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High water

Water pools over Indiana 1 just south of Pennville on Sunday, causing drivers to proceed slowly through the flooded area. Jay County Highway Department ran out of high water signs that day and advised drivers through its county notification system to drive carefully.

Dunkirk OKs stormwater study

By ROSE SKELLY

The Commercial Review DUNKIRK — The city is completing the next step in its five-year master utility plan.

Dunkirk City Council on Monday approved a contract with an engineering firm to conduct a study that should help with future flood mitigation projects.

City council hires engineering firm Beam, Longest and Neff

"What this study will do rate it's coming in, how per month stormwater fee is we will look at your per- fast it comes, how fast it for all parcels of land

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins noted that the utility master plan started in 2019, and this is the next step in the process to improve the city.

'I'd like to really get this thing moving, we've got some relief money coming in and I'd like to see if we could use some of that for a match," Rob-

4-H OK'd for funds

County will contribute \$70,000 to 4-H upgrades

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review After nearly half a year of fundraising, Jay County 4-H has met its goal.

Commissioners agreed to contribute \$70,000 toward 4-H building repairs at Jay County Fairgrounds. The group has raised nearly \$118,000 toward the \$185,000 project since October.

Dru Mercer, dairy barn superintendent and 4-H council vice president, requested the remaining funds from commissioners Monday.

"None of us (on the council) had ever done a project like this before," Mercer said. "(The community) has been wonderful making donations. It's been very remarkable.'

Several 4-H buildings have become a safety issue with rotting or loose foundation posts, and work is needed soon, he explained.

Remodeling will include cutting off posts and adding a cement wall around the hog barn, the front half of the show arena and the cattle barn and setting the posts back in place, Mercer said. Work is also planned for the poultry barn.

He added there are plans for a separate fundraising campaign to add a new furnace and sound system to Memorial Mercer came to thencommissioners Mike Leonhard, Chuck Huffman and Chad Aker in October requesting funding for the work

Larry Haag from Beam, vious and your non-pervicil that an equivalent city like the parking lots, dwelling unit study would the neighborhoods," Haag make the city eligible for federal grants because there will be a better idea of where stormwater is collecting and draining.

Longest and Neff told coun- ous tracts throughout the you to better understand equivalent dwelling unit we're going to do to try to Exhibition Hall. said. "With that we will be able to hydraulically model and calibrate your model to know where that

goes away, so that helps within the city limits. The where to start spending dollars."

The study is part of the stormwater utility rate process that was put into place earlier this year as rather than seeping into water's coming in, at what the city established a \$10 the ground.

study will give city officials a better idea of where stormwater is collecting and running into the stormwater system, bins said. "That's what Bob Schmit take care of our flooding issues here in town."

Also on Monday, Christy Curts, the newest council member, was introduced.

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See Funds page 5



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Harmonious 'Universe'

Emma Rodden (left) and Ali McGraw perform "Alone in the Universe" from "Seussical the Musical" together Saturday during Harmony Players' Mother's Day Festival at Hudson Family Park in Portland.

Holcomb's veto overriden again

Bill requires health order to have approval from council or commissioners

By TOM DAVIES

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana legislators nullified on Monday any local COVID-19 restrictions tougher than those issued statewide with their vote to override the governor's veto of a bill giving local elected officials power over such public health orders issued during emergencies.

It is the second time in less than a month that the Republican-dominated Legislature has

rejected GOP Gov. Eric Holcomb's veto on measures limiting the broad authority that he and local health officials have used to impose restrictions around the state during the coronavirus pandemic.

The new law approved Monday requires elected county commissioners or city councils to vote on approving any local health orders that are more stringent than those issued by Holcomb in order for them to go back into effect. That would include mask mandates that were in place for cities including Indianapolis, South Bend, Elkhart and Bloomington since Holcomb rescinded the statewide mask order in early April.

The Senate voted 36-10 and the House 59-30 to easily achieve the simple majorities needed to override the veto issued last week by Holcomb and make the new law effective immediately.

See Overridden page 5

Deaths

Weather

Anthony McCowan, 57, Portland Brett Joy, 49, Portland James Garringer, 75, Portland Ronald Bollenbacher, 58, Pennville Details on page 2.

Jay County had a high temperature of 59 degrees Monday. The low was 32.

The forecast calls for a low of 34 tonight with frost expected. Skies will be sunny Wednesday with a high of 60. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council will meet in a joint session at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday in the commissioners' room at Jay County Courthouse. The meeting is regarding funds the county will receive through the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

Coming up

Wednesday — Run for the Fallen will honor former Jay County Sheriff's Office deputy.

Friday — Results from the JCHS baseball team's game against Bluffton.



Felony arrests

Altered firearms

Two Portland men were arrested Sunday for possession of altered firearms.

Austin D. Whited, 23, 5890 S. 450 West, and Dylan T. Baughman, 26, 820 W. High St., were both preliminarily charged a Level 5 felony for the crime and a Class A misdemeanor for unlawfully carrying a handgun. Both men were booked into Jay County Jail and are being held on \$11,000 bond.

Drug dealing

A rural Portland man was arrested Saturday for dealing drugs

Cody S. Gierhart, 31, 6769 W. 400 South, was preliminarily charged a Level 3 felony for dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony for possession of a controlled substance, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia and a Class B

misdemeanor for possession of marijuana. He was booked into Jay County Jail and is being held on \$6,000 bond.

Drug possession

Four area residents were arrested recently for drug possession.

Michael A. Lemaster, 38, 235 E. Rogers St., Portland, was arrested Monday and preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs. He was booked into Jay County Jail and is being held on \$6,000 bond.

Myriah R. Whitacre, 27, 1365 E. 100 S., Portland, was arrested Monday and preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She was booked into Jay County and is being held on \$5,500 bond.

Jail and is being held on \$6,000 bond.

Chanelle R. Gierhart, 30, 6769 W. 400 South, Portland, was arrested Saturday and preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe, two Class B misdemeanors for public intoxication and possession of marijuana and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She was booked into Jay County Jail and is being held on \$7,500 bond.

Doug L. Carter, 41, 326 W. High St., Montpelier, was arrested Friday and preliminarily charged two Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He was booked into Jay County Jail



Photo provided

Eads elected

Jay County Clerk Jon Eads was recently elected vice president of the Association of Indiana Counties' Northeast District. The district covers 15 counties, including Jay, Adams and Wells counties. Pictured with Eads (left) is district president and Wells County Commissioner Kevin Woodward.

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Wednesday 5/12	Thursday 5/13	Friday 5/14	Saturday 5/15	Sunday 5/16				
60/37	65/42	***	20 /49	69/53				
Some frost before 8 a.m. Otherwise, sunny with 5 to 10 mph winds. Mostly clear night sky.	Another day of sunny skies and warmer temperatures. There will be a slight breeze in the afternoon.	Mostly sunny during most of the day Friday. Skies may become cloudy at night.	More mostly sunny skies with a few clouds. Temperatures may reach the low 70s.	Partly sunny skies with warm temperatures. There is a 30% chance of rain at night.				

Lotteries

Powerball Saturday 12-17-20-21-26 Powerball: 8	Cash 5: 4-5-23-42-43 Estimated jackpot: \$90,000
Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$168 million	Ohio Monday Midday
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$396 million	Pick 3: 6-0-2 Pick 4: 3-3-1-7 Pick 5: 8-2-8-2-2 Evening
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 0-9-6 Daily Four: 7-5-6-5	Pick 3: 0-9-3 Pick 4: 6-6-1-0 Pick 5: 6-4-4-3-4 Rolling Cash 5: 5-10-11- 25-28 Estimated jackpot:
Evening Daily Three: 5-0-9 Daily Four: 5-6-1-9 Quick Draw: 2-11-15-17- 18-24-26-32-35-36-37-44-47-	\$100,000 Classic Lotto: 4-9-15-21- 26-46 Kicker: 6-5-0-3-4-2

Obituaries

Anthony McCowan

June 25, 1963-May 7, 2021 Anthony Layne McCowan, passed away on Friday, May 7, 2021, in Portland, Indiana.

In honoring Tony's wishes, there will be no calling hours or services.

Tony was born in Portland on June 25, 1963, the son of Arthur and Pansy (Billbrey) McCowan. He went

to school in Portland and spent most of his life in Sebring, Florida, recently moving back to his hometown. He worked in sales most of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Pansy

lings Jackie McCowan, Velma DeBoy and Arthur "Gary" McCowan. He was a devoted father and is survived by his children Bonnie Cullifer (husband: Darrell), Megan McCowan, David McCowan, Dylan McCowan and Cynthia McCowan. His siblings Bonnie Pruitt, Donna Pettus, A.L. McCowan, Ron Hudson (wife: Debbie), Jan Fulkerson and Larry McCowan also survive. Also surviving are his dear friends Elizabeth Moles and Jessica Fisher. Also surviving are his grandchildren Dawson, Daniel, Christian, Autumn, Colton and Emma.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Surviving are his father Rick Joy of Richmond; his mother Vivian Liverman of Greystone, Colorado; grandmother Lola Joy of Portland; one son, Brody Michael Joy of Arroyo Grande, California; and one brother, Joshua Fitzpatrick of Lakewood, California.

There will be no funeral services. Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. Jude's Hospital or Choice of the donor.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

James Garringer

May 8, 1945-May 4, 2021

James Lee Garringer, 75, of Portland, Indiana, passed away Tuesday morning, May 4, 2021, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital of Muncie, Indiana.

He was born May 8, 1945, in Blackford County, the son of Leroy and Ethel (Irelan) Garringer.

James retired in 2002 after 39 years as a tow motor operator with Indiana Glass of Dunkirk. He enjoyed spend-

ing his leisure time hunting, fishing and watching sports, especially Portland Rockets and Chicago Cubs baseball.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving wife, Josephine; a son, Brian Lee Garringer (Kristine James) of Redkey; two daughters, Tonya FenBluff Pointe Cemetery of Portland, Indiana.

Condolences may be expressed at wilsonshookfh.com.

Ronald Bollenbacher

Aug. 6, 1962-May 7, 2021 Ronald A. Bollenbacher, age 58, of Pennville passed away Friday, May 7, 2021, at his residence. He was born in

Decatur, Indiana, on Aug. 6, 1962, the son of Jerry and Shirley (Elzey) Bollenbacher. He had worked for Medaldyne in Bluffton, was a 1980 Jay County High School graduate and had attended



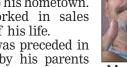
Bollenbacher

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bryant. He was an avid outdoorsman, hunting, fishing and trapping. He also enjoyed carpentry.

Surviving are one son, Devin Bollenbacher of Bryant; mother Shirley Bollenbacher of Bryant; stepdaughter Carol Kahn of Portland; brother David Bollenbacher (companion: Marcia Highly) of Pennville; sister Susan Bollenbacher (companion: Shayne Branham) of Redkey; and two grandsons, Tyler Weesner and George Weesner.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Van Cise presiding. Burial will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant. Visitation will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the choice of donor.



McCowan

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Jackpot: \$8.2 million

Markets

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	Sunrise
The Andersons	St. Anthony

The Andersons Richland Township

Richland Township	Corn7.68
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June corn7.61	Beans
Beans16.77	
June beans16.77	May beans16.40
Wheat 7.34	Wheat6.98
June wheat 7.24	July wheat6.98

Today in history

Administration was created as one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs.

In 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state of the Union.

during In **1943**, World War II, U.S. forces landed on the Aleutian island of Attu, which was held by the Japanese; the Americans took the island 19 days later.

In 1946, the first CARE packages, sent by a consortium of Ameri-

On May 11, 1935, the can charities to provide Rural Electrification relief to the hungry of Europe, postwar arrived at Le Havre, France.

In 1947, the B.F. Goodrich Company of Akron, Ohio. announced the development of a tubeless tire. In 1953, a tornado devastated Waco, Texas,

claiming 114 lives. In 1971, the Dunkirk High School baseball team opened their season with a 3-2 loss to Wes-Del. Mike Hanna had a double for the Speedcats.

—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Wednesday

6:45 p.m. — Jay Coun- Portland. ty Commissioners and Jay County Council joint session, commissioners' room, court-

house, 120 N. Court St., — Jay County 7 p.m. Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Brett Joy

June 20, 1971-May 9, 2021 Brett A. Joy, age 49, of Portland passed away Sunday, May 9, 2021, at his residence.

He was born in Portland on June 20, 1971, the son of Rick Joy and Vivian Liverman. He was a caregiver. member of the Portland Elks Lodge and a Jefferson High School, Lakewood, Colorado, graduate.

Dunkirk

Continued from page 1 She replaces former council member Lisa Street, who had to leave her position when she moved out of her district.

In light of this change, as well as possible redistricting of the city next year as a result of the census, council is considering making every council seat at-large rather than having only one at-large seat and four district seats.

Wes City attorney Schemenaur told council he will look into the change and consult with Jay County Clerk's Office. Council members expressed interest, as well as concerns about how to ensure a fair representation of the entire city and of both Republicans and Democrats on the ballots.

In other business, council members Tom Johnson, Jesse Bivens, Kevin Hamilton, Bryan Jessup and Curts:

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To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

To Baird-Freeman Funeral Home for the caring service. The ladies of Westchester Church & Dick's Pizza Palace for providing food and Roger Durham for the lovely eulogy.

The Family of Bo Gibson ************************

Leslie Garringer of Redkey; seven grandchildren; and seven greatgrandchildren.

nig (husband: Steve) of Redkey and

Garringer

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Jennifer; a brother, Mose; and four sisters, Jane Baker, Edith Wanchura, Nancy Cooper and Rita Garrett.

The family will have private services with Wilson Shook Funeral Home, Dunkirk Memorial Chapel, of Dunkirk, Indiana. Burial will be at homes or mortuary services.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.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

•Agreed to have Brooks Construction pave the alleys behind Dunkirk City Hall near Sculpt Fitness, the laundromat and Glass Capital Grill. The work. which is not to exceed \$24,205, will be completed while Brooks Construction is in town doing Community Crossings paving this year.

•Transferred \$10,000 from the sand, salt and gravel fund to the sidewalk project fund after it was moved accidentally by the state.

 Paid claims \$192,662.61.

•At Monday's Dunkirk Board of Works and Public Safety, members Dan Watson, Robbins and Bivens (who replaces Street on the board) approved a series of purchases for the city, including a new garage door for the street department for \$6,491.24 from Tri-County Overhead Door & Glass, three street signs

with solar blinking lights for stop signs and a school crossing sign for \$5,192.50 from Michael Todd & Co., \$3,768.39 to Maximum Overdrive Transmission to rebuild the transmission in the Dunkirk Police Department's Chevrolet Tahoe, \$840 to Shields Garage to replace the tornado siren batteries, and \$5,192.50 (80% of which will be reimbursed) to Choice One Engineering for survey, design and consultant work on the park trails

project.

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SERVICES

Wednesday Bollenbacher, Ronald: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE **OFFICE PRODUCTS** 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com



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IndianaLegalServices.org Or call 844-243-8570



Family

Day was good despite rain

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review It is pouring down rain as I write this. We are anxiously watching the puddles in the backyard, trying to decide if we should get the ark out of storage or not. If we decide to get the ark ready for another flood there is a lot of work to do. First of all we need to build it.

After we get it built it would need to be checked over for any problems. Once the ark itself is ready for a 39-day cruise there are lots of things that will need to be brought on board before we can even consider gathering the ani-mals. We need clean lodgings for family members and a way for them to get away from their relatives. We need food and a source of clean water. We also need a way to dispose of the waste that would be generated by a boat full of animals and people.

While I am trying to figure all of this out I hear a knock on the door. My brother, Michael, and his wife, Diane, have stopped by for a visit. He looked a lot better than he did at Christmas. His doctors have advised him to drastically change his ways.

The last time he ended up in the hospital was because his blood pressure was sky high. They got his blood pressure down to a more reasonable range and advised him that he needed to change his diet.

As I See It

If he didn't, he was sure to be admitted to the hospital again. The next time he might not be so lucky as to walk out of there on his own.

Thankfully he listened. He said he is living on salads during the week and allows himself a little more variety on the weekends. He looked more relaxed and also seemed to be happier than I had seen him in a very long time.

While they were here the rain stopped. I haven't walked across the street to see how high the river is but Michael said that from what they saw on the way to our house the water was higher than normal. Perhaps I shouldn't put the ark plans on hold after all.

After Michael and Diane left, our daughter, Beth, called. She wished me a happy Mother's Day. I asked if she was having a good day. She wasn't.

Apparently her son, Jacob, had a project due. They had it almost finished before reading the directions. They scrapped what they had done and finished it up quickly.

Then he needed to write a paper on things that had happened the year he was born. He decided to write about insects that had been discovered that year.

They were searching through Google to find the needed information. Beth happened upon a spider with an unusual name and suggested that Jacob could write about that. You would have thought that the end of the world had come. He informed her that a spider wasn't an insect. She told him that nobody cares. It's an English paper not a science one. Jacob signed and said that the spider wasn't an insect. Beth said that nobody cares, just write about the spider. "But, Mo-om! A spider isn't an insect!" I'm not sure if he took her suggestion or not. Somehow, I doubt it.

In addition, Beth had a lot of papers of her own to do. She had trouble logging on to the correct sites and once she got to where she needed to be other complications appeared. None of the problems had anything to do with spiders or insects.

The rain has stopped. The puddles in the yard have disappeared. Thoughts of ark building have been scrapped. I can't help either Beth nor Jacob with their homework. I have faith that everything will turn out like it should.

All in all it was a good Mother's Day.

Financial workshop scheduled for June

Jay County residents will have an opportunity to learn more about how to handle their money.

John Jay Center for Learning will host a free financial stability workshop at 6 p.m. June 9.

The event, in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank, will cover topics including budgeting, debt, credit, cutting expenses and improving cash flow. Those interested in participating can sign up at curehunger.org/johnjay2021 or by visiting John Jay, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

For more information, contact Carol Bradshaw at cbradshaw@curehunger.org or (765) 730-0279.

Enrollment open

Throughout May, Ivy Tech Community College is offering Virtual Express Enrollment.

Students will be able to sign up virtually for classes that begin June 7. Those interested must RSVP and visit IvyTech.edu/EEDay for their campus's event dates and informa-

tion. Appointments will include assistance with assessment, a meeting with an advisor and registering for classes.

Offering mammograms

IU Health Jay is offering free mammogram screenings in May for women over 40.

The free screenings are available to Jay County residents or residents of adjacent counties. To be eligible, patients must be uninsured, never had implants, not had a mammogram in the past year and have no history or symptoms of breast cancer.

The schedule a screening, call (260) 726-1868.

Disabled son is left off guest list

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my second husband for more than 15 years. My 30-plus-year-old son from my first marriage, who was born disabled, lives with us. He walks and talks, but cannot be left unattended. He also needs medication. He cannot read or write, but looks like he has no medical issues at all.

I have no extended family members in the state. My husband and I were invited to a family wedding. However, my disabled son was not. Bride's rule: No children allowed. I pointed out that he is older than she is. He sees this relative several times a year.

Please share your thoughts. I get very sad whenever family events come around and she is there. Life is different when you have a family with special needs. — HURT IN THE EAST

DEAR HURT: I agree, life is different for families in which someone has special needs. If you haven't already, I think you have the right to express your feelings to the bride. It would be better than silently nursing a grudge and fuming when you see her.

While it would have been nice if she had included your son in the invitation, she was within her rights to invite – or exclude — anyone if she had concerns. • • • • • • • • • • •

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend never gets off his phone — like ever! The first thing he does in the morning is wake up and grab his phone. He was off one day last week and — I'm not exaggerating — he didn't put it down for 13 hours.

He plays this one particular game, and it's all he does. It's affecting our relationship, but if I say anything about it, he laughs, gets mad or ignores me. I Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Abby

Dear

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don't know what else to do. Help! — WOMAN VS. PHÔNE IN OHIO

DEAR WOMAN: Was your boyfriend always like this? If the answer is no, he may have become addicted to gaming, which, as of 2020, had become a multibilliondollar industry. According to The Addiction Center, the "average" gamer spends six hours a week glued to his or her cellphone. That your boyfriend went on a 13hour binge is cause for alarm. One sign of addiction is when it interferes with daily life or relationships. That he blows you off when you try to discuss it tells me he is deep in denial.

Treatment may involve private counseling or, in some cases, inpatient care. However, if this is unaffordable, On-Line Gamers Anonymous (olganon.org) may be a helpful alternative. It is a 12-step program based on the principles of AA. You will find there is a fellowship of friends and family members of gaming addicts. You might want to check it out. If you intend to continue this romance, get out of the house when he binges and do something YOU enjoy.

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 Dear-Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440.



Community Calendar

Notices will appear in meeting is from 6:30 to 8 ING BREAKFAST CLUB *Community Calendar as* p.m. every Tuesday at the — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the space is available. To sub-Nazarene Fellowship Build- east room of Richards *mit an item, email* ing across from the Restaurant. All women are news@thecr.com.

Taking Note

Today

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

THE LANDING — A 12step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries. 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the

Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-

2107.NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORN-

Sudoku								
	8	3					5	7
	1							2
2			3		6	9	8	1
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1				9	4			
5		2	1		7			6
	6						2	

Level: Beginner

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

Saturday's Solution								
6	9	7	5	2	3	4	1	8
4	1	2	9	7	8	3	6	5
8	5	3	6	1	4	2	7	9
7	8	1	2	4	9	6	5	3
9	4	6	7	3	5	1	8	2
3	2	5	1	8	6	7	9	4
2	6	4	8	9	1	5	3	7
1	7	8	3	5	2	9	4	6
5	3	9	4	6	7	8	2	1

Nazarene church, 249 E. 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.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

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

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.

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — For caregivers persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

Plan now to

We have a busy schedule of special sections and pages coming up.

> Mark your calendar so you don't miss them. **FRHS** Graduation

Friday, May 21 (ad deadline May 14)

Summer Festivals Friday, May 28 (ad deadline May 21)

JCHS Graduation Wednesday, June 16 (ad deadline June 9)

Senior Citizens Friday, June 18 (ad deadline June 11)

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Opinion

Legislature ignores its lack of knowledge

To the editor:

"A wise man under-stands the limits of his knowledge and seeks to overcome his ignorance. A foolish man will wallow in the pigsty of his stupidity.'

The Indiana State Legislature epitomizes the proverb as stated above.

The Legislature subsumes a knowledge and understanding of the fields of epidemiology and medicine without acknowledging, or worse yet, ignoring, their very lack of knowl-

Letters to the Editor

edge and understanding of the same.

You may try with a valiant effort, to overcome stupidity, but as is illustra-tive of the Indiana State Legislature, choose remain in the pigsty. Michael S. Kinser Portland

Seniors deserve home care option

Herald Bulletin (Anderson) Problems riddle Indi-

ana's system of care for seniors.

Nursing home and long-term care facilities are often understaffed.

Employees are generally paid meager wages. And state regulation and oversight is lax.

The poor care that results can lead to frustration, anxiety, health complications and premature death.

For many Hoosier seniors, a better option would be to receive care at home in a familiar, comfortable,

nucturing environment. An AARP survey shows that 75% of Americans 50 or older prefer to live at home as they age; however, just 45% of Indiana's Medicaid beneficiaries receive care at home.

In part, that's because the state's system for approving medical care at home can seem forbidding and can move at a glacial pace.

In January, Indiana Fam-ily and Social Services Administration officials revealed a series of reforms proposed to streamline the process and improve the quality of care for the state's seniors.

The four-point plan, in part, would allow more Hoosiers to receive care at home as they age.

The proposal would sim-plify a convoluted long-term care system that based health care in less cult to navigate. Often, Hoosier seniors in need of immediate care check into tem. Typically, Medicaid nursing homes because the approval for home-based approval process to use Medicaid for home health six weeks or more. care is so ponderous. Many never check out. That system, operated by an organization or company, would be replaced by a Hoosier seniors who would

Hoosier **Editorial**

Hoosiers to access a single online portal for information about options.

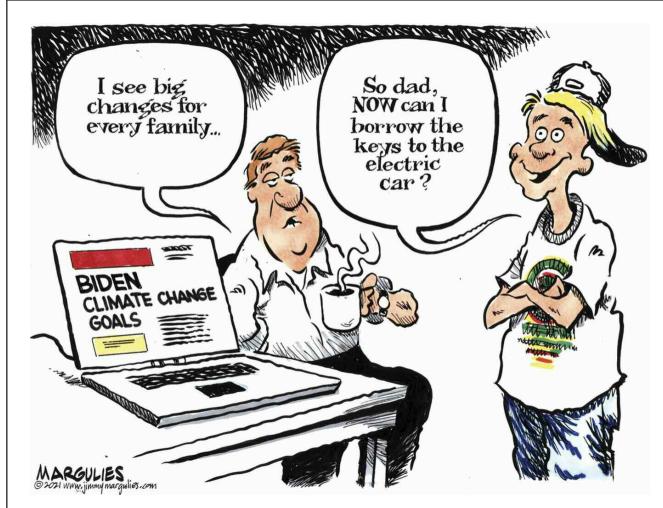
Already, 25 other states administer long-term care through such a system. And in Indiana, 80% of Medicaid spending is coor-dinated already through managed care.

That will make sure that they're getting the right care from the right provider in the right environment at the right time," the state's chief medical officer, Dan Rusyniak, said in January.

The administration of Gov. Eric Holcomb has been pursuing such a comprehensive plan for the past few years. But the state legislature erected a roadblock by passing a moratorium on a managed care system.

But here's some good news: The moratorium is set to expire at the end of June, and bills drafted in the Senate and the House to extend it died in committee in January.

The state also introduced a pilot program in October that enabled several Indicare in Indiana has taken



Congress should care about physics

By MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG **Bloomberg Opinion**

The most extraordinary event of the year — and perhaps the 21st century — made few national headlines. But it may just alter the future of the human race, and it should lead both parties in Congress to support a major investment increase in the nation's research and development infrastructure.

The event happened in Batavia, Illinois, about 35 miles west of Chicago, at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory. Rarely does a single experiment threaten to upend the known laws of the universe. But so it was on April 7, when a group of more than 200 physicists published a paper with a deceptively modest title: "Measurement of the Positive Muon Anomalous Magnetic Moment to 0.46 ppm."

The anomaly in question could be a momentous one. Starting in 2018, researchers measured how subatomic particles called muons — heavier, more transient cousins of electrons interacted with a strong magnetic field. They found that the muons' "precesses," or wobbles, differed from what the reigning Standard Model of physics would predict, and seemed to cohere with a similar deviation detected in 2001.

If accurate, those results would many find hopelessly diffi- than 72 hours. In the first indicate that some previously three months, more than 600 Hoosiers used the sys-on the muons — and suggest that the in the making, and relied on facili-Standard Model, which physicists ties that had been built decades prehave relied on for half a century, could have a significant problem. Why does this matter to anyone besides physicists — and those who dropped physics as a college major, like I did? (There was a German language requirement — I lasted three days.) Well, for starters, it might managed care provider that thrive if allowed to receive hold the key to explaining the deepwould make it easy for the care they need at home. est mysteries of the universe. It President Joe Biden's proposal to Ambition and Solutions.



could also help elucidate the nature of dark matter, inform new quantum-mechanical models, or even shed light on perhaps the biggest quandary of all: Why is there something rather than nothing? As a group of eminent particle physicists once put it, the quest to understand such questions is "a defining characteristic of the human spirit.'

The question is: Can the human spirit triumph over partisanship in Washington?

To know whether the results of the experiment are earthshaking or a fluke — there's about a one in 40,000 chance of the latter — more study is needed, and that requires funding. The team has collected only about 6% of the data it intends to, while dozens of papers have already been submitted to scientific journals offering varying interpretations of the results.

More broadly, the physicists' work underscores the importance of longterm federal investment. The Fermiviously. That kind of open-ended commitment is what can lead to unexpected breakthroughs. Unfortunately, federal funding for core research and technology in high-energy physics has fallen from \$361 million in 2014 to \$316 million *majority owner of Bloomberg LP, the* last year. It's vital that Congress boost funding for the future — and

invest \$40 billion to upgrade federal labs is on the right track.

If the Fermilab results are borne out, it would also strengthen the case for investing in new collider technology. Plans are already underway to replace Europe's Large Hadron Collider, the biggest and highest-energy accelerator yet made. Other next-generation colliders are in the works elsewhere. Congress should heed the lessons of the Superconducting Super Collider in Texas, which Democrats and Republicans joined forces to kill in 1993 a shortsighted decision that looks worse with each passing year. To continue leading the field, U.S. scientists will need strong and sus-tained funding support from Congress

Of course, skeptics will ask why taxpayers should fund such esoteric work. One answer is that these investments have benefits well beyond the lab. They help build a highly skilled and versatile workforce, invigorate academic research, inspire young people to enter the sciences, encourage collaboration and innovation, and lead to advances in everything from medicine to computing to engineering. And then there's also the small matter of its

potential to explain the universe. If nothing else, the Fermilab experiment should be a reminder that that quest for understanding is far from over. The particles encompassed by the Standard Model make up only about 5% of the universe. Vast mysteries remain to be solved. The race is on. Our scientists are ready. Is Congress?

Clearly, the state must move ahead quickly to facilitate easy access to these options for thousands of

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Modest taper does not merit a tantrum

By DANIEL MOSS

Bloomberg Opinion Rapid economic growth need not lead to significant increases in interest rates or meaningfully faster inflation. Muscular recoveries from last year's deep slump imply neither the imminent end of prolonged monetary easing nor any marked slowdown in the printing presses. Some folks are clearly having trouble digesting this break with orthodoxy.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen's relatively anodyne comment about the prospect of higher borrowing costs from a prerecorded interview with the Atlantic rippled through financial markets Tuesday. Yellen later clarified that she wasn't predicting or recommending that the Federal Reserve pull any stimulus. I believe her: It's unlikely



Washington's ways would talk out of turn. Fed officials zealously guard their independence, as Yellen did when she was Fed chair from 2014 to 2018.

Investors zeroed in on Yellen's line that rates may have to rise "somewhat" to ensure the economy doesn't overheat. More telling, however, was her statement that any increases could be "very modest." Those words point to the extremely incremental nature of what might tranthat someone so well versed in spire in bond yields or the Fed's its growth outlook Tuesday and pared to look beyond numbers economies.

Central banks in most countries have practically taken to hiring planes towing banners proclaiming that rate hikes aren't worth fretting about. Even if the International Monetary Fund projects the global economy will grow 6% this year, the most since at least 1980, inflation is a long way from being problematic.

Policymakers worry much more about deep scars from last year's disaster. They are very keen to talk about jobs, jobs, jobs. Wage rises are good. There should be more of them. Inflation is quiescent. At least two developments in Asia this week underscore the new paradigm. The Reserve Bank of Australia raised

tions? Far from signaling a peeling back of accommodation, the RBA intimated that quantitative easing is likely to be extended. Conditions warranting an increase in rates are unlikely until 2024 at the earliest. Inflation is nowhere near the bank's 2% to 3% target. "The board places a high priority on a return to full employment," Governor Philip Lowe said in a statement.

In South Korea, inflation picked up to the fastest pace since 2017 in April, but hardly anyone batted an eyelid. Consumer prices rose 2.3% from a year earlier, the government reported Tuesday, exceeding the Bank of Korea's 2% target. The central bank has said it's pre-

benchmark rate. If anything happens at all. forecast a nice decline in unemployment. The policy implication big relative to last year's collapse in activity. Governor Lee Ju-yeol said last month that inflation will moderate after fluctuating around 2% this quarter.

> One nation that has begun to taper is Canada. Last month, the central bank pared the amount of bonds it will buy and brought forward its estimate for the timing of rate increases to late next year. While this initially caused a bit of a stir, the impact on stimulus will be "incremental," the Bank of Canada said.

> If this is what hawkishness looks like these days, doves should embrace it. Yellen, very modestly, would have to agree.

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Local/World

Pfizer OK'd for 12- to 15-year-olds

By LAURAN NEERGAARD and CANDICE CHOI Associated Press

U.S. regulators on Monday expanded the use of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine to children as young as 12, offering a way to protect the nation's adolescents before they head back to school in the fall and paving the way for them to return to more normal activities.

Shots could begin as soon as Thursday, after a federal vaccine advisory committee issues recommendations for using the two-dose vaccine in 12- to 15year-olds. An announcement is expected Wednesday.

COVID-19 vaccines Most worldwide have been authorized for adults. Pfizer's vaccine is being used in multiple countries for teens as young as 16, and

first to expand use to 12 and up. Parents, school administrators and public health officials elsewhere have eagerly awaited approval for the shot to be made available to more kids.

"This is a watershed moment in our ability to fight back the COVID-19 pandemic," Dr. Bill Gruber, a Pfizer senior vice president who's also a pediatrician, told The Associated Press.

The Food and Drug Administration declared that the Pfizer vaccine is safe and offers strong protection for younger teens based on testing of more than 2,000 U.S. volunteers ages 12 to 15. The agency noted there were no cases of COVID-19 among fully vaccinated adolescents compared with 16 among kids given dummy shots. More

Canada recently became the intriguing, researchers found similar authorization in the normal because two-fifths of the kids developed higher levels virus-fighting antibodies of than earlier studies measured in voung adults.

The younger teens received the same vaccine dosage as adults and had the same side effects, mostly sore arms and flulike fever, chills or aches that signal a revved-up immune system, especially after the second dose.

Pfizer's testing in adolescents "met our rigorous standards." FDA vaccine chief Dr. Peter Marks said. "Having a vaccine authorized for a younger population is a critical step in continuing to lessen the immense public health burden caused by the COVID-19 pandemic."

Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech recently requested

European Union, with other countries to follow.

The latest news is welcome for U.S. families struggling to decide what activities are safe to resume when the youngest family members remain unvaccinated.

"I can't feel totally comfortable because my boys aren't vaccinated," said Carrie Vittitoe, a substitute teacher and freelance writer in Louisville, Kentucky, who is fully vaccinated, as are her husband and 17-year-old daughter.

The FDA decision means her 13-year-old son soon could be eligible, leaving only her 11-year-old son unvaccinated. The family has not yet resumed going to church, and summer vacation will be a road trip so they do not have to get on a plane.

'We can't really go back to

our family don't have protection," Vittitoe said.

President Joe Biden said Monday's decision marked another important step in the nation's march back to regular life.

"The light at the end of the tunnel is growing, and today it got a little brighter," Biden said in a statement.

Pfizer is not the only company seeking to lower the age limit for its vaccine. Moderna recently said preliminary results from its study in 12- to 17-year-olds show strong protection and no serious side effects. Another U.S. company, Novavax, has a COVID-19 vaccine in late-stage development and just began a study in 12- to 17-year-olds.

Tension, fighting continues in Gaza By FARES AKRAM and JOSEF **FEDERMAN** Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — A confrontation between Israel and Hamas sparked by weeks of tensions in contested Jerusalem escalated Tuesday. Israel unleashed new airstrikes on Gaza, killing a number of militants and civilians, while militants barraged southern Israel with hundreds of rockets, killing two Israelis.

Since sundown Monday, 26 Palestinians — including nine children and a woman – were killed in Gaza, most by airstrikes, health officials there said. The Israeli military said at least 16 of the dead were militants.

Two women were killed by rockets fired from Gaza that hit their homes in the southern city of Ashkelon — the first Israeli deaths in the current violence. At least 10 other Israelis have been wounded since Monday

Funds

Continued from page 1 of 4-H but suggested seeking local grants, such as those offered through The Portland Foundation.

As of May, the group has received more than half its goal of about \$185,000.

That amount includes a \$40,000 grant from the Portland Foundation and a \$2,500 grant from Friends of Agriculture as well as donations from the community.

Although the group only needs about \$67,000 to finish its goal, Mercer requested an extra \$3,000 to account for rising material costs.

"I know when you guys came last year, it was kind of a shock, what the price was going to be," Aker said Monday. "I'm just thrilled how much you guys have raised so far."

Commissioners Brian McGalliard, Rex Journay and Aker approved the 4-H request unanimously.

They also agreed to give \$10,000 toward Jay County 4th of July festivities. George Patterson of the Jav County 4th of July Committee said the group spends an average of \$22,000 per year on the event. Last year, the committee decided to forego the celebration because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"This year, I'm going full blast," Patterson said, not- on the frames per second. ing the parade will likely

brought three bids to the All three voiced support meeting for the installation of new video equipment at Jay County Jail. Commissioners hired Stechly in March to seek bids and supervise the installation process in order to prevent unnecessary charges to the county.

He explained prior to opening the bids there would be four prices listed on each bid: a base amount for the cameras only; option A, which adds door controls and intercoms with a new software platform; option B, which adds fob access control; and a total amount for all three of the options.

For the camera installation alone, Stanley Security of Fishers bid about \$316,000, Security Automation Systems of Indianapolis bid just over \$333,300 and Tech Solutions of Fort Wayne bid \$370,400. After Stechly opened the bid from Tech Solutions, he saw the company had noted if the county decided to decrease the video footage to seven frames per second, it would take \$60,000 off the cost.

Totals after the door controls, intercoms and fob access were just over \$403,700 for Stanley Security, about \$521,300 for Security Automation Systems and \$635,600 or \$576,600 for Tech Solutions, depending

All three companies bid



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Core Facilities president Matthew Stechly shares three bids for new security cameras at Jay County Jail with commissioners Monday. The lowest base bid for the cameras alone - without door access controls or new software and at seven frames per second came in at \$310,400. Commissioners agreed to take the bids under advisement.

sioners tabled a decision ed Monday before making on moving forward with work on county road 900 North (the Jay/Adams county line).

Adams County highway supervisor Brad Yoder explained the Wabash River snakes along the road just west of county road 350 East and the road has started to slip off into the river. Yoder requested the county give the OK to move forward with the project. He noted the road would need to be closed during construction, and he requested Jay County

a decision.

Also. commissioners signed an ordinance establishing a fund for incoming American Rescue Plan Act monies. The county will be receiving nearly \$3.9 million, and usage of that funding will be discussed after more funding guidance is released.

In other news, commissioners:

•Agreed to enter into a two-year, 2.44%-interest loan from First Financial Bank for a \$207,000 chip ic, Hemmelgarn said, the spreader. The loan will be

cemetery board will pay to put in a new drive at Liber Cemetery on the east side of the property leading to county road 200 South.

•Selected the following quotes for equipment purchases: a \$1,599 shredder from Four-U Office of Celina and \$9,375 in computer equipment from Computer Systems Inc. of Fishers for Jay County Recorder's Office, a \$3,154 copier and fax machine from Ricoh USA for the highway department; a \$2,453.60 shipment of copier paper for all county offices from Progressive Office Products of Portland.

•Signed a quarterly claim and accepted a \$1.7 million Indiana Department of Transportation grant for Lifestream Services.

•OK'd Jay County Drug Coalition to distribute about \$20,000 in drug and alcohol countermeasure from Jay County fees courts.

•Heard from John Hemmelgarn, director the Jay County Building and Planning Department, that from the beginning of January through the end of April, 81 permits and applications were issued, 31 of which were in Portland. Six newhome permits were also issued. In total, there was just under \$7.8 million in total declared construction value. Despite the pandemamount of building proj-

evening.

After those deaths, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said officials decided to "increase both the strength and rate of the strikes" against militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad in the Gaza Strip.

"Ĥamas will receive blows now that it did-n't expect," he said. Egypt was trying to

broker a cease-fire, but the cycle of violence was gaining momentum. Even before the two Israeli deaths, the Israeli military said it was sending troop reinforcements to the Gaza border and the defense minister ordered the mobilization of 5,000 reserve soldiers.

The barrage of rockets and airstrikes was preceded by hours of clashes Monday between Palestinians and Israeli security forces, including dramatic confrontations at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, a sacred site to both Jews and Muslims.

because July 4 lands on a second. Sunday this year.

Core Facilities Inc. presi- ment. dent Matthew Stechly

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contribute about half of the estimated cost of just over \$286,200.

McGalliard suggested commissioners review the information Yoder present-

used to pay for the machine ects the highway department purchased after receiving

approval from commissioners last vear

•Heard from Aker the

decreased hasn't much.

•Signed several vehicle titles going to the county auction slated for 10:30 a.m. May 22.

verridden

Continued from page 1 Republican legislators say the proposal is meant to provide a "check and balance" protecting the rights of business owners following complaints about COVID-19 orders closing or limiting businesses over the past year.

Republican Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray said local officials have had plenty of time to anticipate the new step.

"To the extent they want to keep some policy in place that they would need to meet and approve, I think most of them are

least they should be at this point," Bray said.

Holcomb said in his veto message that he didn't want to jeopardize the flexibility of local health officials as work continues to vaccinate more people against COVID-19. Indiana has one of the country's lowest vaccination rates against the disease that health officials say has killed more than 13,500 in the state and largely was to blame for an increase of at least 16% in statewide deaths during 2020 from the year before.

Holcomb's coronavirus-related probably ready to do that or at executive orders over the past

year have allowed local officials to Council was expected to vote establish tougher regulations an authority he frequently cited in defending his decisions lifting various statewide travel, crowd size and business restrictions.

"I would have hoped that such sweeping change could wait until we gathered all the relevant experts and stakeholders to strike the right balance regarding local health authority during emergencies and avoid discouraging laudable service in the field of public health," Holcomb said in a statement after Monday's votes.

The Indianapolis City-County

Monday night on extending the city's mask mandate and capacity limits on restaurants and bars, a council spokeswoman said. But county commissioners in northern Indiana's Elkhart County have said they don't intend to endorse the tougher rules ordered by the county health officer.

Legislative Republicans voted last month to override Holcomb's veto of another bill giving themselves more authority to intervene during statewide emergencies declared by the governor.

New CEO selected

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) The Children's Museum of Indianapolis has named a 29-year veteran of the attraction to be its new president and CEO.

After Jeffrey Patchen notified museum staff of his retirement from those positions Friday, Jennifer

Pace Robinson was named Saturday to succeed him, effective immediately. She had been the museum's executive vice president since earlier this year.

Robinson joined The Children's Museum in 1992, the Indianapolis Business Journal reported.

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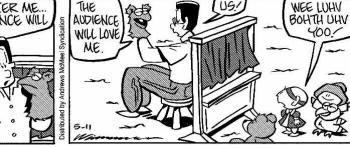
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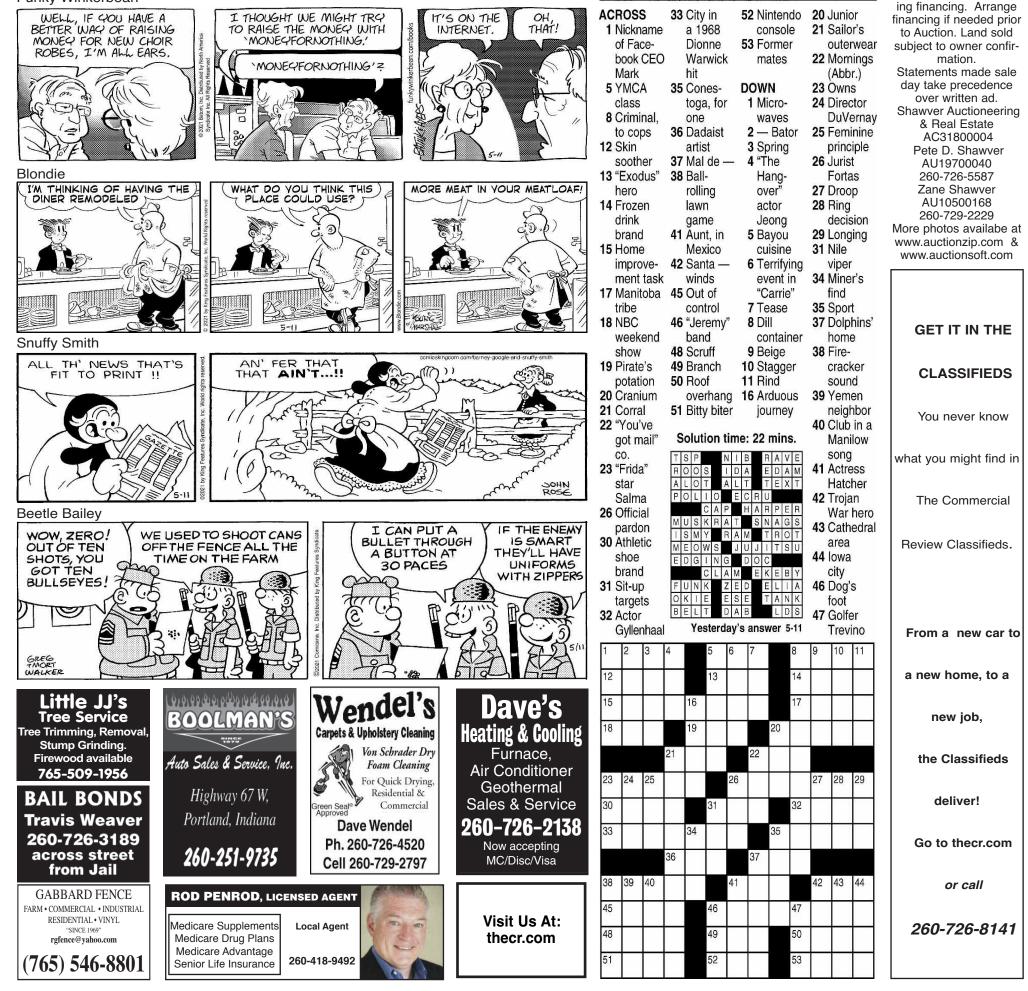
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above. **Owners: Howard &** Martha Ontrop Terms on Real Estate: Cash With 10% Non-Refundable Deposit Day of Auction. Balance due at closing. Sale is not subject to buyer obtaining financing. Arrange

Sports/Classifieds

Riah Champ, a Jay County High School freshman, rounds third on her way to the Patriots' first run during a game against the New Castle Trojans on Monday at JCHS. Champ had one hit in the Patriots' 7-4 loss.



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Silent

Continued from page 8 Moffitt, who gave up 10 hits but struck out nine Patriots, only allowed one JCHS baserunner the final two frames.

Jay County stranded two runners in scoring position in the second inning, and left runners at the corners in the fourth.

'We've got to get on base," Green said. "We have to get (hits) together. "You're going to have games sometime where you just don't get hits."

in the top of the second hits. She struck out two inning with three consecutive singles. Jay County pitcher Haleigh Clayton almost got out of the jam with back-to-back outs, but a walk with bases loaded brought home the game's first run.

The Trojans tacked on three more in the second, highlighted by Moffitt's two-run home run after a leadoff walk. Katie Cooper also had an RBI in the inning.

Clayton allowed seven New Castle struck first runs—five earned—on 10

and walked a pair.

Bright led the Patriot offense with a double and two singles. Schwieterman collected three singles as well, and Maddy Rinker also singled.

"We've got to come back," said Green, whose team travels to Allen County Athletic Conference rival Southern Wells tonight, hosts other ACAC Bluffton opponents Wednesday and Heritage on Thursday, travels to Wes-Del Friday and plays a

doubleheader against Hagerstown on Saturday.

We have a really long week," she continued. "We just have to keep going,

loss at this point." **Elwood invite**

ELWOOD — After dropping the first game to the host Elwood Panthers, Jay County rebounded by beating the Southwood Knights to finish third in the Elwood Invitational.

The Patriots fell to the

Panthers by a 9-4 score, then topped the Knights 6-

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Brewster was 2-for-2 with a home run and two RBIs against Elwood. Aubrie Schwieterman doubled, singled and scored twice, and Bright had a pair of RBIs too.

Renna Schwieterman hit two-run home run а against Southwood. Bright chipped in three hits while Schwieterman Aubrie tripled, doubled and had two RBIs. Brewster also doubled and singled.

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Local schedule

Today Jay County - Boys golf vs. Southern Wells – 4:30 p.m.; Softball at Southern Wells – 5 p.m.; Baseball at Southern Wells - 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Randolph Southern – 5 p.m.; Track in ACAC championships at Bluffton – 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Southern Wells - 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Southern Wells - 5 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track hosts MAC Championships – 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at St. Marys – 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Russia – 5 p.m.; Freshman baseball vs. St. Henry – 5:30 p.m. Fort Wayne TinCaps at Lake County

Captains - 6:35 p.m.

Wednesday Jay County — Softball vs. Bluffton – 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Bluffton – 5 p.m. Fort Wayne TinCaps at Lake County Captains - 6:35 p.m.

Thursday

Jay County — Boys golf vs. South Adams – 4:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Her-itage – 6 p.m.; Baseball vs. Heritage – 6 p.m.; JV softball at Heritage - 6 p.m.; JV baseball at Heritage – 6 p.m. Fort Recovery — Softball sectional

final TBA at Lincolnview – 5 p.m.; Base-ball at Wapakoneta – 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Fort Loranie – 5 p.m.; Junior high track in MAC Championships at Minster

 4:30 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps at Lake County Captains - 6:35 p.m.

Friday Jay County — Softball at Wes-Del – 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Norwell – 5 p.m.; Junior high track in ACAC meet at Bluffton – 5:30 p.m. Fort Recovery — Track hosts MAC Championships – 4:30 p.m.; Baseball

vs. Franklin Monroe - 5 p.m.

Fort Wayne TinCaps at Lake County Captains - 6:35 p.m.

TV schedule

Today 7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Tampa Bay Rays (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Miam Heat at Boston Celtics (TNT)

8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. Philadelphia 76ers (FSIN) 10 p.m. - NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Los Angeles Lakers (TNT)

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PUBLIC AUCTION Saturday, May 15, 2021 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: Sapphires **Reception Center** (1100 W Votaw St, Portland IN) ANTIQUES-FURNI-TURE-APPLIANCES-Metal carousel horse. Ornate oak dresser. Victorian loveseat, Oval marble top stand, Ornate easel, 5 gallon milk can, Antique pictures and frames, Antique hand painted

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By Steve Becker

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he cashed the queen of spades and exited with a spade to South's ten. However, this provided West with only a temporary reprieve, because South countered by playing the ace and another diamond. Back on lead with the king of diamonds, West once again found his position untenable. It didn't matter

West did as well as he could when

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Patriot girls take second

HAGERSTOWN — In a tune-up before the conference meet, the Jay County High School girls track team was the runner-up Saturday in the Tiger Booster Invitational.

Host Hagerstown scored 131 points for the championship. Jay County totaled 126 points for second, and Centerville was a distant third with 85.5 points.

Hagerstown's boys also took first with their total 145of points. Mt. Jay Co.

Vernon roundup (Fortville)

scored 97.4 points for second and Oldenburg Academy was third with 72.4 points. Jay Count was ninth with 45 points.

Kinsey Shannon was the lone winner for the JCHS girls, beating the field in the 400-meter dash with her time of 1 minute, 2.2 seconds.

Abby Benter (100 hur-dles), Natalie Wehrly (200 dash), Cash Hollowell (long jump) and Kylie Klopfenstein (shot put) were each the runner-up in their respective events.

For the boys, Aaron Funkhouser ran a careerbest 51.71 seconds to win the 400 dash. Jean Pieterse was second in high jump for the Patriots.

Jay County travels to Bluffton tonight for the Allen County Athletic Conference championships, and the postseason begins next week.

Baseball drops two HAGERSTOWN — J – Jay County's baseball team dropped a pair of games to the Hagerstown Tigers on Saturday, 5-0 and 7-3.

The sweep drops the Patriots, who travel to Southern Wells tonight, to 6-6 on the year.

managed Jav County

Jay County softball can't rally again in 7-4 loss to New Castle

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review Offense finally came for the Patriots in the fifth inning.

When they needed it again, they weren't able to string much together.

The Jay County High School softball team tied the game with four runs in the fifth inning but

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an inning later it wasn't able to keep the offense going in a 7-4 loss to the New Castle Trojans on Mon-

and played hard," said JCHS coach Green, Trisha whose team is in the midst of a stretch of 11 games in 11 days.

"It's hard to win when you only score one inning. (New Castle pitcher Madi Moffitt) threw a great curveball. We couldn't get our bats going. We'd get someone on then we wouldn't score them

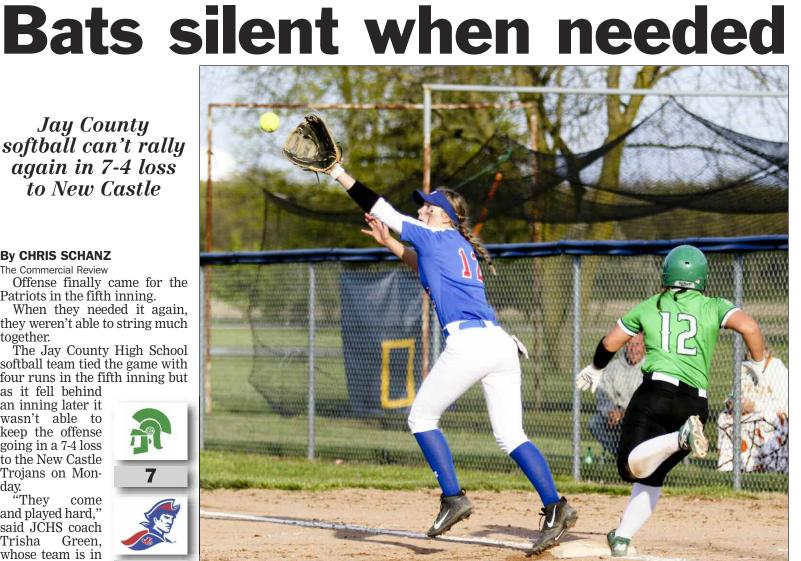
"Just took us a while to come alive, then we couldn't fight back.

Down 4-0 heading into the bottom of the fifth inning, Jay County (10-5) was finally able to string together some offense to break the shutout.

Riah Champ, who earlier had

Tribe gets two

wins



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Jay County High School first baseman Renna Schwieterman reaches for a catch while Chloe Vaughn of New Castle touches the bag before Schwieterman can make the grab during the top of the seventh inning Monday at JCHS. The Patriots scored four times in the fifth inning to tie the game but weren't able to rally in a 7-4 loss to the Trojans.

to be taken out after going head first into the fence in right field attempting to catch a foul ball, started things off for the Patriots with a single. After a fielder's choice, Mady Fraley doubled to score Champ, and after another out Rieley Brewster hit an RBI single.

third hit of the day before Olivia Bright blooped a two-run double

into shallow right field. "Momentum," Green said of what was the difference in the fifth inning as compared to the previous four. "They get fired up. They had some great hits. ... She Renna Schwieterman singled was throwing some curves and I

through the right side for her think the girls were just off hitting. It wasn't a bad game, it just happened."

An RBI from Kayla Burns and a JCHS error allowed New Castle (5-14) to retake the lead with two runs in the top of the sixth inning, and they added one more in the seventh.

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day. "They ¹av come

just three hits in the gameone loss. It got a double from Quinn Faulkner and singles from Austin Curts and Dusty Pearson.

Pearson suffered the loss, his first of the season. by allowing four unearned runs on five hits in 3 1/3innings. He struck out seven and walked a pair.

Sam Myers doubled and hit a pair of singles in game two, with Pearson hitting a double and driving in a run as well. Crosby Heniser, Blake Caldwell and Faulkner each singled. Heniser and Caldwell both had an RBI.

Heniser took the loss, giving up seven runs five earned, on five hits. He struck out eight and walked five in 4 2/3 innings.

Golfers first

BLUFFTON — The Jay County boys golf team fought through soggy conditions to beat both Bluffton and Southern Wells on Monday at Timber Ridge Golf Course.

The Patriots shot 188 for the double win, with Bluffton (195) seconds and Southern Wells (204) third. Caleb DeRome paced the Patriots with his score of 45, one stroke ahead of Griffin Mann. Simon Pryor shot 48, and Brock DeHoff completed the

team score with 49. Kyle Sanders also competed, but his 50 did not factor into the team total.

opponent on the road. Then they went another **roundup**

15 miles to win again.

NEW BREMEN and

SYDNEY, Ohio — The Indi-

Fort Recovery High School's softball team shut out the New Bremen Cardinals 3-0 Saturday morning, then went and beat the Lehman Catholic Cavaliers 11-3 later the same day.

The Indians, who host Ridgemont in the Division sectional semifinal IV tonight, moved to 16-9 (4-2 Midwest Athletic Conference).

Sophie Pearson and Ava Schoen each had a single and an RBI in the win against New Bremen, which was rescheduled from Thursday. Jackie Homan doubled, and Chloey Grisez also singled.

Against Lehman Cali Wendel Catholic, paced the offense with a double, two singles and two RBIs, and Brenna Homan contributed three singles. Allison Knapke, Maddie Guggenbiller, Jackie Homan and Grisez had two hits as well. Kensey Gaerke, Jackie Homan and Pearson all had two RBIs.

Jackie Homan struck out six Cardinals while allowing just five hits. Pearson also struck out six Cavaliers, while walking three and allowing three runs two earned — on five hits.

Three straight losses

FORT RECOVERY Fort Recovery's baseball team lost three games



recently, including a pair of conference matchups on Saturday.

The Indians (6-15, 3-6 Midwest Athletic Conference) dropped an 8-4 game Saturday to the Marion Local Flyers before falling to the New Bremen Cardinals 5-2 later that same day in a contest that was resumed after being postponed because of rain Thursday.

Monday, the Indians fell to the Ansonia Tigers for their third consecutive loss.

Fort Recovery scored two runs each in the second and third innings for a 4-0 lead over Marion Local before the Flyers struck for six runs in the top of the fourth and never gave up the advantage.

Ryne Post led the Indians with two hits, and Daniel Patch drove in two runs on one hit. Cobe Wendel, Brock Dues, Landon Post and Alex Dues all singled as well.

Brock Dues finished with two hits and an RBI against the Cardinals, Landon while Post knocked in a run on a single. Patch was responsible for the loss, allowing four earned runs on five hits in five innings. He struck out seven without giving up a walk.

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Against Ansonia, the Tigers plated two runs in each of the first two innings and added another in the third for a quick 5-0 lead. Fort Recovery plated a pair of runs in the home half of the third, but weren't able to score again until the seventh but the rally fell short.

Cobe Wendel and Brock Dues each had a single and an RBI.

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