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# Site for new shelter identified

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Jay County Humane Society has found its new building. Plans are to retrofit the location into a countywide facility for animal

Jay County Commissioners agreed Monday to give the humane society \$137,500, or about half of its previously allocated funding from the county, to purchase its new structure.

Jay County Humane Society has been fundraising since October. Its original plans were to construct a new facility at approximately 4,000 square feet and estimated to cost more than \$949,000.

Mindy Weaver, co-chair of the fundraising campaign and treasurer of Jay County Humane that and still couldn't find any Society, explained the organiza-

### Humane Society plans to purchase Fastenal building

tion has been searching for a new location for its shelter, and it looked into adapting the former Fastenal building in Portland several months ago. Purchasing and retrofitting the existing structure, Weaver said, was expected to cost more than the price of constructing a new facil-

"We kind of turned away from land," she said.

Recently the owner of the building at 1376 W. Votaw St. agreed to donate part of the asking price, bringing the net cost to purchase it around \$225,000.

"It is at a price now that we can retrofit it for an animal shelter," Weaver said.

The former Fastenal building offers about 50% more square footage than original plans to construct a new structure, according to Weaver. Retro-

humane society's needs will cost to adopt pets. Jay County around \$1 million, she added. Humane Society's plans are to Jay County Humane Society also will be purchasing about three acres behind the building for roughly \$66,000.

Original construction plans included space to house 26 dogs and 120 cats, as well as allow enclosed areas for a variety of stages, including rooms for intake, medical needs and adoption visits. (Currently cats are confined to small cages — the new facility would have cat colony rooms for free roaming.) With the space increase, those capacity limits are likely to increase as well.

The location near Portland Veterinary Clinic has no noise issues, she noted. It would also

fitting the facility to the be easy to find for those looking close on the building March 28.

"We're very excited to make (this) announcement today, Weaver said. "We think that it's a win-win in many aspects."

So far, the humane society has raised nearly \$320,000, or just under half of its goal. That amount does not include pledges, such as the county's allocation of \$275,000 in economic development income tax (EDIT) funds.

Commissioner Brian McGalliard asked what the organization's plan is if it doesn't raise the necessary funds.

"We're going to raise it," said Weaver. "We will do this."

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# Walking on sunshine

Seventh grader Kaylor Wendel performs a quick solo alongside eighth graders Zoe Dues, Olivia Knapke, Leah Wuebker and Cora Kremer during Fort Recovery Middle and High School's annual Cabaret concert Sunday. Wendel, Dues, Knapke, Wuebker and Kremer sang "Walking On Sunshine" with Aubrie Heitkamp, who is not pictured.

# Dunkirk OKs new 'nuisance'

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review DUNKIRK — The city now has the option to clean up properties that are in violation of its ordinance regarding "nuisances."

Dunkirk City Council on Monday approved additions to the city ordinances regarding common law nuisances.

The new ordinance, which was presented to council members at their Feb. 28 meeting,

addressed trees that cause a safety issue, accumulation of rubbish, noxious odors or smoke, open wells, trees and shrubs that obstruct streets or sidewalks, animals, and storage

City attorney Wes Schemenaur, who worked on the ordinance along with police chief Dane Mumbower, said the major changes involve accumulation of rubbish and storage of junk.

The ordinance now indicates that any owner or occupant of a pant will then be billed for the property in violation shall be notified by a police officer or the city's health and safety officer. Following that notification, they will be given seven days to address the problem. If it is not Bivens, Bryan Jessup, Kevin addressed at that time, the city may remove materials or take "all reasonable action" to bring the property under compliance with the ordinance.

The property owner or occuservices provided by the city to clean up the property. Those bills must be paid within 10 days of being received.

Council members Hamilton, Christy Curts and Tom Johnson unanimously approved the changes to the ordinance.

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# School corporation to set new goals

By RAY COONEY e Commercial Review

With many of its major goals from five years ago in the rearview, Jay School Board is getting ready to set new targets.

Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley explained Monday to the board the initial steps he has taken to give members a launching point for their discussions looking toward the future.

cussed possible changes to the 2022-23 school calendar and approved updated preschool fees.

"Historical changes have occurred over the past five years in our schools," Gulley said. "Consolidation is complete. Our fiscal position is strong. Our schools are safer. Wages have improved. Community

es are being added or considered to serve kids. Now is the time to set new goals for the future.'

He explained that a survey was sent to all Jay Schools employees and nearly 100 community leaders. That survey had just one, open-ended question:

"What ideas, programs, priorities or areas of partnerships are active. exploration would you like

The board also dis- New programs and servic- us to consider for new meeting 57 community goals for Jay School Corporation?

> The survey system — a "thought exchange" being used gives those participating the opportunity to offer their ideas and explanations for them. Those ideas are then visible to all others who are participating, and can be rated on a scale of one to

Gulley said as of the

members had provided 42 ideas and there had been 817 ratings. The survey remains open Wednesday.

"This tool I think is good to ensure that all voices have an equal chance to be heard," he said. "This process will provide a practical basis for future work sessions for the school board.

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## **Updates** to city's garbage collection ordinance approved

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

The Toters are ready to

After some additional discussion Monday, Portland City Council unanimously approved updates to its garbage collection ordinance to implement the use of Toters that were purchased in January and

delivered this month. Implementation of the new system had been the subject of a variety of questions over the last couple of council meetings, and there was more discussion at Monday's special meeting that was called to iron out the final details of the ordinance updates.

The new ordinance requires that for garbage to be picked up it must be placed in the Toters that have been provided by The City of Portland. Trash and recycling not placed in the Toters will not be picked up.

Residents will have a month grace period before any citations are written for not complying with the new ordinance.

Tom Leonhard, superintendent of Portland's street and parks department, had previously said use of other units compatible with Portland's trucks would be allowed.

Council members made changes to the new ordinance Monday to clarify what types of containers are allowed.

In the ordinance, the units to be used are referred to generically as "mobile garbage bins." Those that will be accepted by the city must meet with American National Standards Institute requirements for Z245.60 Type B, which are compatible with the city's trucks.

Other changes to the ordinance include:

•The city will accept large items at the street department building on set dates four times per year.

 Those who need to dispose of large items at other times can do so by visiting city hall and purchasing a permit. (For example, a permit for disposal of a mattress will cost \$15.)

See Garbage page 6

### **Deaths**

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 61 degrees Monday. The low was 37.

Tonight's low will be 41. Expect sunny skies Wednesday with the high climbing into the upper 60s.

outlook.

See page 2 for an extended

### In review

Jay County Junior-Senior High School will hold parentteacher conferences from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the school commons.

### Coming up

Wednesday Show choirs, winter guard advance in competitions.

**Friday** — Coverage of Thursday's Redkey Town Council meeting.



Nancy Bourne, 74, Attica Jordan Smith, 35, Portland Details on page 2.

# **Obituaries**

### Nancy Bourne

Nov. 23, 1947-March 12, 2022 After a lengthy illness, Nancy R. Bourne passed away at 12:50 p.m. Saturday in the compassionate care of hospital staff at Franciscan Hospital

Lafayette with her dearest friend at her side. She will be

fondly remembered and missed by family, colleagues, friends, and alumni of Seeger Memorial High School.

Nancy was born on November 23, 1947, to Milton Sylvester

Bourne and Wavalene Lois (Conner) Bourne Strait. After graduating in 1965 from Pennville High School, she earned her bachelor's and master's eral nieces and cousins.



Her teaching career began at Lake Ridge Junior High in Gary and later continued at Calumet High School in Gary and East Jay Elementary in Portland. In 1977, Nancy began teaching at Seeger Memorial High School in West Lebanon. She was admired and respected as a talented, dedicated and witty English teacher for 36 years until her retirement in 2013.

Among Nancy's community activities were Delta Theta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa, Fountain-Warren Retired Teachers Association and the Moose Lodge of Attica. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Leslie Milton Bourne; and her sister, Suzanne Bourne Iliff. Surviving are a sister-in-law, Anita Jewell, and sev-

As an avid reader and lover of language, Nancy left the following message in her own words: "With my love of books and language, I decided in high school to be an English teacher. I believed that there was a book for everyone that would spark their love for books as well. Although I was shy, I never regretted my choice of teaching, which forced me to be more outgoing.

"I needed discipline and order, which I exhibited in my teaching. Because I expected to work hard and give my best to my students, I expected the same effort from students. I asked, 'Is this the best I can do?' and expected my students to ask the same of themselves. I felt that giving one's best gave life purpose and shaped one's character. I thought of my students as the children I could not have.

"I looked forward to retirement and was excited about the possibilities ahead, but unfortunately in the next few years my health began to fail. I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2020. During this final chapter of my life, I have maintained a positive attitude, and I want those who have faithfully supported me to know that I believe their help and prayers made my life better throughout the final months. My greatest wish is that my friends, family, and caretakers know how much they have mattered to me.'

Friends may gather at the Saturday from 2 p.m. until the name, memorial service time at 4 p.m. Inurnment will follow at a later date in the IOOF Cemetery, Pennville. Condolences may be sent online to mausfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, Nancy requested that donations be made in her memory to the Franciscan Health Lafayette Cancer Center, c/o the Franciscan Health Foundation, 1501 Hartford St., Lafayette.

Jordan E. Smith, Portland, June 20, 1986-March 13, 2022. Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Walker and Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area Maus Funeral Home, Attica, on free of charge. They include the city of residence, birth/death datetime/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary serv-

# CR almanac

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has a slight chance Otherrain. partly wise, sunny wise. lows in mid 30s.

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Sunday

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school calendar for next year. Those changes would implement Martin Luther King Jr. day and Presidents' Day as holidays and add a day to spring break — it would begin on a

Goals

approve new goals in June.

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sessions in April and May to work on

setting future goals, with hopes to

Gulley also presented board mem-

bers Ron Laux, Donna Geesaman,

Phil Ford, Mike Shannon, Chris

Snow, Jason Phillips and Vickie

Reitz with possible changes for the

He plans to schedule board work

He explained that in the past Martin Luther King Jr. day and Presidents' Day, both federal holidays, have been used as built-in snow days. Those are no longer necessary following the implementation of elearning days when there is inclement weather.

Gulley added that the change to spring break is intended to mitigate high absentee rates for both students and staff on the Friday before the week of spring break. Answering the question before it could be asked, he said that in consulting with other schools that have made the same move they have not seen the absentee problem migrate to the Thursday before spring break.

He asked the board to consider those changes and said he would ask for a vote on them next month after there has been time for the public to provide input on them.

Board members also set preschool fees for the 2022-23 school year at \$325 for two-day, \$450 for three-day and \$600 for five-day. Previous fees were \$250, \$350 and \$450, respectively. They had not been increased since

In other business, the board:

•Honored Bloomfield Elementary School students Gabby Gibson and Maria Laux, who will compete in the next round of the Optimist Oratorical Contest at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Jay County Christian Academy.

 Accepted the retirements of special education teacher Chris Compton and custodian Rotch Shope, and the resignations of teacher Dana Brown and student learning aide Paige Howell.

 Approved the following: one-year extensions to contracts for JCHS boys basketball coach Jerry Bomholt and girls basketball coach Kirk Come. Their contracts, as well as that of football coach Grant Zgunda, now run through June 30, 2024; an updated contract for rental of classroom space at John Jay Center for of the current school year and \$12.600 for July 2022 through June 2023; the purchase of seven school buses at a cost not to exceed \$1 million; the termination of employees Abigail Boggs and Trisha Pierce; the hiring of Jay County High School assistant softball coach Monty Missicano. JCHS assistant track coach Sydney Noble and junior high track coach Gabby Kunkler; a field trip of robotics students to the Vex Robotics World Championship from May 3 through 12 in Dallas; and a leave of absence for special education teacher Lauren Hemmelgarn.

•Heard an update on the Tax Refund Exchange and Compliance System, which the board approved last year for collection of unpaid debt. Treasurer Shannon Current said more than \$28,000 has been collected through the program.

•Accepted grants of \$4,050 for the Learn to Earn program, \$3,394.34 for a sensory area in Jennifer Harris' classroom at West Jay Elementary School and \$2,907.98 for a sensory hallway at General Shanks preschool, all from The Portland Foun-

•Heard comments from parent Cindy Bracy regarding Jay County High School teacher Anni McClung Learning at \$1.848 for the remainder as well as the scheduling system.

### **Lotteries**

### **Powerball** Monday

21-28-32-44-49 Powerball: 6 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$133 Ohio million

### **Mega Millions**

Estimated jackpot: \$22 million

### Hoosier

Monday Midday Daily Three: 9-4-4 Daily Four: 8-9-9-1 Evening Daily Three: 8-8-2 Daily Four: 0-1-8-6 Quick Draw: 9-12-25-28-31-32-35-36-38-40-41-44-46-

49-53-57-62-72-77-80 Cash 5: 15-17-21-27-30 jackpot: Estimated \$95,000

### Monday

Midday Pick 3: 7-5-8 Pick 4: 2-4-8-0 Pick 5: 2-4-6-1-8 **Evening** Pick 3: 9-1-3 Pick 4: 8-1-3-4 Pick 5: 4-3-1-6-6 Rolling Cash 5: 4-20-35-36-37

Estimated jackpot: \$120,000 Classic Lotto: 5-17-20-23-26-43

Kicker: 7-5-0-9-7-1 Jackpot: \$23.8 million

### **Markets**

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Wheat ......8.90

April corn ......7.17 May corn .....7.22

The Andersons **Richland Township** Corn......6.97 April corn ......6.97

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Today in history

On March 15, 44 Alexandrovich, B.C., Roman dictator declined the

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Wheat ..... 10.30

Montpelier Corn......7.01

Late March corn.....7.01 Beans .....16.17 Late March beans..16.17

**Sunrise St. Anthony** 

Corn.....6.93 April corn ......6.93 Beans ......15.92 April beans ......15.99 March wheat......9.65

declined the crown,

marking the end of

imperial rule in Russia.

In 1919, members of

the American Expedi-

tionary Force from

World War I convened in

Paris for a three-day

meeting to found the

In 2007, Redkey Town

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by 50% in order to bring

in funding to make

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increase revenues for

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### Highway crash

A Portland woman sustained a head injury after a Sager. The Dodge Avenger three-car collision at the went into a ditch on the intersection of U.S. 27 and east side of U.S. 27. county road 800 North about 6:30 a.m. Friday.

Brylee W. Speed, 24, Port-

Dodge Avenger, driven by 28-year-old Alesha R.

Sager was trapped in her vehicle and taken to IU Health Jay for a head injury.

A witness said Speed's car was swerving left and right in its lane of travel, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report.

All three vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

### Pet accident

Pennville A rural woman's pet died in a vehicle accident about 8:40 a.m. Friday.

Fred W. Miller, 59, Pennville, was driving west on county road 400 North when a dog owned by Nila Stauffer ran in front of his 2019 Ford F-150. Miller wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal, which later died.

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

### Deer hit

Deer ran in front of multiple vehicles recently, causing collisions.

Tasha A. Allen, 35, Portland, was driving north on U.S. 27 near county road 700 South about 10 p.m. Thursday when a deer entered the road. She wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal with her 2011 Chrysler Town and Country. Allen asked emergency personnel to check her 15year-old daughter for

# Capsule Reports

land, was driving his 2016 Dodge Journey south on U.S. 27. Dana R. Hines, 27, Bryant, was in front of him and slowing her 2009 Chevrolet Traverse to make a left turn onto county road 800 North. Speed said he didn't notice Hines' vehicle slow to make a turn and attempted to veer right but could not avoid colliding with her car. Hines' vehicle continued through the intersection and into a northbound 2014

### **SERVICES**

Today

Pitman, Lowell: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Thursday

Smith, Jordan: 3 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Saturday Bourne, Nancy: 4 p.m., Maus Funeral Home, 704 S. Council St.,

Attica.

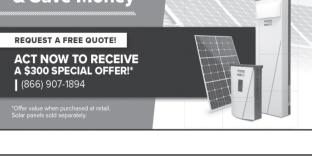
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injuries.

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Kayla Reilly, HR Specialist Swiss Village 1350 W. Main St. Berne, IN 46711

Or email: careers@swissvillage.org



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# Citizen's calendar

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### Wednesday

**Thursday** 

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

Council, park cabin, 200 Board of S. Mooney St.

6 p.m. — Redkey Town

Meridian St., Portland. **Friday** 

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Resource Center, 118 S.

Board

4 p.m. — Portland Works, mayor's office, city hall, 6 p.m. — Jay County 321 N. Meridian St.

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# Celebrate March holidays with a jig

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review Beware of the Ides of March, also known as March 15. Most years the Ides of March is nothing but a date on a calendar and an excuse to warn people to beware. Exactly what they are to beware of is not stated.

I first heard of the Ides of March in a long ago English class. We were reading a play about come out of nowhere, Julius Caesar by that empty grocery shelves, hard-to-read guy named Shakespeare. I know there are people out there a sugar high — the list is who think Shakespeare is endless. It seems like the the ultimate author. I whole world is mad about don't happen to be one of

As I See It



plenty of things to beware of. War overseas, the loss of innocence and empathy in our own country, new diseases that seem to gas prices that bounce around like a toddler with something.

bare branch. They are together. assume they are discussing whether or not to build their nest in an adjacent tree like they have done for several years. A loud blue jay who apparently wanted to be friends landed on the same branch a few inches away. The doves chased him off and resumed their discussion. Later that day I saw the doves carrying twigs to the spruce tree, so I guess they made up their

minds. Watching the wildlife in the backyard reminds me When I am discouraged that Mother Nature does-As usual, there are I look out the window and n't care about empty gro-

priced gas. She does care about all the pollution we create and does her best to clean up after us. It is not enough.

Two days after the perilous Ides is a holiday dedicated to leprechauns, rainbows and everything Irish. Supposedly green beer was invented in our country, not Ireland, but that doesn't bother anyone. Personally, I don't like beer so I don't care what color it is.

St. Patrick's Day often features corned beef sandwiches, green Tshirts with festive messages and, if you are really lucky, the memory of your parents dancing

jig in the kitchen.

Baseball season has begun in Texas. There was a small parade to kick off the season. The kids rode on a flatbed trailer. They all had green T-shirts emblazoned with their team name, Pickles. Yeah, their team name is Pickles. At least it shouldn't offend anyone.

They all wore neon green mustaches. Grandson Jacob had on an oversized leprechaun hat and in one picture he wore a neon green tutu over his baseball uniform. I suppose that a pitcher wearing a green tutu was a message to any opposing

see a pair of doves on a cery shelves or high-their version of an Irish secure enough to wear a tutu and they should beware of him.

The day after St. Patrick's Day is Jacob's birthday. He will be 13. How can that be? Yesterday he was just a little boy. Now he is a teenager. That can't be right. It wasn't that long ago that we were hiding from monsters that lurked outside of an oversized cardboard box. Time goes so fast anymore.

Maybe that is what we should beware of, not the monsters. Life seems to speed up with every passing year. We need to take the time to do what is important, like dancing team that there was a boy in the kitchen.

# Differing political views lead to silence

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I share a common driveway with our neighbors. These neighbors are keenly aware that my wife and I do not share their political views. After the election, one of them guit speaking to us or even acknowledging our presence.

After a few months, I approached him in the shared driveway and said "Bob, it is obvious you are not speaking to me. If I have offended you, let me know and I will do my best to apologize." His response was, "I'll think about it." That was the last I heard for a while, but he still shunned me.

A few months later, he rang my doorbell and asked us to accept his apology, saying, "Only God can judge." I knew what he meant. Life is short, the neighborhood is small and neighbors need each other, so my wife and I accepted his "apology."

Dear Abby



week. I am happy to continue "turning the other cheek," but with no results so far, both cheeks are getting red. Any suggestions? — FREE THINKER IN

TEXAS DEAR FREE THINKER: Stop turning any of your cheeks in this neighbor's direction. It's a shame that so many relationships have been destroyed in this country because people were unwilling to TALK with or LISTEN to each other. Folks on both sides of the aisle had their reasons for voting the way Now, months later, he is back they did in the last presidento not acknowledging our existial election. Those reasons tence. I see him several times a cannot be understood unless

mature enough to discuss their differences are really not worth your time, so ignore what he's doing and go on with your life.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 54-year-old man, blessed with a good life, family, friends and a good job for 35 years. I was married for six years. The first four of them were very good. We were blessed with a sweet, beautiful daughter. Her mother and I have been divorced for more than 20 years

I'm a decent-looking guy. I'm kind, honest and fun, and I have good morals and a sense of humor. I have dated many women since the divorce, but most of those relationships were all about sex. I'm not complaining, but I'd like to find that one woman with whom I could share everything — travel, dinner, ballgames, concerts, etc. The few

they are calmly discussed. of those I've encountered over **Individuals** who are not the last 20 years have ended up getting married to someone else. Abby, can you help? I feel ... — CURSED IN ARKANSAS

DEAR CURSED: If I read your letter correctly, you have been jumping into bed with women before you find out what they are all about. Your chances of finding someone to share the rest of your life with might improve if you make the effort to form friendships first. Although you may not find someone who enjoys all of the activities you mentioned on your wish list, you might forge rewarding friendships along the way and enjoy some of them together.

DEAR ABBY: I am on hydrocodone for my back pain, Jeanne Phillips, and was foundand my wife keeps taking my medication because she says her *Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at* back hurts. I have threatened to www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box

police and tell our children. She quits stealing the meds for a while and then starts up again. What can I do? Should I turn her in to the police or what? - IN PAIN IN INDIANA

**DEAR IN PAIN: Do not turn** your wife in to the police. Take control of your medications and keep them somewhere she can't pilfer them until you no longer need them. Inform your doctor that your wife has been stealing your pain meds and appears to have developed an addiction. If she hasn't already, she should have a doctor diagnose and treat her back pain separately from vours.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as ed by her mother, Pauline leave her, turn her in to the 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Dunkirk library is open

Library is back to its regular hours.

The library at 127 W. Washington St. is open as well as adult color dren crafting "grab-andthrough books Wednesdays and Fridays through Thursday this sign up for the book-offrom 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., week in celebration of St. the-month club.

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Public Thursdays from 10 a.m. Patrick's Day. Visitors to 7 p.m. and Saturdays are welcome to partake of the free coffee bar as Free crafting for kids well as adult and chilare available go" bags. Adults may also

# Community Calendar

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

### **Today**

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) at (765) 729-4567.

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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.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUN-TY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal

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an Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

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

### Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORN-ING 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.

played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay

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# County should lower tax rate

To the editor:

An article in The Commercial Review on Tuesday, March 10, headlined "We Need to Plan" dis-cusses how Jay County will be receiving millions of dollars in the next several years and how the county needs to plan how the money should be spent. That includes money from The American Rescue Plan, the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program, wind farm dollars and payments from three solar farms reaching into the millions.

Only 16 Indiana counties out of 92 have higher income tax rates than Jay

The highest tax rate in the state is .02864 (Jasper County) and the lowest is .005 (Porter County).

### **Letters to** the Editor

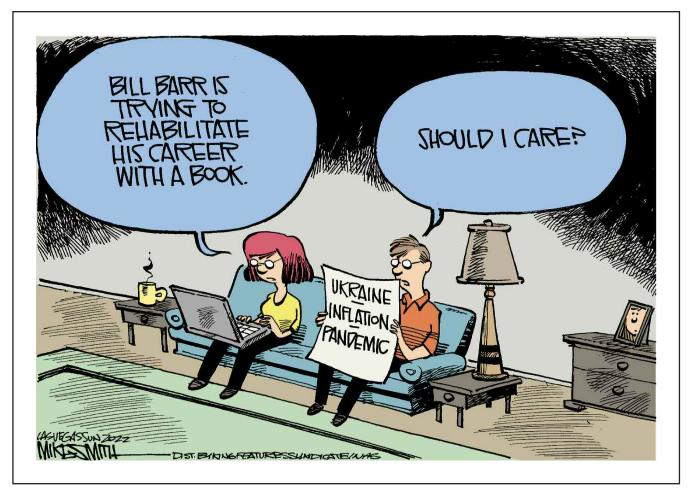
Jay County's tax rate is .0245. Seventy-five counties have lower tax rates.

Here's a thought. How about Jay County lowering its tax rate?

Indiana legislators just voted to lower tax rates for the state, so why can't we? It seems like the logical thing to do.

With all of this money coming in, a lower tax rate would be a welcome relief for Jay County taxpayers.

Carol Johnston Portland



# Monarchies are hedging bets

By CINZIA BIANCO

Special To The Washington Post

When the United Arab Emirates abstained from the Feb. 25 U.N. Security Council vote to condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine, there was much consternation, as many observers expected the United States' partners in the Middle East to unequivocally side with Washington and Europe.

Why did one of the United States' closest partners in the Middle East decline to vote against Russia? The UAE was probably hedging its bets, a path that seems popular elsewhere in the region, too.

Hedging to the extreme

Russia is not a strategic partner for the Persian Gulf monarchies. Given its production capabilities, Russia has become an important interlocutor for Saudi Arabia in the OPEC-plus oil bloc that controls close to 40 percent of global production, but Moscow also competes with gulf countries as an energy pro-

Russia has forged strategic partnerships or military cooperation agreements with Saudi Arabia and the UAE — but its capabilities remain incomparable to those of the United States. Russia's regional trade and investment volumes dwarfed by those involving the ing an arms embargo against United States and, especially, Europe. Despite recent attempts to take the nuclear deal with Iran hostage as leverage against Western sanctions, Russia has for years resisted Saudi and Emirati inputs to contain Iran geopolitically.

The gulf monarchies' ambiguity over Ukraine is more about their relations with the United States than their interests in Russia. As other global and regional powers seek to fill the vacuum left by American retrenching from the region, extreme hedging has become appealing. If two global powers are in conflict — in this case, the United States and Russia aligning with neither of them, or with the third global power, China, may seem wise.

assumption that multipolarity will open space for regional powers to maneuver and hedge, forgoing the costs of strategic alignment for the benefits of tactical, interests-driven and context-specific posturing. The invasion of Ukraine is providing a trial run for this strategy. It may also prove to regional leaders that this hypothetical as uncomfortable as it gets.

Cinzia **Bianco** 



The UAE sat on the fence at the U.N.

The decision to abstain from voting on the U.S.-sponsored Security Council resolution condemning the Russian invasion brought the UAE's hedging strategy into sharp relief.

The resolution had 80 co-sponsors, highlighting the international consensus against Russia. The UAE claimed the resolution was doomed to fail in any event, given the Russian veto in the Security Council. And the UAE made an unconvincing statement about preserving neutrality to "support efforts towards a peaceful resolution."

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield declared abstaining was akin to supporting Russia, but the UAE was also supporting China's position by abstaining, rather than taking a stance for Russia.

The Emiratis were no doubt leased that Russia did not veto are a Feb. 28 U.N. resolution renew-Yemen's Houthi rebels, who recently began aiming attacks directly toward the UAE. But this resolution, while important, is not a game-changer for the Yemen war or Abu Dhabi's security from Houthi attacks.

On the same day, the UAE's minister of foreign affairs and international cooperation, Abdullah bin Zayed al-Nahyan, was scheduled to meet his counterpart Sergei Lavrov Moscow — but canceled.

to pump more oil in order to invasion of Ukraine is not a help drive down skyrocketing regional European war, but an energy prices — a consequence of the Russian invasion — the Emirati ambassador to Washington. Yousef al-Otaiba, hinted that Abu Dhabi would be available to do so, only to be contra-This idea is based on the dicted by Energy Minister might be a way to thrive in a Suhail al-Mazrouei shortly multipolar world, but it is also a afterward.

> This strategic ambiguity is face the essence of the new hedging attempts to redraw the internacourse, and it is clearer than ever in the energy geopolitics of the crisis.

Oiling the crisis

Arabia is even more prominent- on Foreign Relations and a nonhedging space is as narrow and ly involved in the oil dimension resident scholar at the Middle of the crisis, as Russia's ability East Institute.

to finance military operations relies heavily on export rev-

The energy market outlook appears dire. Before the Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine, oil and gas prices were rising, as demand from post-covid economies grew faster than available supply and producers remained cautious about returning too quickly to pre-pandemic output levels. A U.S. ban on Russian oil and potential disruptions to Moscow's export capabilities pushed prices even higher, to around \$130 a barrel last week.

Higher prices are welcome news for Saudi Arabia after the all-time lows in 2020 — but far less welcome for Saudi Arabia's Western partners.

Thus far, Saudi Arabia has resisted strong calls by Washington and Paris to increase output to help push oil prices down. Saudi claims that they don't want to politicize oil or disrupt OPEC-plus cooperation are, at best, a sign of myopia over the depth of the Ukraine crisis and the inevitability of its implications.

Western leaders also remember that in March 2020. Saudi Arabia crushed Russia in an oil price war, even directly targeting Russia's market shares in Eastern Europe. Having this kind of capability means Saudi Arabia cannot escape pressures to take a stance.

Saudi Arabia may believe this is a good opportunity to show its support should not be taken for granted, when it sees the United States less interested in preserving the partnership. But this could trigger a new push for further decoupling between Washington and Riyadh.

Can gulf monarchies continue to hedge their bets?

The gulf monarchies so far Pressed by the United States failed to see that the Russian event of global significance. In their first attempt at navigating a multipolar world order, they claimed they shouldn't be forced to take sides and chose extreme hedging. Hedging risky, delicate approach. In the of Russia's violent tional rules-based order, hedging may have already reached its limits.

••••• Bianco is the Gulf Research Alongside the UAE, Saudi Fellow at the European Council

# It was just like old times

By RYAN TRARES

Daily Journal of Johnson County After more than 20 years, it was like nothing had changed. Fifteen 40ish-year-old guys stood out in the sun, catching up, teasing each other and laughing until it hurt. We all had a little less hair and a few more pounds on us. the friendship But remained strong.

I have maintained friendships with a fairly stable group of guys from high school, people who I played baseball with, who were on the school newspaper with me and who were in the same classes as me.

Many of us all went to the same college together after graduation. Along the way, we added more friends to our core group.

The result has been friendships that have survived despite life changes, distance and time.

For years, we've all picked a time to gather for a "guy's weekend." Usually, we would find a house to rent within driving distance for everyone living in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Some would fly in from Atlanta or Dallas to take part.

Those weekends followed a time-tested script. There is lots of savory, food, from unhealthy pounds of pulled pork and brisket to thick slabs of steak. We sit around and play video games, creating an elaborate tournament while lobbing insults and quips like we were still in the dorms.

A beer or two may get consumed.

The tradition had gone on uninterrupted for a decade. But like so much, the pandemic prevented the group from getting together. Over that time, we lost a close friend, someone I had known since high school and who had been a regular at our annual weekends.

So when the emails started flying earlier this year about bringing the weekend back, there was a flurry of excitement.

Almost all of us are married, and most of us have children ranging in age from teenagers to just a few months old. The opportunity to act a bit juvenile is fleeting, and nearly everyone in our group committed right away.

Ryan **Trares** 



... when the emails started flying earlier this year about bringing the weekend back, there was a flurry of excitement.

And despite the eyerolling teasing from my wife, and the pleas from Anthony to come along, I set off last weekend for the first weekend with my friends in more than two years.

The barbs were just as jagged as they'd always been. No one missed an opportunity to bring up embarrassing stories from school, each one causing the room to erupt in laughter. We raised a glass to our friend who could no longer join us.

And while I hated to be away from my family, it gave Anthony and my wife some one-on-one bonding time. They took advantage of the springlike weather to go

Indianapolis Zoo, had a mother-son dinner date and watched movies on the couch. They got to make their own memories together.

By the time Sunday morning rolled around, I was tired and ready for home. The drive was a slog, and arriving back in Indiana was a relief. Anthony regaled me with everything he had done while I was away, and begged me to show him the video games we had played.

I was exhausted and ecstatic to be home. But I'm already counting down until our friends' next weekend together.

Just give me a year to recover.

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### Fiber festival

Bobbie Aspacher of Pemberville, Ohio, laughs along with Linda Daniel, a native of Fort Recovery, Ohio, during the Jay County Fiber Arts Festival on Saturday. Residents from Indiana and Ohio gathered at Jay Community Center over the weekend to sell a variety of crafts and fiber goods.

## **Felony** arrests

**Domestic battery** 

A Portland woman was arrested Sunday for domestic battery.

Cassandra R. Miller, 30, 692 Katelynn Drive, Portland, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.

She was released from Jay County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.

### **Bond violation**

A Portland woman was arrested Monday for violating her bond.

Brooke A. Bennett, 21, 812 E. Walnut St., has two original Level 6 felony charges for maintaining a common nuisance and unlawful possession of a narcotic drug.

Bennett is being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

### **Battery**

A Portland woman was arrested Monday for bat-

Bobbi L. Watson, 29, 607 E. Race St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.

She's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$3,000

Continued from page 1 The organization has not yet sought other grants. It will be resubmitting a grant applica-tion to The Portland Founda-

Julie Forcum, co-chair of the fundraising campaign, noted they're asking those who have committed funds toward the project to complete their donations. She also asked those in the public who have not to consider donating.

until we know we have that money in the bank," Forcum

Commissioners agreed to give the organization half of its previously allocated funds in order to purchase the new

Jay County Sheriff Dwane Ford — he arrived at the meeting after humane society representatives had left — noted Police have had issues with the humane society picking up animals, specifically aggres- ment's salt storage building is sive dogs. He suggested all three entities along with commissioners set up a special meeting to figure out a solu-

### Bridge replacements planned for county roads 350 West and 1110 West

"I do not want to start this learned the county has received two federal grants totaling just under \$4 million to help pay for the bulk of two bridge replacements in 2027.

The replacements include a bridge on county road 350 West, just under a mile north of Indiana 26, and a bridge on county road 1100 West, south of Indiana 26. Grant funding will cover the majority of expected costs, leaving the \$899,400.

Corn also noted the departcollapsing.

He plans to bring quotes to fix the structure to the next meeting.

In other business, commis-

Also Monday, commissioners sioners Rex Journay, Chad Emergency Medical Service Aker and McGalliard:

•Agreed to give \$50,000 in previously allocated monies to Pennville, Bryant and Salamonia for community projects. Bryant is developing a new park. Pennville will use the money to pave the alley leading from Indiana 1 to Pennville Library's parking lot, repair the concrete floor at Pennville Fire Department and replace and install panic hardware on his department and Portland county to pay for about the door to the chlorine room at the water treatment facility. Community Center and Park.

•Heard from Dunkirk Mayor generator at the Dunkirk about the equipment not being

and Dunkirk Fire Department building. McGalliard requested Robbins return next meeting with multiple quotes to fix the issue. Commissioners also agreed they are not interested in investing into solar panels for the facility at this time.

·Hired Melissa Blankley as full-time director of Jay County Country Living starting March 27. Blankley is currently serving as part-time director.

order of \$14,410 to purchase Salamonia plans to make boilers operating at 2 million over vehicles at the sheriff's repairs to its Schoolhouse BTU for Jay County Sheriff's department next year. Ford's Office. Commissioners previously purchased boilers operat-Jack Robbins, who explained ing at 1.5 million BTU. McGalthere was a problem with the liard shared concerns Feb. 28

able to handle the facility's needs.

•OK'd a request from Kathy Lawrence of Jayland Partners to use Jay County Courthouse for special needs prom photos from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. May 21.

•Accepted a \$6,498.96 bid for a lawn mower from Hull Brothers of Fort Recovery, Ohio. (Although it was about \$21 more than the lowest bid, the company has the mowers in stock, whereas shipping with Raffels Engine Service of Coldwater was expected to take anywhere from 60 to 180 days.)

 Heard from McGalliard that Jav County Country Living is looking for furniture donations, including couches, chairs, recliners, twin beds and bed sheets, and light beige and light gray paint. The facility is also in need of volunteers to help with renovations.

·Learned from Ford he will •Agreed to pay a change likely be budgeting for the construction of a metal canopy second term in office will be finished in December.

> Signed the titles of two new highway department dump



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# Garbage

•Additional Toters may be obtained from the street department at a fee of \$5.50 per month.

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Council members McClung, Janet Powers, Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker and Dave Golden voted to approve the new ordinance.

They also approved the payment of \$236,429.50 to Best Equipment for the purchase of the Toters.

Council members also had some discussion about the process of purchasing the Toters and proposing the ordinance updates. They

### Restrictive covenants lifted on lot being considered for Wendy's

expressed concern that they were  $\,$  let lot — it was previously the site not approached about the changes before Portland Board of Works purchased the Toters in January. They indicated that they felt the process could have moved along more smoothly had city council been brought into conversations

Also Monday, council approved releasing "restrictive covenants" on the former Ken Kunkle Chevro-

of a scrap yard — at 514 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Portland Mayor John Boggs explained Monday that the restrictive covenants, which limit how the property can be used, were put in place by then-mayor Maxine Lewis in 1998. At that time, an environmental study was not completed, he said.

He added that Kunkle has since

had a Limited Phase II Environmental Site Assessment done. It showed that restrictive covenants are not necessary. Boggs added that the assessment was accepted by Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

The mayor explained further that the lifting of the restrictive covenants is needed to allow Kunkle to pursue the sale of the property to a firm that is considering constructing a Wendy's restaurant in the city.

The covenants were lifted on a 5-2 vote, with McClung, Brewster, Goldsworthy, Aker and Golden in favor, and Powers and Gillespie against. Powers said she was not comfortable voting to lift the covenants without seeing the paperwork regarding the environmental assessments.

Spring Festival and East-

er Egg Hunt from noon to

4 p.m. April 9. Council

also approved the com-

mittee to hold a festival

about who is in charge of

maintaining the Little

Free Library and food

pantry in the downtown

green space adjacent to

the mural. He said he just

wants to make sure the

area is kept looking nice.

payment plan for Harold

Approved a water bill

Heard Bivens ask

and fireworks on July 2.

# Bills show \$2,300 charge for trip

By TOM DAVIES Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita's office spent at least \$2,300 for his trip to the U.S-Mexican border in January that included a stop at a Donald Trump rally along the way, state records show.

The costs include flight, gas, rental car and hotel expenses for Rokita and two staffers for the trip during which Rokita joined several other Republican state attorneys general for "border security briefing" with Texas Gov. Greg Abbott.

That trip included Rokita among participants interviewed by a Fox Business program host. He then traveled north for Trump's Jan. 29 rally near Houston, during which the former president mentioned Rokita as "another man who has done a fantastic job."

Rokita's trip included briefings with law enforcement and visits to the border wall and crossing sites along the Rio Grande, attorney general office's spokeswoman Molly Craft said.

"Attorney General Rokita will continue to look for opportunities to expose the lawlessness at the border,' Craft said.

Rokita's office said in early February that the state was paying trip expenses, but no details were provided until the release of documentation late Friday in response to open records requests filed by The Associated Press and other news outlets.

# Rules

Continued from page 1 Council also heard an the facility. update from Mayor Jack Robbins regarding proposals from All Circuit Electrical for the Dunkirk Fire Department and Jay Emergency Medical Service facility the city shares with the county. Ryan Hurt of All Circuit, which had installed a temporary generator after there was a problem with the permanent engine, had provided

generator's quotes for both a new generator for the facility and to install solar panels to meeting.

help provide electricity to

Robbins said he met with Jay County Commissioners earlier Monday and they are not interested in installing solar panels at this time.

He added that they asked that multiple quotes be obtained for the new generator. Robbins and commissioner Chad Aker are working on getting additional quotes for the equipment and plan to revisit the issue at the March 28 commissioners

bins authority to hire Kris part-time police officers on an as-needed basis. The department has been short-staffed following a police-involved shooting March 3 that resulted in the death of Kevin P. Zimmerman, 36, Dunkirk. Following that incident, Mumbower and police officer Erica Post are on administrative leave until an Indiana State Police

investigation is complete. In other business, coun-

Council also gave Rob- from Dunkirk resident tion Committee for its Courtney, moved to the city last fall. An artist, author and filmmaker, he expressed an interest in working with the city on forming a co-op for local artists.

•Was reminded by Bivens that Robbins' State of the City address is scheduled for 6 p.m. March 22 at West Jay Community Center.

the fire Approved department holding a boot drive April 22.

Donated \$300 ·Heard a presentation Dunkirk Park Celebra-

Mindy S. Ditton, 45, was driving a 2013 Lincoln MKZ west on the road just east of county road 600 West when she dropped her cellphone, which she was using for its GPS. She leaned over to grab the device, causing her to

The vehicle Ditton was driving

# Capsule Reports

Continued from page 2

She refused any further treatment. Her vehicle was towed, causing between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in estimated damage.

Courtnee S. Taylor, 28, Portland, was driving west on county road 800 South near the intersection with county road 1150 West about 8 a.m. Friday when a deer ran in front of her 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan. She wasn't able

ing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage. Owen G. Apple, 17, Hartford

City, was driving east on Indiana 26 near the intersection with county road 600 West about 9:10 p.m. Friday when the 2012 Buick Enclave he was driving crashed into a deer. The vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

the Indiana-Ohio state line road near the intersection of county road 600 South about 7:10 a.m. Monday when a deer ran into her 2017 Dodge Durango, striking the front driver's side. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

### Struck pole

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after a Warsaw

South and into a utility pole about 4:05 p.m. Sunday.

drive off the road and into a pole.

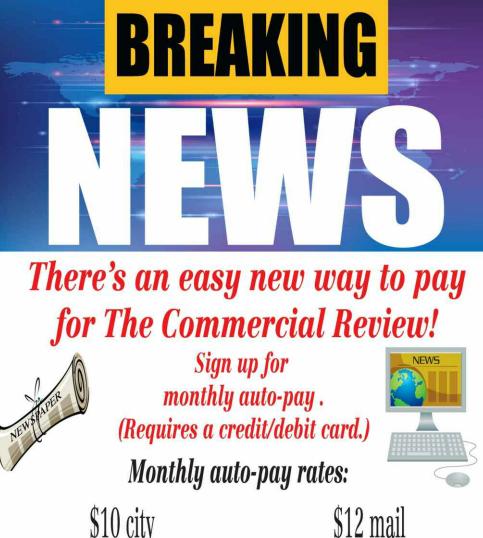
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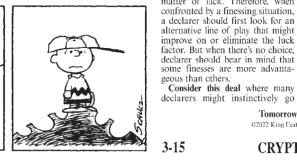
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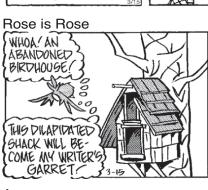
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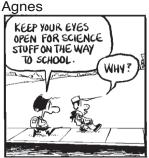


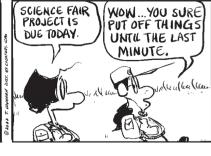


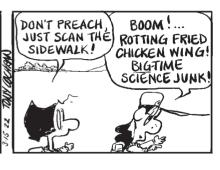
















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### Contract By Steve Becker

### A matter of priorities

wrong. West leads a diamond against five clubs, and East cashes his K-A before shifting to a spade. South dealer. Both sides vulnerable **▲**10762 ♥AQJ4 It is tempting to finesse the queen of spades, but it would be wrong to do so. The fact is that a spade finesse, whether successful or not, has nothing to do with the chance WEST EAST **♦** J 8 5 4 ♥ 10 9 6 5 of making five clubs. Taking a spade finesse would jeopardize the ♦ A K 8 4 contract without increasing the possibility of making it. SOUTH The outcome depends, pure and simple, on whether West has the king of hearts. Therefore, declarer **A** Q **∀**7 2 ♦ 10 3 ♣A Q J 10 8 5 2 should put up the ace of spades at trick three, draw two rounds of

The bidding:
West trump and take a heart finesse. If it succeeds, he returns to his hand with a trump and takes another Pass Pass heart finesse, then discards the queen of spades on the ace of Pass 3 🌲 Opening lead — six of diamonds. hearts to make the contract. A simple finesse is essentially It is true that if your only concern 50-50 proposition, and as such its success or failure is primarily a matter of luck. Therefore, when were to make two spade tricks instead of one, you would finesse the queen of spades. But here the confronted by a finessing situation, a declarer should first look for an goal is to make five clubs, and that overrides the question of making

two spade tricks.

It is also true that if East has

both major-suit kings, you can go down only one by finessing the spade return at trick three, but that declarer should bear in mind that some finesses are more advantageous than others is immaterial under the circum-Consider this deal where many stances. Making the contract is the declarers might instinctively go

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principal consideration. Tomorrow: Mind game.

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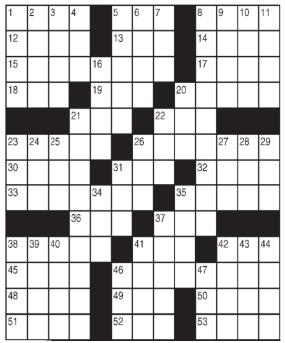
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# IU eager to be back in tourney

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer
INDIANAPOLIS — When Indiana coaching job last spring, he made a simple pitch to Travce Jackson-Davis.

He wanted the star forward to return so he could polish his game and help re-establish the Hoosiers as a national power. Indiana's 2019 Mr. Basketball Award winner found another reason to come back: He wanted to play in the NCAA Tourna-

On Tuesday night, the junior will lead his Hoosiers teammates into a play-in round game against Wyoming, ending the school's seemingly interminable five-year tourney drought.

"I think we've proven not only to the Big Ten but to the country, we're a team that can compete with anyone," Jackson-Davis Jackson-Davis had 24 points said after Saturday's conference and eight rebounds in a 74-69

but at the same time I feel like the Hoosers positioned to force them to Portland, Oregon, for a bookended Woodson's college we've got a lot of ball left."

It's been years since hopeful Mike Woodson accepted the Hoosiers fans heard such encouraging words entering the postseason.

> Just last week, nobody, not even Jackson-Davis, was certain Indiana could make the 68-team NCAA field. The Hoosiers had again frittered away a late lead in a Senior Night loss to Rutgers, and blew yet another lead in the regular-season finale at archrival Purdue.

> The excruciating closing run had most bracketologists projecting Indiana to be among the first four teams left out.

> Instead, Jackson-Davis and guard Xavier Johnson, a transfer from Pittsburgh, teamed up to convince the NCAA's selection committee Indiana (20-13) deserved a bid.

tourney semifinal loss to Iowa. second-round victory over "So it took a last-second 3-point- Michigan. He dominated the er to beat us, the hottest team in second half of a 65-63 quarterfithe Big Ten right now. It stings, nal victory over Illinois and had

Bohannon banked in the tiebreaking 3-pointer from 35 feet classh against UCLA. with 0.8 seconds left.

While it was a disheartening end their first semifinal run since 2013, Indiana went home oozing with confidence.

"This team made major strides this weekend," Woodson said. "We're battled tested, we've been in so many games and the games that we've come up short, it's been tough. But our guys have always responded and we'll respond again after this one.'

At least, they'll get another shot. The last five Indiana teams did not, marking the school's longest NCAA drought since 1968-72.

Coach Bob Knight's first season in Bloomington was the final year of that run.

The Hoosiers want to be remembered for more than just ending the drought. A victory over Wyoming (25-8) would send

overtime against eventual tour- Thursday contest against fifthney champ Iowa — until Jordan seeded Saint Mary's. Two wins could set up an East Region

And, yes, Indiana knows all about how Mick Cronin managed to put the program back on track last March by leading the Bruins from the First Four to the Final Four in his first tourney appearance at the school.

That was something that was actually spoken even before the Big Ten Tournament," point guard Rob Phinisee said. "Like our season is not over yet and no matter what happens you can always make a run at the end of the season.

Indiana hasn't advanced beyond the Sweet 16 since 2002. For now, players are focused exclusively on Wyoming and Woodson knows they can't have it any other way if they want to write their own legacy in the long, illustrious history of this blueblood basketball school.

The Hoosiers own five national championships, two of which on top here soon.'

career, and the first-year coach has spent this season reminding players of Indiana's most prestigious tradition — hanging ban-

No players on this team has celebrated that moment yet. After falling short in the Big Ten regular-season title chase and conference tourney, Jackson-Davis and his teammates enter this postseason with visions of leaving this team's mark in the Assembly Hall rafters.

"I'm a Hoosier born and bred and just coming back for my third year playing for this guy next to me, it's been an honor, he said, referring to Woodson. "We didn't have the year we wanted, but just showing people at this tournament and believing in what we're doing and how he's going to help us get to where we need to be, I think this tournament has shown that we're still here. And Indiana basketball is going to get back

### **First** title

The Crown Point High School gymnastics team earned its first state championship Saturday at Ball State University's Worthen Arena, scoring 111.475 points. The Bulldogs finished ahead runner-up Homestead (110.35) and thirdplace Valparaiso (110.075) in the nineteam field. Pictured Ellv Kiran of the Crown Point twists and flips while competing on the floor exercise. She finished in the top 10 in all four events - 10th on the vault, ninth on the uneven bars, third on the balance beam and sixth on the floor - to finish as the all-around runner-up while leading the Bulldogs to the state title.



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# Record

Continued from page 10 Gabi Bilbrey of JCHS followed in second place 35 feet, 1 inch.

11 inches, to place third in the high jump, and to finish in 1:41.31 in the Ieva Busa was third in 4x200 relay for third place.

the 400 dash behind Wehrly. Individual third-place

with a career-best toss of finishes for the boys team came from Aaron Cash Hollowell was sec- Funkhouser in the 60 dash ond for the Patriot girls in 7.38 and Owen Ransom with a time of 10.97 in the in the 400 dash in 1:01.95. 60 hurdles. Jenna Dues Dylan Knapshafer, Adrek cleared the bar at 4 feet, Pogue, Cristian Marentes and Funkhouser teamed

### Jags aggressive in free agency Zay Jones, according to a

By BARRY WILNER AP Pro Football Writer

Let the dealing begin if mostly unofficial.

The NFL's "legal tampering period" in free agency began Monday with a slew of deals even as many teams released veterans to clear salary cap space before the league's business year begins Wednesday.

Most aggressive was the worst team in the league. Jacksonville, which has the first overall selection

got busy early. Christian Kirk, Washingguard

Scherff, Atlanta linebacker Foyesade Oluokun, New York Jets defensive tackle Folorunso "Foley" Fatukasi, New York Giants Buffalo to Pittsburgh and Las Vegas receiver

person familiar with the negotiations. Also agreeing to move

on were New England cornerback J.C. Jackson, Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle Sebastian Joseph-Day and New York Giants defensive tackle Austin Johnson, all to the Los Angeles Chargers; guard Laken Tomlinson from San Francisco to the New York Jets; tight end C.J. Uzomah from Cincinnati to the Jets; running back in the draft next month for Chase Edmonds from Arithe second straight year, zona to Miami; offensive lineman Ted Karras from The Jaguars agreed to New England to Cincinsign Arizona receiver nati and offensive lineman Alex Cappa from Tampa Brandon Bay to Cincinnati; offensive lineman Rodger Saffold from Tennessee to Buffalo; quarterback Mitchell Trubisky from tight end Evan Engram with many more switches to come.

# Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

Fort Recovery — Baseball scrimmage at Perry - 5 p.m.: JV baseball scrimmage vs. Perry - 5 p.m.

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Cause No. 38-C01-2203-MI-6 IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OFDAVID KAMERON SIRK

(Petitioner)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Petitioner, David Kameron Sirk, whose mailing and residential address is Portland, Indiana, 47371, of Jay County Indiana, hereby gives notice that he filed a petition in Jay County Circuit Court on March 2, 2022 requesting that his name, David Kameron Sirk be changed to Teagon James Morgan.

Notice is further given that any person has the right to object to said name change and to file objections of said petition. Dated this 2nd day of March, 2022

Jon Eads, Clerk of Jay Circuit Court  $3\text{--}8,\!15,\!22\text{--}2022\,\mathrm{HSPAXLP}$ 



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STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT

CAUSE NO: 38C01-2202-EU-000004 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF:

JOHN L. DULL (Deceased) NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Gregory Dull and Joshua A. Atkinson were appointed as Co-Personal Representatives of the estate of John L. Dull, deceased. on the 17th day of February, 2022, who died on the 6th day of December, 2021.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2022. Jon Eads CLERK OF THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT COLDREN, FRANTZ & SPRUNGER Attornevs at Law 940 N. Meridian St. Portland, IN 47371 CR 3-15,22-2022 HSPAXLP

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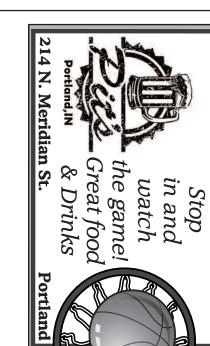
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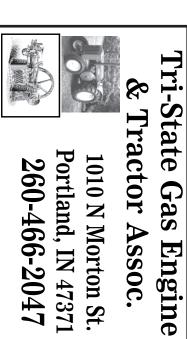
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# Wehrly leads a record day for **Patriots**

ANDERSON — It was a record-setting day for the

Natalie Wehrly set a pair of school records and three other athletes each broke one as the Jay County High School track teams competed at the indoor Golden Eagle Invitational hosted by Oak Hill at Anderson University.

The bulk of the new Patriot records came in the sprints, with Wehrly winning the 400-meter dash for a new school indoor record with her time of 1 minute, 7.49 seconds. She was also the runner-up in the 60 dash in 8.2 seconds for another school record.

JCHS senior Shea Bailey added a record time of 28.34 while winning the 200 dash. Lindy Wood, also a senior, set the other indoor record for the Patriot girls as she placed second in the 800 run in 2:48.68.

Isaac Kunkler was the record setter for the Jay County boys. He posted a time of 9.34 in the 60 hurdles.

Brayden Collins added a first-place finish for the boys team in the 800 run with a career-best time of

Patriots led the way in the girls shot put, with Kylie Klopfenstein win-

ning at 35 feet, 3 inches. See **Record** page 8



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Lincoln Clamme of the Jay County Junior High School swim team competes in the breaststroke leg of the 200-yard medley relay during Friday's Allen County Athletic Conference Championships. On Monday, Clamme was one of 11 swimmers to win an event for the Patriots as they closed their season with a couple of victories over the host Blackford Bruins.

# **Tankers close with wins**

HARTFORD CITY — After finishing in second place in the con- Monday, with 11 swimmers pickference Friday, the Patriot closed their season with a double win.

Jay County Junior High School's swim teams, which both placed second behind Bluffton in the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships, returned to the water for their season finales run with a 17-second victory in Monday and both scored victories over the Blackford Bruins.

The Patriot boys nearly doubled up on Blackford with a 113-57 victory. The girls team won, 100-78.

Jay County spread the wealth came with times of 1:13.44 in the the 100 backstroke and 1:04.51 in ing up at least one individual victory. Three members of the boys team — Matthew Fisher, Rockland Beiswanger and Raif Beiswanger — each had two individual wins, with Matthew Fisher starting the dominant the 200-yard freestyle in 2 minutes, 29.03 seconds. He held off teammate Cooper Glentzer for his second win, posting a time of

1:19 even in the 100 backstroke. Raif Beiswanger's victories as she posted times of 1:122.13 in the 100 breaststroke.

100 individual medley and 5:18.94 in the 400 freestyle. Rockland Beiswanger reached the wall in 30.73 to win the 50 freestyle, and he added a winning time of 1:08.38 in the 100 freestyle.

Sophia Hoevel and Lauren Fisher were the double winners for the girls team. Hoevel, who won two ACAC titles Friday, took the top spot in the 50 butterfly in 37.05 and the 400 freestyle in 5:23.85. Fisher's victories came

the 100 freestyle.

Adding first-place finishes for the boys team were Lincoln Clamme in the 100 breaststroke in 1:27.68 and Brasen Glassford in diving with 74.75 points.

Other individual victories for the girls team came from Maisey Kellyer with a time of 1:24.2 in the 100 individual medley, Avery Wentz with a time of 32.73 in the 50 freestyle, Kaitlyn Fisher in 2:51.15 in the 200 freestyle and Mikalah Shawver in 1:36.53 in



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