Christian Academy.) During the 12 sets the Indians have won, the Indians' defense has taken a jump, only giving up an average of 13.2 points per set.

"I think we've gone in the tournament with a tougher mindset to really just not let any ball touch the ground," said senior setter Kayla Heitkamp.

"A lot of it has to do with our energy," added outside hitter Cameron Muh-lenkamp. "The atmosphere of each gym we've played in has been amazing, so it makes it easier to make those scrappy plays."

While the Indians and Rockets (16-7) never met during the regular season, the two have seen each other in a preseason scrimmage. While Fort Recovery's track record against AHS isn't the strongest -FRHS is 0-5 against Anna dating back to the 2008 season - the Indians are coming into the match with confidence in the momentum they've built.

See Road page 7

Regional run Paityn Wendel

meant a lot to him to be on ice. mentioned in the same sentence as the franchise great.

Banchero didn't wait tioned next to McGrady.

The Orlando forward tied McGrady's record for most points in a the break Monday night he finished with a new career-high 50 points to go with 13 rebounds and nine with 25 points. assists.

nearly all 50 points from a block in 35 minutes.

works her way through the course at Huntington University on Saturday at the IHSAA Regional 2 cross country meet. Wendel finished the race with a time of 22 54.9 minutes, seconds.



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