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County approves health insurance for 2025

Commissioners pick up additional cost for some lower monthly rates

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Health insurance rates will be changing for county employees next year.

Jay County Commissioners approved a nearly \$1.58 million proposal Tuesday with Physicians Health Plan for a fully insured plan for employees next year.

Commissioners reviewed two options, which allowed the county to either stay with current rates for a county contribution of just under \$1.5 million or grant lower monthly rates for some plans — employees on the plan without a spouse or children will see an increase — with the county absorbing the cost for an additional \$79,000.

Commissioners Brian McGalliard and Chad Aker, absent Rex Journay, voted to absorb the additional cost in order to get the lower rates.

Employees on the plan with their spouse will see a decrease from \$297.62 to \$200 monthly for the high-deductible plan and from \$537.86 to \$400 for the traditional co-pay plan. Employees on the plan with their children will also pay less, dropping from \$285.70 to \$180 monthly for the high-deductible plan and from \$496.86 to \$360 for the traditional co-pay plan.

Those on the family plan will see the largest decrease, plummeting from \$709.14 to \$500 monthly for the high-deductible plan and from \$961 to \$750 monthly for the traditional co-pay plan.

Employees on the plan with no spouse or children will bump their contribution from \$4.58 to \$10 monthly for the high deductible plan and from \$94.94 to \$110 monthly for the traditional co-pay plan.

County auditor Emily Franks advocated for the option with the decrease in monthly rates for some employees and pointed out the county would use the full amount of its budgeted funds for health insurance with that option.

Alex Dickman of USI Insurance noted employees on individual plans who choose to join a family plan will have an additional cost not built into figures presented to commissioners Tuesday.

Tom Schweisthal of USI insurance and Dickman shared hopes to negotiate the plan renewal to a lower cost with Physicians Health Plan. (It came at an approximately 8% increase for 2025.)

Also Tuesday, commissioners approved a \$253,164 contract with Canteen Services for food services at Jay County Jail starting next year.

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Striping street

Indiana Sign and Barricade was in Portland on Tuesday working on putting down lane lines on Meridian Street (U.S. 27) as part of the ongoing construction project. Pictured, the firm paints the center lines along Meridian Street near its intersections with Floral Avenue and Tenth Street. The Indiana Department of Transportation project includes paving Meridian Street in the city as well as new Americans with Disabilities Act accessible ramps and new traffic signals.

Dunkirk approves ARPA spending

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — The city had more than \$270,000 in federal coronavirus relief funding remaining.

It cut that total by more than half Monday.

Dunkirk City Council approved various purchases and contracts to be paid for with American Rescue Plan Act funds during its regular meeting.

Council members began discussions last month about how to spend the remaining funds from the 2021 coronavirus relief bill. (All American Rescue Plan Act funds must be under contract by the end of the year and spent by the end of 2026.)

They approved a series of expenditures Monday, the largest of which was for the city's water department. It was approved to buy six new fire hydrants from

EJP, a Maine company with four offices in Indiana, at a cost of \$23,620.02. Culy Contracting of Winchester will install the new hydrants at a cost of \$67,215. Also approved were the purchase of 13 meters from EJP for \$24,213.50 and lab equipment from Hach of Loveland, Colorado, for \$5,777.57.

Council members Jesse Bivens, Christy Curts, Dan Watson, Donna Revolt and Randy Murphy also unanimously approved

spending related to electrical work and heating, ventilating and cooling upgrades for the wastewater treatment plant. It will get new light fixtures and additional equipment as it converts to LED lights at a cost of \$16,660 from 4TC of Portland. It will also have a new heating unit installed (\$2,626) and repairs made to an air-handling unit (\$3,300).

Other American Rescue Plan Act expenditures approved at the

meeting include \$8,000 for new tables and chairs for the city building and \$3,145.95 for signs and posts for the street department.

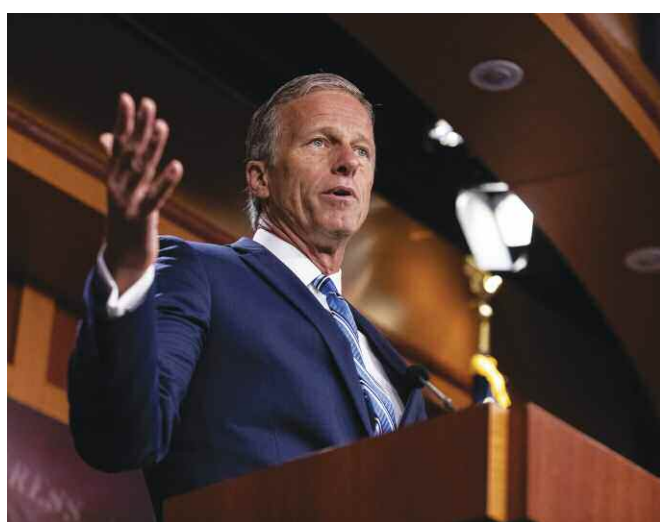
At its previous meeting, the council approved just over \$21,400 for a new mower and the installation of playground equipment at Dunkirk City Park.

Following those expenditures, the city has just under \$117,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds remaining.

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins asked about the status of a countywide effort to purchase new communications radios for emergency responders. County attorney Wes Schemenaur said a study is ongoing but that it seems unlikely a firm amount for purchase of those radios will be available by the end of the year.

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Expenditures include equipment for water and wastewater departments



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Anna Rose Layden

Republicans in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives will hold internal elections next week for Senate majority leader and Republican conference chair. Pictured, Sen. John Thune, R-South Dakota, is among the candidates for majority leader.

Senate, House gear up

By NIELS LESNIEWSKI
CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Contests for Senate majority leader and the suddenly open House Republican conference chair position headline GOP leadership elections on Capitol Hill this week, with open jockeying for both posts.

Senate Republican Whip John Thune of South Dakota, along with former Whip John Cornyn of Texas and Florida Sen. Rick Scott, are vying to succeed the current leader, Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, who is currently minority leader and has been atop the GOP leadership hierarchy since 2007.

As the incumbent in the

No. 2 position seeking to move up, Thune might rightly be regarded as the favorite, though there has been an outside push from businessman Elon Musk and other prominent backers of president-elect Donald Trump for Scott, who is considered the insurgent candidate of the three. Scott chaired the National Republican Senatorial Committee during the 2022 campaign cycle, when Republicans lost a Senate seat, and afterward

challenged McConnell's leadership for the current Congress. He has been a recurring critic of leadership.

"As Congress returns to Washington, we must prepare the Senate to advance that agenda legislatively and ensure that the president-elect can hit the ground running with his appointees confirmed as soon as possible," Thune wrote in a Fox News opinion piece.

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Internal elections will be held next week

Deaths

Mary Clark, 92, Portland
Kenneth Stone, 71, Geneva
Sharon Morgan, 75, Portland
Gerald Hewson, 82, Huntington
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 59 degrees Monday. The low was 37.

The forecast calls for rain tonight with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour and a low in the upper 40s. Expect more rain Thursday with a high in the mid 50s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Tickets are on sale for Jay County Civic Theatre's production of "The Sound of Music." Shows are scheduled for Dec. 5, 6, 7, 13, 14 and 15. Advance tickets are \$10 for students and children and \$12 for adults. They are available by visiting bit.ly/JCCTTSOM, calling (260) 726-4809 or visiting Arts Place.

Coming up

Thursday — Junior-senior high is preparing for its production of "Alice in Wonderland."

Friday — Preview of the Fort Recovery High School girls bowling team.

Saturday — Coverage of Thursday's Jay County Plan Commission meeting.



CR almanac

Thursday 11/14	Friday 11/15	Saturday 11/16	Sunday 11/17	Monday 11/18
54/46	53/41	54/41	60/47	59/47
Rain is in the forecast for Thursday with wind gusts reaching up to 20 mph.	Mostly sunny on Friday when the low will be in the upper 30s at night.	Mostly sunny skies on Saturday when the high will be in the mid 50s.	Sunday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of rain.	Monday's forecast looks to be mostly sunny with a 40% chance of showers.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 3-21-24-34-46 Power Ball: 9 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$113 million	Daily Four: 3-2-3-0 Quick Draw: 7-8-10-11-22-23-26-30-31-34-39-40-42-49-50-57-58-68-73-76 Cash 5: 5-7-9-17-33 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$361 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 2-5-9 Pick 4: 3-3-0-0 Pick 5: 4-1-8-2-1 Evening Pick 3: 8-3-7 Pick 4: 5-8-7-8 Pick 5: 2-7-9-8-3 Rolling Cash: 1-17-30-32-35 Estimated jackpot: \$152,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 7-7-3 Daily Four: 4-9-7-4 Quick Draw: 3-8-14-17-19-21-25-31-32-38-45-48-54-56-57-64-69-70-72-73 Evening Daily Three: 2-4-8	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.33 Dec. corn.....4.28 Wheat4.52	Dec. beans9.95 Wheat 5.01
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.43 Dec. corn4.43 Jan. corn4.38	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.27 Dec. corn4.29 Beans9.88 Dec. beans10.00 Wheat5.01
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Today in history

In 1775, American troops under General Richard Montgomery captured Montreal. Weeks later, the British took Quebec, leading American forces to retreat to New York.

In 1875, the National Bowling Association was organized in New York.

In 1880, police charged on protesters in London. At least two people were killed and more than 350 others were hurt as a result of the violence, known today as Bloody Sunday.

In 1940, Disney's animated film "Fantasia" premiered at Broadway Theatre in New York. The work, which features Leopold Stokowski and The Philadelphia Orchestra, combines animated images with classical music.

In 1942, the United States draft age minimum limit was lowered from 21 years old to 18 years old.

In 1950, Venezuelan president Carlos Delgado Chabaud was kidnapped and murdered.

In 1985, Mount Ruiz of the Andes in Colombia erupted two times, killing an estimated 25,000 in Armero along the Lagunilla River.

In 1987, Sonny and Cher performed "I Got You Babe" for the last time on "Late Night with David Letterman" on NBC.

In 1999, "Toy Story 2" premiered in the United States, drawing in approximately \$300,000 over the opening weekend. Worldwide, its box office gross total came to \$500 million.

In 2015, a series of terrorist attacks occurred in Paris, targeting the Stade de France and the Bataclan theater. Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) later took responsibility for the attacks, which claimed the lives of approximately 130 people.

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Citizen's calendar

Today
6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St.

Thursday
6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday
5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
5:30 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board executive session, Jay Coun-

ty Country Living, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland.
6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, Jay County Country Living dining hall, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland.
6 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Wednesday
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.
5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Obituaries

Mary Clark

July 5, 1932-Nov. 8, 2024
Mary Ann Clark, age 92, of Portland passed away on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024, in Persimmon Ridge Healthcare in Portland.

She was born in Fort Recovery on July 5, 1932, the daughter of Chester and Mary (McClain) Seman. She was married on Aug. 20, 2017.



Clark

Mary Ann was a registered nurse, having worked in Dr. Ralph Steffy's office for many years. She was a 1950 Union City High School graduate and 1953 graduate of Miami Valley School of Nursing. She was a member of Ladies of the Moose and American Legion Aux.

Mary Ann loved to play bingo and do jigsaw puzzles.

Surviving are one son, C. Russell Clark (wife: Misty) of Portland; three daughters Janet Bantz (husband: Ken) of Portland, Barbara Sautbine (husband: Gary) of Fort Recovery and Linda Dominguez (husband: Jesus) of Holland, Michigan; one brother, Robert Seman of LaGrange; nine granddaughters; one step-granddaughter; 21 great-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Ruth Weiss.

Funeral services will be Friday, Nov. 15, at noon in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Darrell Borders presiding. Burial will follow in the Little Salamonia Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Jay County Heart Fund or the choice of the donor. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Kenneth Stone

Feb. 27, 1953-Nov. 7, 2024
Kenneth Stone, 71, Geneva, passed away on Nov. 7, 2024, at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

Kenneth was born on Feb. 27, 1953, in Portland, the son of Raymond and Olga Louise (Armstrong) Stone. Kenneth graduated from Purdue University. Kenneth worked for EPC in Geneva, GE in Kentucky, Nelson Global in Fort Wayne, Tenneco Automotive in Jeffersonville, Basal Solutions in Michigan and Areotek, all as an engineer.



Stone

Kenneth designed and built a machine to manufacture exhaust systems for Ford, GMC and Chrysler. He attended Church of God of Prophecy in Portland, was an avid Harley Davidson enthusiast and enjoyed woodworking.

Kenneth married Rose Tan Sabio on March 25, 2016.

Survivors include:
His wife — Rose Stone, Geneva
Two sons — Mike Stone (wife: Aubrey), Fort Wayne, and Dulce Sabio, Geneva, Indiana
Three daughters — Kendi Wickey (husband: Amos), Bryant, Trisia Hudson (husband: Jason), Marion, and Kara Stone, Memphis, Tennessee

Brother — Roger Stone (wife: Sandra), Portland

Five sisters — Vicki Corle (husband: Roger) Portland, Susie Reite-nour (husband: Rocky), Portland, Connie Hiatt (husband: Todd), Portland, Tina Cavanaugh (husband: Chris), Portland, and Tammy Wilhelm, Portland

Fifteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jim Stone, and nephews Jerry Stone and Herman Tyler Stone.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Nan Weesner officiating. Burial will follow at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.

Memorials may be directed to Purdue University.

Sharon Ann Morgan

Sept. 5, 1949-Nov. 7, 2024
Sharon Ann Morgan, 75, Portland, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, at her residence.

She was born in Hartford City on Sept. 5, 1949, to Otis Sylvester and Vilou L (Freeman) Brock. Her parents preceded her in death.

Sharon graduated from Hartford City High School in 1968.

She married Gary L. Morgan on April 17, 1976, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Hartford City. Sharon was a military wife and they spent many years living in Europe, United States Military Academy West Point, New York, Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Campbell, Kentucky. They found their home for a while in Colorado before making their way back to Indiana. She retired in 2012 as payroll supervisor at Defense Finance & Accounting Service (DEAS).

Sharon enjoyed camping and they traveled around the United States in a motor home for a short time. She loved spending time with her family and also enjoyed fishing.

She will be sadly missed by her husband, Gary Lee Morgan of Portland; son, Jeffrey A. (wife: Denise M.) Morgan of Celina, Texas; daughter, Kristie L. Morgan (husband: Mark Hunter Jr.) of Fort Wayne; grandchildren Catherine Gray, Samantha Gray and Kylee Hunter; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.



Morgan

Sharon was preceded in death by her infant son, Jamie L. Morgan; siblings Otis R. "Pete" Brock, Patricia Anderson, Peggy Lou Cason and Thomas J. Cason.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City, with the Rev. Laura High officiating. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, at Keplinger Funeral Home.

Burial will be on Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Indiana.

Condolences may be sent to the family at keplingerfuneralhome.com or utilizing the Keplinger Funeral Home Facebook page.

Gerald Hewson

July 21, 1942-Nov. 11, 2024
The Rev. Gerald Lee Hewson, 82, Huntington, passed away at 4:41 a.m. Monday at his residence.

Gerald was born June 21, 1942, to Doris Letson Hewson and Howard Hewson of Grand Ledge Michigan. He married Jane Fulks of Lynn, Indiana, on Aug. 21, 1965.

Gerald earned a degree in religion from Marion College (now Indiana Wesleyan University) in Marion, Indiana. He began his first ministerial appointment in 1965. Upon completing his appointment at Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland, Indiana, he finished serving as pastor of local churches in 2000.

Survivors are his sons Kyle (Sherina) Hewson, James (Yazmin) Hewson and Ryan (Brandi) Hewson; grandchildren Trace (Cortney) Hewson, Alyssa Hewson, Nathan Hewson, Hope Hewson, Faith Hewson, Hannah (Nicole) Reed, Jenna Hewson, Colton Holmes, Rugar Holmes and Remi Holmes; and great-grandson Brooks Hewson.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Jane Hewson; and his parents, Howard and Doris Hewson.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Mike Smith officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington.

Memorials may be sent to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund Foundation, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Condolences may be left for the family at baileylove.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

SERVICES

Today
Cooper, Deborah: 1 p.m., Center Chapel.

Thursday
Stone, Kenneth: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Friday
Clark, Mary: noon, Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday
Hough, Norma: 2 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Morgan, Sharon: 2 p.m., Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City.

Tuesday
Hewson, Gerald: 10 a.m., Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington.

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Text before visiting

DEAR ABBY: Do you think it's unreasonable to ask an acquaintance/neighbor to send a quick text before dropping by? This neighbor lives within the same development I do. She is friendly enough, and we occasionally walk our dogs together, but she has a habit of coming by unannounced.

I was out one afternoon and noticed later while viewing my security camera that she had come by and brought with her another woman and the woman's dog. I texted her and let her know that I saw that she had stopped by, and, in the future, I'd prefer she texted me before stopping over. Now she is offended and says she will "never stop over again."

I saw her walk by my house recently and came out to speak to her. When I tried to talk to her, she held up her hand and said, "Don't even speak to me!" I think this is childish and drama-filled. What do you think? — GROWN-UP IN OHIO

Dear Abby



DEAR GROWN-UP: I agree with you. The woman overreacted to your text. This is one of the reasons I believe talking on the phone or face-to-face is a better way to communicate because there's less chance of someone misconstruing a terse message and taking offense. As to her directive that you should not speak to her, take her up on it. Dropping in on someone with no warning is inconsiderate, bordering on rude.

DEAR ABBY: I am elderly and stuck in a miserable marriage. The romance is long gone. We live as roommates. If I were to die tomorrow,

I don't think anyone would miss me. I'm partially disabled, and it is difficult for me to get out on my own. Must I accept life as it is, or should I kick his butt out? — HOPELESS IN TEXAS

DEAR HOPELESS: If you are financially dependent upon your husband or need his help for personal needs, I do not recommend "kicking his butt out." Contact your nearest senior center and ask what activities are offered in your community, including transportation for seniors or people with disabilities. If you do, you may be pleasantly surprised to discover you are not as isolated as you think.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Fort Recovery names honor roll

Fort Recovery High School recently announced its first quarter honor roll recipients.

Making the list with all A's were seniors Samantha Brackman, Brennan Dues, Cassidy Dues, Evan Evers, Gavin Evers, Marlee Fiely, Sarah Frit, Kayla Heitkamp, Joelle Kaup, Cody Klenke, Gabe Knapke, Bailie Muhlenkamp, Kennedy Muhlenkamp, Karlie Niekamp, Ben Reinhard, Anna Roessner, Ella Schoen and Emma Will.

On the list with all A's and B's were seniors Olivia Albers, Drew Backs, Alivia Bergman, Nicole Braun, Kaleb Coleman, Calleigh Crabtree, Mason Diller, Amber Dirksen, Gavin Dues, Ava Englehardt, Darlin Garcia Rivera, Ava Grisez, Caden Grisez, Ethan Hartnagel, Kyle Huntsman, Eva Kahlig, Emily Lauber, Caden Marchal, Norah Meyer, Keegan Muhlenkamp, Aleigha Overman, Kylie Post, Clint Pottkotter, Kruiise Siefring, Bella Taft, Reid Timmerman, Mara Wenning and Brooklyn Wycuff.

On the honor roll with all A's were juniors Evvie Briner, Rylee

Bubp, Zoe Dues, Elisa Evers, Carson Fullenkamp, Alivia Grube, Aubrie Heitkamp, Jameson Heitkamp, Madison Heitkamp, Maleiah Kaffenberger, Olivia Knapke, Brylee Kremer, Cora Kremer, Reece LeFevre, Autumn Leuthold, Lily Schwieterman, Jesse Springer, Reece Wendel and Georgia Wenning.

Making the list with all A's and B's were juniors Gabe Acheson, Ella Bechtol, Douglas Bihn, Alexis Braun, Aiden Brunswick, Ryker Brunswick, Emma Coleman, Garrett Diller, Kyla Dues, Nevaeh Elsass, Hannah Ervin, Josh Evers, Mallory Evers, Luke Fortkamp, Alex Gaerke, Ray Grube, Brodie Hart, Eli Hawk, Drew Heitkamp, Caden Homan, Jenna Homan, Cayson Kaikala, Wes Keller, Dylan Klenke, Aideen Knostman, Matthew Marchal, Elena Matsuda, Russell Pohlman, Colson Post, Troy Post, Anthony Roessner, Dani Schmitt, AJ Siefring, Hayden Siefring, Megan Weitzel and Leah Wuebker.

Fort Recovery freshmen and sophomores on the list will be published at a later date.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

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

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each

month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

PORTLAND EAGLES — Will meet at 6 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Eagles' lodge, 320 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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

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

Thursday

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Chris-

tian 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.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 211 — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at 211 W. Walnut St., Portland. All Auxiliary members are welcome.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

Friday

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

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.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its next meeting at noon Friday, Nov. 15, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

Saturday

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

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

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com

Sunday

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

Monday

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

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

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

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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Friendship continues uninterrupted

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Nov. 10, 2004. Jack writes about the power of friendship. That message remains incredibly important today and every day. It's crucial to our lives that we have friends — those we see every day and those we reconnect with every once in a while. If you have a friend you've lost touch with, let Jack's words be an inspiration to reach out and rekindle a conversation.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

Some friendships require effort.

Others sustain themselves. You know the ones I'm talking about, those friendships which can be disrupted by years and hundreds of miles but are renewed as easily as a conversation that has been momentarily interrupted.

That's the sort of friendship we've had over the years with Kathy and Dave.

Its roots go back to college, when Kathy and my wife Connie were roommates for three years. I didn't really know Dave then, though I'd seen him around the campus.

He lived in a different dorm

Back in the Saddle



and was a couple of classes ahead of me.

It wasn't until he and Kathy found each other that we got to know the two of them together.

Even then, the friendship was one of those interrupted by the complications of daily life and paths which took us in different directions. But it was always self-sustaining, interruptible but irrevocable.

I think back to their wedding in 1982. Though Connie and Kathy had been out of touch for a while, we had no hesitation about driving to Pennsylvania for the event. It was a marriage which faced incredible challenges from the start, but it was one that you knew was going to succeed, a case where the whole of their life together was greater than the sum of its parts.

Sure, there were folks who had misgivings.

Dave had been dealing with muscular dystrophy since age 12. It had slowed him down in college and put him on crutches as a young man. By the time they were wed, when he was 34, Dave was using a motorized cart to get around because his legs had failed him.

He was still using the cart one memorable weekend, I think it was 1984, when he and Kathy came to our house in Portland for a visit. We were joined by two other friends — another of Connie's college buddies and her husband from Ohio — and that couple's two kids.

The house was full for a couple of delightful nights full of talk and laughter and more talk.

The discussion moved back and forth between two topics — our mutual concern about our parents and our concern about our children.

My father had died the year before, and Connie's had been knocked down by a series of strokes.

One thing we did not talk about was Dave's illness. It wasn't a point he dwelled upon much. It

was simply the life he'd been dealt, and he was going to play every hand.

We later learned that Kathy was pregnant when they had visited. Jefferson would be their first child, and their daughter Rachel would follow.

Caught up in raising our families, we fell back on those old methods of communication: Christmas letters and random moments when our paths crossed and the interrupted conversation was resumed seamlessly.

Our last visit to their home was about seven or eight years ago.

Dave's situation had worsened mightily. He was bedfast by then and was on a respirator. All of us knew there are limits to how long the human body can be kept alive under those conditions.

Dave defeated those limits. When he died the last Sunday in October, he had been on a ventilator for 14 years. The usual limit is seven.

On Saturday, the conversation resumed again, right where it left off. The self-sustaining friendship was renewed at Dave's memorial service.

It was a day of tears, of laughter and of humbled awe at the

strength Dave brought to life and the depth of Kathy's love through trying times.

At the memorial service, one of Dave's former pastors recalled stopping by the Sunday school class Dave taught. The class was doing some exercise where questions were randomly drawn and people were to answer with the unvarnished truth.

The question Dave drew was this: If he could change one thing about his life and live it over again, what would it be?

His answer, the pastor said, was instantaneous: There was absolutely nothing he would change. He had lived a wonderful life and wouldn't have altered a single detail.

Trapped in a body that was letting him down, faced with an inexorable decline by painful inches, he could have been expected to lash out. At the very least, he could have been expected to say he would have preferred a life of perfect health.

But he didn't. He had lived, he said, a wonderful life.

And thanks to his wisdom, the conversation — and our friendship — will continue uninterrupted from now on.

Our election system works

Tampa Bay Times
Tribune News Service

Whether Wednesday morning brought jubilation or despair, American voters should agree that the nation's electoral system worked. President-elect Donald Trump's sweeping victory came remarkably smoothly on Election Day. While there was some isolated trouble at polling places across the country, voting to a vast degree was orderly, safe and convenient, which should underscore public confidence in the result.

Trump's victory was confirmed early Wednesday after he captured the battleground state of Wisconsin, putting the former and future president above the 270 electoral votes required to win the White House.

While a final vote count will take days, Trump was on track to win both the Electoral College and the national popular vote in his campaign against Vice President Kamala Harris. It was a stunning turnaround for a polarizing figure who regularly attacks the nation's institutions and norms.

But despite the most fraught presidential election in modern times, Election Day on Tuesday went noticeably well. While several bomb threats were reported in battleground states, the threats in Georgia, Arizona and Pennsylvania were quickly determined to be hoaxes. Elections officials evacuated some polling places and extended voting hours to accommodate the disruptions. However, states showed their competence by having contingencies in place and were prompt in reporting results. That was all the more important Tuesday given Trump's baseless claims about election security and fraud in the run-up to the election.

Tuesday's experience shows that the people who run the nation's elections are committed to a fair and free democracy. That should at least comfort Harris supporters and others whose candidates lost in down-ballot races. Elections offices, for the most

Guest Editorial

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part, build on their improvements from one campaign cycle to the next. Voters who were disappointed Tuesday can look to 2026 and beyond for better candidates, better messaging or better turnout, or maybe all three, buoyed by the comfort that the voting process itself is functional and secure.

The winners Tuesday are obligated not to undermine a government they inherit. Whether it's the White House, Congress, state legislature or local government seat, these new office-holders — Trump included — should look to strengthen these institutions of democracy. The peaceful transfer of power is a model America gifts to the world.

As former Republican Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, an outspoken Trump critic, noted on social media Wednesday: "Our nation's democratic system functioned last night and we have a new President-elect," she wrote on the platform X, adding: "All Americans are bound, whether we like the outcome or not, to accept the results of our elections." That's the fair price of giving every voter a choice in our system of self-determination.



Provided needed support

By SARAH WADDLE

Indiana Capital Chronicle
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As the recent election captured our attention with candidates vying for our votes, many across our state were engaged in a different, yet profoundly important job. Despite being unpaid and lacking sufficient support to ease the immense physical, emotional, and financial burdens it brings, it remains one of the most crucial roles any of us will ever undertake.

What job am I referring to? It's the role of family caregivers, who help their aging parents, spouses, and other loved ones live independently.

Each November, we recognize unpaid family caregivers during National Caregivers Month. These caregivers are the backbone of our long-term care system. Indiana's 790,000 dedicated family caregivers provide 740 million hours of care every year, adding up to \$10.8 billion in unpaid labor annually. According to a recent AARP survey, nearly two in three Indiana adults age 45-plus have caregiving experience.

The same AARP survey revealed that 87% of respondents believe it is extremely or very important for older Hoosiers to remain in their own homes as they age. Family caregivers play a crucial role in

making this possible, ensuring that older adults and individuals with disabilities can stay in their homes and communities.

Stand with caregivers

Supporting family caregivers has been and will continue to be a significant priority for AARP Indiana in the coming year. Even though they have a critical role in providing care, family caregivers often go unrecognized and unsupported. It's time to change that.

More than three out of every four family caregivers pay out of their own pockets for care-related expenses such as home modifications, care at home, transportation, and equipment to help with daily living. These costs add up quickly, with caregivers spending an average of more than \$7,200 each year out of pocket. Those who live far from their loved ones spend almost double that amount.

Additionally, many family caregivers must reduce their work hours or even leave their jobs to

care for loved ones, resulting in significant income loss and jeopardizing their career advancement and retirement savings.

Providing caregivers financial relief, through tax credits or reimbursement programs, is essential to easing some of these struggles. Around six in ten Hoosier adults age 45-plus strongly support state legislation providing family caregivers with a tax credit for their expenses.

Finding support

AARP also offers a range of resources, including a newly updated resource guide to help caregivers find the services they might need throughout their journey.

As our population ages, the demand for caregiving will only increase. It's time for our leaders to recognize the invaluable contributions of family caregivers and to ensure they receive the support they deserve. By doing so, we can help alleviate the burdens they face and honor their dedication to their loved ones.

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Fighting flood

Volunteers clean out muddy water following devastating flooding in Paiporta, in the region of Valencia, eastern Spain, on Sunday. About 130,000 people marched in Valencia to voice their anger at the authorities' handling of deadly floods as thousands also marched in other Spanish cities. The region was the worst hit by last month's floods, the most serious in decades, which killed at least 222 people and left towns and cities swamped with mud.

Gear ...

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"The Senate Republican majority will work with President Trump to ensure the Senate calendar allows us to confirm his nominees and pass our shared agenda as quickly and as efficiently as possible."

The outside support may not be much of a factor in a secret-ballot election with a constituency of a little more than 50 fellow senators and senators-elect. A reporter at the local Fox affiliate in Nashville, Tennessee, reported that a protest is expected outside of Sen. Marsha Blackburn's office there Tuesday against the

secret ballot. The election itself is scheduled for Wednesday.

Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyoming, currently the chairman of the Republican Conference, is running and expected to be unopposed for the whip job in the next Congress. That opens up Barrasso's current slot, which Axios reported over the holiday weekend was on track to go to Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas in what has been a contested race against Sen. Joni Ernst of Iowa.

House Republicans, who according to The Associated Press are nearing control of the 218 seats needed to clinch main-

taining control of the chamber next year, are likely to back their current top leaders once again. But the victory by Trump and his subsequent decision to announce he would nominate Rep. Elise Stefanik of New York to be ambassador to the United Nations, has opened up Stefanik's current leadership role as conference chair.

Stefanik said Monday she would withdraw from her leadership reelection bid, sending a Dear Colleague letter to that effect. The House GOP leadership elections are also expected on Wednesday.

The Stefanik news, while not unexpected, set off a frenzy among Republicans seeking the newly open seat at the leadership table.

"With the mandate the American people gave President Trump and my fellow Republicans on Tuesday, we need to deliver results now more than ever," Rep. Kat Cammack, R-Florida, said Monday, announcing her bid.

Other contenders include Michigan Rep. Lisa McClain, the current conference secretary, as well as Indiana Republican Rep. Erin Houchin.

County ...

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Answering a question from Aker, Jay County Sheriff Ray Newton explained the new service will eliminate three cook jobs. (The department has struggled to fill and maintain those positions for months, with the jail matron taking on the extra duties. Currently the jail has one cook.)

"We have a hard time finding employees right now," said Newton.

Funding for the contract has already been allocated in the county's budget for next year.

Newton explained after the meeting that the service operates out of Wells, Blackford and Randolph counties. Correctional facilities across the state are moving from hiring in-house cooks to contracts with food vendors because of staffing issues, he added.

Also, county attorney Wes Schemenaur noted he's working on an ordinance related to Indiana House Enrolled Act 1158, a bill enacted in July that details procedures for county elected officials to enter into contracts.

Per the law, "the county executive (commissioners) may, by ordinance, require standard contractual language to be used in all contracts entered into by the county." Among other changes, it also stipulates contracts must be executed or submitted for review to commissioners by a "county officer" — generally defined as elected officials — if the contracts are necessary for the county officer's duties and if funds have been appropriated for it by the county fiscal body (county council). Under certain conditions, once a contract has been reviewed by commissioners, the county officer could execute a contract without their approval.

In other business, commissioners:

- Agreed to the following: a \$127,510 annual contract for Purdue Extension Office of Jay County; moving forward with seeking an in.gov website

for the county — it's a new state requirement — while also keeping the county's current web address at jaycounty.net; combining the Little Salamonina and Eugene Franks watersheds; begin accepting bids for county farm ground, offering a three-year contract for tillable land around Jay County Country Living and a one-year contract for the 68 acres on the western edge of Portland; removing fence from the pasture at Jay County Country Living; making accommodations for security to be present during Jay County Chamber of Commerce's Christmas at the Courthouse, which is slated to begin at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 22; allowing Missy Elliott — she was elected Nov. 5 to serve as Jay County Clerk starting in January — to use the county credit card.

•OK'd giving \$10,360.12 up front to Hays + Sons Complete Restoration of Muncie for restoration work to be completed in Jay County Courthouse. Commissioners agreed in October to utilize the company for restoring parts of Jay County Recorder's Office and Jay County Prosecutor's Office, which were damaged from a water leak in September. (The company began drying out damaged areas shortly after the leak was discovered.)

•Received a quarterly update from Jay/Portland Building and Planning director John Hemmelgarn. So far this year, 242 permits have been issued with 156 of those being in rural areas of Jay County. There have also been 15 new home permits issued — 11 of them are in rural areas of the county — and 36 commercial use per-

mits, eight of which are in rural portions of Jay County.

•Learned the new fuel management system for Jay County Highway Department has been installed and should be operational by Monday.

•Heard plans for community coordinator Nate Kimball to host a pre-bid meeting at 2 p.m. Nov. 19 for contractors submitting proposals for home repair work associated with Jay County's owner-occupied rehabilitation program. Plans are to seek quotes for 8 to 12 projects at the end of the month. Kimball noted hopes to complete repairs at 34 homes with the \$1 million program.

•Were reminded by Schemenaur the county has until the end of the year to enter into a contract for the county's remaining American Rescue Plan Act dollars.

ARPA ...

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There was a brief discussion about possible ways to allocate American Rescue Plan Act funds toward such a purchase.

In other business, council:

- Recognized veterans for their service. (Veterans Day was Saturday, with the holiday being observed Monday.)

- Learned from Revolt that new playground equipment will be installed at Dunkirk City Park in December.

- Acknowledged the death of longtime Dunkirk resident, business owner and community leader Leo Glogas, who died Thursday. "He was a great friend, a great neighbor," said Bivens. "There was nobody like Leo Glogas."

- Heard from Robbins that he plans to apply for Community Crossings grant funding through Indiana Department of Transportation in the second half of 2025. He said he is working on finalizing the list of streets for the grant request to help cover the cost of paving.

- Learned from Murphy that lights have been installed on truck route signs in an effort to make them stand out more to drivers.

- Heard Robbins ask that council consider enacting an ordinance regarding rules and procedures for recording and live-streaming meetings, which will be required by state law beginning July 1. He also asked council to look at other ordinances relating to the conduct of council meetings in order to suggest potential changes.


- Approved payment of claims totaling \$317,229.03.

- Acknowledged receipt of a thank you letter from Youth Service Bureau.


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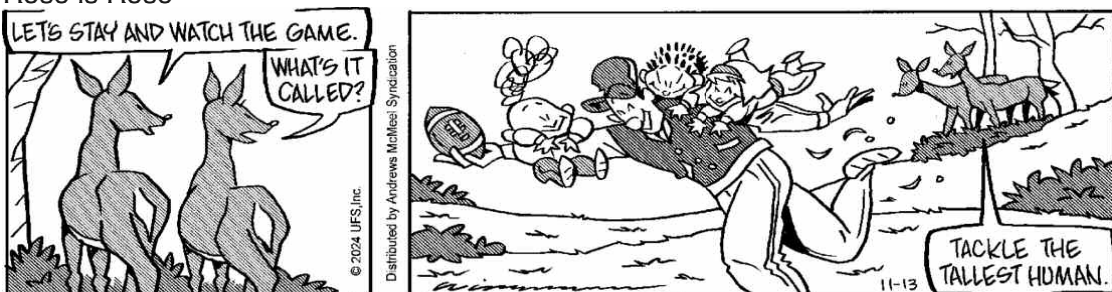
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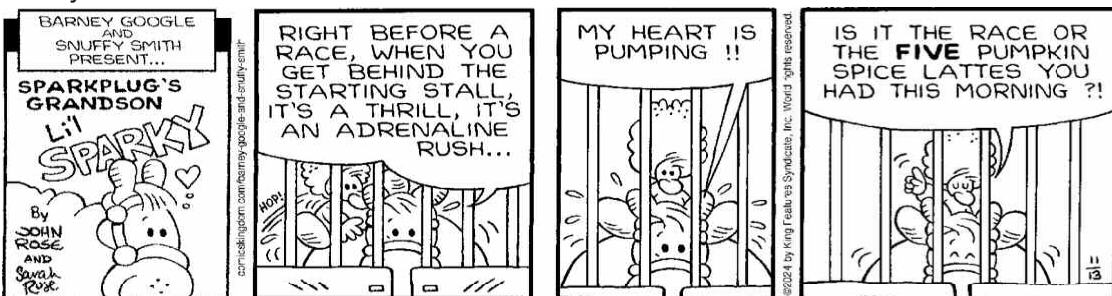
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Larceny at the crossroads

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

card would you play? South played the jack, but this did not fool East in the slightest. He knew that the jack had to be a falsecard, and he therefore continued with the ace and another club to set the slam two tricks. East reasoned that the jack couldn't be a singleton, since West would have led the ten rather than the six had he held the 10-9-6 or 10-6.

The bidding: South West North East 1♠ Pass 3♥ Pass 3♠ Pass 6♠. Opening lead - six of clubs. When you hold J-10-9 of a suit, they are, of course, all equal in value. Nevertheless, which of these cards you choose to play at a given point might determine the fate of a hand.

At the second table, the Belgian South also found himself in six spades after a different sequence of bids. He too got the six-of-clubs lead, but when East took the trick with the king, South played the ten on it. This left East to ponder whether West had led the six from the J-9-6, or whether the six was actually a singleton. East finally decided in favor of the former possibility and made the neutral return of a heart. This proved less than a howling success when declarer later discarded the J-9 of clubs on the A-K of diamonds and made the slam.

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Sports on tap

Randy the referee

Randy Miller, coach of the Portland Rockets, hands the basketball to Cowan's Savannah Hall while refereeing between the Blackhawks and the Blackford Bruins on Monday evening.



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Local schedule

Thursday
Jay County — Girls wrestling at Muncie Central — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball scrimmage at Fort Recovery — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Muncie Southside — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball scrimmage vs. Jefferson — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball scrimmage vs. Jay County — 5:30 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Hamilton Heights — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls bowling vs. St. Mary's at Celina — 9:15 a.m.; Girls basketball scrimmage at Fort Loramie — 9:30 a.m.

TV sports

Today
7 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Orlando Magic (FDSN Indiana)
7 p.m. — College football: Eastern Michigan at Ohio (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — College basketball: Le Moyne at UConn (FS1)
7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Toledo at Iowa (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: New Orleans Pelicans at Oklahoma City Thunder (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NHL: Detroit Red Wings at Pittsburgh Penguins (TNT)
9 p.m. — College basketball: Houston Christian at Creighton (FS1); Oakland at Illinois (BTN)
10 p.m. — NBA: Memphis Grizzlies at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NHL: Los Angeles Kings at Colorado Avalanche (TNT)
11 p.m. — College basketball: UT Arlington at USC (BTN)

Thursday
2:45 p.m. — UEFA Nations League soccer: England at Greece (FS1)
6:30 p.m. — College women's bas-

ketball: Creighton at Kansas State (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — College women's basketball: Utah at Northwestern (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — College football: East Carolina at Tulsa (ESPN)
8:15 p.m. — NFL: Washington Commanders at Philadelphia Eagles (FOX)
8:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Minnesota at Nebraska (BTN)
9 p.m. — College basketball: Grand Canyon at Arizona State (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NHL: Chicago Blackhawks at Seattle Kraken (ABC)
11 p.m. — College volleyball: Wisconsin at USC (BTN)

Local notes

Final race
The final race in the Adams County 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 open
Cooper Farms will be hosting its 17th annual Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant in St. Henry, Ohio. Participation costs \$15. All proceeds benefit EverHeart Hospice.

The race will begin at 10 a.m. There will be splits at each mile of the 3.1-mile course. There will also be chip timing for participants operated by Speedy Feet.
Water will be provided throughout the race, as well as a to-go turkey meal at the end.

You can register by visiting bit.ly/cooperfarmsturkeytrot, or search for "Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5k" on speedy-feet.com.

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Saturday Morning November 16th, 2024 9:30 A.M.
GUNS-FISHING EQUIPMENT-OLD ITEMS Winchester gun safe; Winchester Model 12-12 gauge pump; Remington Model 770 w/scope; winchester model 1400-12 gauge semi-automatic with vent rib; Smith Wesson 44 caliber pistol; holsters; fiberglass cane pole; fly rod; several bait casters to include open face and closed face; tackle boxes; several old fishing lures; US bayonet; Portland Forge anvils; and other items not listed.
MOWER-TOOLS Simplicity ZT1500 zero turn mower with Kawasaki engine and 42" deck; Century 115V arc welder; Craftsman 12" bandsaw; Dewalt 13" thickness planer; Tool Shop air compressor; Craftsman roto zip; Skil plate joiner; bolt cutter; Biscuit joiner; vise grips; several furniture clamps; palm sanders; drop cords; and many other items not listed.
SHARON CAVANAUGH Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112 Kayden Khayyata AU12400069

PUBLIC AUCTION Saturday December 7th, 2024
TIME 10:00 A.M.
LOCATED: 2119 S US 27
PORTLAND, IN.
OPEN HOUSE Sunday Nov. 17th & Sunday Nov. 24th 1-3p.m. or for private showing phone auctioneers.
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
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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 1256 tractor with cab, weights, and duals, 1960 Reo Gold Comet Grain truck with 16' bed, International 6 row corn head with cart.
FARM EQUIPMENT-MISC.
Steiger 9 shank disc chisel, JD 7000 12 row planter, Great Plains folding drill, International 1190 haybine, New Holland hayliner 68 sq. baler, News idea single axle PTO manure spreader, Cross double chain elevator, Bench with Ammco 1000 break lathe and grinder, Electric golf cart, Large auction, several items not mentioned.
OWNER; Max Kirkwood Estate, by Steve Kirkwood

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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 blow molds, GE Washer & dryer, Frigidaire upright freezer, Howard Miller grandfather clock, Barcalounger lift chair (new), Leather loveseat with matching chair (new), Electric guitar, Line amp., 3pt post hole auger, Roll-away tool box, Portable air compressor.
OWNER; Linda Arnold Estate, Michael Slusser PR

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250 PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38D01-2405-MF-000007, wherein Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC was Plaintiff, and James Bercau, was a Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 12th day of December, 2024 at 10:00 AM of said day, at 120 N. Court Street, Ste. 305, Portland, IN 47371, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana:
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR PLACEMENT ON BIDDERS LIST
Notice is hereby given that Jay County, Indiana, is creating a bidder's list for its Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program. Homes within Jay County will be rehabilitated through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Each home may receive up to \$25,000 for improvements. Each home will be bid individually. The work will include roof repair or replacement, ADA accessibility, heating and cooling replacement, water heater replacement, and lighting and electrical upgrades.
Persons interested in placement on the bidder's list must submit their name, company name, phone number, address, email, and Federal ID number or Social Security number to Chris Nevels at cnevels@b-1-n.com.
Contractors must meet all county and state licensing requirements. Proof of adequate liability insurance and workmen's compensation coverage must be provided. Contractors are required to maintain liability coverage for work done throughout the construction period. The policy must name the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) as additionally insured.
The Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) has adopted a state goal of 10% participation for minority and female-owned businesses. These businesses are encouraged to participate.
The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3 shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very-low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
Bidders on this work shall be required to comply with the provisions of the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. A meeting will be held on November 19th, at 2pm in the auditorium in the courthouse located at 120 N. Court Street, Portland, Indiana 47371. Any contractor interested in bidding on this program is encouraged to attend.
The first set of homes is available for bid. Bid specifications can be obtained from Chris Nevels at cnevels@b-1-n.com. Only bids received by Auditor's Office at 120 N. Court Street Suite 202, before 1:30pm (Eastern Time) on November 27th will be considered. The envelope must be marked "Jay County OOR Group 1." Bids may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Auditor's Office at 120 N. Court Street Suite 202. No electronic bids will be accepted. Jay County Commissioners will open bids on November 27th at 2pm in the auditorium.
If there are any questions regarding the program or improvements to the houses, please contact Chris Nevels at 317-558-7540.
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Sports

Jay winter swim tops TAC Fall Invite

The Jay County swimmers have had no shortage of success at an individual level.

They have now found some as a team.

The Jay County Winter Swim team took first place at the TAC Fall Invite hosted by New Castle Middle School on Saturday, as the girls team claimed the top spot and the boys finished with the fourth-best score.

The girls ran away with the top

spot, earning 322 points. The host Trojan Aquatic Club followed in second with 199. Jay County's boys team finished with 115 points, trailing Cardinal Community Swim Club's 253.

Jay County's combined 437 points earned them the top spot, while the Trojans finished as the runner-up with 389.

They had three first-place high-point winners to lead them.

Hayden Guggenbiller dominat-

ed the 8-and-younger girls division, claiming first in the 25-meter breaststroke, 50 butterfly and 100 freestyle.

The other high-point swimmer was Aubrey Millspaugh, topping the 15-and-older girls. Millspaugh earned the top spot in the 200 individual medley, -which she also made a divisional cut in - 100 breaststroke and 100 backstroke.

The boys' victory came from Grady Warvel in the 13-14-year-

old boys division. Warvel found success in the 200 IM, 100 breaststroke, 100 butterfly and 200 freestyle.

In total, the Patriots had 26 first-place finishes. Others to hit the wall first were Brooklynn Byrum, Elly Byrum, Carsyn Guggenbiller, Isla Kaiser, Cooper Glentzer and Carson Westgerdes.

Along with Millspaugh, five more tankers made divisional cuts. They were:

•Brooklynn Byrum in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle

•Elly Byrum - 200 IM, 50 freestyle, 100 butterfly and 100 breaststroke

•Isabelle Byrum - 50 freestyle and 50 backstroke

•Roz Diller - 50 breaststroke

•Kaitlyn Fisher - 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle

•Gabby Gibson - 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle and 100 breaststroke

•Kali Wendel - 50 freestyle



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