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Celebrating 100



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Members of Portland American Legion Post 211 wave while riding on a float as grand marshals during the 2019 4th of July Parade in downtown Portland. The post, named for Robert Guy Ayers, will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a day full of activities Saturday. The celebration was originally scheduled for Aug. 22, 2020, but was postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Portland American Legion Post 211 will finally get to commemorate a century Saturday

By RAY COONEY

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The American Legion celebrated its 100th birthday in 2019. Portland's Post 211 had planned to celebrate its century of existence a year later.

Then, COVID-19 hit.

commander Butch Micheau announced in late July that the post's 100th anniversary celebration that was scheduled for Aug. 22 would be postponed because of the coronavirus pan-

"Last year in August was our 100th," said Micheau, thinking back to that cancellation. "But I told them, 'By God, one way or another, we're doing it before it's 101 years."

That goal will become a reali-

ty Saturday. Robert Guy Ayers American scheduled to attend.

Legion Post 211 will celebrate its 100th anniversary with an allday celebration.

about 7:25 a.m. Saturday with an p.m. invocation from Pastor Darrell singing the national anthem. Then, it'll be time to eat.

The Legion will provide free breakfast to all veterans, their spouses and dependent children living at home from 7:30 to 10 a.m. (Anyone else will be able to

buy breakfast for \$3.) The second phase of the celebration will feature a cookout from 2 to 4 p.m. with burgers, hot dogs, chips and cookies free to everyone. Portland Mayor John Boggs and various American Legion dignitaries are

A flag retirement ceremony with a 21-gun salute is slated for ing to go around in the last few 5 p.m., and the Mountain Dewe years. The festivities will begin Boys will perform from 6 to 10

> vehicles. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

> The entire endeavor is being coordinated by the Legion's vol-

> "We have enough people finally volunteering," said Micheau, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1962 to '65 with most of that time spent in Greece. "We'd always like to have more volunteers. But my staff, we've got

> nine people. ...
> "We've got a good core. It's just trying to build around it."

There's been a lot of celebrat-

The American Legion commemorated its 100th anniver-Museum of the Soldier will sary in 2019. That year, local Borders, followed by raising the also have a display about the his- American Legion members American flag and Erika Frazee tory of the American Legion in from the Portland post and othaddition to several military ers in Jay County served as grand marshals for the 4th of July parade.

> Congress chartered the American Legion in 1919 as an organization for patriotic veterans. It now has more than 2 million members participating at 13,000

> Robert Guy Ayers Post 211 — Ayers, a Portland resident, was killed during World War I became one of those just a year after Congress chartered the organization.

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Decatur facility is set **Greater Fort Wayne**

Business Weekly

KANSAS CITY, Kansas Dairy Farmers of America (DFA), a national milk marketing cooperative owned by family farmers, announced June 11 that, after a careful review of its manufacturing operations and due to changing market conditions, it plans to close its Decatur manufacturing plant.

"Decisions like this that impact people's livelihoods are never easy," Robin Galloway, president, DFA Dairy Brands Ice Cream, said in a news release. "Unfortunately, the financial challenges associated with running the facility are just too great.

"The employees here have done an excellent job producing quality ice cream products, and we appreciate sincerely their hard work and dedication."

The plant, where 160 people are currently employed, will cease production Sept. 10. To help employees impacted by the plant closing, DFA will work with employees to help them through this transition. Additionally, DFA is already working with local agencies to identify employment opportunities and job placement services avail-

"This was a difficult decision, but we have a responsibility to our dairy farmer-owners to operate financially sound businesses that bring them additional returns on their investments in the Cooperative," Galloway said.

DFA's Decatur facility manufactures select ice cream products for the Mayfield Dairy, Dean's Fresh Country Friendly's brand.

Dean Foods sold the plant, 400 Chamber Drive, along with one in Huntington to DFA in 2020.

Dean filed for bankruptcy in November 2019 and announced in mid-February 2020 that it had entered into a \$425 million asset purchase agreement with DFA.

Judge blocks lease suspension

By KEVIN McGILL Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The Biden administration's suspension of new oil and gas leases on federal land and water was blocked Tuesday by a federal judge in Louisiana who ordered that plans continue for lease sales that were delayed for the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska waters "and all eligible onshore properties."

The decision is a blow to Democratic President Joe Biden's efforts to rapidly transition away from fossil fuels and stave off the worst effects of climate change, including catastrophic droughts, floods and wildfires.

U.S. District Judge Terry Doughty's ruling came in a lawsuit filed in March by Louisiana

Republican Attorney General Jeff Landry and officials in 12 other states. Doughty said his ruling applies nationwide. It grants a preliminary injunction — technically a halt to the suspension pending further arguments.

"The omission of any rational explanation in cancelling the lease sales, and in enacting the Pause, results in this Court ruling that Plaintiff States also have a substantial likelihood of success on the merits of this claim," he wrote.

"We are reviewing the judge's opinion and will comply with the decision," an Interior Department statement emailed by communications director Melissa Schwartz said.

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Grinnin' Griffin

Jay County High School senior Griffin Mann (center) grins while chatting with Timothy Muhlenkamp (left) and Ashlyn Dow after they all received an award Monday during Jay County High School's Honors Night.



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Deaths

Shirley Powell, 85, Port-

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Tuesday. The low was 55.

Tonight's low will also be in the mid 50s. Expect sunny skies Thursday with the high climbing into the mid 80s.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Fort Recovery Harvest Jubilee kicks off tonight with the Taste of Fort Recovery from 5:30 to 8 p.m. tonight on the brick section of Wayne Street. Events at Ambassador Park follow Thursday through Sunday, with the Fort Recovery High School marching band presenting the opening ceremonires at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of today's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.

Saturday — New community development director starts Monday.



Obituaries

Shirley Powell

July 23, 1935-June 15, 2021 Shirley A. Powell, age 85, of Portland passed away Tuesday morning June 15, 2021, at her residence.

Shirley was born in Celina, Ohio, on July 23, 1935, the daughter of Ernest and Freda (Frank) Knapke. She was married on Sept. 4, 1954, to Bill Powell who survives.

Shirley was a farmer, housewife and business owner work- Halfinger horses and Holstein and seven grandchildren.

ing with her husband at Penn Grove Farms. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Alter Society, Rosary Indiana Halfinger Association and

National Halfinger Association. She was a 1953 Celina High graduate. School Shirley enjoyed showing and breeding



cattle and was nationally recog-Surviving are her husband of

67 years, Bill; three sons, Jeff Powell of St. Petersburg, Florida, Jay Powell of Indianapolis and Dan Powell of Indianapolis; one daughter, Beth Durnell (husband: Drake) of Atlanta; three brothers, David Knapke (wife: Susan) of Sidney, Ohio, Mark Knapke (wife: Chris) of Coldwater, Ohio and Tom Knapke (wife: Karen) of Celina, Ohio;

She was preceded in death by a sister Carol Callaway; and grandson Cameron Powell.

Funeral services will be Friday, June 15, at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Matthew Arbuckle presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Viewing will be Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m. and prior to the services in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home.

Everherart Hospice.

Condolences expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city

of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of serv-There is a charge for obituar-

ies, which are accepted only Memorials can be made to the from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Thursday 6/17	Friday 6/18	Saturday 6/19	Sunday 6/20	Monday 6/21
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85/66	90/68	85/61	86/69	82/60
Expect sunny skies with a high temperature of 85. There is a chance of showers at night.	The fore- cast shows a 60% chance of rain starting in the afternoon.	Skies will be mostly sunny through- out the day with highs in the 80s.	Expect mostly sunny skies. There is a 30% chance of rain after 2 p.m.	Showers and thunder- storms likely with a 70% chance of rain.

Lotteries

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$40 million

Mega Millions

18-22-27-38-52 Mega Ball: 11 Megaplier: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$30 million

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 3-9-3 Daily Four: 7-6-8-9 **Evening** Daily Three: 9-9-6 Daily Four: 2-3-2-0 Quick Draw: 9-15-16-

19-23-25-34-36-37-41-43-48-56-57-58-59-61-68-73-74 Cash 5: 16-32-34-36-37 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000

Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 2-3-9 Pick 4: 9-7-8-7 Pick 5: 0-0-0-6 Evening Pick 3: 5-6-4 Pick 4: 0-4-2-4 Pick 5: 2-5-0-3-5 Rolling Cash: 5-13-19-

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Markets

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Sunrise St. Anthony

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Today in history

Republican Party's nomination for the U.S. Senate, Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

In 1897, the government signed a treaty of annexation with Hawaii. In 1903, Ford Motor Co. was incorporated.

In 1911, IBM had its beginnings as the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co. which was incorporated in New York State.

In 1933, the National Industrial Recovery Act became law with President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signature. (The Act was later struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court.)

In 1955, members of military Argentina's bombarded the Plaza de Mayo in Buenos Aires in a failed attempt to assassinate President Juan Domingo Peron and his Cabinet, causing hundreds of civilian deaths, the same day Peron was excommunicated by Pope Pius XII for expelling two bishops from his country (however, the ban was

On June 16, 1858, effectively lifted in 1963). accepting the Illinois In 1959, actor George In 1959, actor George Reeves, TV's "Super-

man," was found dead of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound in the bedroom of his Beverly Hills, California, home; he was 45. In 1963, the world's

first female space traveler, Valentina Tereshkova, 26, was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union Vostok aboard Tereshkova spent 71 hours in flight, circling the Earth 48 times before returning safely.

In 1970, Kenneth A. Gibson of Newark, N.J., became the first Black politician elected mayor of a major Northeast city. Chicago Bears running back Brian Piccolo, 26, died at a New York hospital after battling cancer.

In 1971, 20-year-old Marie Maier of St. Marys, Ohio, was arrested on a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of 3-yearold Amanda Murphy, the daughter of Ralph Murphy of Fort Recovery.

In 1976, riots broke out in the Black South township of African Soweto.

—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Portland 4 p.m. Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.

Thursday

6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.



Pet of the week

Loki, a male weimaraner mix that is neutered, heart worm negative and up to date on vaccinations, can be adopted for \$100 from Jay County Humane Society, Shadeland Ave., Portland. The shelter can be reached at (260) 726-6339.

Capsule Reports

Intersection collision

A Virginia woman was transported to the hospital for a neck injury after another driver crashed his vehicle into hers on U.S. 27 about 4:20 p.m. Tuesday.

Helena S. Mock, 53, Williamsburg. Virginia, was stopped in a 2020 Toyota Corolla in the intersection of the highway and county road 200 North. She was attempting to turn left onto the county road, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. Henry F. Rutherford Jr. was driving a 2002 Chevrolet Express north on the about 5 p.m. Monday.

road when his vehicle collided with Mock's.

Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Mock was transported to IU Health Jay for a neck injury. The Toyota she was driving is registered to Byers Car Rentals of Vandalia,

Highway crash

Between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in damage is estimated after a Portland man failed to stop before crashing his vehicle into another on Indiana 67

Blaine E. Zimmerman, 92, was driving a 2020 Chevrolet Equinox north on the highway near Tyson Road at the time of the accident. He didn't notice the 2015 Ford F150, driven by 51-year-old Teresa A. Post. stopped and waiting to make a lefthand turn onto county road 75 South. Zimmerman's vehicle crashed into Post's Ford and pushed it into a 2017 Ram 250, driven by 60-year-old Dean A. Smith, going south on the highway.

Zimmerman sustained an arm injury, and Post sustained a back injury. Both were treated at the scene. Their vehicles were also towed.

Felony court news

Child solicitation

A Yorktown man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to child solicitation, a Level 4 felony, in Jay Circuit Court.

Joshua D. Cooksey, 40, 8704 W. Mill Road, was sentenced to six years in Indiana Department of Correction with all but three years suspended and given three days credit for time served. He was placed on house arrest for three vears pursuant to a direct commitment to the Jay County Community Corrections program (it will be supervised by Delaware County Community Corrections).

Cooksey was assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay a \$500 sexual assault victim fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class B misdemeanor charge for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Auto theft

A Pennville man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to auto theft, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior

Mason D. Emerick, 25, 230 E. Bridge St., was sentenced to 366 days in Indiana Department of Correction. He was

assessed court costs of \$185.50. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor charge of theft was dismissed.

Illegal driving

A Portland man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to operating a vehicle after forfeiture of license for life, a Level 5 felony, in Jay Circuit

Nathan Lawhead, 42, 066 N. 500 West, was sentenced to 42 months in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for one day and time served since Oct. 30, 2020. He was assessed \$185 in

As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony charge of resisting law enforcement, a Class C misdemeanor charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated and a Class A misdemeanor charge of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level equivalent to 0.15% or more.

Drug dealing

A Dunkirk man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to dealing a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony, in Jay Circuit Court.

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SERVICES

Thursday

Scher, Norbert: 5 p.m., Epworth United Methodisth Church, 6450 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis.

Friday

Powell, Shirley: 10a.m., Conception Immaculate Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut

Erwin, Roger: I p.m., Garden View Funeral Home, 10501 N. Indiana 3, Muncie.

Saturday

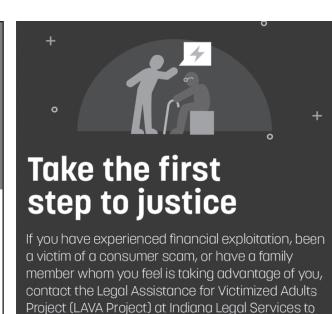
Markley, Jackie: 5 p.m., 5 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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'Flower' displays a layered beauty

I heard Yona Harvey say in an interview that this loose Shakespearean ("the bard") sonnet was written for her teenage daughter, which makes its deep, layered beauty a touching monument to what this mother knows admires in her daughter's unsettling but necessary blooming into selfhood.

American Life in Poetry

the Water" (Four Way Books, 2013), winner of the Kate Tufts Discovery Award. She teaches Harvey is the author of the in the University of Pittsburgh poetry collection "Hemming Writing Program.

Sonnet for A Tall Flower Blooming at Dinner Time

Southern Flower, I want to quote the bard, to serenade you, to raise a glass to you. Long & tall you are always parched & hungry. You wobble in strong winds, you pull your bright hair when it rains, you toss off the lint of dandelions, you lean into the evening haunts with your indifferent afro. You were born in the old-world city, the invisible dark girl city, the city that couldn't hold a candle, a straight pin, a slave-owner's sins to you. You are the most beautiful dark that hosts the most private sorrows & feeds the hungriest ghosts.

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FR honor roll announced

Recovery High Emmy School recently announced its honor roll for the fourth

beth Alig, Danielle Braun, Diller, Maddie Guggenbiller, Chase Kaiser, Abigail Knapke, Megan Lochtefeld, Katie McIntosh-Knapke, Alayna Laux, Isaac LeFevre, Megan Metzger, Miranda Metzger, Sophie Pearson, Isaac Timmerman, Alexis Wendel, Faith Wendel and Alaina Will.

Also freshmen Natalie Brunswick, Chloe Bubp, Alex Dues, Alex Evers, Megan Evers, Teigen Fortkamp, Carson Grube, Paige Guggenbiller, Jenna Hart, Trevor Heitkamp, Addy Jenkins, Abby Keller, Allison Knapke, Ella Kremer, Joscelyn LeFevre, Saige Leuthold, Mara Pearson, Matthew Romer, Libby Schlarman, Marissa Schoen, Cole Shoemaker, Brynn Stammen and Ella Westgerdes.

Making the A-B honor roll Bergman, Autumn Burk, Diller, Fortkamp, Trisha Gaerke, Kendrik Wendel.

Guggenbiller, Tommy Hart, Maria Hart-Laura Making the all-A honor Homan, Derek Jutte, Ben Jacob Knapke, Dylan Olivia Laux, genkamp, Derek Lochtefeld, Seth Thobe, Kendra Metzger, Ryne Post, Carson Rammel, Shai Ann Rodriguez, AJ Romer, Clay Schmitz, Kristen Siefring, Megan Sutter, Gavin Thobe, Caitlin Weigel, Cobe Wendel, Kierra Wendel and Jesica Westgerdes.

Also juniors David Adsit, James Adsit, Bergman, Miley Briner, Macy Brunswick, Ben Dues, Emma Fullenkamp, Faith Grube, Grace Guggenbiller, Kim Hart, Bruce Heitkamp, Jackie Homan, Emma Kahlig, Isaac Knapke, Logan Knapke, Madelyn Knapke, Abigail Lauber, MaKenna Laux, Melissa Laux, Lilie Leuthold, Aidan O'Dell, Whitley Rammel, Devin were Jake Bechtol, Megan Schoenlein, Hailey Stammen, Chloe Sutton, Faith Natalie Weagant, Ben Wellman and

Also sophomores Lydia Brunswick, Audra Bubp, ings, Logan Hartnagel, Ethan Evers, Allysen Ful-Hipple, Brenna lenkamp, Jacob Hartke, Heitkamp, roll were sophomores Eliza- Keller, Clark Knapke, Colin Homan, Makensie Kaffenberger, Emma Keller, Grace Klingshirn, Parker Klingshirn, Pete Klingshirn, Derek Lennartz, Tucker Overman, Ava Schoen, Carson Siefring, Amy Stammen, MacKenzie Steinbrunner, Bo Thien, Bradi Timmerman, Caitlin Weitzel, Lindsey Wendel and Taylor Will. Also freshmen Lucas

Acheson, Wes Bechtol, Arwyn Beitler, Myah Breen, Katie Bruns, Kensey Clark, Kenadie Ervin, Reece Evers, Faller, Gavin Gaerke, Reece Guggenbiller, Liz Hartings, Troy Homan, Monte Jones, Autumn Jutte, Nate Jutte, Lydia Kahlig, Conner Kaikala, Owen Knapke, Drew Langenkamp, Michael Laux, Rex Leverette, Christian Marchal, Kiana Garland, Liberty Pohlman, Olivia Smith, Austin Steinbrunner, Tiffany Taft, Britney Tebbe, Riggs Tobe, Calie Wendel, Sage Wendel, Ellie Will and Brooklyn Wyerick.

Man finds little support from so-called partner

DEAR ABBY: I'm a gay man who has been in an on-again/offagain relationship for three years. My partner still lives at home with his mother. He has never left the home, aside from a four-month period when he and his mom weren't getting along.

My issue is, aside from never fully committing, my partner, "Damien," seems to always find a way to abandon me when I hit a rough patch. I lose my job and I'm low on money? He yells at me and leaves. And he manages to not return until I'm "back on my feet."

When the coronavirus hit and I had all my bills paid but nothing to eat, I finally had to say, "Hey, can you get me something?" We go to a burger place, money," he becomes enraged. neither can

Dear Abby



the line's long and he complains nonstop about the wait. We leave and go to my place to hang out. Then he leaves and calls me and talks about what he's going to eat. I hang up.

Before, when I was homeless, even though he doesn't have a place of his own, he never offered any help. If I say, "I know you're really guarded with your

ficulties, he talks down to me and mocks the situation I am in. He attributes his never leaving home to his family helping him and caring about him. The fact that I'm not in a situation like his implies my family doesn't care. Can you help? — A LOT WRONG IŇ TEXAŠ

DEAR A LOT WRONG: I'll try. It's time you recognized that Damien is NOT your "partner." Partners HELP each other when they are in trouble. The sooner you lose this person, the sooner you will start to feel better. Damien is all about Damien. His character is fully formed. You can't change him, and

more independent — and that's a good thing. Trust me on that.

DEAR ABBY: I love my wife dearly. We've been married for 21 years. I'm frustrated with how she dresses for work and when we go out. Her idea of fashion is wearing clothes that are too large in size for her. I don't like going out in public with her when she dresses that way. Granted, she put on some weight after our third child, but she still has a nice, shapely figure. I have seen women with similar body shapes who wear closer-fitting clothes, and they look great.

How can I convey that her style

And when he hears about my dif- **Damien may help you become** her? — FRUSTRATED WITH FRUMPY

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Your wife may dress the way she does because she's self-conscious about her weight or simply because she thinks loose-fitting clothes are more comfortable. Because you feel they don't flatter her, start by asking why she's dressing the way she does. Tell her you think she is beautiful and that the items she is choosing don't do justice to her "nice, shapely figure." You might even volunteer to go with her to help her choose some things, if she's interested. But if she isn't, let the subject drop because, ultimately, she's going to wear

Community Calendar

an item, news@thecr.com.

Today

AL-ANON 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 – BRIall kinds of addictions, Redkey United Methodist more information, call

Community Calendar as Come early for a meal. For 9625 or Dave Keen at (260) space is available. To sub- more information, call 251-8792. *email* Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

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

Thursday

Sudoku

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program ANNA'S HOPE — A faith- meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 based recovery group for p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life will meet from 6:30 to 8 Ministries, 228 S. Meridip.m. each Wednesday at an St. in Portland. For

Notices will appear in Church, 122 W. Main St. Brenda Eads at (260) 726-

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

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

FORGET-ME-NOT support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information,

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third A BETTER LIFE – BRI- Thursday of each month ANNA'S HOPE — A faith- in the IU Health Blackford main conference

room. COUNTY JAY HUMANE SOCIETY -Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113. S. Main St.,



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Myanmar layoff was no surprise

By JACK RONALD

I have been laid off.

Not by the newspaper you are reading — though you never know what might happen — but by the English language version of an independent news website out of Myanmar, also known as

Part of me knew when it started that this gig with The Irrawaddy wasn't going to last long. The fact that it stretched more than nine months is pretty remarkable.

The gig started about three weeks after I retired from newspapering in Jay County.

I had a connection to Myanmar because I had done some journalism training there in 2012, and I continued to follow news out of that country via several websites, including The Irrawaddy.

The 2012 experience could not have been better. The folks in charge of the military-led government were beginning to release their grip. The leader of the National League for Democracy — Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was still under house arrest. But there were signs of change in the

Back in the Saddle



An election for parliament was scheduled and candidates from the National League for Democracy (NLD) were being allowed on the ballot. No one wanted to get overly optimistic, but the military leadership seemed prepared to usher the country into a new era.

At a memorable conference I attended near the end of my month there, the military government spelled out almost astounding plans for increased press freedom.

And things looked good. For a

The election was held. The NLD did well. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was released from house arrest. And after an election in 2015, she found herself as the de facto head of state.

(She was prevented from holdhad married a Briton, and the ated charges of ballot tamper-

military government had inserting, the military upended the ple shot in the head. Not a good ed a clause in the constitution constitution, put Daw Aung San way to start the morning. making it impossible for anyone who had married a foreigner to serve in that office.)

So last fall, the NLD seemed likely to be re-elected to power. COVID-19 was a bigger issue at the time than politics.

That's about the time I signed on as a part-time copy editor for the English language version of The Irrawaddy's site.

The work was quirky and unpredictable. There were no typical days.

I might get three long stories to edit, fixing the English, cleaning up the language, clarifying the information. Or I might get none. Or I might get a series of breaking news posts for the website's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Politics and COVID dominated the subject matter throughout the fall and into the winter.

Then came Feb. 1. The military, whose proxy parties had been humiliated in a landslide election that went to the NLD, decided to seize power

Using the pretext of "election ing the presidency because she fraud" based upon unsubstanti-

constitution, put Daw Aung San Suu Kyi under arrest and rounded up dozens of its political opponents in the NLD.

(If that sounds spookily familiar, trust me that you're not to first person to feel that way.)

Instantly, the part-time job of retired newspaperman in small-town Indiana changed.

The Irrawaddy was facing legal action from the military regime. Bylines of reporters disappeared, replaced by the generic "By THE IRRAWADDY." Photos of editors in the "about us" portion of the website disappeared. Staff members went into hiding to avoid arrest as the military regime took action against journalists across the country.

And my gig became a sevenday-a-week matter. (That fact brought a bemused smile to my face. One of the papers I had worked with in 2012 was 7DayNews. When the coup came, it shut down entirely.)

So, the copy kept coming. Every day.

At one point, for a period of

weeks, I found myself editing stories every day that updated the civilian death count, complete with grisly photos of peo-

As the resistance — the civil disobedience movement — continued, eventually there was armed opposition to regime's brutality. Militias formed. Homemade bombs were detonated around government buildings.

Diplomatic efforts were an exercise in impotence.

By June, it seemed that something approaching a permanent stalemate had developed.

The situation was bad, and by every indication it was going to be bad for a long, long time.

That's when I started wondering when I would get the axe.

The Irrawaddy's primary work is its Burmese language website. The English version is aimed more at the international community, diplomats and business people for the most part.

So the email from Kyaw Zwa Moe came as no real surprise.

"Thanks for your understanding and thoughts for our people. I don't know how long this struggle will take. ... But we have no choice but to do what we are supposed to do. ... Hope we'll get a chance to meet up in the future.'

Situation in Haiti is dire

The Washington Post

This spring, the Catholic Church in Haiti warned that the country is in the throes of a "descent into hell."

Any suspicion that the church's analysis was tinged with hyperbole has been dispelled by events since then. And without much more concerted help and pressure from Washington and other influential parties, the spiral of suffering and dysfunction in Haiti, the Western hemisphere's poorest nation, will surely acceler-

Elections are no guarantee of democracy, let alone good governance, but one thing is indisputable: Without them, Haiti has no chance. For the past four years the country has been governed by Jovenel Moïse, an inept autocrat who has neutered parliament and independent institutions while presiding over, and likely abetting, a tableau of urban gang violence, murder, kidnapping, extortion and intimidation that has made life intolerable for millions. On top of that, a wave of deadly new COVID-19 has lately swept the country, whose already rickety public health system is overwhelmed. Virtually no one has been vaccinated against the virus.

No scenario for improving Haiti's prospects not for good governance, nor for transitioning to order from chaos in the streets — is plausible without elections that would produce new and legitimate leadership. Moïse has paid lip service to going forward with balloting this fall, for parliament and a successor president. He has devoted far more attention to pushing a referendum, already postponed, redraw the country's constitution, a probably illegal undertaking that has only intensified already riotous domestic political discord.

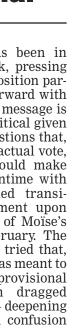
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Guest **Editorial**

can States has been in Haiti last week, pressing Moïse and opposition parties to move forward with elections. That message is all the more critical given specious suggestions that, in place of an actual vote, the country could make do in the meantime with some ill-defined transitional government upon the completion of Moïse's term next February. The last time Haiti tried that, in 2016, what was meant to be a 120-day provisional administration dragged on for a year — deepening instability and confusion about the country's

Much of the current anarchy is directly attributable to Moïse, who has contrived to establish what amounts to one-man misrule. In the absence of legislative elections, he has allowed Haiti's parliament to wither into nothingness, while installing his own toadies as mayors to replace elected ones across the country. In a country of 11 million people, no legislation can be passed, because so few lawmakers remain. If Haitians do not go to the polls this fall, the terms of every single one of the few remaining elected officials will expire in February. That is a recipe for pandemonium.

prospect of full-blown United States, France, the United Nations, the OAS and other influential parhappens. Moïse must go, and be replaced in free and fair elections. They will certainly not set A delegation from the but without them you can



ishing read.

There is now a real anarchy, and resulting waves of boat people fleeing to safer shores. The ties must act before that everything right in Haiti, Organization of Ameri- bet things will get worse.



Take time to try something different

Thriller authors, like Daniel Silva

and Brad Thor, have legions addict-

ed to their knowledge and story-

telling prowess. C.J. Box's books

deliver an understanding of the

mountain west not easily available

to city folk on the coasts — and an

unlikely hero in Joe Pickett. And I

inhaled "Ridgeline," the new historical fiction by Michael Punke (author of "The Revenant"), about an 1866 battle in Wyoming's Powder

River Valley between the Lakota and

lific — add up their titles and ask

human imagination to travel far

from whatever reality it inhabits

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harder and easier to absorb. Three

nonfiction books have made it on to

my "necessary bookshelf" this year

understand our age: Niall Fergu-

son's "Doom," Josh Rogin's "Chaos

works that need to be read to

yourself, "How do they do it?

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Nonfiction writers broaden our

By HUGH HEWITT

Special To The Washington Post

Summer beckons, and so does the easy season's need for a good, nour-

Everything after J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings" is in some way derivative, but fantasy epics remain a staple on many bookshelves, including mine.

CNN's Chris Cillizza sent me into the endless but eventually satisfactory Wheel of Time series by Robert Jordan. The New York Times's Ross Douthat nudged me toward British writer Joe Abercrombie, with a warning that his books are as grown-up and dark as "Game of Thrones" but have the decided advantage of an author committed to finishing his epics.

During the pandemic's endless opportunities to walk, I blew through Brandon Sanderson's "Mistborn" series (on audio) but hesitated on brink of his "The Way of Kings." Patrick Rothfuss is delivering the goods in his Kingkiller Chronicle trilogy but he's only two-thirds finished. So, Abercrombie it

will be when next I get the epic itch. The attraction of epics is much the same as those of Patrick O'Brian's 20 works built around British naval officers Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin: The writers create entire worlds around a few central characters and a long list of recurring friends, lovers, competitors and enemies. "For the past 30 years the greatest novelists writing in English," asserted playwright David Mamet, "have been genre writers:

Hugh Hewitt

that's quite a tribute.

the U.S. Army.

day to day.



the details matter. John le Carré, George Higgins and Patrick O'Brian." From Mamet.

Where does this leave fantasy epics? Their purpose, beyond pure entertainment, is construction of a moral universe different from ours, with different gods and dilemmas; rituals and standards, tests, triumphs and failures. Many of the epic fantasies construct vast archipelagoes of competing regimes that, while hardly as helpful as Aristotle's "Politics," still dance around the ancient and central question of what form of government is best. Machiavelli is embedded in these tales, as is Rousseau. Very few Thomas Jeffersons, quite a few Stalins and Maos, and occasionally the attempt at the genuinely heroic.

Red Line" can grip as tightly as any

These books form the basis of

thriller, but the reader has to take

important — and official — conver-

sations in our national politics, and

mental notes if not actual ones.

Mostly they give space to roam far from 2021 — or 1968, when I read Tolkien for the first time. For some (not me), escape means science fiction; others have their own guilty pleasures. But as summer approaches, and if you've read everything by Dickens or you are done with Evelyn Waugh, take Douthat's advice (with his disclaimer about Abercrombie's grown-up content) and try something completely different.

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Continued from page 1 'The Interior Department continues to work on an interim report that will include initial findings on the state of the conventional federal energy programs, as well as outline next steps and recommendations for the Department and Congress to improve stewardship of public lands and waters, create jobs, and build a just and equitable energy future."

The moratorium was imposed after Biden on Jan. 27 signed executive orders to fight climate change. The suit was filed in March. The Interior Department later canceled oil and gas lease sales from public lands through June — affecting Nevada, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming and the bureau's eastern region.

Biden's orders included a call for Interior officials to review if the leasing program unfairly benefits companies at the expense of taxpayers, as well as the program's impact on climate change.

The 13 states that sued said the administration bypassed comment periods and other bureaucratic steps required before such delays can be undertaken, and that the moratorium would cost the states money and jobs. Doughty heard arguments in the case last week in Lafayette.

Federal lawyers argued that the public notice and comment period doesn't apply to the suspension, that the lease sales aren't required by law and that the Secretary of the Interior has broad discretion in leasing decisions.

'No existing lease has been cancelled as a result of any of the actions challenged here, and development activity from exploration through drilling and production has continued at similar levels as the preceding four years, lawyers for the administration argued in briefs.

But Doughty sided with the plaintiff states attorneys, who argued that the delay of new leasing cost states revenue from rents and royalties.

"Millions and possibly billions of dollars are at stake," wrote Doughty, who was nominated to the federal bench by President Donald Trump in

"Local government funding, jobs for Plaintiff State workers, and funds for the restoration of Louisiana's Coastline are at stake," he added, alluding to a possible loss of oil and gas revenue that pays for Louisiana efforts to restore coastal wetlands.

"This is fantastic news for workers in Louisiana whose livelihoods are being threatened by the administration's thoughtless energy policy," U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy (R-Louisiana) said in a state-

Felony arrests

Drug possession

Two Jay County residents were arrested recently for drug possession.

Cheryl A. Johnston, 46, 609 W. 3rd St., Portland, was arrested this morning. She was preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for maintaining a common nuisance and possession of methamphetamine or narcotic drugs. Johnston is being held in Jay County Jail on a \$4,500

Phillip O. LeMaster, 65, 5849 E. 400 South, Salamonia, was arrested Tuesday. was preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for maintaining a common nuisance and posof session cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs, along with two Class A misdemeanors for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. He's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.

Celebrating

Continued from page 1 Ethan A. Fulton, a World War I veteran, was its first command-

The Portland post's charter hangs on a wall in its headquarters at 211 W. Walnut St.:

'Now therefore, pursuant to the powers conferred by the Constitution of The American Legion, this Charter is granted and those applying together with such others as may unite with them are hereby authorized to establish and maintain a Post of The American Legion at Portland, to be known as Robert Guy Ayers Post No. 211, Department of Indiana, and this instrument, unless revoked or suspended, shall be conclusive evidence of the lawful existence

Not all that long ago, the continued existence of the post was in doubt.

It was May 4, 2015, when the post's officers met in hopes of reaching a consensus for the

"We're still in limbo," newly installed post commander Fred Bailey said the next day. He referred to the post as "financially strapped."

'We would like to salvage this somehow," he added.

Legion members, auxiliary members and members of the Sons of the American Legion met again May 6, 2015, to weigh options and chose to try to save Post 211.

That effort has been success-

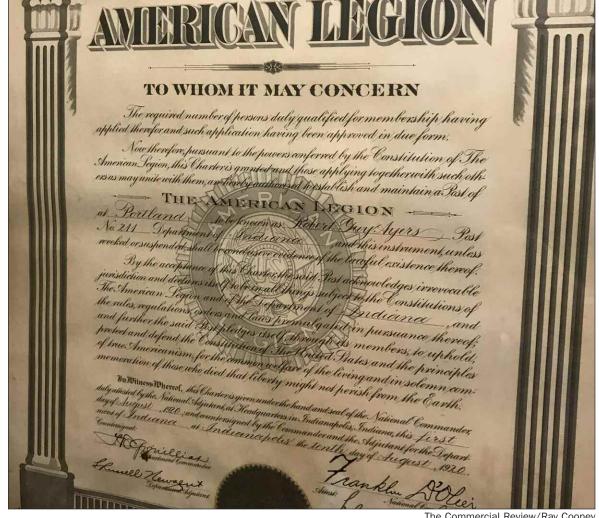
"Financially we're solvent," said Micheau, who credited Bailey with spurring the comeback. "We're good — a lot better than

He reports that after the post was tens of thousands of dollars in debt six years ago, it now has more than \$90,000 in its coffers.

How does it feel to see Post 211 back in strong financial stand-

can't explain it," Micheau said. "I really can't. Fred did a hell of a job. He had everything

To watch it come from where it has, I'm happy.'



The original charter for Robert Guy Ayers American Legion Post 211 of Portland hangs on the wall at its facility at 211 W. Walnut St. The charter was signed by national and state Legion leaders in August 1920. The post will celebrate its 100th anniversary Saturday after a nearly 10-month delay because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Thanks to the work to keep the local American Legion post alive, it continues to fulfill its mission in a variety of ways.

Those include the post's honor guard, which serves at veterans' funerals, the annual Memorial Day event at Green Park Cemetery and other events. The American Legion also presented scholarships to local students during Monday's Jay County High School Honors Night.

The local chapter of the American Legion Riders has nobody knows about. It makes come back in recent years. It me feel good to see stuff work."

held a ride last month for Skylar Esparza, an 11-year-old Portland boy who was diagnosed with leukemia, and has another coming up for Shea Briar, who was murdered in January 2020. (Brian was a member of Post

The post also donates to a variety of charitable causes in Portland and Jay County.

"It's a good organization," said Micheau. "We — we, Portland's Legion — is good for the community. They do things that

Robert Guy Ayers American Legion Post 211's members there are 224 currently signed hope to continue that work for another century and beyond. Their mission is clear,

inscribed as part of the charter: ... said Post pledges itself through its members, to uphold, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the principles of true Americanism, for the common welfare of the living and in solemn commemoration of those who died that liberty might not perish from the Earth.'

Felony courts

Continued from page 2 Indiana Department of Correction and credit for time served from July 2, 2020, through July 7, 2020, and from May 20, 2021 forward. He was assessed court costs of \$185 and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

The court recommended Folkerth for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, it will consider modifying his sen-

As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for unlawpossession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Drug possession

Several people were sentenced to prison in Jay courts recently.

Edgar Pimentel Jr., 1224 W. Water St., Berne, was found guilty by trial of possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony, and unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Circuit Court. He was sentenced to eight years in Indiana Department of Correction — The determined

Pimentel to be a habitual Justus P. Folkerth, 28, offender and added three 1146 S. Indiana 1, was sen-years to his initial fivetenced to five years in year sentence. He was given credit for time served from June 13 to June 15 and from July 14, 2020 forward. Pimentel was assessed \$185 in court costs and \$200 for drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction

> Tonya L. Borgerding, 31, 155 E. Largo, Pennville, pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Circuit Court. She was sentenced to two years in Indiana Department of Correction and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 5 felony charge for possession of a narcotic drug and a Class A misdemeanor charge for possession of marijuana were dismissed.

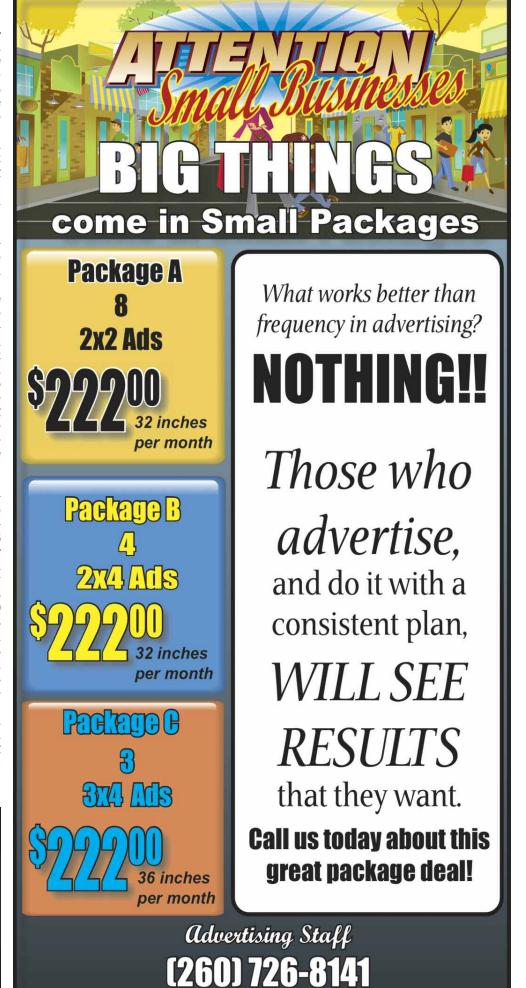
> Stephen P. Ping, 43, 401 Canterbury Lane, Portland, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 10 days suspended and given 10 days credit for five days served. Ping was placed on probation for 355 days and ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. He was fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.



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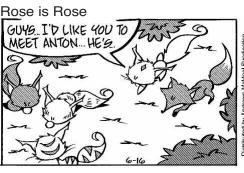
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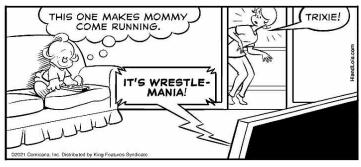






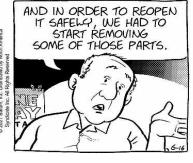






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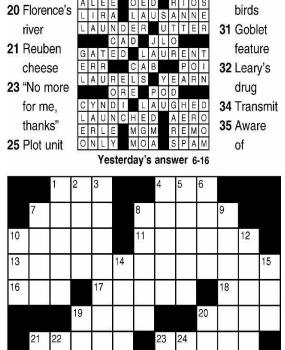
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Unstoppable Durant

AP Basketball Writer NEW YORK — Kevin Durant has always been one of the NBA's most unstoppable scorers.

The Brooklyn Nets needed much more than points Tuesday night, so Durant gave them one of the most spectacular performances in postseason history.

Durant had 49 points, 17 rebounds and 10 assists, sending the Nets back into the lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals with a 114-108 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks in Game 5.

"I know the perception of me is that I can score the basketball well, but any team that I've played on, I've been asked to do pretty much everything from rebounding to defending to initiating to scoring," Durant said. "I might not do it all the time but I do a little bit of everything.'

In Game 5, it was a whole lot of

became the first player to have at the Achilles to the hamstring to get

Triple-double lifts Jersey to 3-2 lead

least 45 points, 15 rebounds and 10 assists in a playoff game.

"Historic, historic performance," Nets coach Steve Nash said.

With James Harden returning but delivering little offense and Kyrie Irving out, Durant played all 48 minutes and shot 16 for 23 from the field. The four-time scoring champion had 20 points in the fourth quarter, perhaps the biggest shot a 3-pointer with 50 seconds left and the Nets protecting a onepoint lead.

"The injuries that he's been The two-time NBA Finals MVP through, to come back even from

back in this position, the world is witnessing, once again, who is the best player in the world," Nets forward Jeff Green said.

No argument from the Bucks. "He's the best player in the world right now and we've got to beat him as a team," Giannis Antetokounmpo said. "We've got to guard him as a team. We've got to make him make tough shots like tonight. We've just got to keep doing our job and hopefully he's going to miss.'

Harden shot just 1 for 10 and missed all eight 3-pointers, but had eight assists and six rebounds while playing 46 minutes.

Green made seven 3-pointers and scored 27 points for the Nets, who fell into a 17-point hole in this one after two losses in Milwaukee before Durant carried them back. Blake Griffin added 17 points.

Game 6 is Thursday in Milwaukee, where the Bucks are 4-0 against the Nets this season.

Antetokounmpo had 34 points and 12 rebounds, while Khris Middleton added 25 points.

Jay ...

Continued from page 8 Ben Fisher added three wins for the 9-10-year-old boys by taking the long freestyle, individual medley and breaststroke while Raif Beiswanger was first in the 11-12-year-old boys backstroke, breaststroke and individual medley.

Addisyn Champ earned victories in the 8-andyounger girls long freestyle, butterfly and individual medley, and Matthew Fisher was first in the 13-14-year-old boys butterfly, individual medley and short freestyle.

apiece were Anna Fisher, Noah Wentz, Finn Hemmelgarn, Rockland Beiswanger, Lauren Fisher, Morgan DeHoff, Lin-Clamme, Kyle Sanders and Josh Monroe. Single event winners were Sam Benirschke, Abram Lee, Carson Westgerdes, Jacob Monroe, Aubrey Millspaugh and Timo Minnich.

Earning

Jay County will compete in its first home meet of the season at 6 p.m. Thursday at Portland Water

Roundup

Continued from page 8 Optimist 10, The Rock 2

Gabi Miller hit a home run, scored twice and added two singles as she powered Optimist to the victory. Emily Towell both runs for The Rock.

added two doubles and two runs, and Lizzie Miller and Alyssa Wendel each had three singles and two runs.

Adalee Rigby recorded three singles and scored

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Fort Wayne TinCaps at Dayton Dragons - 7:05 p.m.

Thursday Jay County Summer Swim vs. Black-

ford – 6 p.m. Portland Rockets vs. Muncie Chiefs –

Fort Wayne TinCaps at Dayton Drag-

land vs. Russia (ESPN) 11:30 a.m. — UEFA Euro 2020: Turkey vs. Wales (ESPN) 2:30 p.m. — UEFA Euro 2020: Italy

Today 8:30 a.m. — UEFA Euro 2020: Fin-

vs. Switzerland (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Atlanta Braves

7:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Atlanta

8:30 a.m. — UEFA Euro 2020: Ukraine vs. FYR Macedonia (ESPN)

(TNT)

11:30 a.m. — UEFA Euro 2020: Denmark vs. Belguim (ESPN)

Hawks at Philadelphia 76ers - Game 5

USA vs. Nigeria (ESPN2) 10 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Utah Jazz

vs. Los Angeles Clippers - Game 5 (TNT)

Thursday

9 p.m. — Soccer: Women's friendly -

2:30 p.m. — UEFA Euro 2020: Netherlands vs. Austria (ESPN) 7 p.m. — Golf: U.S. Open first round

8:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: New Jersey Nets at Milwaukee Bucks - Game 5

9 p.m. — Mixed Martial Arts: Professional Fighters League (ESPN2)

Friday

8:30 a.m. — UEFA Euro 2020: Swe-

den vs. Slovakia (ESPN)

11:30 a.m. — UEFA Euro 2020: Croatia vs. Czech Republic (ESPN) 2:30 p.m. — UEFA Euro 2020: England vs. Scotland (ESPN)

Local notes Outing is July 23

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South dealer.

The bidding: South West North East 2 NT Opening lead five of diamonds. The natural tendency in bridge is

to win a trick when the opportunity presents itself. However, there are occasions when it is better to refuse a trick than win it. This is especially true in defending against suit con-tracts when declarer ruffs with a card that a defender can overruff. Ouite often, the best defense in such a situation is to discard and hope to gain an extra trump trick by doing so.

Here is a typical case. South is declarer at three clubs, and West

finds the best lead of a diamond. East wins with the ten and continues with the K-A-J, West discarding a spade on the third diamond. Declarer follows suit to the first

three diamonds but is awkwardly placed on the fourth round. In the actual deal, South goes down regardless of which card he ruffs with assuming West defends correctly but let's say that declarer ruffs with the ten.

If West overruffs — as he might do if he is a believer in taking tricks whenever possible — South makes the contract. East's queen of clubs

later falls on dummy's ace, and declarer's K-9 then take care of West's remaining 8-6. But if West is well-schooled in the art of defense, he discards a second spade when South ruffs the fourth liamond with the ten. Declarer even tually loses two trump tricks and

goes down one.

West discards at trick four because he sees that there is nothing to be gained by overruffing the ten. He is sure to make at least one trump trick later on with his J-8-6-4, regard less of how the unseen clubs are distributed. At the same time, West reasons that he may gain an extra trick, depending on his partner's trump holding, by simply discarding after South ruffs with the ten

Tomorrow: South neglects to shift gears.

CRYPTOQUIP 6 - 16

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Location of Property Affected: Parcel #38-07-19-300-023.000-033 - 1823 W Tyson Rd (vacant land), on the south side, east of CR 200 W, Wayne Township, Section 19

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A public hearing is sched-

uled to be held by said Plan Commission on Thursday, July 1st, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the Jay County Courthouse Auditorium, 120 N Court Street. Portland, Indiana. At that time, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters set out in the petition. The petition and file on this matter are available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 S Meridian Street / Ste E, Portland, Indiana 47371. If unable to attend the meeting, the Department will accept letters from the public prior to the meeting date. City of Portland Plan Com-

missionBy: John Hemmelgarn, Zoning Administrator/Director Date: 6/7/21

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Winning swimming



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Hailey Wenning of the Fort Recovery Eels swims to victory Tuesday night in the 8-and-younger girls 25-meter butterfly. She took the race in 28.79 seconds to help Fort Recovery to its total of 825 points in a double victory over Union City (298) and Randolph County (159).

FR tops Union City, Randolph Co.

every contested relay, the Eels came out on top.

Fort Recovery's summer swim team swept the relays except those they didn't enter — on Tuesday night while also getting sweeps in the 8-andyounger girls and 11-12-year-old girls divisions as it scored 825 points to defeat Union City (298) and Randolph County

In addition to the dominance in the medley and freestyle stroke and 50 freestyle. Kendall relays, the Eels used four swim-Ranly earned wins in the 100 old 100 freestyle, 50 backstroke mers to sweep the 8-and- freestyle and 100 individual and 50 breaststroke.

FORT RECOVERY — In younger girls events. Natalie medley, and Livy Timmerman Wenning (50 freestyle, 25 freestyle) and Rozlyn Diller (100 individual medley, 25 breaststroke) each won two events in the division. Hailey Wenning was first in the 25 butterfly and Rhianna Wuebker took the top spot in the 25 back-

> Makenna Huelskamp paced the other Fort Recovery sweep with her victories in the 11-12year-old 50 butterfly, 50 breast-

was first in the 50 backstroke.

Four boys won three events apiece for the Eels, with Maverick Huelskamp reaching the wall first in the 8-and-younger 25 butterfly, 25 breaststroke and 25 freestyle. Wyatt Gann took the top spot in the 9-10-year-old 50 freestyle, 25 backstroke and 25 freestyle, Will Faller was victorious in the 11-12-year-old 50 backstroke, 50 breaststroke and 50 freestyle, and Carson Fullenkamp won the 13-14-year-

Joining Huelskamp in earning three wins for the girls were Joelle Kaup in the 13-14year-old 50 butterfly, 50 backstroke and 50 freestyle, and Teigen Fortkamp in the 15-andolder 50 backstroke, 100 individual medley and 50 freestyle.

Double winners on the evening were Isla Kaiser, Kendall Ranly, Autumn Leuthold, Kolson Bechtol and Isaac LeFevre.

Earning single victories for Fort Recovery were Jenna Bertke, Autumn Burk, Ava Bubp and Elijah Grieshop.

Jay Co. rolls by 603 in Berne

BERNE — The Jay County Summer Swim Team cruised through its first dual meet of the season, winning 71 of 82 events in an 873-270 victory Tuesday over host South Adams.

It swept three divisions, with Maria Laux and Elly Byrum handling the 9-10-year-old girls events, Kaitlyn Fisher and Brooklyn Byrum taking the 11-12year-old girls races, and the Bader sisters — Eliza and Mara — owning the 15-and-older competi-

Laux was first in the long freestyle, individual medley and breaststroke while Elly Byrum picked up her victories in the butterfly, backstroke and short freestyle. Fisher won the backstroke, individual medley and short freestyle, and Brooklyn Byrum's firstplace efforts came in the long freestyle, butterfly and breaststroke. Eliza Bader, who will swim at Ball State University next season, took the top spot in the butterfly, backstroke and short freestyle while Mara Bader, a Jay County High School junior, won the individual medley, breaststroke and open 200 freestyle.

See **Jay** page 7

Pioneer defeats Matt's in slugfest

Portland Junior League contests weren't particularly close Tues-

day night. One was a slugfest. The Rookie baseball

game saw a combined 47 hits, with Pioneer Packout-swinging Matt's Garage 21-14.

In Minor softball, Fisher Meats topped Craven Nutrition 11-1. Portland Optimists beat the Rock Church 10-2 in Rookie softball.

Four players — Gabe Bentz, Koda Johnson, Easton Johnson and Bryce VanSkyock — were all a perfect 4-for-4 at the play for Pioneer. VanSkyock hit a home run, a triple and two doubles to lead the way, while Easton Johnson had a triple and three doubles. Bentz added a triple and two doubles while Koda John-

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Junior League roundup

son singled in all of his

four at bats. Matt's was nearly as efficient at the plate, with

Lavaughn Ballard going 4-for-4 with a home run and a double.

Fisher 11, Craven 1

Erin Aker paced Fisher in its victory with a double, two RBIs and two runs. Adria Roessner finished with three runs and an RBI, and Ali Clark and Kadilynn Stout each had

two singles and a run. Natalie May scored the lone run for Craven Nutrition.

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