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Jay, Adams will partner

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Funding for preventing a road from falling into the Wabash River has been approved.

Jay County Commissioners on Monday OK'd contributing roughly \$143,000 toward work on county road 900 North (the Jay/Adams County line). Adams County will be responsible for the remainder of the funding for the project.

The Wabash River snakes along the road and, at one point just west of county road 350 East, is only about 20 feet away from the road. Over time, the dirt and embankment has been falling into the river, explained Adams County highway supervisor Brad Yoder.

"Some spots are worse than

Road near Wabash River has been deteriorating

others — you can actually see where it's already dropped about 3 (feet) in places," he said in an interview after the meeting.

Because the river is so close to the road, it's a safety hazard, Yoder added.

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The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Commissioners approved spending an estimated \$143,000 in highway department funds to prevent county road 900 North from falling into the Wabash River. The road that serves as the Jay/Adams County line sits about 20 feet away from the river. Over time, the embankment supporting the road has been falling into the river. Plans are to install sheet piling to stop the problem.



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Graduation grin

Regan Martin smiles after the Fort Recovery High School graduation ceremony Sunday. Martin and 68 other members of the FRHS Class of 2021 graduated.

Dunkirk can't change to all at-large

Cities are required to have districts for council

By ROSE SKELLY
The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — Dunkirk City Council will not be able to switch to all at-large council seats.

At their Monday meeting, council heard from town attorney Wes Schemenaur that a proposed switch from districts to at-large council members is not permissible for cities in Indiana.

At its May 10 meeting, council had discussed the possibility of making every seat on the council at-large, rather than the current set-up of four district seats and one at-large seat.

"The legislature did change it, only for towns, not for cities," Schemenaur told council. "So it is not an option for the City of Dunkirk to go to an all at-large council."

Clerk-treasurer Tina Elliott noted that the districts in the city may change in 2022 based on census results, which could affect current council members' seats.

Council members also discussed how to handle unpaid stormwater utility fees, a new \$10 monthly charge that is assessed twice a year on residents' property tax bills. Schemenaur said he would look into the city's options, including placing liens on properties or using small claims court to collect the utility fees.

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

•Decided to extend its paid time off policies until January for city employees who contract coronavirus or have to care for a family member with the illness.

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Biden, Putin will meet in June

By AAMER MADHANI,
JONATHAN LEMIRE
and JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden will hold a summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin next month in Geneva, a face-to-face meeting between the two leaders that comes amid escalating tensions between the U.S. and Russia in the first months of the Biden administration.

The White House confirmed details of the summit on Tuesday. The two leaders' meeting, set for June 16, is being tacked on to the end of Biden's first international trip as president next month when he visits Britain for a meeting of Group of Seven leaders and Brussels for the NATO summit.

"The leaders will discuss the full range of pressing issues, as we seek to restore predictability and stability to the U.S.-Russia

Leaders confirm plans to hold summit in Switzerland

relationship," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said in a statement announcing the summit.

Biden first proposed a summit in a call with Putin in April as his administration prepared to levy sanctions against Russian officials for the second time during the first three months of his presidency.

White House officials said earlier this week that they were ironing out details for the summit. National security adviser Jake

Sullivan discussed details of the meeting when he met with his Russian counterpart, Nikolay Patrushev.

The Kremlin, in its own statement announcing the meeting, said that the presidents will discuss "the current state and prospects of the Russian-U.S. relations, strategic stability issues and the acute problems on the international agenda, including interaction in dealing with the coronavirus pandemic and settlement of regional conflicts."

The White House has repeatedly said it is seeking a "stable and predictable" relationship with the Russians, while also calling out Putin on allegations that the Russians interfered in last year's U.S. presidential election and that the Kremlin was behind a hacking campaign — commonly referred to as the SolarWinds breach — in which Russian hackers infected widely used software with malicious code, enabling them to access the networks of at least nine U.S. agencies.

The Biden administration has also criticized Russia for the arrest and jailing of opposition leader Alexei Navalny and publicly acknowledged that it has low to moderate confidence that Russian agents were offering bounties to the Taliban to attack U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

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Deaths

James Bedwell, 91, Sevierville, Tennessee
Della Zimmerman, 79, Dunkirk
Todd Moore, 50, Redkey
Georgia Walter, 88, Muncie
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 86 degrees Monday. The low was 63.
Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 67. There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms beginning early Thursday with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour.
See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Jay County Commissioners have scheduled a special meeting for 2 p.m. June 2. Commissioners and county council will meet in a joint special session at 6 p.m. the same day.

Coming up

Wednesday — JCHS drama department production is coming this weekend.

Friday — Results from the JCHS boys track team at the regional meet.



Deeds

Caroline J. and Reuben Girod to Samuel J. and Rebecca R. Schwartz and Samuel R. and Sarah J. Schwartz, warranty deed — Part of Section 2, Bearcreek Township, 19.60 acres Neoma F. and Roman M. Troyer to Emanuel W. Schwartz, warranty deed — Lot 1, Block 7, original plat of Bryant Russell C. Norris (deceased) and Alma R. Norris to Alma R. Norris, deed affidavit — Lots 3 and 4, Purdiom Addition, Dunkirk Diana K. Michael to Jay County Rural Electric Membership Corporation, easement — Part of Section 4, Wayne Township Rachel J. Hersh to Miranda M. Grayson, warranty deed — Part of Section 29, Wayne Township Terry W. Leist, Marie J. Leist

(deceased) and Belva I. Leist (deceased) to Terry W. Leist, deed affidavit — Part of Section 8, Richland Township, 0.25 acres Portland 928 LLC to John-Weiss LLC, warranty deed — Part of Lot 6, Baker Addition Shirley A. Stauffer Revocable Trust to Jordan H. and Sarah E. Moser, trustee deed — Part of Section 29, Pike Township, 10.43 acres Amy R. and Jason E. Lawrence to Craige A. Jarvis, warranty deed — Part of Section 19, Jackson Township, 2.21 acres Jennifer L. and Matthew A. Billington to Amy and Jason Lawrence, warranty deed — Part of Section 8 and 9, Wayne Township, about 1 acre GVD Commercial Properties Inc to OBC Portland LLC, war-

ranty deed — Part of Lot 146, Votaws Third Addition; Parts of Section 16, Wayne Township, about 1.3 acres RLM Enterprises LLC to Corey Reynard and Kylie Van-lue, quit claim deed — Lots 83 and 84, Daugherty Addition Gary Gildersleeve to David W. and Meranda E. Teeter, warranty deed — Part of Section 20, Wayne Township, 15.71 acres Mary C. Bollinger to Scherry P. and Timothy A. Ramsey, warranty deed — Part of Lot 113, Woodlawn Park Addition Stephen A. Dull and Sharon A. Dull (deceased) to Stephen A. Dull, quit claim deed — Lots 3, 4 and 5, Andrews HA Addition Bobby W. Wendel (deceased) and Virginia L. Wendel to Dennis E. Wendel, quit claim deed -

- Section 5, Wabash Township Tanner M. Coratti to Amanda and Robert Adair, warranty deed — Parts of Section 30, Wayne Township, about 1.8 acres Thomas Shearer to Richard A. Robison, warranty deed — Part of Lots 3 and 4, East Addition Joan H. Post to Joan H. Post Trust, warranty deed — Part of Section 25, Bearcreek Township, about 72 acres Kelli A. Clanin (also known as Kelli A. Burt) to Phillip Newsome, quit claim deed — Lot 16, Bartlett Addition, Dunkirk Rodgers Farms LLC to Brian Paro, warranty deed — Part of Section 11, Richland Township, 2.31 acres Larry J. Newland to Leslie S. Stinson, warranty deed — Part of Outlots 11 and 14, Baker Addi-

tion Oakwood MHC LLC to Oakwood MHC Indiana LLC, warranty deed — Part of Sections 8 and 9, Wayne Township, Portland Keith R. Ford and Phyllis A. Ford (deceased) to Keith R. Ford, quit claim deed — Part of Lots 11 and 12, Wallings Addition; Part of Lot 3, Block 2, Whitemans Addition Martha J. Harris and Arthur C. Harris (deceased) to Jenna and Shawn W. Blalock, warranty deed — Part of Section 21, Pike Township, 17.85 acres Corey L. Heniser, Connie M. Griesinger (also known as Connie M. Heniser) to Tabettha Sprunger, warranty deed — Part of Section 21, Wayne Township, 0.37 acres

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Table with 5 columns: Wednesday 5/26, Thursday 5/27, Friday 5/28, Saturday 5/29, Sunday 5/30. Includes weather icons and high/low temperatures.

Lotteries

Powerball Saturday 3-19-27-37-40 Powerball: 8 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$236 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 3-0-7 Daily Four: 3-9-1-0 Evening Daily Three: 1-2-2 Daily Four: 1-1-8-0 Quick Draw: 8-10-11-13-17-18-23-29-31-32-37-40-41-46-47-48-53-57-58-79

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.85 Wheat6.59 POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.06 June corn6.91 The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.82 June corn6.82 Beans15.66 June beans15.66 Wheat6.52 June wheat..... 6.42 Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.76 June corn6.76 Beans15.66 Sept. beans13.21 Wheat 6.51 Sunrise St. Anthony Corn.....6.78 May corn.....6.81 Beans15.41 May beans15.43 Wheat6.16 July wheat.....6.16

Today in history

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd, a Black man, died when a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee on Floyd's neck for about 9 1/2 minutes while Floyd was handcuffed and pleading that he couldn't breathe; Floyd's death, captured on video by a bystander, would lead to worldwide protests, some of which turned violent, and a reexamination of racism and policing in the U.S. In 1787, the Constitutional Convention began at the Pennsylvania State House (Independence Hall) in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum. In 1959, the U.S. Supreme Court, in State Athletic Commission v. Dorsey, struck down a Louisiana law prohibiting interracial boxing matches. (The case had been brought by Joseph Dorsey Jr., a Black professional boxer.) In 1971, Baker Rockledge Products held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new \$500,000 find-grinding plant in Portland. Production was expected to begin at the plant in October. —AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Wednesday 5 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, Dunkirk City Park. Tuesday, June 1 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community St. Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 7 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.

Obituaries

James Bedwell

James A. Bedwell, 91, formerly of Pennville, died Saturday at Sevierville Health and Rehab in Sevierville, Tennessee. Arrangements are pending with Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

Della Zimmerman

May 11, 1942-May 22, 2021 Della Mae Zimmerman, 79, Dunkirk, passed away at 9:21 a.m. Saturday, May 22, 2021, at her residence.

She was born in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, on May 11, 1942, to Dudley Thompson Sr. and Jenny Ann (Hardin) Thompson. Her parents preceded her in death.



Zimmerman

Della married Thaddeus J. Zimmerman on Dec. 11, 1960, in Blackford County. He passed away on Sept. 10, 2005.

She retired from Indiana Glass after 29 years of service. She was a kind, loving and sweet person. Her greatest joy was becoming a mom. When she became a grandma, her grandkids were her world. She had a great sense of humor; loved to laugh, and she was onery.

Della will be sadly missed by her children Robert "Bob" J. (wife: Sherry) Zimmerman of Upland, Melody A. Zimmerman (fiancé: Jon Emery) of Upland and Rodney A. "Rocky" Zimmerman of Dunkirk; grandchildren Tiffany Ramsey (husband: Joshua), Joshua Zimmerman, Daniel Zimmerman, Jennifer Stephens (husband: Bryan), Randy Overla Jr. (wife: Amy), Bradley Overla (wife: Megan), Corey Zimmerman and Austin Zimmerman (fiancé: Kerri Collins); 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; siblings Doris McCubbins of Shepherdsville, Kentucky, Darlene Thompson of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, Jody Thompson (wife: Barb) of Radcliff, Kentucky, Patsy Ewing of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, Michael Thompson (wife: Aubrey) of Boston, Kentucky, and Denise Baker (husband: Eddie)

of Boston, Kentucky; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Marilyn A. Zimmerman; and siblings Dudley Thompson Jr., Shirley Ewing and Carolyn Pullen.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St. Hartford City. Burial will follow at Hartford City Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, 2021, and from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at Keplinger Funeral Home.

Due to COVID-19 we want to make families and visitors our utmost priority. We ask that rules and regulations according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention be followed while in our facility. We ask that you practice social distancing and we have hand sanitizer available. Masks are requested and recommended at the funeral home. We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience.

Please utilize our website at keplingerfuneralhome.com or our Keplinger Funeral Home Facebook Page to leave online condolences to the family.

Todd Moore

Jan. 12, 1971-May 21, 2021 Todd Moore, age 50, of Redkey passed away Friday, May 21, 2021, at his residence.

Todd was born in Winchester on Jan. 12, 1971, the son of Larry and Diana (Aker) Moore. He had worked at Union City Body Company, was a member of Ward Township Volunteer Fire Department and was in the Jay County High School Class of 1989. He served in the U.S. Army.

Todd enjoyed hunting, fishing, guns and gaming with his son. He loved spending time with his children.

Surviving are one son, Russell Moore of Richmond; one daughter, Alexis Moore of Richmond; father Larry Moore (companion: Lorine Hall) of Redkey; brother Keith Moore (wife: Suzy) of Ridgeville; and sister Rhonda Short of Redkey.

He was preceded in death by his mother Diana Moore. Memorial services will be held on

Friday, May 28, 2021, at 6 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Randy Smith presiding.

Burial will be in the Salamonia Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Georgia Walter

July 8, 1932-May 21, 2021

Georgia L. Walter, age 88 a resident of Muncie and a former Jay County resident passed away

Friday, May 21, 2021, at Signature Health Care in Muncie. She was a 1950 graduate of Westfield High School and earned her master's degree in education from Indiana University. She was a teacher for the Indiana School for the Blind for over 12 years and taught at Indiana Business College in Muncie for six years.



Walter

Georgia Walter was born July 8, 1932, in Sheridan, Indiana, the daughter of George and Harriet (Wood) Walker. She was married on Dec. 31, 1967, to Emmett Walter. He preceded her in death on May 3, 2019.

Survivors include: One daughter — Tricia Walter, Muncie, Indiana

One brother — Allen Walker, Lake Mary, Florida

Several nieces and nephews

And her beloved pet, Tuesday

Visitation will be held for family and friends from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral home in Portland. Graveside services will follow at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Center Cemetery, west of Portland. Pastor John Burton will officiate the service.

***** 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.

Felony arrests

Drug possession

Two people were arrested recently for drug possession.

Kristin Vermillion, 37, 2216 N. Rector Ave., Muncie, was arrested Monday and preliminarily charged two Level 6 felonies for possession of a narcotic drug and unlawful possession of a syringe. She is being held in Jay County Jail without bond. Shannon M. Morgan, 34,

701 S. Western Ave., Portland, was arrested today and preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs and unlawful possession of a syringe. Morgan was booked into Jay County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.

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SERVICES

Wednesday Zimmerman, Della: 11 a.m., Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St. Hartford City. Walter, Georgia: 2:30 p.m., Center Cemetery, rural Portland. Thursday Minch, John: 10:30 a.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 7321 Indiana 67, Bryant. Friday Moore, Todd: 6 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



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.

Picnic table joins wish list

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

A few summers ago I was working outside in the flower beds. A young boy stopped to chat. He told me that he remembered our house because it had a red picnic table. I told him we had never had a picnic table, let alone a red one.

He still insisted that we once had a red picnic table. He concluded his argument by saying, "Some people just don't remember." I agreed with him and he went on his way.

Long before that boy had been born we did have a picnic table. It was white, not red. It was one that had been in my grandmother's barn until we asked if we could have it. We had many good meals at that table. When it was time to move we returned the table to the barn.

After we settled into our current house we had considered taking the table home with us. However, my brother, Michael, burned the barn down and the table was reduced to ashes. It wasn't

As I See It



Michael's fault. He had left a potbelly stove running while he took a friend home. Even though he wasn't gone for more than a few minutes, the fire was hot enough to throw burning embers onto the dry wood of the barn and "poof!" it was gone.

We were at my in-laws at the time. The fire made the news and it took a few minutes to realize that it was Grandma's barn. She was mostly bedridden at that time. Someone called for an ambulance to take her away from the smoke. They dropped her two or three times before they got her into the ambulance. The barn and its contents were a total loss. Michael was distraught.

I think of that fire every time I read or hear a warning that cautions us to wait until

conditions are better before building a fire for any reason. The words of Smokey Bear ring loud and clear. "Only you can prevent forest fires."

Several years ago we got together with some cousins whom we had not seen for decades. Gary and the twins, Marilyn and Carolyn, were technically Mom's cousins as their dad was my grandmother's youngest brother. They were closer to my age than to Mom's.

The conversation wandered into talking about the barn. Gary had always loved the machine that took the corn off the cob and ground it into something the chickens could eat. The hand cranked apparatus had been bolted onto the edge of the workbench.

Gary could entertain himself for a really long time playing with it. In addition to the picnic table, the barn held tons of treasures. There was a cupboard we weren't allowed to mess with. It held all of Grandpa's planes, hammers and all kinds of woodworking tools. There were boxes of

Campbell's Kids plastic toys, courtesy of the previous owner. On the one end of the hayloft was a bunch of treasures that my uncle Norman, had found at flea markets. I have a settee that he had bought somewhere and abandoned. When any of the cousins came over the barn was the first place we went.

By the time Michael burned the barn down, the cousins and I had lost touch. Going exploring in a barn had lost its charm. We would all rather do anything than to visit with relatives.

I have considered getting a new picnic table. A major challenge is that there is no easy way to get to our backyard without walking halfway around the house. We do have a nice side porch. The problem is that it faces west so the sun shines in our eyes whenever we want to sit out there in the evening.

I am unsure if a picnic table would fit in the car. The best way to get one is to build one ourselves. I'll add it to the wish list.

June is busy for library

School lets out June 12, and the library is ready with activities for area children.

Jay County Public Library's events this month include drop-in crafts, story time, an animal program and a movie.

The library will offer a drop-in craft from 3 to 5 p.m. June 8. Participants will create a bookmark.

"Brainstormers and Explorers" story time is slated for 10 to 11 a.m. on Fridays from June 18 through July 16. It will include stories and songs followed by activities.

Children can also sign up to read to a cat from Midwest Pet Refuge on Tuesday mornings from June 15 through July 13.

Silly Safaris will hold a live animal show at 1:30 p.m. June 21. Registration is required by visiting the library or calling (260) 726-7890.

JCPL will also show the movie "Tom & Jerry" at 1 p.m. June 28.

Bandmate seems to be lacking in loyalty

DEAR ABBY: I am in a rock band with some friends. All of us are in our 50s and 60s. We have been playing together for the last three years. Last year, our bass player joined another band (while staying in ours) because another friend was in it, but they broke up because of COVID. Now that music venues are opening up again, he has joined yet another group.

I'm a loyal guy, and it bothers me that he doesn't seem as loyal to our band. He says he can easily do both, but for me, it causes booking issues because the other band will be blocking out dates that we might be able to book. I see no other conflicts. He even asked if I was interested in join-

Dear Abby



because of his participation with the other band(s), yes, he should be replaced with a musician you can rely on.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who feels a need to correct the behavior of others by writing letters. There are not too many businesses around town that haven't received one of her letters and, no doubt, others in her circle of friends have, too.

After a misunderstanding for which I apologized, I received one of them. Because she lacks understanding or the ability to forgive, a vitriolic diatribe came my way. In her letter, she related past "unfortunate (in her opinion) ill behaviors on my part for

which I should be ashamed." Then she ended a friendship we had for many years without trying to mend the relationship. This is very hurtful for me, and I'm sure for others. How does one respond, if at all, to something like this? — SUFFERING IN MICHIGAN

DEAR SUFFERING: One does not respond. One copes by recognizing that the only person this unhappy woman is punishing is herself, as her circle of friends diminishes and businesses around town no longer welcome her.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife recently asked me if she could take off her wedding ring in favor of

wearing her mother's, which is much larger than the one I gave her. I regard it as a lack of respect for our marriage, which has been under a lot of stress for a long time. (No affairs.) I also view it as symbolic of how much she has financially sacrificed being married to me. What do you think? — WONDERING IN THE EAST

DEAR WONDERING: I "think" you should tell your wife it would hurt you deeply if she follows through, and why. I also think the time has come for the two of you to talk about what is "stressing" your marriage with a licensed marriage and family therapist.

Community Calendar

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

Today

THE LANDING — A 12-step 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 - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based 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) 283-2107.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — 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 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in help-

ing the other band, too, because he figured that if he can't be in two places at once, it might as well be both of us. Should we cut our losses and replace him? Loyalty is really important to us. — ROCKING ON IN TEXAS

DEAR ROCKING ON: Because you feel that loyalty is paramount and your friend may have scheduling conflicts

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

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

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

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.

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

Thursday

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



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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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7	9	5	4	8	6	1	2	3
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The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

Farmers need to become educators

To the editor:

Farmers wear a variety of hats. Nutritionist, chemist, vet, computer engineer, mechanic and even meteorologist.

Continuing to go forward, farmers will need to add one more hat, educator. With the ongoing concerns about food safety, growing practices, influence from activist groups and other products, today's farmer must play an active and vital role in educating the global population about the safety taken on the farm to produce safe and healthy food. By not doing so, farmers are allowing an uneducated and ignorant society to fall victim to false media reports and activist propaganda.

For example, currently in Colorado two animal rights activist groups are working to obtain

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signatures to get Initiative 16 on a ballot for general voting to attempt to pass. One aspect of this initiative states that farmers that use artificial intelligence for breeding purposes or conduct routine pregnancy checks on their animals could be charged with sexual activity with animals. Another part states that slaughter of any animal before it has lived a fourth of its expected lifespan would be illegal. The experts involved with this bill claim that the aver-

age life of cattle is 20 years, chickens eight years, turkeys 10 years, ducks six years and pigs and sheep 15 years.

Consider if such a law existed. That would mean no cattle could ever be slaughtered until after they were 5 years old. So much for a juicy burger or steak.

Jay County is a community where agriculture is one of the largest industries we have. So ask yourself, what you can do to help educate the public about safety and healthy food grown on your farm?

Recently, two dairy farmers in New York and one in Pennsylvania provided virtual farm tours of their farms and facilities. These three virtual tour alone were seen by more than 14,500 elementary through high school

students. Students were able to ask questions and learn first-hand about where milk comes from and the steps that milk follows from cow to store to ensure its safety and nutritional value.

This summer, look at how you may be able to conduct a virtual tour of your farm. In the fall, invite school-age children to visit your farm or take a day and go to the school and talk to them about how you work to ensure the product from your farm is safe for consumption. Post updates on a farm Facebook or social media page. Take a non-farm friend or child to the county or state fair and walk them through the barns where they can see happy and healthy livestock being taken care of and loved.

These are just a few ideas, but

don't think the problem is only in big cities and the east or west coast. There are people right in our own community who are unaware of how food goes from field to fork and the steps and pride farmers take to be safe.

Become your own farm advocate, because while you might choose not to think this affects you — you might choose to ignore the problem — the media and the activist groups are not sitting back and doing the same. They are pumping millions of dollars into advertising and promotion about things they know nothing about.

Put on one more hat and become an educator for yourself and for all American agriculture.

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Let's hope the forecast is right

By LARRY DEBOER

On April 15, toward the end of the 2021 session of the Indiana General Assembly, the State Budget Committee heard the revised revenue forecast. It was \$2.4 billion more than the initial forecast from Dec. 16. That's "billions," with a "b." It was a forecast for the ages.

Why did it happen, and what does it mean?

This was a budget year for the General Assembly. The constitution requires that the legislature come up with a budget for state spending for the next two fiscal years. That's fiscal year 2022, starting on July 1, and fiscal year 2023, starting on July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.

A budget is a plan to set state spending as far out as 26 months. Legislators don't know what revenues will be over the next two-plus years, so they need a guess. That guess is the revenue forecast.

The guess is done twice. There's a forecast in December, at the start of budget debate. Then there's the revision in April, so the most recent information can be used to set the final budget numbers.

Each forecast is done in two stages. The state hires an economic consultant to do a forecast of the U.S. and Indiana economies. They project Indiana income, home sales and retail trade, and U.S. corporate profits, gasoline prices, stock values, dividends and a bunch of other indicators.

Meanwhile, the Revenue Forecast Committee comes up with equations that relate past revenues to past economic measures. It finds, for example, that a 10% rise in current Indiana income increases state income tax withholdings by about 9%. But a rise in the birth rate will reduce tax withholding growth, because new babies mean new deductions.

The committee runs the economic forecast numbers through the revenue equations, and the results are the revenue forecast for the coming biennium. The Revenue Forecast Committee is made up of staff from both parties, both houses, the Indiana State Budget Agency and some academic consultants. They agree on a consensus forecast. That's so the General Assembly doesn't have to spend time arguing over whose guess is right.

The forecast in December 2020 showed a 2.9% revenue drop in fiscal 2022, and a 3% revenue gain in fiscal

Larry DeBoer



2023. So revenues in 2023 were not much different from what was expected in 2021. Revenues had dropped off the table when the pandemic hit, but delayed income tax collections and a recovery in the third quarter made the revenue situation merely bad, not catastrophic.

Then Congress passed a big spending bill in December, and an even bigger bill in March. The vaccines rolled out faster than expected. States eased their pandemic restrictions. Consumer confidence improved.

Almost everyone's economic forecast turned optimistic, including IHS Markit's. In December, Indiana income less entitlement payments had been forecast to grow 1.8% in fiscal 2022. In April the forecast was 3.8%. For 2023, predicted income growth rose from 2.4% to 3.0%. The new forecast guessed Indiana residents would see billions in additional income. Some of it would be paid to the state. The revenue forecast went up by \$862 million for fiscal 2022 and \$1.1 billion for 2023. There was even another \$463 million expected for the rest of fiscal 2021. Added revenue totaled \$2.4 billion.

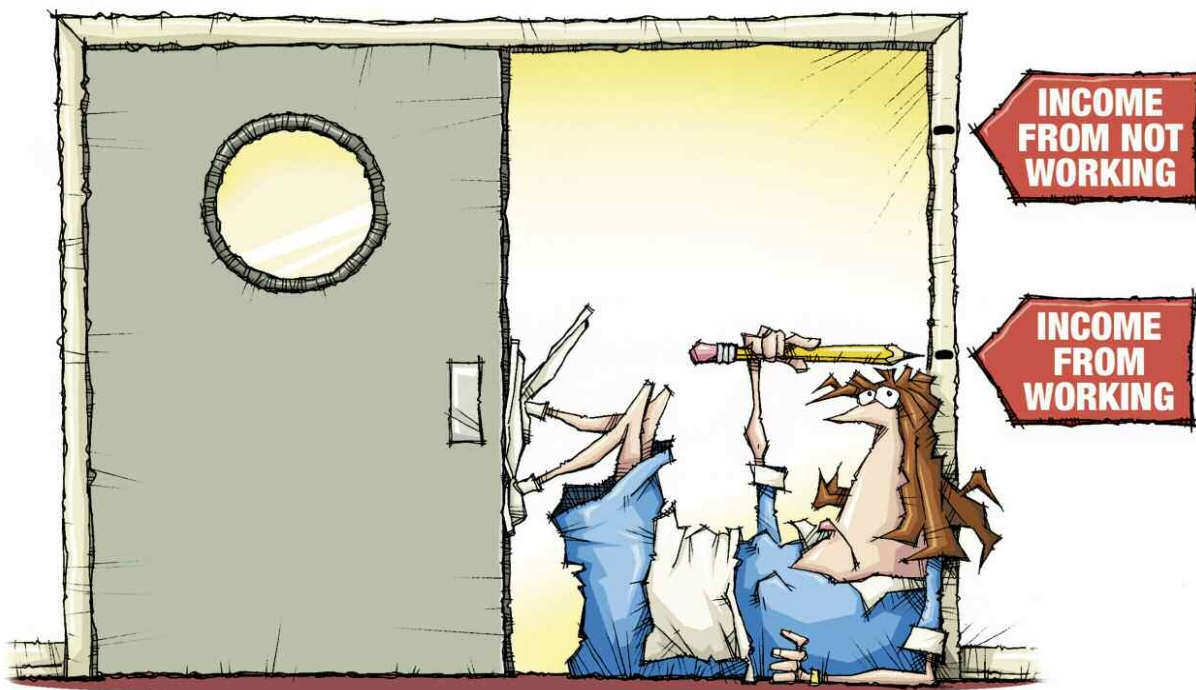
How big is that number? The December to April revision back in 2019 was a \$33 million decline. The biggest increase for the last 10 budgets was \$762 million in 2011. The increase this year was more than three times as big.

If saying "yes" is more fun than saying "no," the General Assembly had some good times after April 15. Before the forecast revision, the House passed a general fund budget that spent \$36.3 billion over two years. After the revision, the final budget spends \$37.4 billion. Legislators allocated an extra billion and change in the last week of the session. We'll get a full accounting with the budget agency's closeout in July.

It was a forecast for the ages. But a forecast is just a guess. Let's hope this guess is right.

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POINTING OUT THE SHORTAGE OF RESTAURANT WORKERS

Essential journalism eroding fast

By MARGARET SULLIVAN

The Washington Post

It didn't have to turn out this way. Local investors — especially in a prosperous town like Chicago — could have stepped forward to block a hedge fund from gaining control of several of the nation's top daily newspapers.

But, despite the admirable efforts of Maryland hotel magnate Stewart Bainum and a few others, the shareholders of Tribune Publishing Co. voted Friday to accept a \$633 million offer from Alden Global Capital.

In addition to the Chicago Tribune, the newspapers include the Orlando Sentinel, the Baltimore Sun; the Hartford Courant in Connecticut; the South Florida Sun Sentinel; the New York Daily News; the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Maryland; The Morning Call in Allentown, Pennsylvania; the Daily Press in Newport News; and the Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk. All have been assets to their cities and regions for many years.

It's a terrible turn of events, if not a surprising one, because Alden has a proven record of slashing newsroom jobs in cities from Denver to San Jose and beyond, and failing to invest in ways that might make its newspapers sustainable in the long run.

Whatever its misleading public statements may claim to the contrary, Alden is only interested in the short run: the next quarter's and next year's profit-and-loss statements.

"Devastating," is how Ann Marie Lipinski, curator of Harvard's Nieman Foundation and the former top editor of the Chicago Tribune, put it soon after the vote.

And, she told me, this outcome "represents a failure of civic leadership" in many communities, but particularly Chicago. After all, the city's many corporations include Boeing, United Airlines and Walgreens.

Margaret Sullivan



There's a healthy population of plutocrats along the shore of Lake Michigan.

"Chicago's wealthy class failed the city by refusing to rescue the Chicago Tribune from a hedge fund," wrote Mark Jacob, a former Tribune editor. "A newspaper is both a watchdog and a binding agent. The weaker the media, the more inequitable a city is allowed to be. Rich Chicagoans sent a signal that they do not care."

It's not as if these papers are lost causes. They are still profitable in almost all cases, said Rick Edmonds the Poynter Institute's media-business analyst, though far less so than in their heyday decades ago. But "the sector is out of favor," he said. That's been increasingly true since print advertising — newspapers' lifeblood for decades — plummeted more than a decade ago. Digital revenue, both advertising- and subscription-based, is harder to come by. But there are local newspapers around the country that are finding their way to long-term sustainability in the digital world.

And even in their shriveled states, local newspapers still are doing the crucial work of holding powerful individuals and institutions accountable, and helping to knit together communities.

But 21st-century success isn't easy in the newspaper business. It requires enlightened ownership, which often means local ownership like that of the Minneapolis Star-Tribune and the Boston Globe.

The just-sold newspapers are essential to their communities' well

being. In fact, it's no exaggeration to make a more sweeping statement: That healthy local journalism is essential to the functioning of American democracy.

But it's dwindling, as more local papers either close their doors or become mere shadows of what they once were.

"We're slowly replacing a functional press with PR spam, hedge fund dudgeons, trolling substack opinion columnists, foreign and domestic disinformation, brand-slathered teen influencers, and hugely consolidated dumpster fires like Sinclair Broadcasting," tweeted the tech journalist Karl Bode, as news of the vote circulated online.

I'd only argue with one word: "slowly."

Now the Tribune deal hastens that pace. (There was some uncertainty shortly after the vote about Los Angeles Times owner Patrick Soon-Shiong's statement that, as a major shareholder in Tribune, he had abstained; his non-vote ultimately was counted as a yes, but the delay only made the outcome slightly more agonizing.)

"It's very bad news for these publications and their communities," Edmonds said. "It's possible that Alden will change its stripes, but their recent mode is to cut and cut, and not to reinvest."

Bainum's efforts to buy the Baltimore Sun look even more admirable now. It's still possible that he'll be able to separate the Sun from the pack even now by buying it from Alden. If not, he said Friday that he intends to plow money into digital newsrooms in Maryland.

Imagine that — a civic-minded rich guy who understands the value of local journalism.

It's appalling, and tragic, that he's in such sparse company.

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Currently, there are posts with reflectors set up in the area. Without a solid foundation underneath of it, the road will eventually collapse into the river.

Yoder said plans are to put up sheet piling — steel driven into the ground to help keep it in place — between the road and water. A guard rail will also be placed along the road as a safety measure.

The engineer's estimated cost is just over \$285,200. With the road serving as a dividing line between Jay and Adams counties, the two will split the cost.

Yoder and Corn approached commissioners for the first time May 10 with the funding request. Commissioner Brian McGalliard suggested the trio review the information Yoder presented before making a decision.

Funds from Jay County will come out of the highway department engineering budget, according to highway superintendent Donnie Corn.

Yoder noted that Adams County Commissioners have known about the project for a while and he would be formally requesting the other half of funding from them today. If approved, the project will go to bid in about four to six weeks.

While work could be completed this year, Yoder guessed it may not happen until next spring. He noted the road will

Commissioners providing funding for the Arts in the Parks program

need to be closed during construction.

Commissioners president Chad Aker signed a letter of interest for Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District to pursue another Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 grant, which is offered through the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. The district plans to apply in September and, if it receives the money, will begin using it for purposes such as its cost-share program for implementing conservation practices starting in 2022.

Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District received two grants totaling more than \$436,600 from the department previously in 2014 and 2017, but it was denied a third grant in 2019.

"We figured they would (deny it) because they've been really generous to us," said conservation district coordinator Bettie Jacobs. "To get two grants in a row is pretty cool, to get three grants, it's almost unheard of."

The department has also

received four Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$459,500 in the last six years. It is currently accepting applications from all landowners in Jay and Blackford counties interested in its cost-share program for implementing conservation practices, such as cover crops, filter strips and equipment modifications. Landowners can apply for 50% to 75% per acre, up to \$20 per acre. There is a maximum of 300 acres per landowner allowed.

Also Monday, commissioners approved a \$14,000 grant request from Arts Place for its 2022 Arts in the Parks funding.

Arts in the Parks is a summer arts education program for children ages 6 to 12. Since its start in 1977 in Portland and Pennington, the program has grown to include 14 communities in Indiana and Ohio and has reached more than 16,000 children, explained executive director Eric Rogers.

After a year with limited in-person and virtual classes, Rogers said, Arts Place plans to

allow larger classes this summer. It is offering more than 200 hours of arts instruction in Jay County this summer.

Commissioners agreed to meet June 2 at 2 p.m. to approve the economic development agreement for Skycrest Solar Energy Center, the first solar farm in Jay County.

Invenergy, a global sustainable energy firm with headquarters in Chicago, is planning the \$150 million, 155-megawatt facility to be built on about 2,500 acres in Penn and Jackson Townships. Construction is expected to be complete by 2024.

In other news, commissioners Rex Journay, Aker and McGalliard:

•Decided — Aker dissenting — not to allow hunting in the county-owned woods just south of the highway barn between county roads 100 North and 200 North and county roads 100 East and 200 East.

•Heard a monthly report from Jay County Emergency Medical Service directors Gary Barnett

and John McFarland. Barnett said the April finances are nearly \$160,000 more than April 2020, although he noted it's not a fair comparison because of the coronavirus pandemic beginning in the United States around that time.

•Learned Jay County Country Living (formerly Jay County Retirement Center) needs a new refrigerator. Director Hope Confer explained the industrial-size kitchen refrigerator is nearly 20 years old and has been freezing over. She said the staff doesn't use it for much more than drinks, so she suggested downgrading to a less expensive unit. She also noted the facility has all its shifts and positions covered. The facility will need to either bring in more residents — Confer noted there may be at least one new resident soon — or cut back on costs in order to stay financially viable.

•OK'd the following: a request from Jay County Coroner's Office to apply for a gas credit card. The coroner's office recently received a vehicle from the highway department to use for coroner-related business; Jay County clerk Jon Eads to purchase a new laptop, estimated at \$1,500, for election purposes. Eads explained the laptop will be used as a backup in the event computers fail to work on election day; Corn to buy a \$2,800 canopy for the chip box operator.

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•Approved payments of \$759 to Spear Corporation and \$113.55 to Menard's for pool supplies. Also heard that Dunkirk Pool will have seven lifeguards and eight concession and admission employees this summer.

•Agreed to sponsor the Dunkirk Park Event Committee for \$500.

•Paid claims of \$16,053.32.

•At their Monday meeting, Dunkirk Board of Works and Public Safety members Dan Watson, Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins and Bivens approved purchasing 26 banners to hang up downtown in honor of military veter-

ans. The banners will each include the words "America's Heroes" and one of the five military branch seals. A1 Graphics in Muncie will design and print the banners for an estimated total of \$1,138, while Dunkirk Beautification Committee purchased the brackets for the banners. They also approved payments of \$1,670 to Gabbard Fence Construction to replace a portion of the park's fence, \$2,362.92 to Water Solutions Unlimited for an upgrade to an injector at the water plant and \$2,277 to MacAllister Power Systems for repairs to the water plant genera-

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The Biden administration announced sanctions in March against several mid-level and senior Russian officials, along with more than a dozen businesses and other entities, over a nearly fatal nerve-agent attack on Navalny in August 2020 and his subsequent jailing. Navalny returned to Russia days before Biden's Jan. 20 inauguration and was quickly arrested.

Last month, the administration announced it was expelling 10 Russian diplomats and sanctioning dozens of Russia companies and individuals in response to the SolarWinds hack and election interference allegations.

But even as Biden moved forward with the latest round of sanctions, he acknowledged that he held back on taking tougher action — an attempt to send the message to Putin that he still held hope that the U.S. and Russia could come to an understanding for the rules of the game in their adversarial relationship.

In fact, he brought up the idea of holding a third-country summit in an April 13 call in which he notified Putin that a second round of sanctions was coming.

During his campaign for the White House, Biden described Russia as the "biggest threat" to U.S. security and alliances, and he disparaged his predecessor President Donald Trump for his cozy relationship with Putin.

Trump avoided direct confrontation with Putin and often sought to downplay the Russian leader's malign actions. Their sole summit, held in July 2018 in Helsinki, was marked by Trump's refusal to side with U.S. intelligence agencies over Putin's denials of Russian interference in the 2016 election.

Weeks into his presidency, Biden said in an address before State Department employees that he told Putin in their first call that he would be taking a radically different approach to Russia than Trump.



HEALTHCARE

Understanding asthma as allergy season returns

The arrival of spring and summer is typically welcomed with open arms. Warm air, green grass, colorful flowers, and, of course, vacations are just a few of the many reasons to celebrate spring and summer.

Spring and summer also marks the return of allergy season. According to the American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, allergies are the sixth leading cause of chronic illness in the United States. A 2017 survey found that 27 percent of Canadians age 12 and older reported having allergies. For many people, allergies are a minor seasonal nuisance that are overcome by taking over-the-counter medications or staying indoors on days when allergen levels are especially high. But the World Allergy Organization notes that a history of allergies is a known risk factor for developing asthma. In fact, Statistics Canada reports that, among

people diagnosed with allergies, 63 percent also reported having asthma.

What is asthma?

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute defines asthma as a chronic condition that affects airways in the lungs. The airways carry air in and out of the lungs, and when people have asthma, these airways can become inflamed and narrow, compromising a person's ability to breathe.

Who gets asthma?

Many asthma patients are diagnosed during childhood. The ACAAI reports that most children with asthma exhibit symptoms prior to their fifth birthdays. Asthma symptoms also may appear in adults older than 20, and such instances may be attributed to adult-onset asthma. Certain adults may be more likely to get adult-onset asthma than others. For example, WebMD reports that women who are experiencing hormonal

changes, such as those who are pregnant or in menopause, may be more likely to get adult-onset asthma.

What are the symptoms of asthma?

The ACCAI notes that it can be hard to recognize symptoms of asthma in very young children. That's because the bronchial tubes in infants, toddlers and preschool-aged youngsters are already small and narrow. Head colds, chest colds and other illnesses may further narrow these airways. So symptoms of asthma could be mistakenly associated with colds or other illnesses. A nagging cough that lingers for days or weeks or sudden, scary breathing emergencies are two symptoms of pediatric asthma. Parents also can be on the lookout for these symptoms:

- Coughing, especially at night
- A wheezing or whistling

sound when breathing, especially when exhaling

• Trouble breathing or fast breathing that causes the skin around the ribs or neck to pull in tightly

• Frequent colds that settle in the chest

Like pediatric asthma, adult-onset asthma can be easy to miss. That's because of natural changes in muscles and a stiffening of chest walls, both of which are associated with aging and therefore often attributed to age. The symptoms of adult-onset asthma are similar to those of pediatric asthma, and adults who suspect they might be experiencing asthma symptoms despite no history of the condition can ask doctors to conduct some specific tests designed to detect asthma. A lung function test and a methacholine challenge test are two ways doctors can detect adult-onset asthma.

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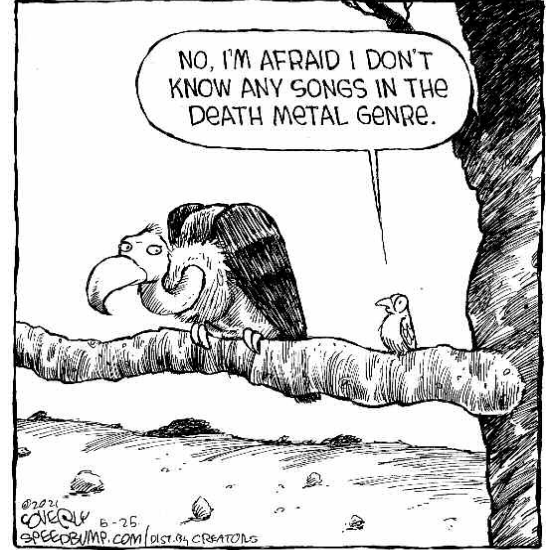
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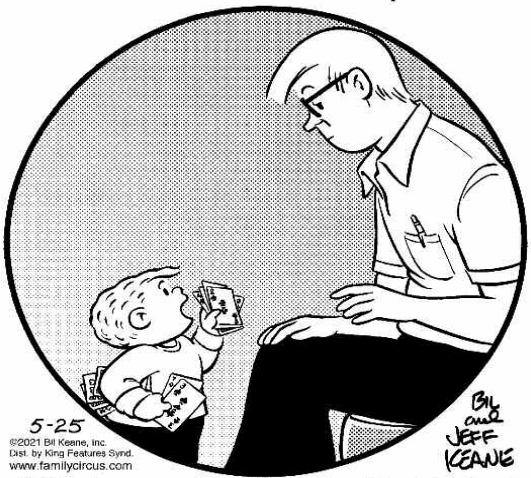
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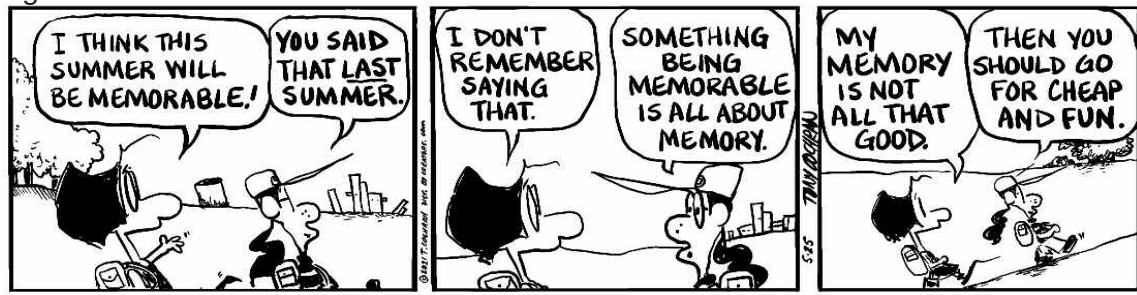
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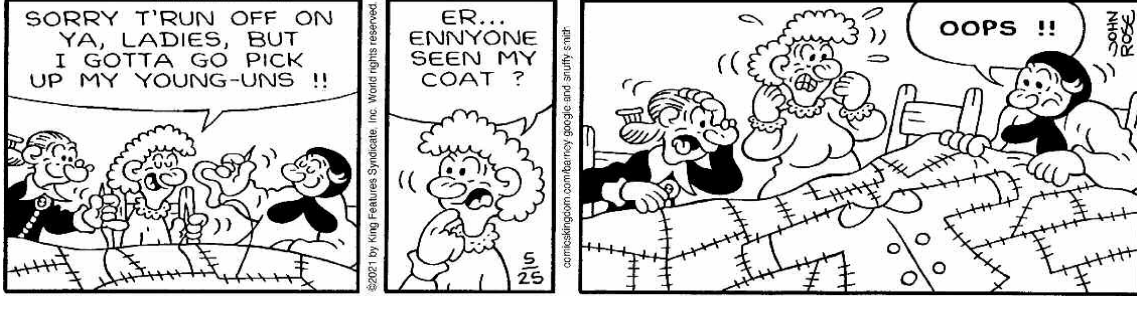
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Skirvin hits, pitches Display Craft to win

Stella Skirvin shined at the plate and on the mound in leading Display Craft to a 5-2 victory against Fisher Packing on Friday in Portland Junior League's Minor softball division.

Skirvin had three hits and struck out all six batters she faced in two innings. Opal Garrett, Harlow Hough and Kendal Schemenaur all had two hits. Hough also struck out four batters in two innings.

Madysen Taylor tripled in the loss for Fisher, with Ali Clark, Ashlynn Brunswick both hitting a pair of singles. Erin Aker struck out five batters in two innings.

Inman 4, PG 3

Bryce Weigand struck out eight batters in three innings, helping Inman U-Loc to a 4-3 vic-

Junior League roundup

tory against PG-14 on Monday in the Willie Mays division.

Gavin Byrum and Weigand each had a hit for Inman, as Weigand scored twice and Byrum tallied an RBI. Kolby Hinkle and Carson Hines both scored a run, and Hunter Fields struck out five batters in three innings.

Alex Huntsman led PG-14 with a single and two RBIs, while Benson Armstrong also had a single and an RBI. Sam Wiggins, Kendall Glessner and Eli Snyder

each singled. Grant Fennig fanned eight batters in three innings

Matt's 10, Cook's 8

Easton Steed, Blake Jellison and Lavaughn Ballard were all 3-for-3 in leading Matt's Garage past Cook's Nursery 10-8 on Friday in Rookie baseball action.

Ballard tripled twice, singled and knocked in six runs. Jellison had three singles and two RBIs, and Steed singled three times. Lexton Dakin and Luke Jellison had two singles and an RBI apiece.

Ashton Conn led Cook's with a double, two singles and an RBI. Griffin Lambert contributed two doubles and three RBIs, while Conner Richman hit a triple, a double and finished with two RBIs.

Optimist 6, Homestead 2

Four players had two hits apiece in leading Portland Optimist to a 6-2 victory against Homestead Quality Bedding on Monday in Rookie softball action.

Lilah Hudson hit a pair of doubles and scored once for Optimist, while Gabi Miller hit two singles and scored twice. Lizzie Miller and Brinley Steed each had two singles. Alyssa Wendel chipped in two runs.

Kyla Sims and Paisley Day each had two singles in the loss for Homestead. Olivia Wilson, Auslyn Burres and Ava Noles all singled, with Wilson and Sims each scoring once.

Dunkirk 11, Loy's 3

Trentin Street and Ben Crouch each hit home runs in powering Dunkirk to an 11-3 win against

Loy's Realty on Monday in their Sandy Koufax matchup.

Tommy Adkins and Hayden Hardman had two hits apiece for Dunkirk, which got singles from Vasin Ridgway and Carson Davis.

Gavin Young led Loy's with a double, as Syllas Wenk, Isaac Scott and Austin Curtis each singled.

Loy's 9, Forge 9

Despite having an 8-2 edge in hits, Loy's Realty played to a 9-9 tie against Portland Forge in the Sandy Koufax division on Friday.

Silas Wenk, Isaac Scott and Austin Curtis all had two hits to lead Loy's. Gavin Young and Lucas Strait both had a single as well.

Jamie Mapes hit a home run and a triple for Portland Forge.



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Team takes first

Pazia Williams, left, and coach Carly Hess, of the Jay County Barbell Club, took first place in the scaled female division at the WODMania CrossFit Competition on Sunday at Long Road CrossFit in Urbana, Ohio. Williams and Hess beat out 13 other teams.

Local ...

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Jay loses two

RICHMOND — Jay County's baseball team wasn't able to end the regular season on a winning streak as it lost back-to-back games Saturday in the Bob Hostetter Memorial Invitational.

The Patriots, who open sectional play at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday against Guerin Catholic at Yorktown, lost to Seymour 11-2 and host Richmond 7-2.

Quinn Faulkner doubled and singled and added an RBI in the loss to Seymore. Blake Caldwell and Kess McBride chipped in singles.

Caldwell paced the Patriots (13-10) against Richmond with a double and two singles. Faulkner and McBride

also singled, and Dusty Pearson accounted for the team's only RBI.

Sam Dunlavy suffered the loss against Seymour. He allowed eight runs — five earned — on six hits. He struck out seven and walked three in five innings.

Austin Curtis was charged the loss against Richmond, allowing six runs — two earned — on six hits in four innings. He struck out four and walked three.

Patriots split

CENTERVILLE — The Jay County junior varsity baseball team split a pair of games in the Centerville Invitational on Saturday.

The Patriots (7-11) lost to Batesville

13-3 in six innings before rebounding to get a 6-5 win over the host Bulldogs.

Conner Specht doubled, singled and drove in a run against Batesville, while Jackson Edwards and Christian Runkle both added singles.

Edwards was charged the loss, surrendering five runs — two earned — on seven hits in four innings. He struck out two and walked a pair.

Jay County, which held off a late rally by Centerville, got a double and two singles from Ryne Goldsworthy. Cody Rowles also had three hits, while Peyton James doubled, singled and had an RBI.

Rowles also earned the win, surrendering just one earned run on two hits over six innings. He struck out 13 despite six walks.

Returns ...

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But now he's returned his old stomping grounds — he's and Tanner currently live in Yorktown — and back with the Rockets.

"Coming back to the area just felt right," he said. "I needed a restart. Luckily getting very good help personally from friends and family looking out for me, helping when I needed it."

Sunday's action

A run in each of the fourth and fifth innings gave South Bend a 2-0 lead over the Portland in the first game, but Zach Tanner connected for a three-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning to propel the Rockets to a 3-2 victory.

Kasey Henderson, Caleb Mealy, Chris Krystofiak and Zeth Tanner all col-

lected singles in the game.

Pavel Strain picked up the win in relief, striking out one and walking one in 1 1/3 innings. Peyton Smith tossed five innings, allowed two runs on six hits. He struck out five and walked a pair.

Keith Shepherd, 53, who spent seven seasons pitching for four different Major League teams in the 1990s and is a former Fort Wayne Jacker,

earned the save.

In game two, Portland cut into the 4-1 deficit with a run in the third inning before South Bend doubled its total with a four-spot in the fourth thanks to a three Rocket errors.

Mealy and Smith both had a pair of singles, while Caleb Richardson, Zach Tanner, Henderson and Krystofiak all singled as well.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys golf at Union City 4:30 p.m.; Girls track regional at Ben Davis — 6 p.m.; Softball sectional quarterfinal vs. Yorktown at Hamilton Heights — 7 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Bishop Dwenger — 5 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps at South Bend Cubs — 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday
Jay County — Baseball sectional semifinal vs. Guerin Catholic at Yorktown — 7:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track regional at Troy — 4:30 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps at South Bend Cubs — 7:05 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Boys track regional at Lawrence Central — 5:30 p.m.; Boys golf at Adams Central — 4:30 p.m.; Softball sectional semifinal vs. TBA at Hamilton Heights — 5 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps at South Bend Cubs — 7:05 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Boys golf vs. Wes-

Del — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball sectional semifinal vs. TBA at Yorktown — 5:30 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Track regional at Troy — 4:30 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps at South Bend Cubs — 7:05 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Softball sectional final vs. TBA at Hamilton Heights — 11 a.m.
Portland Rockets doubleheader vs. Midland Tribe — 1 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps at South Bend Cubs — 7:05 p.m.

Sunday
Portland Rockets doubleheader vs. Midland Tribe — 1 p.m.
Fort Wayne TinCaps at South Bend Cubs — 7:05 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
7:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Boston Celtics at Brooklyn Nets, Game 2 (TNT)
8:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Houston Astros (FS1)
10 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns, Game 2 (TNT)

10:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Clippers, Game 2 (NBATV)

Wednesday
7 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Washington Wizards at Philadelphia 76ers, Game 2 (NBATV)
7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Houston Astros (ESPN)
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10 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Memphis Grizzlies at Utah Jazz, Game 2 (TNT)

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A Rocket returns

Reynolds comes back after six years away

By **CHRIS SCHANZ**
The Commercial Review

Ask anyone who's spent more than a couple years playing home games at Runkle-Miller Field, being a part of the Portland Rockets is like having a second family.

One of those family members made his return Sunday.

Tyler Reynolds, who spent five seasons with the Rockets from 2011 to '15 before moving to California, was back at the corner of Western Avenue and Blaine Pike donning the black and yellow as he started for the Portland Rockets in the second game of a doubleheader against the South Bend Royals.

"Honestly it felt really good to get out there," said Reynolds, a 2010 Muncie Southside graduate who is less than two weeks away from his 30th birthday. "I think my second inning of work I calmed myself down a little more."

"I felt a little more confidence. I think it was first time jitters coming back. Zach (Tanner, Portland's shortstop and Reynolds' roommate) even said I was a little on edge itching to get out there. I think I was just too amped up."

Portland lost the game 9-2 for a split in the season-opening series after a 3-2 victory in the first game.

Reynolds got a called third strike with bases loaded in the first inning before issuing a walk with bases loaded. Then, an error scored two more runs.

In the second inning, he gave up a hit before another error allowed a run for South Bend. With one out, Reynolds kicked off a double with runners at the corners on a bunt back to the mound.

"I think just kicking the rust off and getting back out there was really good," said Reynolds, who left the game after two innings with Portland trailing 4-1. "Once I calmed



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Portland Rockets pitcher Tyler Reynolds delivers a pitch during the first inning of game two in a doubleheader against the South Bend Royals on Sunday afternoon at Portland Memorial Park's Runkle-Miller Field. Reynolds returned to the Rockets after spending six years in California.

down out there and got into a groove I started making better pitches.

"That was my main focus and what I'm best at is getting weak ground balls."

And how did manager Randy Miller feel about having one of his left-handed pitchers from the heyday of the 2012 NABF World Series team back?

"As soon as he came back from Cali I knew the next call was, 'Can I play baseball?'" he said. "He's experienced and he knows what we're doing. He wants to contribute. He wants to make it work. How special is that?"

Miller wasn't the least bit concerned about Reynolds' first meaningful pitches in six years.

"Probably should have pitched him another inning but we have guys we have to get a look at," Miller said. "He's right there. He's going to be a starter for us. I'm not concerned at all."

'Honestly it felt really good to get out there. I think my second inning of work I calmed myself down a little more. I felt a little more confidence. I think it was first time jitters coming back ... I think I was just too amped up.'

—Tyler Reynolds

"If anything he's too excitable, too hard on himself, too amped up. He called me three times on Saturday night because he was too amped."

While in California, Reynolds first served as an assistant coach for Tomales High School, a school with an enrollment of 166 students

located about 58 miles northwest of San Francisco. He then spent the next two seasons as the team's head coach before leaving to be the pitching coach at Sonoma Academy, a slightly larger school almost 55 miles north of San Francisco on U.S. 101.

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Tribe pair wins district

SPENCERVILLE, Ohio — One is a thrower. The other a sprinter.

But they're both champions.

Juniors Whitley Rammel and Abbie Francis both claimed district championships for the Fort Recovery High School girls track team in the Division III Northwest District track and field championships Saturday.

The Indians totaled 69 points for fourth place behind champion Minster (117.5), runner-up Coldwater (94) and third-place Marion Local (85).

Minster also claimed the boys' championship with 143.5 points. Marion Local (110.5) was runner-up, and Lincolnview (51) placed third. Fort Recovery was 12th out of 18 scoring teams with 18 points.

Rammel, who already had the school record in shot put, improved her own mark with a distance of 40 feet, 2.5 inches. She claimed the championship over Marion Local's Molly Winner by more than 16 inches.

Francis backed up her top seed of 12.88 seconds in the 100-meter dash by sprinting to a time of 12.63 seconds for her championship.

Natalie Brunswick, a freshman, placed third in the 1,600 run to earn a spot in the regional meet at Troy.

The top four places in each event advance to regional.

Allysen Fullenkamp, Mara Pearson, Marie Nachtsheim and Francis placed fourth in the 4x100 relay. They had a time of 51.5 seconds in the final, with Spencerville's team winning the title in 50.81 seconds. The Tribe's preliminary time of 51.48 seconds lowered their own program record.

Kierra Wendel, Ellie Will, Ava Bubb and Brunswick teamed to place third in the 4x800 relay. Wendel, Pearson, Fullenkamp and Francis placed fourth in the 4x200 relay, while Wendel, Francis and Brunswick teamed with Megan Diller for a fourth-place finish in the 4x400 relay.

The only regional qualifier for the FRHS boys came from a quartet of sprinters. Owen Moorman, Derek Jutte, Reece Guggenbiller and Gavin Thobe had a time of 1 minute, 34.85 seconds, for fourth.

Also scoring points for the FRHS girls were Rammel (second - high jump), Pearson (fourth - long jump, sixth - 200 dash), Will (fifth - 3,200 run) and Wendel (seventh - 800 run).

Finishing in the top eight for the Tribe boys were Trevor Heitkamp (eighth - 3,200 run), Moorman (fifth - 200 dash), Thobe (sixth - long jump), Jutte (eighth - long jump) and the 4x100 relay team of Riley Hiser, Moorman, Jutte and Thobe.

Jay Co. golf 2nd in ACAC

CELINA, Ohio — Jay County fell to Heritage by two strokes in the regular season.

In the conference tournament Saturday, Heritage again had a two-stroke margin.

Jay County High School's boys golf team took second at the Allen County Athletic Conference championships at Celina Lynx Golf Club.

Heritage, which beat Jay County 156-158 on May 4, shot 365 to win the team championship. Jay County ended with 367, and Bluffton was one stroke behind for third.

Caleb DeRome led Jay County with his round of 85, good for third overall and first team All-ACAC. (The top seven golfers earn first-

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team honors, while those placing eighth through 14 are named second team.)

Griffin Mann was the No. 2 JCHS golfer with his round of 90. He was eighth overall. Kyle Sanders placed 13th with his round of 94, and both were named All-ACAC second team.

Simon Pryor and Brock DeHoff shot 98 to finish in a three-way tie with Woodlan's Peyton Roth for 18th overall.

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Caleb DeRome of the Jay County High School boys golf team watches his putt on the 12th green during the Allen County Athletic Conference championship on Saturday at Celina Lynx Golf Club. DeRome was third overall with his round of 85, and the Patriots were runner-up to Heritage.

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