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## Park planning

*Board is working on document for next five years*

By **RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

It's time for a new plan. With the city's five-year park plan expiring at the end of the year, Portland Park Board on Tuesday discussed the procedure it will go through in creating a new plan for 2022 through 2026.

The board also heard three pitches for support of various projects in the city's parks.

John Moore, who has volunteered to help lead the process of working on the five-year park plan along with park board member Brian Ison, talked about some of the goals of the current plan. Those included keeping the parks well maintained, creating a "friends of" the parks group, bolstering coordination with third parties for programs, considering new park options and expanding park trails.

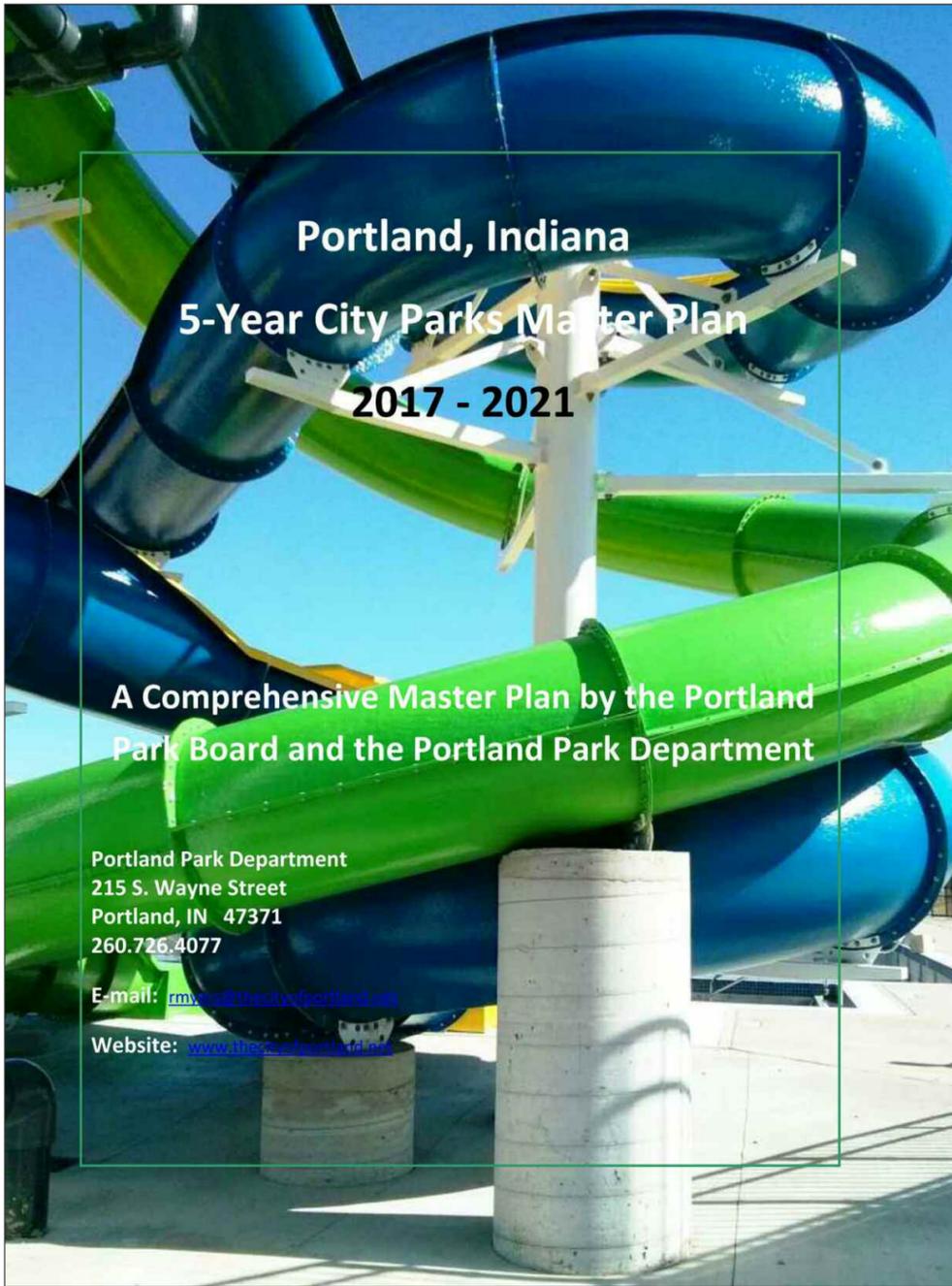
Ison reviewed the schedule for creating the new plan, noting that the survey questions will be ready for the board to review next month. The parks survey will then be made available to the public in June to gather input about the city's facilities. The plan calls for a draft of the five-year plan to be complete by September, with final approval slated for December. The plan will then be turned in to Indiana Department of Natural Resources for approval.

Questions in the survey for the current park plan asked what activities residents typically did at the parks, how often they visited parks and what additions would be best for the facilities.

Moore emphasized the importance of the plan and the parks in general.

"The parks are really, really very heavily used," he said, noting the many programs that provide activities for children and adults. "It's a wonderful, wonderful community resource."

Kevin Wentz and Moore of Jay County Trails Club visited the park board a day after making a similar pitch to Portland City Council for support of a pro-



Graphic provided

Pictured is the cover of the 2017-2021 master plan for Portland's parks. With that plan expiring at the end of the year, Portland Park Board is in the process of developing its next five-year plan. The board plans to review questions for a public survey at its April 6 meeting as part of the process of completing the new plan by the end of the year.

posed trail that would run from the Salamonie River bridge the connects Hudson Family Park and Weiler-Wilson Park east behind Portland Water Park and East Elementary School to Jay-Randolph Developmental Services.

Moore noted that the city received a \$168,000 Department of Natural Resources grant for the project in 2018. (It expires in

2022.) He added that between the grant, the required 20% local match and other fundraising, he believes there would be no additional cost to the city.

Chett Franks of Jay County Pee Wee Football returned to the board to ask if it would be possible for sidewalk work at Portland Memorial Park's Hines-Inman Field to be complete before the 2021 season. New side-

walks would run along the south side of the field and connect to the concession/bathroom building with the parking lot and seating.

Franks noted that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the pee wee league and that the organization plans various celebrations during the season this fall.

See **Planning** page 2

## Vaccines open to 55 and younger

*Expansion makes shots available to nearly 858,000 additional Hoosiers*

AP and staff reports

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana residents age 55 to 60 are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, state health officials announced Tuesday as Indiana's supply of shots continued to increase.

The Indiana Department of Health said the latest expansion of the state's vaccine rollout is the first step in making the free shots available to the nearly 858,000 residents in their 50s. Indiana's vaccine eligibility pool previously included residents age 60 and older, health care workers, first responders and those in long-term care.

Additional groups will be added as more vaccine becomes available, officials said. The state's current vaccine distribution plan indicates residents age 50 to 55 are next in line to receive shots, although there are no specific timelines for when new eligibility expansions will take effect.

Details about when teachers and other essential workers will become eligible for COVID-19 shots have also not been released.

Jay County now has three vaccination clinics — at Jay County Health Department, IU Health Jay and Walmart. The vaccination at the health department runs from 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Saturdays, and the clinic at the hospital has appointments from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

To schedule a vaccine, residents can visit [ourshot.in.gov](http://ourshot.in.gov) or call the state's 2-1-1 telephone assistance service and select a location from one of nearly 400 clinics around the state.

See **Vaccines** page 5

## Infrastructure grade: C-

By **HOPE YEN**  
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — America's infrastructure has scored near-failing grades for its deteriorating roads, public transit and storm water systems due to years of inaction from the federal government, the American Society of Civil Engineers reports. Its overall grade: a mediocre C-

In its "Infrastructure Report Card" released today, the group called for "big and bold" relief, estimating it would cost \$5.9 trillion over the next decade to bring roads, bridges and airports to a safe and sustainable level. That's about \$2.6 trillion more than what government and the private sector already spend.

"America's infrastructure is not functioning as it should, and families are losing thousands of dollars a year in disposable

*Engineering group says roads, public transit and water systems need significant improvements*

income as a result of cities having to fix potholes, people getting stuck in traffic or due to repairs when a water line breaks or the energy grid goes down," said Greg DiLoreto, one of the group's past presidents.

"It's critical we take action now," he said, expressing optimism that the federal government is now making it a "top priority."

During Donald Trump's four years in the White House, his

administration often held "Infrastructure Week" events and touted transportation improvements. But it was not able to push Congress to pass any broad plan to update the nation's roads and bridges, rails and airports.

The overall C- grade on America's infrastructure — reflecting a "mediocre" condition with "significant deficiencies" — is a slight improvement from its D+ grade in 2017.

See **Infrastructure** page 5



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## Little chicken

Mackenzie Kahlig of Fort Recovery Elementary School shows a baby chick to two of her classmates Thursday during Fort Recovery FFA's petting zoo as part of its celebration of National FFA Week.

### Deaths

**Curt McLaughlin**, 61, Portland  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 41 degrees Tuesday. The low was 21.

Tonight's low is expected to be in the mid 20s. Skies will be sunny Thursday with a high of 45.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

### In review

Jay County Republicans will hold a reorganization meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. The meeting will include the election of party officers.

### Coming up

**Thursday** — An update on the ongoing coronavirus pandemic in Jay County.

**Friday** — Coverage of Thursday's Portland Board of Works meeting.



# Obituaries

## Curt McLaughlin

July 25, 1959-March 1, 2021  
Curt McLaughlin, age 61, a resident of Portland, passed away on Monday, March 1, 2021, at his home in Portland.  
Curt was born on July 25, 1959, in Portland, the son of Glen and Nancy Jo (Gillespie) McLaughlin. He graduated from Jay County High School in 1978. He married Tammy Blazer on March 6, 1982.  
Curt worked for Rodefeld's

and NAPA in Portland for many years. He was a 25-year member of the Jay County Fair Association where he was instrumental in the formation of the junior fair board. He worked tirelessly as organizer for the demolition derby during the fair for many years. Other memberships include Sons of



McLaughlin

the American Legion in Portland, Arch Bridge Kroozers and Portland Evening Optimist Club.  
Survivors include:  
His wife of 38 years — Tammy McLaughlin, Portland, Indiana  
One daughter — Erin Brooks (husband: Rodney), Muncie, Indiana  
Two brothers: Scott McLaughlin (wife: Tiffany), Redkey, Indiana, and Clint McLaughlin, Portland, Indiana

Two grandchildren  
Visitation will be held on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Curt's life will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Pastor Kevin McClung will officiate the service and burial will follow at Green Park Cemetery in Portland.  
Memorials may be directed toward IU Health Hospice.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.  
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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, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

## CR almanac

Thursday 3/4	Friday 3/5	Saturday 3/6	Sunday 3/7	Monday 3/8
44/25	43/27	44/27	49/33	56/40
Another sunny day with clear evening skies. Winds between 5 and 10 mph.	Temperatures will continue to drop under sunny and clear evening skies.	Sunny with temperatures dropping just below freezing at night. Clear skies at night.	Clouds will begin to develop in the skies at night, but otherwise sunny with higher temperatures.	Mostly sunny skies with a few clouds. Warmer temperatures through the day and night.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$123 million	Daily Four: 3-5-8-5 Quick Draw: 4-5-8-16-17-19-23-24-26-29-34-39-45-48-49-50-55-71-77-79 Cash 5: 7-9-22-28-30 Estimated jackpot: \$241,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> 4-8-13-34-64 Mega Ball: 18 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$55 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 3-3-8 Pick 4: 6-2-2-7 Pick 5: 5-9-3-8-4 Evening Pick 3: 1-2-7 Pick 4: 7-9-7-9 Pick 5: 1-9-7-8-4 Rolling Cash: 3-13-17-27-28 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 7-7-4 Daily Four: 0-3-0-5 Quick Draw: 6-9-17-18-19-20-23-25-37-42-45-57-64-65-68-70-73-75-76-78 Evening Daily Three: 4-1-6	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....5.46 Wheat .....6.17	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....5.39 April corn .....5.41 Beans .....14.02 April beans .....14.02 Wheat .....6.33 July wheat .....6.14
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....5.51 April corn .....5.50	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....5.46 April corn .....5.48 Beans .....13.94 April beans .....13.99 Wheat .....6.03 April wheat .....6.58
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....5.43 April corn .....5.43 Beans .....14.11 April beans .....14.04 Wheat .....6.52 April wheat .....6.52	

## Today in history

**On March 3, 1931,** “The Star-Spangled Banner” became the national anthem of the United States as President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution.  
**In 1791,** Congress passed a measure taxing distilled spirits; it was the first internal revenue act in U.S. history.  
**In 1845,** Florida became the 27th state.  
**In 1863,** President Abraham Lincoln signed a measure creating the National Academy of Sciences.  
**In 1887,** Anne Sullivan arrived at the Tuscomb, Alabama, home of Captain and Mrs. Arthur H. Keller to become the teacher for their deaf-blind 6-year-old daughter, Helen.  
**In 1945,** the Allies fully secured the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese forces during World War II.  
**In 1960,** Lucille Ball filed for divorce from her husband, Desi Arnaz, a day after they had finished filming the last episode of “The Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz Show.”  
**In 1971,** State Rep. Don Hanlin (D-Portland) announced that building a new National Guard armory in Portland and retaining the Redkey State Police post were likely. “I have decided to support the new Portland armory in order to have new facilities for large public meetings in the county,” he said.  
**In 2001,** a plane carrying members of a National Guard engineering crew crashed in heavy rain near Macon, Georgia, killing all 21 people on board.  
—AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Today**  
5:30 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board special meeting, city building, 131 S. Main St.  
**Thursday**  
10 a.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.  
5:15 p.m. — Jay/Portland Building and Planning Joint Board, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

## Pet of the week

Izzy, a young mixed breed who is spayed and up to date on vaccinations, can be adopted for \$100 from Jay County Humane Society, 1313 Shadeland Ave., Portland. The shelter can be reached at (260) 726-6339.



Photo provided

## Planning ...

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The league is also hoping to install a new scoreboard and set up netting on the west side of the field to keep balls from flying to the adjacent woods, he added.  
Randy Fisher advocated for upgrades to Runkle-Miller Field, which is home to the Portland Rockets. He noted issues such as the concession stand, restrooms and seating.  
Ison suggested that Fisher and Rockets manager Randy Miller come up with a multi-year plan for upgrades similar to those that Portland Junior League and Jay County Pee Wee Football have presented. Such a plan could help prioritize projects, he said.  
In other business, board members Shauna Runkle, Chris Compton, Glen Bryant and Ison, absent Giles Laux:  
•Heard from Matt Shauver of the parks department that preparations are underway for the 2021 season as

the weather starts to improve. Pool chemicals are in, and park department staff will soon begin on work like putting new dirt on baseball/softball diamonds. He added that Portland Water Park manager Missy Bader plans to be at the board's May 4 meeting to discuss the facilities opening and closing dates and other issues, such as if facility rentals will be allowed this year, based on the status of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.  
•During discussion about Portland Water Park, heard a reminder from Runkle about the pay increase for lifeguards that was approved in March 2020. The starting wage is \$9/hour, with a 25-cent increase for each year of experience. The board planned to check with city hall to make sure the changes are in place for the 2021 season.  
•Selected the low quote of \$15,000 from Goodhew Roofing Services of

Ridgeville for new roofs for three shelter houses at Haynes Park and one each at Portland Memorial Park and Milton Miller Park.  
•Heard from Shauver that new mowers the board bought last month are expected to be delivered this month.  
•Were reminded by Bryant that the board was awarded a \$10,000 grant from The Portland Foundation for construction of a disc golf course at Hudson Family Park.  
•Learned that a new bullpen will be added at Weiler-Wilson Park as part of an Eagle Scout project. Portland Junior League will purchase the materials for the project, with scout Aaron Whitworth and some helpers handling the labor.  
•Heard a suggestion from Shauver that the board consider putting in additional guard rail around Haynes Park if funds are available at the end of the year.

## Capsule Reports

**Tires slashed**  
A Portland resident reported slashed tires Monday.  
Yarexi Ortiz called Jay County Sheriff's Office to report her tires had been cut on her Chevrolet Cruz while she was visiting a friend at the residence at 4046 E. 300 South.  
**Failure to yield**  
A Bluffton man failed to yield at an intersection causing a collision on Indiana 1 about 5:15 a.m. Tuesday.  
Tomas C. Hernandez, 28, was driving south on the highway when he came to the intersection with Indiana 18. Across from him, driving north on Indiana 1, was Jordan D. Arnold, 23, of Muncie.

Arnold had the right of way, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report, so he proceeded to continue north on the highway.  
Hernandez did not wait and began turning east onto Indiana 18. His 2006 BMW 330Ci collided with Arnold's 2019 Ford Ranger, causing between \$25,000 and \$50,000 in estimated damage.  
Both vehicles were towed. Hernandez did not have a driver's license at the time of the accident and was issued a citation.  
**Backing accident**  
A Portland man backed into a parked vehicle at Circle K South and tried leaving the scene about 11:15 a.m. Tuesday.

Douglas D. Lewis, 72, backed his 2000 Ford Ranger out of his parking spot at 723 S. Meridian St. and later told Portland Police he was unaware he hit the 2015 Chevrolet Silverado behind him.  
The Silverado is registered to CenturyTel Service Group LLC, Saint Paul, Minnesota. Damage is estimated less than \$1,000.  
**Walmart accident**  
A Redkey man backed his truck into a Farmland man's vehicle about 2:52 p.m. Tuesday.  
Timothy A. Croyle, 73, told Portland Police he was driving his 2006 Chrysler 300M north in the lot at 950 W. Votaw St. and stopped so another

vehicle could back out of its spot. That's when Benny C. Stephenson, 76, backed his 2017 Ford F150 into Croyle's vehicle. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

### SERVICES

**Saturday**  
**McLaughlin, Curt:** 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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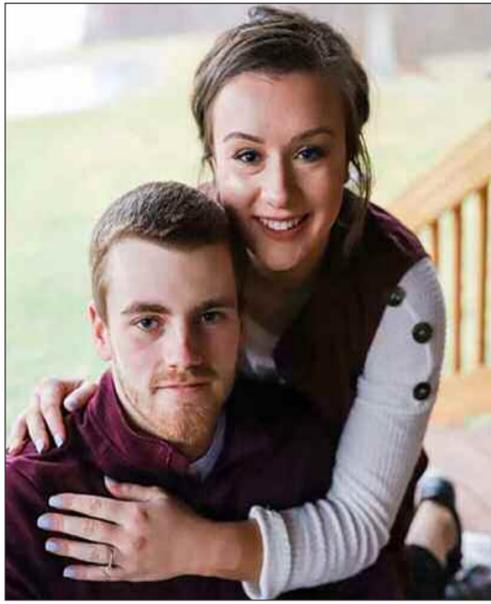
Kyndal Miller  
and John Crosbie

Kyndal Miller and John Crosbie are planning a wedding on May 22.

Kyndal is the daughter of Craig and Vicki Miller of Pennville. John is the son of JC and Karen Crosbie of Dunkirk.

The prospective bride is attending Ball State University for nursing and will graduate in December. She works at Citadel Supply in Redkey. The prospective groom graduated from University of Northwestern Ohio in 2019 and works at Tri County New Holland in Bluffton.

Both Kyndal and John are 2017 graduates of Jay County High School.



John Crosbie and Kyndal Miller

Money doesn't  
buy contentment

BY TED KOOSER  
U.S. Poet Laureate

Tracy K. Smith won the Pulitzer Prize for her book of poems, *Life on Mars*, from which I've selected this week's poem, which presents a payday in the way many of us at some time have experienced it. The poet lives in Brooklyn, New York.

Editor's Note: This column is a reprint from the

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Life in Poetry

*American Life in Poetry* archive as we bid farewell to Ted Kooser, and work to finalize the new website and forthcoming columns curated by Kwame Dawes.

The Good Life

When some people talk about money  
They speak as if it were a mysterious lover  
Who went out to buy milk and never  
Came back, and it makes me nostalgic  
For the years I lived on coffee and bread,  
Hungry all the time, walking to work on payday  
Like a woman journeying for water  
From a village without a well, then living  
One or two nights like everyone else  
On roast chicken and red wine.

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Relationship is more off than on

DEAR ABBY: I have been on and off with a man for two years. In all this time, he has never spent a holiday or Valentine's Day with me, or introduced me to his family or friends. He told me to stay in the bathroom at his office when his friends showed up unexpectedly. When I objected, he said, "It's only for 20 minutes." I was horrified.

He accuses me of picking fights and says I will never be happy with anyone when I try to talk with him about it. He breaks up with me at holiday time, never calls when he's on vacation and our dates are always last minute. I realize he is using me for sex, but he insists I am wrong and he is a decent man.

Two birthdays passed, and he didn't even wish me a happy birthday, yet he buys presents and cards for every occasion for his friends and family. He blocks my number if I don't "behave properly." He calls me "Miss" in public, but calls waitresses "Sweetie" the few times we have gone out.

Narcissistic and emotionally abusive? Am I wrong? He tells me no one will stay with me once they know the

Dear  
Abby



type of woman I am. He buys me nothing to drink or eat when we are together. I pay my own way. I regret the day he entered my life. How can I make him see what he does is wrong? — ALMOST DONE IN NEW YORK  
DEAR ALMOST DONE: This shameless man may never view what he has been doing as wrong, so don't try to "make" him see anything. End this sorry excuse for a relationship now, because it is degrading, a waste of your time, and it's very likely that he is married and cheating on his wife.

DEAR ABBY: I am 62, very healthy and youthful, and work full time as an R.N. I recently started dating a 67-year-old man I met on a dating site.

We go out, do various things together, laugh and seem to be compatible. My concern is, he has significant heart disease.

He has had stents put in and is on multiple meds. He also has moderate kidney failure. I'm realizing he's actually very preoccupied with the state of his health because he talks about it often, and he sees physicians as well as a naturopath and myofascial release specialist.

Should I stay with this guy when his general health is so poor? It is affecting me — and us. I do not want to be a caretaker, although at the same time, I do have compassion for him. — HEARTSTRINGS PULLED

DEAR HEARTSTRINGS: What a sad situation. It shouldn't take a medical background to see what the future holds, at least for him.

This is a new relationship. Not once in your letter did you mention the depth of his feelings for you or yours for him. He does — and probably will continue to — need looking after. Because you stated you are not prepared to do that, tell him NOW while he's well.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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 - BRIANNA'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.

more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (206) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

PENNVILLE FAIR BOARD — Will meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Pennville Community Center.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP

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

more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS CARD CLUB — Will meet at 1 p.m. on the first, second, third and fifth Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

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Tuesday's Solution

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# Myanmar work includes new rules

By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

It's been a little over a month since that Sunday night when my wife came in to tell me the news.

I was on the computer, and it was about 7 p.m. when Connie came in to tell me that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi had been detained.

It was a shock, but it was not a shock.

My Myanmar connection goes back to 2012 when I did a month-long residency there as a Fulbright Senior Scholar training journalists. A parliamentary election was coming up, the military dictatorship seemed to be easing restraints and our embassy in Yangon thought it would be a good idea for journalists to have some training when it comes to covering elections.

Obviously, I was not the perfect choice for the job.

Covering an election in Jay County is a piece of cake. The vote is free and fair and transparent. Routinely, I'd be in the room with county officials as the ballots were tallied.

Covering an election in a country of 54 million people and more than 130 different eth-

## Back in the Saddle



nicities when the political leader of the party pushing for democracy was under house arrest was something else entirely.

But I was available and intrigued, so I got the nod. Plenty of homework followed before I set off.

The training went well — two sessions a day so we could reach as many folks as possible — and the military dictatorship continued to loosen the reins. Just before I returned home, there was a conference during which authorities announced a major relaxation of restrictions on news media.

And I clicked with the country, its complicated history, its people, its culture and the colleagues I worked with in the training sessions.

That was nine years ago.

Since then, more elections have been held. The National

League for Democracy led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi gained power, and folks started trying to figure out how this democracy thing works.

Not all went smoothly. The military — which under a 2008 constitution automatically controls 25 percent of the parliament — launched a brutal campaign against Myanmar's Muslims, known as the Rohingya. When the international community objected, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi — de facto leader of the democratically elected government — defended the military's actions, besmirching a Nobel Peace Prize she had won not long before.

In other words, things were a mess.

But a 2020 election provided a ray of hope that things might get better.

That's part of what lured me back into the country.

A few weeks after announcing my retirement, I found myself checking on news from Myanmar on a website called The Irrawaddy, which is named for the country's biggest river.

The website was advertising for a part-time copy editor and social media person.

On a whim, I sent an email

saying I could do half the job — copy editing — but I'm an idiot when it comes to social media.

Short version: They hired me.

Since August, I've spent roughly three to five hours a week editing copy for the English language version of the Irrawaddy website. Sometimes it's things that have been written in Burmese and translated. Sometimes it's things that have been written by Myanmar reporters for whom English is not their first language.

And it has been rewarding.

It was also fun until that Sunday night Connie came in to tell me that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi had been detained by the military in an apparent coup.

Then the rules changed. Then it wasn't an old newspaperman's lark. Then it was serious.

After editing dozens of stories about the 2020 election, I was suddenly editing stories about the overthrow of the results of that election.

Think-pieces and op-eds about how the newly elected government would take shape and address the issues of federalism and ethnic conflict suddenly gave way to accounts of

arrests, detentions and violence against demonstrators.

Under the new rules, I have a Signal account so that my communications with The Irrawaddy are encrypted.

Under the new rules, I touch base every morning to see if there is new copy to edit — accounts of crackdowns on the civil disobedience movement that has squared off against the leaders of the coup.

Under the new rules, I find myself worrying about my colleagues. Some are in Myanmar, some are in Chiang Mai on the border of Myanmar and Thailand. The other two copy editors are in Cambodia and the United Kingdom.

We spend a lot of time dealing with the different time zones confronting us.

And the story's not done.

The military has the guns. The advocates for democracy have the people.

That could shake out very badly.

Or it could become the biggest story of the young 21st century.

As for me, I'm just happy to be playing a small — very small — part in it.

Stay tuned.

## Funds should go to public schools

To the editor:

Jay Classroom Teachers Association and Jay School Board of Trustees are writing to express sincere concern for the direction our state leaders appear to be taking during the current legislative session.

Specifically, we are concerned about funding for schools across the state and the expansion of private school vouchers. Current legislation being considered continues the damaging trend of underfunding our schools while allocating dollars away from public schools, which serve the vast majority of Hoosier students.

While the state biennium budget bill recently passed by the Indiana House of Representatives (House Bill 1001) does provide a modest funding increase, it also unnecessarily expands private school voucher programs and offers less funding to traditional public schools than our governor has proposed.

Gov. Eric Holcomb's Next Level Teacher Compensation Report points out that inflation-adjusted school funding remains substantially lower than levels seen in Indiana just over a decade ago.

Per-student state funding is more than 7% lower than 2010 levels when adjusting for inflation.

This represents a shortfall of about \$580 million from 2010 funding.

Locally, we have made sacrifices and necessary changes for the long-term good of our students and schools. We have increased our fiscal reserves, improved efficiency, maintained important programs and did our part to advance wages each of the last four years for our teachers and support staff.

We work hard to be accountable with tax dollars.

## Letters to the Editor

In contrast, the expansion of private-school vouchers and education savings accounts now being proposed in the legislature will actually divert even more needed money away from Jay County and not hold the recipients accountable.

Rather than addressing school funding and teacher compensation, the legislature appears to be prioritizing the expansion of private school vouchers that lack public oversight and fiscal accountability.

As precious as our education dollars are, every effort should be made to ensure that they are used wisely and with good results.

House Bill 1005 does not provide this for Indiana's taxpayers.

Our sincere hope is that the legislature will rise to the moment and appropriately fund our public schools. Indiana cannot continue to fall further behind the rest of the country.

Legislators should vote no on House Bill 1005, Senate Bill 412 and Senate Bill 413, which vastly expand unaccountable voucher experiments that favor private schools at the expense of the public schools.

We encourage our fellow citizens to contact our state elected officials — Sen. Travis Holdman at [Senator.Holdman@iga.in.gov](mailto:Senator.Holdman@iga.in.gov) or (317) 232-9400 and Rep. J.D. Prescott at [h33@iga.in.gov](mailto:h33@iga.in.gov) or (317) 234-3827 — and express their views on these important issues.

Sincerely,  
Paul Szymczak and Jay Classroom Teachers Association

Phil Ford and Jay School Board of Trustees



## Spring training brings hope

By HUGH HEWITT

Special To The Washington Post

Many consumers of sports are indiscriminate. I am one of those who are not.

I'm a fan of Cleveland sports: the Browns, Indians and Cavaliers (and the Ohio State Buckeyes football team). Indians spring training games begin this week in Goodyear, Ariz. As batters take their first swings and pitchers throw their first innings there and elsewhere around the league, the air is filled with a sentiment all too rare for many months: hope.

This is the last year I will be able to write that, as next year the Tribe will be something else. Perhaps the Cleveland Blue Sox, or, God forbid, the Cleveland Spiders or Rockers. The Midgets would work, given the tiny bugs' outsize role in Cleveland sports lore, but I am hoping for the Blue Sox. Regardless, the Indians are retiring the name after this season for the right reason. Some people object to it, and sports should not begin from a premise that traditions and feelings ought to be ignored simply because others have long attachments to a particular name. The Washington Football Team's seemingly untraumatic transition away from its old moniker has been educational for everyone. The real fans, they stick around. They love the game and the players.

And there's plenty of reason for those fans to have hope. There have

been setbacks for the Tribe, including the offseason trade of Francisco Lindor and Carlos Carrasco to the Mets. But Terry Francona remains baseball's wildest manager, the pitching rotation is still one of the league's best, and superstar Jose Ramirez continues at the hot corner. Like the Indians, the Browns and Cavaliers have smart coaches leading promising collections of young talents. There are many years of hope ahead for all three clubs (and always for the Buckeyes).

And though every spring training brings fans across the country hope, this year it is particularly special. Last year I wrote about a home opener postponed. We were all naive then, even folks like me who had been ringing the fire bell about the virus from early January 2020 on. I thought we'd pass through a fire and then figure it out. I was a year off. A very long year.

Now it isn't just Israel that is on the verge of reopening, but vast swaths of America. I turned the magic 65 this week, and two days later, CVS had done what three government-operated websites could not

do: schedule me for a vaccine and a second dose to boot. In a matter of weeks, I'll be able to resume the somewhat hectic life of a radio talk show host, zipping around the country, visiting markets and doing affiliate events. It will be wonderful. I used to hate the travel schedule. Now I will appreciate every TSA line. Normalcy beckons.

And the Indians will be at Progressive Field starting April 5. Crucially, there will be fans in the stands. There will be limited capacity at first, more and more as the year rolls out, and full crowds again before long — not just for the pros, but at high schools and club teams for junior high kids in all sorts of sports across the land. Fans loudly cheering and lustily booing. Television cameras will be able to pan the stands and not see cutouts, but kids with mitts hoping for a foul tip at Progressive Field, and freezing thousands at FirstEnergy Stadium, hard on Lake Erie, willing the Browns toward a promised land never yet visited ... a Super Bowl.

What a great year 2021 will be. A half-million won't be here to enjoy it. Tens of millions across the planet will miss their games. So savor ours.

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# Rockets hit Iraq base

By **SAMYA KULLAB**

Associated Press  
**BAGHDAD** — At least 10 rockets targeted a military base in western Iraq that hosts U.S.-led coalition troops on Wednesday, the coalition and the Iraqi military said. It was not immediately known if there were any casualties.

The rockets struck Ain al-Asad airbase in Anbar province at 7:20 a.m., coalition spokesman Col. Wayne Marotto said. No one claimed responsibility for the attack.

The Iraqi military released a statement saying the attack did not cause significant losses and that security forces had found the launch pad used for the rockets — a burned out truck. It was found in the al-Baghdati area of Anbar, about 5 miles from the base, an Iraqi military official said on condition of anonymity to discuss the attack with the media.

Video of the site shows a burning medium-sized truck in a desert area.

It was the first attack since the U.S. struck Iran-aligned militia targets along the Iraq-Syria border last week, killing one militiaman and stoking fears of a possible repeat of a series of tit-for-tat attacks that escalated last year, culminating in the U.S. drone strike that killed Iranian Gen. Qasim Soleimani outside the Baghdad airport.

Wednesday's attack targeted the same base where Iran struck with a barrage of missiles in January last year in retaliation for the killing of Soleimani. Dozens of U.S. service members were injured, suffering concussions in that strike.

British Ambassador to Iraq Stephen Hickey condemned the attack, saying it undermined the ongoing fight against the Islamic State group. "Coalition forces are in Iraq to fight Daesh in the invitation of the Iraqi government," he tweeted, using the Arabic acronym for IS. "These terrorist attacks undermine

the fight against Daesh and destabilize Iraq."

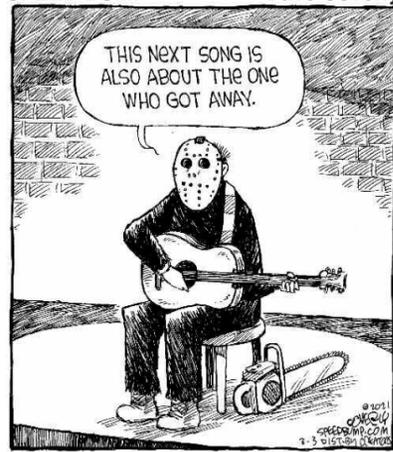
Denmark, which like the U.S. and Britain also has troops at the base, said coalition forces at Ain al-Asad were helping to bring stability and security to the country.

"Despicable attacks against Ain al-Asad base in #Iraq are completely unacceptable," Danish Foreign Minister Jeppe Kofod tweeted. The Danish armed forces said two Danes, who were in the camp at the time of the attack, are unharmed.

Wednesday's attack comes two days before Pope Francis' is scheduled to visit Iraq in a much anticipated trip that will include Baghdad, southern Iraq and in the northern city of Irbil.

Last week's U.S. strike along the border had been in response to a spate of rocket attacks that targeted the American presence, including one that killed a coalition contractor from the Philippines outside the Irbil airport.

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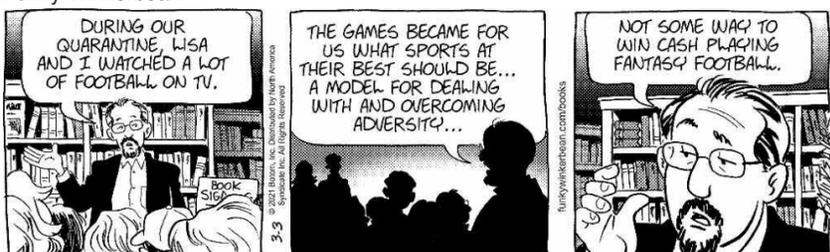
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# Infrastructure ...

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The group cited in part state and local government and private-sector efforts, which have turned to new technology to pinpoint water main leaks and prioritize fixes.

But of the 17 categories making up the overall grade, 11 were in the D range that indicated a "significant deterioration" with a "strong risk of failure." They included public transit, storm water infrastructure, airports and roads and highways, which make up the biggest chunk of U.S. infrastructure spending at \$1.6 trillion, according to the group.

Four areas got Cs: bridges, which dropped from a C+ to a C in 2021, energy, drinking water and solid waste. Just two areas — ports and rail — scored higher, with a B- and B, respectively.

President Joe Biden's administration and lawmakers in recent weeks have begun laying the groundwork for a long-sought boost to the nation's roads, bridges and other infrastructure of \$2 trillion or more, to be unveiled after Congress approves legislation on COVID-19 relief. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, who has been meeting with lawmakers about the effort, has said the aim would be to rejuvenate the post-coronavirus pan-

dem economy and boost crumbling roads and bridges while encouraging alternative forms of transportation to cars, as well as create thousands of green jobs by making environmentally friendly retrofits and public works improvements.

"This report card is a warning and a call to action," Buttigieg told The Associated Press. "A generation of disinvestment is catching up to us, and we must choose whether to allow our global competitors to pull ahead permanently, or to invest in the safety, equity, resilience and economic strength that superior infrastructure can bring to Americans."

Buttigieg announced on Tuesday the first low-cost federal transportation loan in the Biden administration, up to \$448 million to Texas for toll-road projects in Austin to ease congestion, touting bike-friendly features such as a planned 10-foot-wide paved sidewalk for cyclists and pedestrians with access to trails.

"As communities across the country continue to battle the pandemic, we are committed to being a partner to help them save money, reduce congestion and improve mobility, safety, and accessibility," said Buttigieg, a former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, who will address the engineers group later today.

# Vaccines ...

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Clinics in counties adjacent to Jay are at Adams Memorial Hospital in Decatur, Adams County Health Department, Kroger in Decatur, Wells County Health Department, IU Health Blackford, Blackford County Health Department, Randolph County Health Department and the Walmart store in Winchester. There are also 10 clinics available in Delaware County.

State health officials previously said they anticipated 267,000 doses of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines this week. As of Tuesday, however, the state had received only 242,000 total doses of vaccine, said Megan Wade-Taxter, a spokeswoman for Indiana's Health Department.

After the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Saturday, Indiana should also begin receiving 53,900 weekly doses of that vaccine, according to federal data. State health officials confirmed Tuesday that Indiana expects to receive its full allocation of the new vaccine sometime this week. The new shipments will increase the state's total supply of all first-dose vaccines by 50%.

"It's an important milestone," said Micah Pollak, an Indiana University Northwest assistant professor of economics who analyzes state vaccine data. "We've kind of just first crossed that threshold where, if we can just keep the supply at this level, that's going to get us on track to vaccinate everyone we need to by the end of the summer."

The state Health Department additionally announced Tuesday the opening of three mass vaccination sites through partnerships with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the University of Notre Dame and Ivy Tech Community College in Sellersburg.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Graduation day

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH: ♠ K J ♣ A J 10 9 5 4 2 ♦ Q 10 3 WEST: ♠ 8 5 4 3 ♦ 9 8 3 2 ♣ 6 EAST: ♠ A Q 10 9 7 2 ♦ K 10 7 6 ♣ K 9 SOUTH: ♠ 6 ♦ A Q J 5 ♣ K Q 8 3 ♠ A 7 6 4 The bidding: South West North East 1♥ Pass 3♥ 3♣ 4NT Pass 5♥ 6♥ Opening lead - three of spades. This spectacular hand was dealt, innocently enough, during a bridge lesson in someone's home. Neither the participants nor their teacher had any idea of what a treat was in store for them. The students had recently learned the "splinter bid," which explains North's leap to three hearts, showing diamond support, game-going values and shortness in hearts. South then drove to slam, and West led a spade. South was naturally disappointed with North's club and spade holdings, which seemed to leave her with at least two inescapable losers. But she plugged on, undaunted. East took the first spade with the queen and continued with the ace, ruffed by South. Declarer led a diamond to the jack and returned a heart toward her hand. After East followed low, South muttered, "Well, I have to do this," before successfully finessing the queen. She then played the ace of hearts, discarding a club from dummy, and ruffed the five of hearts. Had the king fallen on this trick, South could have claimed, since dummy's remaining club loser could be discarded on the jack of hearts. But when the king did not fall, declarer spotted another possibility. If East, who still held the king of hearts, also had the king of clubs, the slam could still be made. So she ran dummy's remaining trumps, coming down to one trump and the Q-10 of clubs in dummy and the heart jack and A-7 of clubs in her hand. When the last trump was played, East, holding the king of hearts and K-9 of clubs, had no safe discard, and the slam was home. In practice she discarded the heart king, hoping her partner had the jack, whereupon declarer let go of the club seven to make the slam. It was the group's very first squeeze play and prompted the teacher to muse, "One squeeze is worth a thousand words."

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Jackson Township, Jay County, Indiana Detailed Receipts 2020 Governmental Activities Township General Fund General Property Taxes \$16,272.04 Local Income Tax (LIT) for Levy Freeze \$1,921.50 Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution \$932.40 Earnings on Investments and Deposits \$12.41 Total Township General Fund \$19,138.35 Firefighting Fund General Property Taxes \$8,031.71 County Adjusted Grass Income Tax (CAGIT) \$1,453.00 Property Tax Replac \$682.50 Local Income Tax (LIT) for Levy Freeze \$453.39 Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution \$5,873.00 Local Income Tax (LIT) Certified Shares \$16,493.60 Total Firefighting Fund \$39,838.78 Township Assistance Fund General Property Taxes \$938.78 Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution \$48.65 Total Township case Fund \$987.43 Payroll withholdings Fund Payroll Fund and Clearing Account receipts \$1,032.68 Total Payroll Withholdings Fund \$1,032.68 Jackson Township, Jay County, Indiana Disbursements by Vendor 2020

Table with columns: Fund /Category/Vendor Name, Amount

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Saturday, March 6, 2021 10:00am

7+ acres w/4brm, 1 1/2ba, ranch style home. 2011 Lincoln MKX, 1999 Dodge 1500 Laramie SLT, 1978 Dodge PW-250 JD Z-930M, 3010NF diesel non-running, 42 pull-type combine; 2005 Polaris; EZ-Go golf cart; skid steer; 6x10 trailer.  
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Monday, March 8, 2021  
Time 4:30 pm  
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City of Portland  
Portland, Indiana  
2020-2 Community Crossing Matching Grant Project  
Sealed Bids for the 2020-2 Community Crossing Matching Grant Project will be received by the City of Portland at the Jay County Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian Street, Suite D, Portland, Indiana 47371, until Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work: The resurfacing of various streets within the City of Portland.  
Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found and downloaded at the following website: [choiceneengineering.com/projects-out-for-bid](http://choiceneengineering.com/projects-out-for-bid). All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office of Choice One.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.  
Owner: City of Portland  
By: John Boggs  
Title: Mayor  
Date: March 3, 2021  
March 10, 2021  
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The Project includes the following Work: The resurfacing of various streets within the City of Dunkirk.  
Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found and downloaded at the following website: [choiceneengineering.com/projects-out-for-bid](http://choiceneengineering.com/projects-out-for-bid). All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office of Choice One.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.  
Owner: City of Dunkirk  
By: Jack Robbins  
Title: Mayor  
Date: March 3, 2021  
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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 Jay Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38C01-1908-MF-000024 wherein M&T Bank was Plaintiff, and Richard E. Schlechty and Cheryl Schlechty were Defendants, required 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 25th day of March, at the hour of 10 AM, or as soon thereafter as is possible, at Jay County Courthouse/3rd Floor - Main, Portland, IN 47371, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana.

Lot Number Eleven (11) in Votaw's West Addition to the Town, now City, of Portland, Jay County, Indiana. More commonly known as 628 W 3rd St, Portland, IN 47371-1765  
Parcel No. 38-07-20-402-030.000-034  
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

Dwane Ford, Sheriff  
BARRY T. BARNES, Plaintiff  
Attorney # 19657-49  
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2020-2 Community Crossing Matching Grant Project

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The Project includes the following Work: The repaving of Main Street from US Route 27 to the eastern corporation limits. The scope will also include the full depth repair section between Railroad Street and Meridian Street which also consists of curbing and sidewalk. Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found and downloaded at the following website: [choiceneengineering.com/projects-out-for-bid](http://choiceneengineering.com/projects-out-for-bid). All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office of Choice One.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.  
Owner: Town of Bryant  
By: Gregg Ellenburger  
Title: Town Council President  
Date: March 3, 2021  
March 10, 2021  
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NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY COMMISSIONERS' CERTIFICATE SALE  
Jay County Indiana  
Beginning 10:00 AM, April 28, 2021 Local Time  
STATE OF INDIANA

JAY COUNTY  
Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly and by resolution of the Jay County Commissioners, notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or items of real property are listed for sale for delinquent taxes and / or special assessments.

The minimum sale prices listed below are less than the minimum sale prices when offered in the immediately preceding county tax sale held under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 and include all fees and expenses of the county directly attributable to the Commissioners' Certificate Sale. The Jay County Commissioners will accept bids for the certificates of sale, for the price referred to in IC 6-1.1-24-6.1(a)(3), by public auction on April 28, 2021 at 10:00 AM Courthouse Time at the Commissioners' Room. At the discretion of local officials, the sale may switch to an online format. If those measures are taking place, the public auction will be conducted as an electronic sale under IC 6-1.1-24-6.3(c) at [www.zeusauction.com](http://www.zeusauction.com) commencing on the same date / time listed above. All location updates will be posted at [www.sriservices.com](http://www.sriservices.com) prior to the sale.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1, a business entity that seeks to register to bid in an Indiana Commissioners' Certificate Sale must provide to the county treasurer, a Certificate of Authority from, or proof of registration with the Secretary of State.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may be obtained at [www.sriservices.com](http://www.sriservices.com) or in an alternative form upon request.

A person redeeming each tract or item of real property after the sale of the certificate must pay: (A) the amount of the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale; (B) ten percent (10%) of the amount for which the certificate is sold; (C) the attorney's fees and costs of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (D) the costs of a title search or of examining and updating the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property; (E) all taxes and special assessments on the tract or item of real property paid by the purchaser after the sale of the certificate plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the amount of taxes and special assessments paid by the purchaser on the redeemed property; and (F), all costs of sale, advertising costs, and other expenses of the county directly attributable to the sale of the certificate.

amount more than the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale and the property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the tract or item of real property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus. Indiana law prohibits a person who owes delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, or costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, from purchasing tracts or items of real property at a tax sale. Prior to bidding at a tax sale, each bidder must affirm under the penalties for perjury that he or she does not owe delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, amounts from a final adjudication in favor of a political subdivision in this county, any civil penalties imposed for the violation of a building code or ordinance of this county, or any civil penalties imposed by a health department in this county. Further, each bidder must acknowledge that any successful bid made in violation of the above statement is subject to forfeiture. In the event of forfeiture, the bid amount shall be applied to the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs, judgments, or civil penalties of the ineligible bidder, and a certificate will be issued to the county executive.

The Commissioners specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to the start or during the duration of the auction. The Auditor's Office does not warrant the accuracy of the key numbers or street addresses published herein and any misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale. Dated: 03/03/2021  
Tax Unit Name: Pennville Town  
Owner of Record: Thad & Sons LLC  
Sale ID#: 382000009  
Property ID#: 38-01-34-104-010.000-011  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 4 BLK 8 EAST ADD  
Property Address: 295 S Washington St PENNVILLE 47369  
Minimum Bid: \$135.13  
Tax Unit Name: DUNKIRK City  
Owner of Record: Fisher Howard  
Sale ID#: 382000015  
Property ID#: 38-09-08-103-005.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 19 BLK 37 O P  
Property Address: Vacant Lot W Washington St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$73.13  
Owner of Record: Jones Audrey & Clifford Richard W/ Full Rights of Surv  
Sale ID#: 382000016  
Property ID#: 38-09-08-103-007.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: 40 X 130 O L 5 O P  
Property Address: Vacant Lot W Commerce St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$101.27  
Owner of Record: Nibarger Jennifer  
Sale ID#: 382000018

Property ID#: 38-09-08-103-111.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: 60' LOTS 1 & 2 BLK 14 OP  
Property Address: 410 S Franklin St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$473.80  
Owner of Record: Duty Donna  
Sale ID#: 382000020  
Property ID#: 38-09-08-104-083.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 5 RAILROAD ADD  
Property Address: Vacant Lot E Railroad St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$4.83  
Owner of Record: Duty Donna J & Ellen Kathleen Jt W/ Rights of Surv  
Sale ID#: 382000021  
Property ID#: 38-09-08-104-084.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 6 & W 1/2 LOT 7 RAILROAD ADD  
Property Address: 225 Railroad St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$45.90  
Owner of Record: Rq Tax Lien Investment Inc Richard Quizon  
Sale ID#: 382000025  
Property ID#: 38-09-08-402-086.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 8 EVANS & WILSON ADD  
Property Address: Vacant Lot Orange Ave DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$174.52  
Owner of Record: Bowler Eric T  
Sale ID#: 382000026  
Property ID#: 38-09-08-403-011.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: 50' X 120' S8 T22 R12  
Property Address: 1015 S Main St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$101.65  
Owner of Record: Turner Bruce  
Sale ID#: 382000030  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-202-099.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 140 MT AUBURN ADD  
Property Address: Vacant Lot Johnson St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$242.71  
Owner of Record: Turner Bruce L & Leslie  
Sale ID#: 382000031  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-202-100.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 141 & 25' W SIDE OF LOT 142 MT AUBURN ADD  
Property Address: Vacant Lot Johnson St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$192.78  
Owner of Record: Anderson Cindy  
Sale ID#: 382000032  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-202-134.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: PT W PT O L 39  
Property Address: Vacant Land Located Between E High St & Johnson St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$181.35  
Owner of Record: Morehead Steven Michael  
Sale ID#: 382000033  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-203-003.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 1 - 2 J M SMITH SUB DIV  
Property Address: Vacant Lots E High St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$352.97  
Owner of Record: Norris Logan James & Casey Rae Brock  
Sale ID#: 382000036  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-203-093.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 8-10

Property ID#: 38-09-08-103-111.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: 60' LOTS 1 & 2 BLK 14 OP  
Property Address: 410 S Franklin St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$473.80  
Owner of Record: Duty Donna  
Sale ID#: 382000020  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-203-101.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 7 SNIFF & JOHNSON SUB DIV  
Property Address: Vacant Lot E North St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$466.02  
Owner of Record: Botts Deloris Janet & Hare John R  
Sale ID#: 382000038  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-203-130.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: PT LOT 3 45 X 150 PT LOT 3 45 X 60 SULLIVAN ADDITION  
Property Address: 422 E Washington St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$108.83  
Owner of Record: Johargy Terek  
Sale ID#: 382000039  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-302-052.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOTS 6 & 7 & PT LOT 5 (3' ON W END & 1 1/2' ON E END) D P COLES ADD  
Property Address: 116 S Fourth St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$321.12  
Owner of Record: Nickley Lawrence W & Freda J  
Sale ID#: 382000040  
Property ID#: 38-09-09-302-060.000-014  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 16 C P COLES ADD  
Property Address: 147 E Third St DUNKIRK 47336  
Minimum Bid: \$26.52  
Tax Unit Name: Bryant  
Owner of Record: Miller Jonathan W  
Sale ID#: 382000045  
Property ID#: 38-03-17-204-027.000-021  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 6 BLK 3  
Property Address: Lot Behind Or E Of 102 E Elm St BRYANT 47326  
Minimum Bid: \$2,061.98  
Owner of Record: Hanlin Perry L & Jacqueline L Whitcomb Jt W/ rts Surv  
Sale ID#: 382000047  
Property ID#: 38-03-17-204-054.001-021  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 7 BLK 7 OP  
Property Address: 104 W Main St BRYANT 47326  
Minimum Bid: \$4,817.77  
Owner of Record: Robinson Amanda Crystal  
Sale ID#: 382000048  
Property ID#: 38-03-17-301-018.000-021  
Brief Legal Description: 65' S END OF LOT 4 BLK 14  
Property Address: 103 S Hendricks BRYANT 47326  
Minimum Bid: \$2,025.44  
Tax Unit Name: Jackson Twp  
Owner of Record: Taylor Rick D  
Sale ID#: 382000053  
Property ID#: 38-02-16-300-013.003-023  
Brief Legal Description: PT NE 1/4 SW 1/4 S16 T24 R13.79 A  
Property Address: Vacant Land W 650 N BRYANT 47326  
Minimum Bid: \$50.92  
Tax Unit Name: Jefferson  
Owner of Record: Garringer Brian Lee  
Sale ID#: 382000058  
Property ID#: 38-10-15-403-028.000-

024  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 8 W ADD NEW MT PLEASANT S15 T22 R13  
Property Address: Vacant Lot Main St New Mt Pleasant PORTLAND 47371  
Minimum Bid: \$66.72  
Tax Unit Name: Pike  
Owner of Record: Farris Betty E  
Sale ID#: 382000078  
Property ID#: 38-11-15-100-008.000-029  
Brief Legal Description: PT NE 1/4 NE 1/4 S15 T22 R14.50A PER SURVEY  
Property Address: Land -boundary Pike PORTLAND 47371  
Minimum Bid: \$31.17  
Tax Unit Name: Redkey  
Owner of Record: Fugiett Rodney F  
Sale ID#: 382000087  
Property ID#: 38-09-23-101-054.000-031  
Brief Legal Description: PT NE PT OF W 1/2 LOT 34 & SECOND STORY OF BLDG ON ALL LOT 34 O P  
Property Address: 2nd Story of Building on Lot REDKEY 47373  
Minimum Bid: \$3,189.30  
Owner of Record: Appenzeller Harry H Jr  
Sale ID#: 382000091  
Property ID#: 38-09-23-101-114.000-031  
Brief Legal Description: N PT LOT 46 O P  
Property Address: Vacant Land Union St REDKEY 47373  
Minimum Bid: \$128.27  
Owner of Record: Russell Richard W II  
Sale ID#: 382000094  
Property ID#: 38-09-24-201-022.000-031  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 33 CADWALLADER & EDGER 2ND ADD  
Property Address: 301 E Bell Ave REDKEY 47373  
Minimum Bid: \$75.51  
Owner of Record: Lanning Lisa  
Sale ID#: 382000096  
Property ID#: 38-09-24-201-039.000-031  
Brief Legal Description: LOTS 25-28 MARIETTA GLASS CO  
Property Address: 237 E Delaware St REDKEY 47373  
Minimum Bid: \$827.88  
Owner of Record: Crabtree Ruble M & Connie R  
Sale ID#: 382000099  
Property ID#: 38-09-24-203-045.000-031  
Brief Legal Description: E 1/2 LOTS 111-113 MJ DAUGHERTY ADD  
Property Address: 418 E Logan REDKEY 47373  
Minimum Bid: \$52.70  
Owner of Record: Forrester John D  
Sale ID#: 38200102  
Property ID#: 38-09-24-302-007.000-031  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 11 CURRENT S SD ADD  
Property Address: Lot - E Grandview St REDKEY 47373  
Minimum Bid: \$34.36  
Owner of Record: Forrester John D  
Sale ID#: 38200103  
Property ID#: 38-09-24-302-008.000-031  
Brief Legal Description: LOT 12 CURRENTS SOUTH SIDE ADD  
Property Address: 120 E Grand-

view Ave REDKEY 47373  
Minimum Bid: \$40.63  
Tax Unit Name: Portland City  
Owner of Record: Baileys of Portland Inc  
Sale ID#: 382000112  
Property ID#: 38-07-20-104-126.000-034  
Brief Legal Description: E 1/2 OF LOT 1 BLK 18 O P  
Property Address: 201 W Main St PORTLAND 47371 38-07-20-104-126.000-034, 38-07-20-104-126.001-034, and 38-07-20-104-126.002-034 are to be sold and redeemed together.  
Minimum Bid: \$1,876.53  
Owner of Record: Baileys of Portland  
Sale ID#: 382000113  
Property ID#: 38-07-20-104-126.001-034  
Brief Legal Description: E 1/2 OF LOT 2 BLK 18  
Property Address: 205 W Main St PORTLAND 47371 38-07-20-104-126.000-034, 38-07-20-104-126.001-034, and 38-07-20-104-126.002-034 are to be sold and redeemed together.  
Minimum Bid: \$701.70  
Owner of Record: Baileys Furniture Store  
Sale ID#: 382000114  
Property ID#: 38-07-20-104-126.002-034  
Brief Legal Description: W 1/2 OF LOT 1 BLK 18 O P  
Property Address: 203 W Main St PORTLAND 47371 38-07-20-104-126.000-034, 38-07-20-104-126.001-034, and 38-07-20-104-126.002-034 are to be sold and redeemed together.  
Minimum Bid: \$717.26  
Owner of Record: Beymer Robert O  
Sale ID#: 382000126  
Property ID#: 38-07-21-203-076.000-034  
Brief Legal Description: 11FT SPT LOT 2 BLK 11 OP 11FT NPT LOT 3 BLK 11 OP  
Property Address: 123 N Meridian St PORTLAND 47371  
Minimum Bid: \$277.55  
Owner of Record: Community Care Centers Inc  
Sale ID#: 382000099  
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Jay County junior high to host South Adams at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday

# Sports

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## Second sinks Jay in sectional

*Patriots outscored 16-6 in second quarter of 42-26 loss*

**By CHRIS SCHANZ**  
The Commercial Review  
NEW CASTLE — Despite six turnovers in the first quarter, the Patriots had a 4-2 lead after eight minutes. The Eagles had trouble making shots, going just 1-for-9 from the field during that span. Shots started to fall for the Eagles in the second, and the Patriots weren't able to keep up. Jay County High School's boys basketball team got outscored 16-6 in the second quarter and were unable to recover in a 42-26 loss to the Delta Eagles in the Class 3A Sectional 24 quarterfinal Tuesday at New Castle Fieldhouse.

"When we had the opportunity we didn't make the play," said JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt, whose team had its lowest point total of the season after losing to Delta by just four earlier in the year. "It's been that way for most of the year. Our margin of error is small, as small as any team I've ever coached. For whatever reason, the shooting part of our program is not developed to the point that we have guys that can shoot the ball and make it. We have to get back to that. We have to have guys that can shoot the ball consistently, make 40% of their threes, 50% of their twos and make free throws at a 70 to 75% rate. Until we get there we're always going to struggle."

Delta coach Mark Detweiler, whose team advances to the sectional semifinal against host New Castle on Friday, blamed the slow start to his Eagle team on nerves. "You see that in the tournament a lot," said Detweiler, whose team allowed its fewest points of the season. "We knew they were going to be very deliberate and patient. You combine that, when you get the ball in your end, you get a couple high-percentage looks (and) you don't finish them and then you get a little tight."

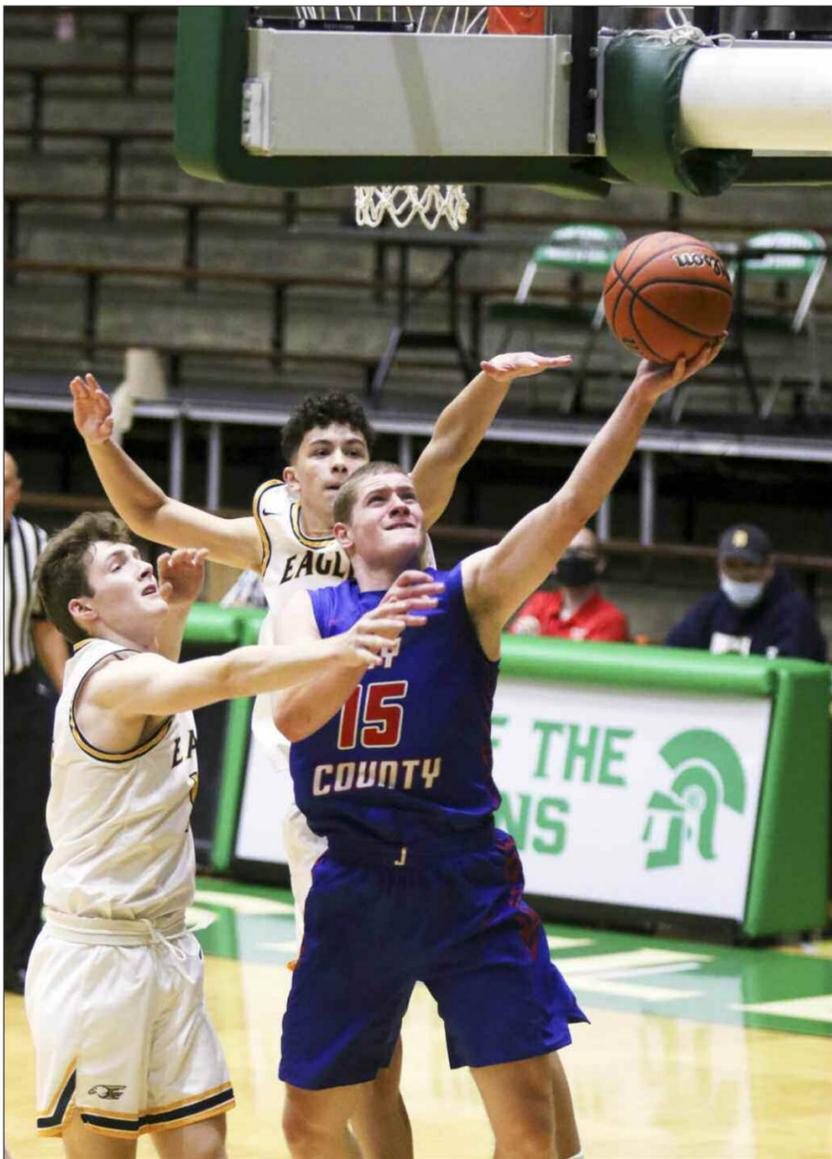
After missing a 3-pointer to start the second quarter, the Eagles (17-4) scored on the next seven possessions of the period. Blake Jones got a steal and a fast break ahead of two Brady Hunt free throws that gave the Eagles the lead — one it didn't give up — 6-4. Dusty Pearson made one of two free throws to bring Jay County (7-11) within one, 6-5, before the Eagles put in eight straight points. Neil Marshall nailed a corner three on a Jones assist to make it 11-5, and the next trip down the Jones-to-Marshall connection led to another 3-pointer. "I thought a big key was Neil hitting a couple shots there in the second quarter," Detweiler said. "I think it kind of settled us down."

Brady Hunt, a Ball State football signee, got going as well, scoring eight of his game-high 18 points in the second quarter. He hit three catch-and-shoot, turn-around jumpers from the right elbow, all on Jones assists. "He's a big-time player," Bomholt said of the 6-foot, 5-inch forward who was listed at 205 pounds during football season. "We don't have anybody that can match him. That's where we're heading, hopefully. In another year we're going to have somebody, or more than one, step up and be able to play at that level. Right now we don't have that."

Marshall finished with 15 points to complement Hunt, who pulled down all but five of his team's 19 rebounds, while Jay County had 18 boards. Jay County, which after going 7-16 last year has now had back-to-back losing records for the first time since 2001, trailed by as many as 16 midway through the third quarter as the Eagles scored eight straight points to start the second half. The Patriots caught a little bit of momentum after that. They got as close as nine, 31-22, with 5:10 to play in the game but Hunt drove the left baseline for two points, pushing the margin back to double figures, then added a dagger with a 3-pointer two DHS possessions later. Ethan Dirksen led the Patriots with eight points, and Bennett Weitzel was second with six points.

Four others had three points each. Jay County has plenty to look forward to next season, as it does not have a senior on this year's roster. But Bomholt sees that as both a blessing and a curse as he may not have room in the program with the incoming freshmen. "Good part is hopefully you'll get everybody dedicated," he said. "Bad part of that is with everybody back, some kids are going to get cut. "If they don't work I can't keep them."

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Jay County High School junior Ethan Dirksen lays up a shot after slicing to the hoop between Delta defenders Logan Manor (left) and Jayden Furney during the second quarter of the Class 3A Sectional 24 quarterfinal Tuesday at New Castle Fieldhouse. Dirksen had eight points in the Patriots' 42-26 loss to the Eagles.

### Box score

Delta Eagles vs. Jay County Patriots

Class 3A Sectional 24 quarterfinal at New Castle

Boys varsity summary

Jay County (7-11)		FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Weitzel	3-4	0-0	6	
Dowlen	1-2	0-0	3	
Dirksen	3-12	2-4	8	
GMuhlenkamp	0-2	0-0	0	
Pearson	1-6	1-2	3	
Faulkner	1-2	0-0	3	
AMuhlenkamp	0-0	0-0	0	
Heniser	1-3	0-0	3	
Davis	0-0	0-0	0	
Myers	0-0	0-0	0	
Bognschtz	0-0	0-0	0	
Alexander	0-0	0-0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10-31</b>	<b>3-6</b>	<b>26</b>	
	<b>.323</b>	<b>.500</b>		

Delta (17-4)		FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Marshall	4-11	5-5	15	
Manor	1-2	1-2	3	
Jones	1-2	2-2	4	
Hunt	7-10	2-2	18	
Woodin	0-1	2-2	2	
Bragg	0-2	0-0	0	
Furney	0-1	0-0	0	
Faletic	0-0	0-0	0	
Stitt	0-0	0-0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13-29</b>	<b>12-13</b>	<b>42</b>	
	<b>.448</b>	<b>.923</b>		

Score by quarters:  
Jay Co. 4 6 5 11—26  
Delta 2 16 8 16—42

3-point shooting: Jay County 3-10 (Heniser 1-3, Dowlen 1-1, Faulkner 1-1, Dirksen 0-4, GMuhlenkamp 0-1); Delta 4-15 (Marshall 2-9, Hunt 2-3, Bragg 0-2, Furney 0-1).

Rebounds: Jay County 18 (Pearson 7, Weitzel 4, Dowlen 2, Dirksen 2, GMuhlenkamp 2, Faulkner). Delta 19 (Hunt 14, Woodin 2, Manor, Jones, Furney).

Assists: Jay County 7 (Dirksen 3, GMuhlenkamp 2, Weitzel, Dowlen). Delta 6 (Jones 6).

Blocks: Jay County 2 (Weitzel, Dirksen). Delta 2 (Hunt).

Personal fouls: Jay County 9 (Dirksen 4, Weitzel, Pearson, Faulkner, AMuhlenkamp, Heniser). Delta 7 (Marshall 2, Hunt 2, Furney 2, Manor).

Turnovers: Jay County 12. Delta 9.

## Schwieterman earns underclass all-state

**By CHRIS SCHANZ**  
The Commercial Review

She was a nominee for player of the week twice. Then she set the program's single-game scoring record.

A short time later she was a first team all-conference selection.

Now, a Patriot has been honored among the best in the state.

Renna Schwieterman, a Jay County High School sophomore, was named large school underclass all-state Tuesday by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association in conjunction with Franciscan Health Sports Medicine. IBCA member head coaches

### Jay County sophomore among 15 recipients for large schools

nominate players, and from there a panel of 20 coaches — 16 from the regional areas, three district representatives and the committee chair — reviews the nominations and votes. The IBCA honors 15 seniors and 15 underclass players as "Supreme 15," then names 15 senior and 15 underclass all-state

players for both small and large schools. An additional 180 players — 90 seniors and 90 underclass — are given honorable mention.

Schwieterman, a 5-foot, 10-inch, forward with a five NCAA Division I scholarship offers, led the Patriot girls basketball team to a 19-4 record, including a perfect 6-0 mark in Allen County

Athletic Conference play as well as the ACAC tournament championship.

She averaged 18.2 points per game, which was tops on the team, and her 6.0 rebounds per game were second. She also posted a team-best 3.8 assists per game and was third on the team in steals.

Schwieterman had eight games this season of 20 or more points, and three of more than 30. She poured in a school-record 43 points in a Jan. 23 win against Southern Wells to break Shelby Caldwell's mark of 41 points set Dec. 11, 2018.

During a four-game span from Jan. 16 to 28, Schwieterman totaled 133 points (33.3 PPG), including her record-breaking performance as well as a 37-point effort Jan. 25 when the Patriots upset fourth-ranked Norwell at home.

On Feb. 16, she was given first team all-ACAC honors for the second consecutive season.

Schwieterman has scored 783 points through her first two seasons for an average of 17 points per game. She is on pace to score 1,566 points, which would break Shannon Freeman's program record of 1,458 for a career.

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