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Redkey limits semis, farm vehicles

Council bans heavy machinery except for deliveries

By ROSE SKELLY The Commercial Review

REDKEY — Semis and farm equipment will no longer be allowed on town streets.

Redkey Town Council on Thursday voted to change its ordinance to prohibit heavy machinery from driving in town. Semis that are making deliveries and businesses that operate within the town limits will be exempted.

The vote came after a complaint from Redkey resident Tracy Gilbert, who asked council to change the ordinance after running into issues with semis parking on Union

"The ordinance makes sense to a point, they have to have time to deliver a product or pick up," Gilbert said. "But if this semi has no reason to be on any street, he's not even from this state, I think it needs to be put in there something like, 'Only if you're delivering.'

Council member Gary Gardner agreed, and also added that farm machinery should be prohibited from town streets. He pointed out that the large vehicles could damage the roads, many of which are repaved or will be paved through Indiana Department of Transportation's Commu-Crossings grant.

"We are spending a lot of money getting these streets fixed," Gardner said.

The new ordinance, passed by a 4-1 vote, states that semis will not be allowed on town streets unless they are making deliveries and farm equipment is not allowed on town streets. Council member Randy May dissented.

Also on Thursday, council discussed changing its water ordinance to give homebuyers a grace period to make updates to their utility systems.

According to the water ordinance, all homes should have a shut-off valve.

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Summery swap



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Ed Rowland (left) and Marty Hollingsworth look at a Nelson Brothers "Little Jumbo" engine. (The nearly 90-year-old machine belongs to Hollingsworth.) It's estimated about 400,000 jumbo engines were produced by the Nelson Brothers Company before its bankruptcy in 1940, according to Gas Engine Magazine.



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Norm Klamfoth of Groveport, Ohio, sets up items for sale this morning at the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association Swap and Sell Meet in Portland. He had a variety of carburetors, hardware and tools available. "We like seeing each other and dealing with each other," said the meet regular. "And you make a little money."

grounds bustles with May meet activity

By BAILEY CLINE and RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review A vear after the event was canceled, engine enthusiasts were eager to get back to their favorite hobby this week.

The Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association grounds were busy Thursday afternoon and this morning as visitors came from across Indiana and beyond to visit the organization's May Swap and Sell Meet.

Ed Rowland and Marty Hollingsworth met up at the grounds Thursday Rowland agreed to haul a 1930s Nelson Brothers "Little Jumbo" for Hollingsworth.

Norm Klamforth of Grove-port, Ohio, south of Columbus, Ohio, is a regular at the swap meets. (Tri-State hosts one in the fall in addition to the antique engine and tractor show in late August.) He said he used to bring more items to the swap meet, but he comes just as much for the relationships as the machinery.

The meet continues today and Saturday at the Tri-State grounds on Morton Street.

See **Swap** page 5



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Commitment honored

Brooks Fugiett speaks Saturday night after he and his wife Cassie (left) received the **Small Community Commitment** Award during the Jay County Community Awards at Jay County Event Center. Fugietts own Mid-States Construction and Citadel Supply in Redkey and are involved in Redkey Junior League.

Israel, Hamas reach ceasefire

Bv SHIRA RUBIN. MICHAEL E. MILLER, **STEVE HENDRIX** and MIRIAM BERGER

The Washington Post

TEL AVIV, Israel — As Israel and Hamas militants held into this afterfrom the 11-day conflict to the dire humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip, expected political fallout for Israel's embattled prime minister, and dispersed a lasting Palestinian civil police.

unrest movement that on Friday threatened to reemerge around a holy site in Jerusalem.

police Israeli spokesman Micky Rosena cease-fire between feld said "riots" broke out this afternoon, following prayers at al-Aqsa noon, attention shifted Mosque, involving hundreds of Palestinians who "threw rocks and petrol bombs at police officers."

> He said they were then bv Israeli

Deaths

Clarissa Mann, 83, rural Portland Details on page 2.

Weather

The calendar says summer is still a month away, but Mother Nature seems to disagree. After an overnight low of 61, the high temperature in Jay County climbed to 86 Thursday. Highs are expected to stay in the 80s through at least Wednesday.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — A look at the new test being used for the High School Equivelancy.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Dunkirk City Council meeting.



Redkey

Continued from page 1 May proposed giving homeowners a 60-day period to install a valve and make other repairs as needed

"A person buying a home in Redkey would be given 60 days to comply with that ordinance,' May read from his proposed updated ordinance. "Upon deposit, a new customer should be given this extra time to get a shut-off valve installed and new repairs made to the plumbing.'

May also proposed that homeowners and certified plumbers should be allowed to access their water meter pits during these two months in order to save town employees from having to

on.
While other council members agreed with the grace period and allowing certified plumbers to enter the water meter pit during the 60 days, they opposed allowing homeowners in.

"We cannot let everybody in these water pits," said council president Dottie Quakenbush. They cost a lot of money."

The ordinance change was tabled until June's meeting so that it could be re-written to only allow certified plumbers or town representatives to enter the water meter pits.

In other business, council members John Pierce, Erik mission in the police depart-

keep turning the water off and Hammers, May, Gardner and ment's Chevrolet Impala with a tree at the corner of Railroad Quakenbush:

·Gave police officers two additional paid vacation days to make up for the holidays they work. Now all town employees receive nine paid holidays per

•Approved changes to the sewage rate, which will go into effect in July, to make up for a calculation error. The minimum charge will go up to \$45.80 from the current \$40.50.

•Learned that a sensor meter for the sewage department was replaced for \$1,600 after it was damaged in a recent storm.

Approved replacing the trans-

used transmission for \$1,343. Maximum Overdrive Transmission will complete the work.

•Agreed to do preventative maintenance on the generators at the water and wastewater treatment plants. EVAPAR will do the work for \$1,258.

 Approved continuing Fisher Packing's 10-year tax abatement.

 Accepted a bid from Bay Ridge Motors in Staten Island, New York, to buy the police department's 2013 Ford Explorer. It was the only bid for the vehicle, which had a minimum bid amount of \$1,000.

•Decided to re-open the bidding process to remove a dead

and High streets, as the only person who bid on removing the tree was not insured to do so.

·Agreed to let Sam Mauller, who was recently hired as a police officer and has previous grant-writing experience, write a grant for a police car from the Homeland Security Founda-

 Discussed how to get traffic to slow down on Union Street, where children are frequently playing. Police officers have been patrolling the area more, and council will think about other options, including a speed bump.

•Paid claims of \$129,093.57.

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day with clear evening skies. Highs will be in the	The high temperature will be 88 under mostly sunny skies. A good day for a swim.	Mostly sunny skies are in the forecast again with a 30% chance of rain.	Expect a 30% chance of rain continuing all day and night under mostly sunny skies.	There is a 70% chance of rain and thunder- storms. Other- wise, mostly cloudy.

Lotteries

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$218 million

Mega Millions Estimated jackpot:

\$515 million

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 3-4-7 Daily Four: 8-8-8-2 Evening Daily Three: 4-0-1 Daily Four: 6-3-4-4

Quick Draw: 3-6-11-13-15-18-23-35-36-38-42-43-4951-64-71-74-75-76-77 Cash 5: 3-8-12-15-41 Estimated jackpot: \$169,000

Ohio

\$100,000

Midday Pick 3: 8-5-3 Pick 4: 5-0-9-0 Pick 5: 0-6-7-2-1 Evening Pick 3: 6-6-6 Pick 4: 3-5-9-2 Pick 5: 0-6-8-2-9 Rolling Cash: 2-5-6-18-Estimated jackpot:

Markets

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Central States Montpelier

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Beans	15.57
Sept. beans	13.14
Wheat	6.59

Sunrise St. Anthony

Corn	6.91
June corn	6.94
Beans	15.34
June beans	15.34
Wheat	6.25
July wheat	6.25

Today in history

On May 21, 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean as she landed in Northern Ireland, about 15 hours after leaving Newfoundland.

In 1471, King Henry VI of England died in the Tower of London at age 49.

1542, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River.

In 1868, Ulysses S. Grant was nominated for president by the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

In 1910, a year-old Jewish settlement near the port city of Jaffa adopted the name Tel ed on the Aviv (Hebrew for "Hill Carlos Bay. of Spring").

In 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis monoplane near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 33 1/2

In 1955, Chuck Berry recorded his first single, "Maybellene," for Chess Records in Chicago.

hours.

In 1971, Donald Hanlin, a Democrat from Portland, was appointed to the state's property tax reassessment task

In 1972, Michelangelo's Pieta, on display at the Vatican, was damaged by a hammerwielding man who shouted he was Jesus Christ.

In 1982, during the Falklands War, British amphibious forces landed on the beach at San

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Citizen's calendar

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

3:30 p.m. — Jav County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.

4 p.m. — 10 a.m. —

Portland Board Works special meeting, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin

p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Obituaries

Clarissa Mann

Sept. 13, 1937-May 19, 2021

Clarissa Jane Mann, age 83, of rural Portland passed away Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at her residence.

She was born in Muncie on Sept. 13, 1937, the daughter of Raymond and Anna (Sewell) Summers. She was married on June 24, 1956, to James Mann and he passed away on Dec. 18, 1999. She was a homemaker and member of the Jay County Hospital Auxiliary.

Jane was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, enjoying taking care

of her family, reading and visiting. There will be no funeral services. Burial will be in the Antioch Ceme-

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Hospital Auxiliary.

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

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 homes or mortuary services.



the week

Pet of

Sally, a 9-month-old cat, is available for adoption for \$75 from Midwest Pet Refuge. Applications for adoption are available online midwestpetrefuge.com.

Capsule Reports

A Portland woman crashed into another Portland woman's vehicle after turning onto county road 300 North from U.S. 27 about 3:45 p.m.

Samantha M. Twigg, 20, was driving her 2010 Ford Fusion north on the highway and began turning west onto county road 300 North. Karen R. Hirschy, 65, was driving a 2013 Ford Edge east on county road 300 North at the same time and drove into Twigg's

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Banks named

U.S. Rep. Jim Banks (R-Indiana) has been named the ranking member for the House of Representatives' subcommittee on cyber, innovative technologies and information systems.

Banks, who represents northeast Indiana including Jay County, has been named to the role by U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Alabama).

"I thank Ranking Member Mike

Rogers for the opportunity to lead Office report. Sutton began to turn Republican efforts on the Subcommittee on Military Personnel and was grateful to work on ensuring those serving and their families are well taken care of," Banks said in a press release. "I am now honored to be asked to lead the Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems and look forward to advancing U.S. efforts on artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, emerging technologies, and other key technology issues to modernize the Department of Defense and equip the military for the future of war-

Improper passing

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after an Ohio truck driver attempted to pass a Portland woman's vehicle on Indiana 67 about 9:50 p.m. May 14.

Cinda S. Sutton, 68, and Wapakoneta resident Jerry D. Lambert II, 47, were driving west on Indiana 67, according to a Jay County Sheriff's

her 2003 Chevrolet S10 south onto Como Road when Lambert began passing her vehicle with a 2018 Volvo semi. Lambert's semi struck Sutton's Chevrolet and came to a stop in a ditch. After the impact, Sutton's vehicle struck the building at 5510 W. Indiana 67.

There was a lawn mower in the truck bed of Sutton's vehicle, and it fell onto the road. Lisa L. Lykins, 49, Bryant, was driving east on Indiana 67 just after the accident and didn't notice the lawn mower in the road. ultimately hitting it with her 2015 Volkswagen Passat.

Both the Chevrolet and Volvo were towed. The vehicle Lambert was driving is registered to New Bern Transport of Madison, Wisconsin.

Intersection collision

A Portland woman turned her vehicle into the side of a Portland teen's car on Wayne Street in Portland about 6 p.m. Saturday.

See page 5

SERVICES

Today Huntsman, Patsy: I p.m.,

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Tucker, Majel: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday

Lotz, Milton: 2 p.m., Springer-Voorhis-Draper Funeral Home, 202 S. Illinois St., Monticello.

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The Portland Police Department is accepting applications for TWO FULL-TIME **SWORN POLICE OFFICERS**

The hiring process is open now through June 11, 2021. All applications must be turned in by June 11, 2021. Any late applications will not be accepted. Applicants must meet the entry level physical agility requirements mandated by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, which will be held on June 12th.

Upon the successful completion of the physical agility an interview process, background check, and a pre-employment voice stress will be conducted.

Benefits include a starting base salary of \$46,391, an excellent insurance plan of 90/10 coverage, a \$500 deductible single and \$750 deductible for family coverage, excellent dental coverage, and a Police/Fire 1977 Retirement Fund pension.

Applications can be picked up at the Portland Police Department located at 319 N Meridian Street anytime or online at

https://thecityofportland.net/Police-Department-Opening.



Golden ticket

An ensemble from Swiss City Dance in Berne recently earned a "golden ticket" for having the top routine in their division at the Revolution regional competition May 1 in Fort Wayne. The group, which includes a couple of dancers from Jay County, qualified for the World Dance Championships July 26 through 30 in Secaucus, New Jersey. Pictured from left are Amarah Robles, Audra Fox, Kamzy Johnson, Rachel Heitkamp and Anna Dee. Not pictured is Maddie Blomeke.

Library hosting Summer Challenge

It's challenge time. County Public Library has launched its **Taking** Summer Challenge.

This year's challenge asks patrons to read 20 minutes a day and complete six activities. Activity cards are available at the library and online at jaycpl.lib.in.us.

There will also be weekly pop-up challenges on Mondays at the library and on its Facebook page.

The library's community goal is to reach 15,000 items checked out during the challenge. For each 1,000 items checked out, 30 pounds of pet food will be donated to Jay County Humane Society and Midwest Pet Refuge.

Participants will have the opportunity to win a variety of prizes.

The Summer Challenge begins June 7. Cards must be completed and turned in to the library by 1 p.m. July

Offering screenings

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

Note

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 can-

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

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 information.

Appointments include assistance with assessment, a meeting with an advisor and regis-The free screenings are tering for classes.

Stroke recovery complicates visits to grandma's

DEAR ABBY: My grandma, who is in her 80s, had a stroke recently. She has trouble swallowing and speaking, so she's in a rehab facility 20 miles from her home, where she is doing strengthening exercises. She tires out from just walking around her room, so it's not yet clear if she will become a permanent resident or discharged with home health nurses.

My husband and I were originally planning to visit her this summer — our annual vacation – for a few days. She lives 12 hours from us. I was going to ask her if we were welcome, but she had the stroke before I could. I'd like to ask her if she'd mind if we But after talking with Mom, I'm still visit and, if it's OK with her, now hesitant to ask. The thought stay in her house, so I can visit of missing a chance to see her

Dear Abby



her at the facility if she hasn't been discharged.

My mother thinks this is a bad idea. We have a 6-year-old and a 3year-old, and Mom thinks they would be too much for Grandma. Abby, I don't want my grandma to die before I get to see her again. We haven't seen her in four years. IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR MISS: Listen to your mother because what she's saying makes sense. If your grandmother is discharged with home nursing care, there won't be enough room for your family. Two small, active children may, indeed, be more than she can deal with in her weakened condition. Because it's important for you to see grandmother, make other lodging arrangements for your family when you're in town, and keep your visits with her short and as stressfree as possible.

DEAR ABBY: I have been mar- he's ready, but, again, there is no sive-aggressive.

one last time hurts my heart. ried for 25 years, some good and resolution, and I'm getting very What should we do? — MISS HER some bad. The hardest thing for resentful that the ball is always me is that when my husband is upset with me, he stops talking to me. If I ask if something's wrong, he won't answer or says "nothing" is wrong. I have explained repeatedly how upsetting this is because I never know what I did, and then, sure enough, I do it

> He says he doesn't want to say anything hurtful, but can't he tell me why he's upset and not be hurtful? He also accuses me of creating drama when I get upset because I'm trying to figure out what I did wrong. Then, when I do it again, he's like, "We discussed this.'

I have tried not talking until

resentful that the ball is always in his court. How do I handle this? — EXHAUSTED IN NEW DEAR EXHAUSTED: An

effective way to handle this would be for you to insist the two of you discuss with a licensed marriage therapist how to more effectively communicate. The ball is always in your husband's court because he has maneuvered it to be, and it isn't playing fair. In fact, it is emotional abuse. Do not expect him to like the suggestion, and don't be surprised if he refuses to go. If that happens, you should go anyway. His behavior is pas-

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Hardware, anitem. news@thecr.com.

Today

SOCIETY — Is open from meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first at Richards Restaurant. and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113. S. Main St., Dunkirk.

Saturday

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Is open from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church.

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. upstairs at True Value

Community Calendar as Street, Portland. For more cy testing with ongoing space is available. To sub- information, call (260) 729- support during and after

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-DUNKIRK HISTORICAL FAST OPTIMISTS — Will

> BRYANT AREA COM-MUNITY CENTER Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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

EUCHRE — For those 55 and older from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk.

CARE **PREGNANCY**

Meridian CENTER — Free pregnanpregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY FAMILY MEAL Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday 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.

Tuesday

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

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 meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-



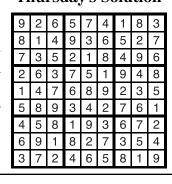


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Thursday's Solution

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Anniversary passes without notice

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review Justin and I have been dating. this time around, for about three

When I tell people we technically have three anniversaries, they usually look at me sideways. It does get a little confusing because we've dated multiple times. So, Justin and I — maybe it was mostly me — decided to only recognize our most recent anniversary date: May 7.

It was a couple of weeks ago.

And, yes, we forgot.

Dates aren't a big deal to us, honestly. We do have a trip to Ohio planned for next week, although we didn't really plan the trip to celebrate our anniversary.

Justin and I met in a seventh grade algebra class at Blackford Junior High School about 10 years ago.

Preface: I come from a mathoriented family, but I am not a math-oriented gal. One can only imagine how much I disliked that class.

On the Line



But Justin loves mathematics, and he's really good at it.

He often worked through problems with me, and our relationship later blossomed from my least favorite — and his absolute favorite — subject.

Justin developed a crush on me in eighth grade while we were learning Geometry. (Fun fact: my dad taught our class.) He joined the track team to spend more time with me and walked me to my locker every day after class.

I was clueless. Justin was just the funny kid who helped me with my homework sometimes, after all.

It wasn't until one day during track practice our sophomore year I learned he had she said in a quivering voice.

feelings for me. We started dating shortly

after on April 21. Our first time dating was, to put it mildly, extremely awkward. Then again, what bloom-

ing high school relationship isn't?

Dad wouldn't let me go on dates until I turned 16, so

Justin and I went on our first date the weekend after my birthday. His mom, Marci, drove us to the Muncie AMC movie theater. We held hands the entire time, and on the ride home, we sat on opposite ends of the car.

I'll never forget how Marci started yelling as we entered Hartford City.

"No, no, no," she shouted.
"Don't do that! Don't do that!" A deer slammed into the

door beside me. Marci pulled to the side of the road and looked back at both of us with teary eyes.

run out in front of us, right?"

After a quick call to Justin's dad, Marci dropped me off at my house. Justin walked me to the door and gave me a shy peck on the lips — my first

I later broke off our relationship. Justin then dated a friend of mine for a few years. Their first date was the Sadie Hawkins dance, which I also attended ... alone.

Our yearbook needed photos of the event, and I knew I'd get better coverage than one of the girls with a date. The regret hit me pretty hard as I watched them dancing on the floor together.

Still, Justin offered to help me in math class whenever I needed it, and we both ran track and cross country. Over the summer after we graduated high school in 2016, we spent a lot of time together playing Pokemon Go.

We started dating again 'You heard me tell it not to early in our college careers (Nov. 12, to be exact) and broke

up after a year.

Several of my male friends made their moves then.

One friend pulled the "nice guy" card for about a week before expressing interest in me over text.

"I'm still in love with Justin," I responded without a second thought. It wasn't like I had given mixed signals we'd spent the day before talking about it.

This (former) friend proceeded to tell me I was a fool.

Yes, maybe I was a little fool-

Certainly foolish enough to start seeing Justin again not six months later. And now, more than three years later, we're still a couple. Foolish, for sure.

We've had our trials and tribulations through the years, but there's no one else I'd rather be spending my days with than Justin. I suppose, when you know, you know,

I'm just glad he forgot our anniversary, too.

Workers need adequate pay

By MORTON J. MARCUS

The minimum wage discussion is remarkably complex.

The Biden administration has proposed a gradual increase from the current federal minimum of \$7.25 to \$15 per hour. The word gradual has been ignored by critics who would have us believe that a radical, sudden move is being made to \$15.

A few facts:

•Nationally, there were only 392,000 individuals in 2019 earning the \$7.25 minimum. That was a tiny 0.47% of the 82.3 million wage and salary

•The minimum wage is the lowest rung on the wage ladder. The lowest 10% of private sector workers earned \$10.06 per hour or less in 2019. The median private sector worker earned \$17.64 per hour and the top 10% were up at \$46.64 or more.

•\$7.25 is the minimum 21 of our states. Indiana and Kentucky are included, but not neighboring Ohio (\$8.80), Michigan (\$9.65) nor Illinois (\$11).

Washington State (\$13.69) has the top minimum wage. In all, 29 states exceed the federal minimum.

These four facts indicate we already have a flexible system, adjusting the minimum wage to individual state circumstances. Then why do we have to raise the federal minimum wage?

The answer is imbedded in another question: What is the purpose of the minimum wage?

That purpose twofold:

1. To provide all workers with a wage sufficient to support him/herself at a basic level of health, safety, and comfort.

2. To end various supplemental benefit programs for the working poor.

The current \$7.25 per hour minimum does nei-

An increase in the federal minimum is necessary to overcome the reluctance of 21 laggard Email him at mortonjstate legislatures to rec- marcus@yahoo.com.

Eye on the Pie



ognize changes in economic and cultural expectations.

Typically, legislators are ensnared by small businesses that pay low wages because their market size does not accommodate upgrading facilities and compensating workers at contemporary standards. These businesses have great cumulative political power.

In addition, legislators have to trust people to provide for themselves both in the present and future. Neither Democrats nor Republicans have such trust. Libertarians, those irrepressible idealists, believe people will make mature decisions.

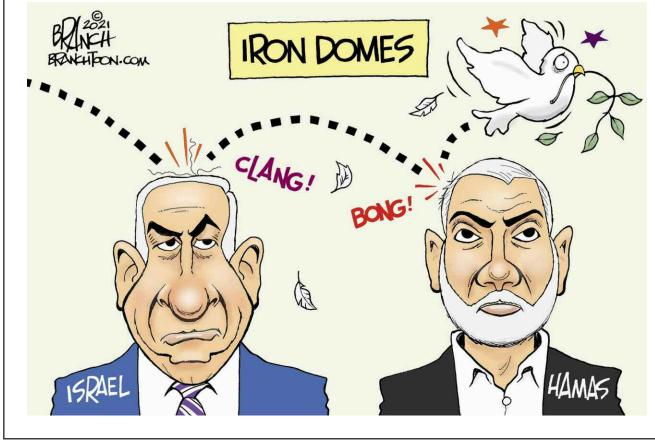
When wages are low, workers live from paycheck to paycheck. Yet, we could raise hourly wages for the lowest 10% of private sector workers by \$2.31 per hour (23%) immediately with one simple change. How?

Employers pay for employee benefits (pension plans and health insurance, for example). Slowly we are seeing this practice from World War II disappear. Companies cannot be allowed to stop paying the money managers and insurance companies without putting equal amounts in the workers' paychecks. That money must increase workers' pay so they can allocate those funds as they choose. It's not an adequate solution, but a step in the right direc-

Workers might prepare for tomorrow, if they were paid adequately

Tomorrow, however, is still a luxury, even at \$15 per hour.

Marcus is an economist.



International plan needed for Israel

By JENNIFER RUBIN

The Washington Post For about a week, President Joe Biden publicly supported Israel's right to defend itself, laying responsibility on Hamas for firing rockets at civilians and avoiding talk of a ceasefire. That changed Monday, when the White House reported that Biden, in a phone call with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, said he would "support" a cease-fire.

Reuters also reported Monday that Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi said a cease-fire "between Israel and Hamas might be within reach. 'Egypt is going to great lengths to reach a ceasefire between the Israelis and Palestinians — and hope still exists that a collective action could end the conflict,' he said in an interview to the Al Arabiya news outlet.'

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., issued a similar statement on Tuesday urging a cease-fire for the first time, while also defending Israel's right to self-defense. "Now, after more than a week of hostilities, it has become even more apparent that a ceasefire is necessary," she said. "There must be a serious effort on the part of both parties to end the violence and respect the rights of both the Israeli and Palestinian peo-

On Wednesday, Biden spoke again to Netanyahu. According to the White House readout, "The President conveyed to the Prime Minister that he expected a significant de-escalation today on the path to a ceasefire.'

This follows a carefully scripted approach. The United States and the European Union know Israel must be given initial leeway to strike back at Hamas. Premature attempts to try forcing an early end to the conflict went on for 50 days is an example of The Washington Post.

Jennifer Rubin



would have likely resulted in failure, as putting "daylight" between the United States and Israel early on would have increased friction and probably hindered the influence of U.S. officials. But as Israel runs through its list of targets, pressure is building for Israel to draw things to a close. In essence, the United States and Europe are saying, "OK, you have made your point.

Complaints that Biden's statements have not appropriately reflected the suffering of Palestinians fail to appreciate the intricate dance needed to bring these things to an end. On Monday, White House press secretary Jen Psaki tried to explain to reporters that "every single action we take, every statement we make is with the objective of reducing the violence and bringing an end to the conflict on the ground." She added, "There are times, in diplomacy, where we'll need to keep those conversations quieter, where we won't read out every component of it. But that is our objective and that is the prism through which every action and every comment is being made."

In other words, what Biden says and does not say are intentional and based on the White House's best assessment of what it will take to bring the violence to a halt. The 2014 war between Israel and Hamas that

failing to get the balance of insideoutside pressure right. The result was an extended war that neither side was prepared for.

With no agreed-upon truce, too many U.S. media pundits have pronounced that Biden has "failed" or that diplomacy is not working. The reality is that this is what "working" looks like. It is an ongoing process, the success of which will be determined by how quickly both sides agree to relent.

But the larger problem endures. The occupation of Gaza by a terrorist group means there are truces but no lasting peace. "We can put Hamas on the defensive," Middle East veteran negotiator Dennis Ross told me in an interview. "To do so, we need to launch an initiative in which we commit to mobilizing an international plan to reconstruct, massively, the infrastructure and housing in Gaza.' He added: "Spell the plan out with tangible projects, showcase European, Asian and Arab support for it, and state the obvious: no one can invest in such a massive undertaking if Hamas keeps its rockets (or can rebuild them) because sooner or later they will again use their rockets at a time of their choosing and the next war will literally explode the invest-

If Hamas chooses rockets over massive aid, its grip on Gaza may weaken. "It is up to Hamas," Ross said. "Let Hamas explain to the international community and their own public why Gaza must be condemned to deep impoverishment." Hamas cannot be ejected from Gaza, but we can at least help put it on the defensive.

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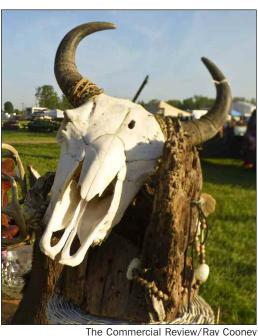
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Swap

Pictured clockwise from above: Nicholas Lancaster (left) talks with his 6-year-old son, Nicholas (Brian) Lancaster, while prepping to ride a four-wheeler; A swap meet enthusiast rides a mini scooter through the Tri-State grounds this morning; George Hackler (right) of Clinton, Tennessee, and his nephew Scott Hackler of Jelico, Tennessee, take a look at an engine this morning. Both have made several trips to the Tri-State show. "You can't see it all," said Scott. "It's pretty cool." "It's a good show," added George; An art piece featuring an animal skull sits in a display on the west side of the grounds.



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Israel ...

Continued from page 1 Similar flare-ups around the sacred compound in Jerusalem's Old City, known as the Temple Mount by Jews and as the Noble Sanctuary by Muslims, triggered the Israel-Hamas conflict 12 days ago.

The development in Jerusalem came as international leaders including President Joe Biden welcomed news of a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas. Biden, along with other world leaders, pledged support for reconstruction in Gaza, where Israeli airstrikes aimed at Hamas have damaged electricity and water systems, according to aid agencies. Gaza's fishing zone has remained closed since May 9, according to the Israeli army.

Both Israel and Hamas claimed success after the cease-

fire. But in Israel, where the conflict had potentially boosted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's chances of staying in power after another indecisive election, far-right politicians on whom Netanyahu relies to form a coalition and many members of his base in Israel's south lambasted the ceasefire.

Hamas, which lobbed over 4,300 rockets at Israel during the latest bout of violence, warned it was ready to continue fighting if the cease-fire did not hold.

Felony arrests

Neglecting dependent

A Dunkirk man was arrested Tuesday for neglecting a depend-

Terry M. Snyder, 21, 220 S. Meridian St., was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for the crime. He was released on \$4,500 bond from Jay County Jail.

Failed to appear

A Dunkirk man was arrested Thursday for failing to appear in

Justus P. Folkerth, 27, 317 W.

Pleasant St., was originally charged a Level 5 felony for dealing in narcotic drugs. He was booked into Jay County Jail without bond.

Drug possession

Several people were arrested recently for drug possession.

Travis J. Borgerding, 32, 216 E. Walnut St., Portland, was arrested Thursday and preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe. He's being held on \$6,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Michael S. Bingham, 32, 6769 W. 400 S., Portland, was arrested Thursday and preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs. He's being held on \$6,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Nicholas S. Banter, 37, was arrested Wednesday and preliminarily charged two counts of possession of methamphetamine, both Level 6 felonies. He was also preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for intimidation, a Level 6

felony for unlawful possession of a syringe and two Class C misdemeanors for two counts of possession of paraphernalia. He was booked into Jay County Jail on \$7.500 bond.

Kristin Vermillion, 37, 2216 N. Rector Ave., Muncie, was arrested May 14 and preliminarily charged two Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of a syringe and possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs. She was released on \$7,500 bond from Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

Continued from page 2 Leah H. Ross, 31, was driving her 2003 GMC Envoy south on the street and stopped at the intersection with Water Street. Gavin C. McCrosson, 17, Wayne Street at the same time. As McCrosson Tuesday. drove his 2007 Chevrolet Aveo through the intersection, Ross began turn-

McCrosson's vehicle. Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Failed to see

A Cincinnati man drove into a Portland was driving north on woman's car on Wayne Street about 6:40 a.m.

Edilzar A. Rodas Velasquez told Portland police he was turning his ing east and drove into 2008 Toyota RAV4 onto

Street and didn't see the southbound 2007 Honda Civic driven by 19-yearold Shadie R. Canterbury. He said he couldn't see past the Wayne Street bridge structure, according to a police report.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Backing accident

An Ossian driver

the road near Third backed into a vehicle at 2702 S. 200 West when while leaving a Portland he hit a 2015 Mercedes driveway about 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

John O. Kreigh, 76, was backing his 2007 Ford Focus out of the driveway less than \$1,000.

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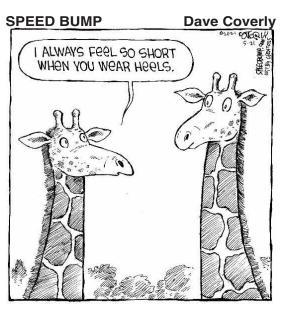
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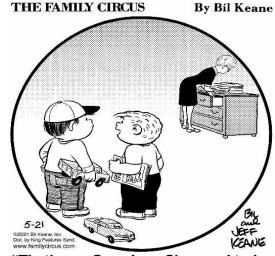
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Sports/Classifieds

Masonic Lodge splits with Monument, All-Circuit

Masonic Lodge split a pair of games Thursday in Portland Junior League's Major softball divi-

It topped Jay County Monument 15-3 and fell to All-Circuit Electrical, 6-4.

Brooklyn Bright had two doubles and a single for Masonic Lodge in the win against Jay County Monument. Chelsea Bessesen chipped in two singles. Alexis Sibray hit two singles for Jay County Monument in the loss.

Jordyn Hutzler singled twice for All-Circuit in its win against Masonic Lodge. Kendel Rowles, Emily Young, Carley Trinidad, Hallie Schwieterman Kadence Allred each singled.

Junior League roundup

and singled for Masonic Lodge, which got two singles from Brenna Bailey as well. MaKaylah Brainerd also singled.

Matt's hangs on

Matt's Garage won a high-scoring affair against Pak-A-Sak, 19-12, in their Rookie baseball con-

Blake Jellison homered, doubled, singled twice and had six Nevaeh Armstrong hit a double RBIs for Matt's. Lavaughn Bal-

RBIs, while Eason Steed and Ethan Peterson contributed four singles and two RBIs each. Lexton Dakin had three singles and three RBIs.

Sawyer Young knocked in three RBIs on three singles for Pak-A-Sak. Henry Teeter doubled, singled three times and had an RBI, while Cash Revnolds hit a double. two singles and tallied three RBIs.

Barnett's wins big

Two players each had four hits in leading Barnett's Auto Parts to a 17-2 victory against Williams Auto Parts on Thursday in Rookie baseball action.

Cody Klopfenstein was 4-for-4 with a home run, while Tuck and Miller fanned four in two

lard had four singles and three Hemmelgarn was 4-for-4 with a innings. triple. Sawyer Hemmelgarn and Maddix Hampton had three hits each, and Emmett Betz doubled as part of his 2-for-2 effort.

Parker Huntsman and Hayden Franks each had two hits to lead Williams. LT Carter, Ethan Wilson and Maxim Ward each singled.

Lions tops Optimist

Lions Club grabbed a 10-2 win against Portland Optimist in their Willie Mays game on Thurs-

Logan Wendel hit a pair of doubles and Alex Miller had one twobase hit as well. Miller struck out seven batters in three innings.

Varen Ridgway doubled twice for Optimist. Nick Snow hit a double, and Kaden Carpenter singled. Ridgway collected three strikeouts, and Snow had three punch outs.

Wiggins leads PG

Sam Wiggins drove in a pair of runs as PG-14 earned a 6-2 victory against Kiwanis in Willie Mays action Thursday.

Grant Fennig had a double, a single and an RBI for PG-14. Andrew Myers doubled, and Benson Armstrong had two singles. Eli Homan and Wiggins added singles.

Stats for Kiwanis were not pro-

First

Continued from page 8 rallied to win back-to-The result at No. 2 back games.

doubles was never in doubt as Hedges and Hemmelgarn raced out to a 5-0 lead in the first set. They fought off a game point and went to deuce twice before finishing the first set on winner from Hedges.

A night after barely fighting off Winchester's Kevlana Davis and Evy Hinds for a 6-3, 7-5 victory, they breezed through the second set to finish off their shutout.

"We were very careful on our shots, placement wise, because last night we were hitting them into the net or hitting them out," Hemmelgarn. "Tonight we could control them a lot bet-

Dirksen and Muhlenkamp had a slightly tougher road, but the distance against were still in control throughout. They won their first three games en route to taking the opening set 6-2 and then grabbed a 5-1 advantage in the second set before Union City's Emily Evans a 6-7 (2-7), 6-1, 6-2 and Andrea Sanders defeat.

But the comeback ended there as a Muhlenkamp volley and two Indian errors gave the Patriot pair a set point opportunity. Dirksen cashed it in, smashing a serve that Union City was to return unable cleanly.

Blunk had a tougher road to her No. 3 singles win as the match stretched about two and a half hours. She pulled out a tiebreaker to capture the first set, dropped the second and then fought back from down 3-0 in the third for a 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 6-4 victory over Christina Sowinski. (Their regular-season match also went three sets, with Blunk winning 7-5, 2-6, 6-4.)

Jay County's Grace Brewster also went Carlee Rismiller at No. 1 singles but ran out of gas in the third. She claimed the first set 7-6 before dropping the second 6-1. She fell behind 4-1 in the third and could not rally in

Qualify

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Whitehead crossed the finish line in 50.73 seconds — nearly a full second faster than his seed time — for the championship. Funkhouser was the runner-up with a career-best time of 51.05 seconds, a major improvement from his seed.

"I'm pretty happy with it," he said. "I didn't get the time I wanted but I did get a (personal

As for being just six-hundredths of a second off his goal of breaking 51 seconds?

close," added was "It Funkhouser, who also finished fifth in the 200 dash. "But regional, here I come."

The top three places in each event advance to the regional meet, set for May 27 at Lawrence Central.

Funkhouser's classmate Jean Pieterse earned the other regional qualifying berth as he placed third height — Stitt and Mahaffey both scored points for the Patriots.

in high jump with a career-best did — and he placed third. Mahafheight of 6 feet.

Pieterse was one of five competitors remaining when the bar was raised to 6 feet. Delta's Adam Stitt was the first of the group to clear the height, doing so on his second attempt.

Muncie Central's Jerramie Johnson and Cowan's Kyle Pike both missed all three attempts, and Pieterse had faulted on his first

With one chance left to secure a top-three finish and a berth in the regional meet, the junior cleared the bar for a new personal best. He let out a smile, went to the edge of the track and hugged teammate Owen Ransom.

Wapahani's Alden Mahaffey cleared the height on his third and final attempt as well, leaving three remaining as the bar was lifted by 2 inches.

fey won the championship with a height of 6 feet, 4 inches.

"I'm really happy for him," Imel said. Pieterse was also eighth in 110 and 300 hurdles. "He's been shooting for 6 feet all year long. You can tell he really works at it and works hard at it.

Jay County's 4x100 relay team of Gavin Farmer, Dylan Knapschafer, Adrek Pogue and Ransom had a career-best time of 45.96 seconds place fifth, while Flint Schmiesing, Dustin Harris, Griffin Lennartz and Mitchell Winner took eighth in the 4x800 relay in 9 minutes, 35.73 seconds, a careerbest effort.

Kunkler, Ransom, Knapschafer and Funkhouser combined for a time of 3:47.72 for seventh in the 4x400 relay. Kunkler (fifth - 100 hurdles) and

Knapschafer (seventh - long jump) Pieterse wasn't able to clear the also finished in the top eight and

Ends

Continued from page 8 The Patriots were down 13-6 heading to the bottom of the fifth before the Braves put the game

Dusty Pearson hit two singles and knocked in a run for Jay County, which also got a triple and three RBIs from Bennett Weitzel.

Myers and Josh Dowlen against the Blackford JCHS offense with a doualso singled.

Lane Chapman took the allowing three loss, unearned runs without giving up a hit in one inning. He walked one batter.

Jay tops Bruins

Jay County's junior varsity baseball team Kess McBride, Gavin picked up a 12-2 victory

Bruins in five innings Thursday at Don E. Selvey Field.

The Patriots (6-9) led the Bruins 3-2 heading to the bottom of the fourth inning before exploding for a half dozen runs. They tacked on three more in the fifth for the walk-off, run-rule victory.

Bryce Wenk led the five and walked four.

ble, a single and two RBIs. Peyton James collected two hits and two RBIs, and Ryne Goldsworthy singled and knocked in three runs. Tavin Wasson also had two RBIs.

Wenk earned the win, allowing two earned runs on two hits in 3 1/3 innings. He struck out

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Bidding quiz

Partner bids One Heart, and the next player passes. What would you respond with each of the following

respond with each of the constraint of the four hands?

1. ♦ AQ982 ♥ J743 ♦ 86 ♣ 95

2. ♦ J643 ♥ J ♦ 7643 ♣ KQ92

3. ♦ 10 ♥ K97632 ♦ QJ743 ♣ 8

4. ♦ 52 ♥ QJ42 ♦ AQ65 ♣ QJ0743 ♣ 8

1. Two hearts. The principle of anticipation plays an important role in the bidding. Before selecting a bid, a player should look ahead to see whether he might be creating a later

whether he might be creating a later problem for himself.

Thus, suppose you responded one spade and partner rebid two hearts. What now? If you pass, you've neglected to show your heart support; if you raise to three hearts, you're bidding too much with too little.

The best way of avoiding such a situation is not to create it in the first situation is not to create it in the first place. Simply raise one heart to two, indicating six to 10 points and a trump fit. That's what you have, and that's how you show it. The next move will then rest squarely where it halves to increasing they

belongs — in partner's lap.

2. One spade. One of the most difficult concepts to sell is that a suit response at the one-level does not promise greater strength than a one-notrump response. A standard onenotrump response ranges from six to 10 points, while one of a suit prom-

ises six or more, with no upper limit; but what should be emphasized is but what should be emphasized is that either response might be based on as little as six points. Here, the opportunity to show a four-card major on the one-level should not be bypassed merely because the hand or suit is weak. Bettner could easily how four produce

because the hand or suit is weak. Partner could easily have four spades, and it is your responsibility as responder to explore that possibility.

3. Four hearts. This is a preemptive bid, pure and simple. It combines the chance of making four hearts with the chance of making it difficult for the opponents to enter the bidding on a hand where they can probably compete successfully in either spades compete successfully in either spades or clubs. The leap to four hearts indi-cates excellent trump support (usually five cards or more) and distribu-tion, but relatively little high-card

4. Three hearts. The jump-raise to three of partner's suit, a "limit raise," indicates a good 10 to 12 points, some of which might be based on distributional values. Partner may pass with a dead minimum or con-

pass with a dead minimum of continue bidding as he sees fit.

It is not necessary or desirable to bid two diamonds before supporting hearts for much the same reason outlined in the answer to the first problem. lem. The direct raise is best and leaves partner in the driver's seat.

Tomorrow: Every card played tells a story.

5-21 CRYPTOQUIP

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Public Notice

Notice of Public Hearing

Jay County Planning Commission Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held by the Jay County Planning Commission on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jay County Courthouse Auditorium, 120 N. Court Street, Portland, Indiana 47371 to consider the follow

ing Petition: SFES2021-04-13, (Petition

Number) Skycrest Solar Energy LLC (Name of Petitioner) requests a Development Plan Approval to develop a Solar Farm Energy System

(SFES). The Skycrest Solar SFES project area general loca-

1. Northwestern Jackson Township, west of CR 550 W and north of CR 650 N [Town

ship 24 North, Range 13 East], Sections 6, 7, and 18. 2. Northeastern Township, east of State Road 1 and north of CR 650 N [Township 24 North, Range 12 East], Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13,

A copy of the Petition for De-

velopment Plan Approval and all plans pertaining thereto are on file and may be examined prior to the Public Hearing from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for holidays, in the Office of Jay County Building & Planning, Com munity Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian Street, Suite E, Portland, Indiana 47371. Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may offer written comments in support of or in opposition to the Petition prior to or at the Hearing. Written comments prior to the Hearing are filed with the Planning Director of the Jay County Building and Plan-

If you have a disability which requires special assistance for your participation in the Public Hearing, please call the Jay County Building & Planning Department (260) 726-6904 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Hearing to make special arrange-Mary E. Solada, Attorney for

ning Department

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First since '15

Jay County High School girls tennis team knocks off Union City for sectional title

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Lyric Garringer didn't realize it, but the match was in her hands.

Both doubles teams had already off the courts with wins, meaning she could secure the sectional title for the Patriots.

Leading 5-2 over Union City's Hannah Fischer in the second set, she missed on her

first opportunity. She left no doubt on her second try.

Garringer served out the ninth game of the set at love to complete her 7-5, 6-3 victory and give the Jay County High School girls tennis team its first sectional cham-

pionship since 2015. "That's exciting," said Garringer, the only senior in the varsity lineup. "I didn't expect that for us. ...

"I've always just kind of known we weren't going to win sectional," she added. Winchester had won four straight before last season was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic. "And then this year there was the chance that we could, so that was just exciting.'

"I'm giddy," added junior doubles player Lilly Hedges. "It feels awesome. I'm really proud of everyone."

Kiersten Blunk later added a three-set win at No. 3 singles for a 4-1 final score. The Patriots will head to the regional tournament Tuesday at Marion to take on the host Giants, and Rachel Muhlenkamp



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School senior Lyric Garringer lines up a shot Thursday during her No. 2 singles match against Hannah Fischer of Union City. Garringer knocked off Fischer 7-5, 6-3 to secure the Patriots' first sectional championship since 2015.

Thursday for their sectional ish off their win at No. 1 dou- handily, but then Garringer championship.

"This is great," said JCHS coach Dave Cramer, whose team improved to 11-5. "This is a good feeling. We've got a bunch of really good girls that have worked hard and they've really earned this."

No. 2 doubles team of Lilly Hedges and Holly Hemmelgarn made quick work of their match, and Madison Dirksen

bles. That left the Patriots in need of just one singles victory to lock up the sectional title.

When both the No. 1 and 3 singles matches went to a third set, the spotlight shifted to Garopening set against Fischer and took the first game of the second. They traded the next few games before Garringer won a couple back-to-back to push to a 5-2 lead.

Fischer won four out of five doing it pretty well today." who topped Mississinewa 4-1 didn't take much longer to fin- points to take the next game

stepped back to serve. She took the first point with an overhead slam and pushed to a 40love lead thanks to a couple of Fischer errors.

Then, with the set on the ringer. She had won 7-5 in the line, Garringer attacked the net and Fischer's return sailed wide right.

"I was following through better on my backhands," said Garringer. "I haven't been doing that a lot lately, but I was

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Season ends on

CONVOY. Ohio — The Indians and Knights hadn't had an extra-base hit all game.

The only double made the difference.

Fort Recovery's baseball team had its season end on a walk-off double in the bottom of the seventh inning of a Local

3-2 loss to host roundup the Crestview

Knights on Thursday in the Division IV Coldwater District sectional championship. Fort Recovery (9-17), the

district's No. 6 seed, had its 2-0 lead over No. 5 seed Crestview vanish with a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Two frames later, a sin-

gle, a walk and an RBI double — the only extrabase hit of the night ended the game.

The Indians jumped on top of the Knights 1-0 in the first inning on a Daniel Patch sacrifice fly. Patch singled in the fifth inning to double the Tribe lead before Crestview evened the game in the next half inning.

Cobe Wendel collected two hits, while Brock Dues and Kendrick Wendel also singled.

Troy Homan charged the loss. He allowed one earned run on two hits and walked one in one inning. Patch tossed the first five, surrendering two earned runs on four hits. He struck out four and walked four.

Jay blasts Knights

The Patriots made home plate a launching pad again.

Jay County High School's softball team blasted five home runs in beating the Northeastern Knights by a 13-1 margin in five innings Thursday at JCHS.

It's the second-most home runs in a game this season for the Patriots (17-6), who hit eight in a 21-0 win April 13 against Eastbrook.

Rieley Brewster hit a three-run home run in the bottom of the first inning. Renna Schwieterman and Olivia Bright followed with solo shots as the Patriots launched back-toback-to-back homers while putting up seven

Haley Gillette hit a three-run shot in the second inning, and an inning later Brewster went yard again, her team-leading 12th round-tripper this

season. Brewster added a single and finished with five RBIs, and Gillette also doubled on her way to a three RBI game. Mady Fraley also knocked in two runs.

Patriots stumble

DECATUR — Ten errors and an eight-run third inning doomed the Jay County baseball team in a 16-6 loss in five innings to the host Bellmont Braves on Thursday.

Jay County (12-8) scored twice in the top of the third inning to trail Bellmont 4-3 before the Braves tacked on eight in the home half of the frame thanks to four JCHS errors.

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Funkhouser, Pieterse qualify for regional

Jay County juniors second, third respectively at sectional meet

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review

MUNCIE — Aaron Funkhouser is heading back to regional.

He's got another teammate going with him.

Funkhouser was the runner-up in the 400-meter dash Thursday as Jay County High School's boys track team had two advance to regional during the IHSAA Boys Track and Field Sectional at Muncie Central.

"All in all I'm really pleased with how the boys performed," said JCHS coach Joe Imel. "Some of the kids are disappointed because they didn't place as high as they wanted to.'

Despite just three event wins, Delta won its first sectional title since 2018 by scoring 143.5 points. Yorktown, which had six event victories, totaled 130 points for second, and Wapahani (three wins) was third with 113.5.

Defending champion Muncie Central (the 2020 season was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic) totaled 104 points for fourth. Jay County was a distant fifth with 34 points.

A regional qualifier as a fresh-



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Jay County High School junior Aaron Funkhouser (center) sprints ahead of Union City's Blayne Daniels (left) but behind Yorktown's Cole Whitehead on their way to the finish line of the 400-meter dash during the IHSAA Boys Track and Field Sectional on Thursday at Muncie Central. Whitehead won, with Funkhouser being runner-up.

seeded third heading into the sectional meet with his time of 52.72 seconds.

Starting in lane Funkhouser struggled a bit early

staggered start, and coming off the back stretch Yorktown's Cole Whitehead passed him.

down the front stretch toward the man in 2019, Funkhouser was on to keep his lead because of the finish line, Funkhouser and

Whitehead had emerged at the head of the field, with Whitehead, a senior, holding a two-As they came out of the turn stride lead over the Patriot jun-

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