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Ronald, 73, dies



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Jack Ronald visits with friends Joel Roberts (left), Ruth Ann Widman (center right), Bill Hinkle (foreground right) and Vicki Tague (behind Hinkle) following his induction into The Circle of Corydon on Aug. 30, 2017, at John Jay Center for Learning in Portland. Ronald died Saturday at the age of 73. He had served as chairman and president of the Graphic Printing Company since 1985 and was also editor and publisher of The Commercial Review for decades prior to his retirement in 2020.

President of the Graphic Printing Company was free press advocate and community leader

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A journalist, free press advocate and community leader, Jack Ronald died Saturday.

He was 73. Ronald had been diagnosed with liver cancer in early March. He was chairman and president of the Graphic Printing Company, where he had worked in various capacities since 1974. He was the longtime publisher of The Commercial Review before his retirement in summer 2020 and served as its editor for decades.

He is a member of the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame.

Ronald was born to Hugh and Sara (Haynes) Ronald in Portland on Nov. 17, 1948. He graduated from Portland High School in 1966 and Earlham College in 1970.

Though he had not planned a career in journalism, he decided to give it a try when there was an opening for a city editor at The Commercial Review in 1974. (His parents had started a weekly newspaper, The Graphic, on his first birthday, and it later bought

the daily publication.) He worked at The CR for 46 years — he served as editor from 1977 to 2014 and publisher from 1982 to 2020 — and was still writing his weekly column and filling in as a proofreader after he left his full-time role. He served as chairman and president of the Graphic Printing Company from 1985 until the time of his death.

Ronald was a freelance writer, critic and columnist for newspapers in Indianapolis for about two years before joining the staff of The Commercial Review. He

published “Boodle,” a children’s quarterly magazine with national circulation, from 1989 to ’97.

He served as a visiting professor of journalism at Earlham College on a part-time basis from 1986 through 1993.

Ronald’s work earned him a litany of journalism awards, including for editorial writing, reporting and photography from the Hoosier State Press Association, Inland Press Association and Indiana Associated Press Media Editors.

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County pays for mental health training

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

The county is pursuing education on mental health.

Jay County Commissioners agreed Monday to pay \$2,000 for Jay Emergency Medical Service director John McFarland’s training to be certified as an instructor of mental health first aid.

McFarland mentioned a situation he experienced in which he wasn’t sure how to respond. Since then, he’s been looking into mental health awareness and education on the matter.

He noted National Council for Mental Wellbeing offers training in mental health first aid. Its website states the course instructs on “how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders.” It costs about \$2,000 for him to become an instructor on the subject.

“One life is well worth it,” he said.

Discussion led to McFarland possibly heading classes for various personnel in Jay County. Mental health first aid tailors itself to different groups, such as specialized training for police and emergency medical responders. McFarland also proposed the county also look into certifying two or three employees in Critical Incident Stress Management.

“I think it’s high time Jay County starts addressing (this),” said commissioner Brian McGalliard. “For \$2,000 ... mental health is something we need to address. We’ve had two instances where we’ve lost residents from mental health (tragedies).”

McFarland said in an email Monday afternoon he has been accepted as a student in the instructor program, with completion set for June.

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Depot leased to Bizy Dips

Dunkirk has been working to rehab site for decades

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — The depot will have new tenants.

After a decades-long process to rehabilitate the former Pennsylvania Railroad depot building, Mayor Jack Robbins reported to Dunkirk City Council on Monday that the building has been leased to Bizy Dips.

Robbins told council members Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation has leased the building to the coffee shop,

which opened its first location inside John Jay Center for Learning in Portland in September 2020. The shop offers coffee and other drinks, bakery items, sandwiches, parfaits, soups, salads and other items at its current site. (It also has a mobile trailer for special events.)

The mayor said the plan is that Bizy Dips and Live in Joy, which deals in crafts, woodworking and gifts, will share the space.

“So there’s a couple businesses trying to make it here in Dunkirk,” Robbins said. “It’s greatly appreciated.”

The process of bringing business to the former depot building has been a long one. It has been in and out of Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation’s hands for the last few decades, with the organization most recently acquiring it in 2005.

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Royalty crowned

Jay County High School crowned Hannah Muhlenkamp (left) and Lucas Lyons as its prom queen and king during promenade Saturday night.



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Deaths

John Ronald, 73, Portland
Hilda Cheeseman, 86, rural Portland
Mary Hardy, 95, Muncie
Chris Jackson, 41, Dunkirk
Claudia Mullen, 66, Muncie
Cathy Trader, 70, Glendale, Arizona
Lisa Curtis, 53, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 61 degrees Monday. There was about a quarter inch of rain. The low was 37. Tonight’s low is expected to drop to 32, with widespread frost after 4 a.m. Wednesday. Expect a windy, cool Wednesday with gusts up to 25 miles per hour and a high of 51. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Community has scheduled a meeting for 5:30 p.m. May 4 at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Coming up

Wednesday — Sisters both have undergone lung transplants.

Friday — Results from Thursday’s JCHS baseball game at Adams Central.



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“We spend so much time teaching CPR where only a small percentage survive,” he said. “Here we can teach and inform how to recognize mental health emergencies and give them the tools to properly assist where a huge percentage can be saved.”

Also Monday, commissioners approved a \$13,750 claim from Jay County Humane Society for animal control. They heard an update from Mindy Weaver, treasurer of Jay County Humane Society and co-chair of the organization’s fundraising campaign. Weaver shared various statistics from 2021, noting adoptions included 71 dogs and 55 cats. She also shared

a list of contacts members of the group made for boarding animals and for picking up aggressive dogs.

Jay County Humane Society has been struggling to find room for stray animals, with the facility being full as of Monday morning. Several shelters and veterinary clinics told the humane society they were also full and unable to house any extra animals. B&B Kennels offered to begin boarding for the humane society, with the business keeping two kennels available for the organization beginning May 1. Animal Rescue Fund (ARF) of Muncie is also willing to help, Weaver noted.

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Obituaries

John Ronald

Nov. 17, 1948-April 23, 2022

John Ronald of Portland, age 73, passed away on April 23, 2022, at his home, following a brief illness.

Jack was born in Portland on Nov. 17, 1948, to Hugh and Sara (Haynes) Ronald. He attended Portland High School and graduated with the Class of 1966, and received his bachelor’s degree from Earlham College in 1970. He was married on June 19, 1971, to his wife Connie Frank, who survives.

For 46 years, Jack worked for The Commercial Review, starting in 1974, becoming editor in 1977 and publisher in 1982. His connection to the newspaper runs deeper than that, as his parents launched the weekly newspaper The Graphic — which later acquired The Commercial Review — on his first birthday on Nov. 17, 1949, and his early memories include proofreading pages of the Dunkirk News and Sun. Jack also served as president of The Graphic Printing Company from 1985 until his death. While he officially retired from The Commercial Review in July 2020, he continued to write a regular column and assist whenever necessary. Over the years, his columns and editorials won numerous first-place awards from the Inland Daily Press Association and the Hoosier State Press Association. Following his retirement, Jack worked as an English-language copyeditor for The Irrawaddy, a Burmese news outlet.

Jack was an active member of the Indiana Associated Press Managing Editors and the Hoosier State Press Associations. He taught journalism at Earlham College as an adjunct professor for several years, served as judge for multiple California Newspaper Publishers Association contests, was awarded Ball State University’s Indiana Journalism Award in 2004 and was inducted into the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame in 2013. In 2014, he received the Charlie Biggs Commitment to Community Award from the Hoosier State Press Association.

Jack’s journalistic work went from the most local of Jay County events to the worldwide stage, beginning with his photos of the 1989 protests in Tiananmen Square, which were displayed at the “Victors” exhibit at Ball State University in 1993. He was an advocate of press freedom both at home and in the emerging democracies in Eastern Europe and Central and Southeast Asia. He was selected as a Fulbright Specialist and assigned to Moldova in 1998. He, his wife and daughter Sara lived in Chisinau, Moldova, for six months, where he taught at the State University of Moldova and worked with the Independent Journalism Center, consulting for editors and publishers of regional newspapers as they pursued independence from government and political parties.

Since that time, he taught at universities and mentored journalists in 12 different countries, including Moldova, Afghanistan, Myanmar

(Burma), Kazakhstan and Belarus. His handbook, “A Path Toward Independence: Principles of Newspaper Management for Central Asia,” published by the International Center for Journalists, has been translated into Russian, Kazakh, Uzbek, Kyrgyz and Tajik. His advocacy for independent newspapers in former Soviet nations resulted in one nation placing him on a blacklist as “persona non grata,” which got him deported on arrival on one occasion.

Jack was deeply involved in the Jay County community, serving at different times as member and president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, member and president of Portland Rotary Club, member and president of The Portland Foundation, member and president of the Jay County AIDS Task Force, member of the board of trustees and trustee emeritus of the Minnetrista Cultural Center, member of the board of the John Jay Center for Learning and member of the board of Arts Place.

In 1995, he was named a Paul Harris Fellow at Rotary. In 2007, he was named Citizen of the Year by the Portland Area Chamber of Commerce. In 2010, he received the Lee G. Hall Memorial Award from United Way of Jay County. In September 2017, Jack was inducted into the Circle of Corydon, an award for Hoosiers who have made remarkable contributions to the betterment of Indiana and its people.

In between The Commercial Review, his journalism advocacy and his community involvement, Jack found time to write and publish poetry, draw, take photographs and write fiction, including 30 years’ worth of Christmas stories for his daughters. Several of his poems have appeared in “The Lyric” and “The Measure,” and a sketch of Jay County won an award at the Randolph County Art Show.

Jack enjoyed live theater, particularly the performances at the Stratford Festival in Ontario. He and his wife made time to travel together, visiting Barcelona, Prague, Florence, Paris, South Africa, Alaska and, most recently, Rome. He loved football and baseball, especially the Fort Wayne TinCaps, art and Indiana artists, reading fiction and playing with his grandchildren. He enjoyed music, saw many live performances (including Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and Big Brother and the Holding Company, Cream and Led Zeppelin) and in recent years joined friends to play concerts at Miller’s Merry Manor in Dunkirk on several occasions.

Jack enjoyed a wide range of music, from blues and soul to Europop and international music. He was especially pleased to play a part in putting ukuleles in the hands of all Jay County fifth graders.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters Margaret Ronald (husband: Joshua Lawton) of Watertown, Massachusetts, Emily Ronald (husband: Michael Veloso) of Waltham, Massachusetts, and Sara “Sally” Ronald (husband: Benjamin Lawson) of Bloomington, Indiana; one brother, Steve Ronald (wife: Beth) of Minneapolis, Min-

nesota; two sisters, Linda Ronald (husband: Steven Butler) of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Louise Ronald of Richmond, Indiana; five grandchildren, Julian, Johanna, Gabriel, Beatrice and Cora; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

A celebration of Jack’s life will be held in June at Arts Place at a date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Ronald Family Endowment at the Portland Foundation.

Arrangements are being handled by Baird Freeman Funeral Home and condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Hilda Cheeseman

Oct. 17, 1935-April 22, 2022

Hilda M. Cheeseman, age 86, former rural Portland resident passed away Friday, April 22, 2022, at IU Health West in Avon, Indiana.

She was born in Midland, Michigan, on Oct. 17, 1935, the daughter of Wilbur and Helen (O’Dell) Smith.

She was married on March 23, 1979, to Chester Cheeseman and he passed away on April 3, 2020. Hilda was retired as a teacher from Jay Schools, was a graduate of Midland Michigan High School and had earned a master’s degree and was working on her doctorate.

Surviving are two sons, Chester Cheeseman III of Indianapolis and Arthur Cheeseman (wife: Angie) of Indianapolis; one brother, Gerold Smith of Virginia; one sister, Ruth Emerson of Auburn, Michigan; two grandsons, Joel and Clint Cheeseman; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Violet Bolenbaugh and Margie Rearick.

Private family services will be held in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with burial to follow in the Claycomb Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Youth Service Bureau.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Mary Hardy

Jan. 4, 1927-April 24, 2022

Mary Hardy, age 95, a former resident of Portland, passed away on Saturday, April 24, 2022, at Morrison Woods in Muncie.

Mary was born on Jan. 4, 1927, in Parker City, Indiana, the daughter of Herbert and Ruth Marie (Bullard) Ford. She was a member of the Eastern Star and volunteered for Jay County Hospital Auxiliary and State of the Heart Hospice. She attended Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland. Mary married Ivan Reece and he passed away in 1978. She later married Jiggs Coldren whom preceded her in death and George Hardy who preceded her in death.

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CR almanac

Wednesday 4/27	Thursday 4/28	Friday 4/29	Saturday 4/30	Sunday 5/1
51/34	56/39	61/42	65/49	69/50
Frost is expected early. Otherwise, mostly sunny with wind gusts reaching 25 mph.	Thursday’s forecast shows partly sunny skies. The low may reach the upper 30s.	Mostly sunny skies are expected, with a high near 61 degrees. Rain is possible at night.	There’s a 40% chance of showers under mostly cloudy skies. The low may reach 42.	Another 40% chance of rain. The high may increase up to 69 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 12-18-20-39-61 Powerball: 10 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$454 million	54-58-72-73-75-77-78 Cash 5: 18-23-27-31-40 Estimated jackpot: \$105,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$31 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 7-4-0 Pick 4: 1-2-8-3 Pick 5: 0-2-7-0-7 Evening Pick 3: 1-4-5 Pick 4: 3-8-6-7 Pick 5: 7-1-5-1-8 Rolling Cash 5: 8-11-13-25-32 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000 Classic Lotto: 14-22-25-32-38-44 Kicker: 7-4-9-9-9-4 Jackpot: \$26.4 million
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 6-3-3 Daily Four: 6-1-8-4 Evening Daily Three: 9-6-5 Daily Four: 5-0-9-2 Quick Draw: 2-9-14-15-18-22-23-30-31-33-38-39-47-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.92 May corn.....8.00 Wheat8.80	Wheat 9.86 May wheat 9.86
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....8.00 May corn.....8.00 June corn8.06	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.82 May corn.....7.84 Beans16.74 May beans16.74 Wheat.....10.13
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....7.84 May corn.....7.84 Beans16.77 May beans16.77	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....7.85 May corn.....7.85 Beans16.56 May beans16.56 Wheat.....10.25

Today in history

On April 26, 1986, an explosion and fire at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine caused radioactive fallout to begin spewing into the atmosphere. (Dozens of people were killed in the immediate aftermath of the disaster while the long-term death toll from radiation poisoning is believed to number in the thousands.)

In 1607, English colonists went ashore at present-day Cape Henry, Virginia, on an expedition to establish the first permanent English settlement in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham

Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Port Royal, Virginia, and killed.

In 1913, Mary Phagan, a 13-year-old worker at a Georgia pencil factory, was strangled; Leo Frank, the factory superintendent, was convicted of her murder and sentenced to death. (Frank’s death sentence was commuted, but he was lynched by an anti-Semitic mob in 1915.)

In 1972, Gene McCoskey, assistant superintendent of the food stamp program for Indiana, explained the program to township trustees, county commissioners and other officials in Jay County.

—AP and The CR

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(It had previously been home to home decor shop The Nest Egg, but had mostly been untouched since its days as a passenger terminal.)

The city was awarded a \$351,931 Indiana Department of Transportation grant in 2008 for a new roof, windows, doors and exterior brick.

In 2019, a grant from the Dr. Donald Johnson Fund through The Dunkirk Foundation, economic development funds from Bluff Point Wind Energy Center and an investment from Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation covered a \$70,000 project to renovate the inside of the building.

That included heating, air conditioning, flooring, water lines and creating two public restrooms with handicapped

accessibility, among other items.

The original oak woodwork has been maintained in the depot, which opened in 1867, as has the wooden door in the baggage room and the ticket window.

Renovations were substantially complete when Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation held an open house in the building along Lincoln Avenue about a block west of Main Street (Ind. 167) in January 2021.

“It sat empty for so many years,” said Robbins at the event. “And you’ve got an organization like DIDC, that’s what we’re supposed to do.

“We decided we were going to take all the land that DIDC owns and take it in a different direction, start fixing things up.”

Also Monday, Robbins

updated council on plans to renovate and reopen the city’s bowling alley.

He said Duane Marcum and Tim Ritchie recently purchased Crown City Lanes, 115 Eaton Pike. They have plans to renovate the facility and reopen it.

Robbins relayed their request for a \$25,000, five-year loan through the city’s Downtown Revitalization Program to help with the renovations.

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SERVICES

Friday

Hardy, Mary: 3 p.m.,
Williamson-Spencer and Penrod
Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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

Citizen’s calendar

Wednesday 6 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, USDA Service Center, 1331 W. Indiana 67, Portland.	Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland
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NEWTON FOR SHERIFF

More information at Larry "RAY" Newton, Jr. for Sheriff on Facebook

(Pd. Pol. Adv.)

Swiss Village

PART-TIME TRANSPORTATION DRIVER

Swiss Village is now seeking a Part-Time Transportation Driver to work 2-3 days/week. Hours will vary from 8am-4:30pm M-F with possible weekend and evening hours. Responsibilities include providing high quality transportation for Swiss Village residents utilizing Swiss Village designated vehicles and keeping a log of transportation provided. This position requires an active Indiana For-Hire Endorsement or willingness to obtain upon hire and the ability to pass the Indiana DOT physical. This position also requires CPR certification or the willingness to become CPR certified within 6 months of hire. The successful candidate must have the physical ability to push wheelchairs, be flexible, and must have a clean driving record.

Apply online at www.swissvillage.org or send Resume to:
Kayla Reilly, HR Specialist
Swiss Village
1350 W. Main St.
Berne, IN 46711
Or email: careers@swissvillage.org

The weekend brought mixed news

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

It was a beautiful weekend. The weather was warm and sunny. Almost all of the spring flowers were in their full glory. Those that weren't will bloom soon.

We got some much needed household projects done and others begun.

The Texas bunch is doing well. Oldest granddaughter, Emma, has taken up sewing. She is made a corset for herself. Now, that was the last thing I expected. It would look right at home at a Renaissance Festival. Now she

As I See It



is attempting to create a blouse to go under it. She is having trouble figuring out how to attach the sleeves to the bodice. I'm sure she can tune in to YouTube for an answer.

Her mom, Beth, was telling one of her coworkers about this and the coworker said she has been trying to sell an embroi-

dery machine but hadn't gotten any takers. She offered to give it to Emma at no charge. I am assuming that future or maybe current projects will be embellished with the aid of the new machine.

Meanwhile, her brothers are well into baseball season. Jacob, the older of the two, has become a great pitcher while Nicholas is a catcher. They have either practice or a game almost every night.

Jacob spends any spare time he has at the creek. He had requested a crawdad trap for his birthday. I doubt if he has caught

anything yet. That creek is located on an undeveloped lot just down from his house. That is the same creek that has the 100-foot drop and alligators and bigfoot living in the culvert. I have never seen any deadly beasts in the culvert. Then again, the 100-foot drop features a tree spanning the width of the creek. The tree is only about three or four feet from the bottom of the creek. Who knows, perhaps the creek and culvert are magic. Perhaps our way of measuring distance is wrong and it really is a 100-foot drop

between the tree and the creek bottom. If the property ever sells the boys will be devastated. Then, again, they are growing up so fast that the creek may lose its allure.

All was going well until I checked in with a former coworker. He is still struggling with the after-effects of COVID. I was expecting to hear how much better he felt and that he was slowly gaining his strength and stamina back. He is feeling better but it is a very slow process.

Then he typed words that I hadn't expected. He said that our boss, Jack

Ronald, had passed away. I was shocked. I knew he was battling a tough illness. Even so, I wasn't prepared to hear that he was gone. He was the best boss I ever had. I think what shook me up the most is that my husband is only three or four months younger than Jack was.

We all know that we will die. Few of us believe it. Even if we know the end is in sight, we still believe that there is always tomorrow. For some of us tomorrow will come and we will not be here.

He will be missed.

Teen struggling to adjust

DEAR ABBY: Because of frustration with our state's substantial COVID restrictions and our teen son's struggles with remote learning, we moved to another state. At the time, our son was excited to move (we kept asking him to make sure). However, we are now nearly through the school year and he still hasn't made new friends. He's depressed and wants to move back.

He plays a sport and has a part-time job, but neither have helped. My husband and I love it here. In fact, our son loves everything except his lack of a social life (beyond texting, FaceTiming and playing video games with his old friends).

We work from home, so it would be an option for us to temporarily return so he can finish his remaining two years of high school in our original state. He has always been very social, so we are surprised he hasn't made new friends. Should we push him to keep trying? Or is moving back for two years the best for his (and our) mental well-being? — WANTS THE BEST FOR HIM

DEAR WANTS: Moving during one's teens isn't easy, particularly because cliques have already formed. Before pack-

Dear Abby



ing your bags, talk with your son's teachers and counselors about why he has had problems integrating there. They may be able to offer some important insight.

However, if they cannot do that and you are prepared to make the move when the school term is over, do it. Being treated as an outcast isn't good for anyone's mental health, and while it might benefit your son to learn to adapt, he might do better academically if you put him in a friendlier environment.

DEAR ABBY: I have two grown sons who are 13 months apart. The younger, age 44, constantly and viciously degrades his brother in text messages. His anger level is so high that on Christmas Eve two years ago, while he was visiting from a neighboring state with his wife, he declared, "F— this fami-

ly!" and stalked out, leaving his wife, my husband and me stunned.

Since then, his wife has divorced him, he's been rear-ended in a car wreck due to road rage, lost his job and alienated himself from our family. Online research I've done indicates he's narcissistic. Last month, I texted him my concern that he'd walked off his job, which unleashed an angry tirade against his brother and me.

Everything is our fault, and he badmouths his ex-wife mercilessly. He's an adult, so I can't force him to seek mental health help. Is there anything I can do? We no longer communicate, but a mother can't erase love and concern for her child. — WORN OUT IN WYOMING

DEAR WORN OUT: Your son is deeply troubled, and for that you have my sympathy. For the sake of your own mental health, I strongly recommend you consult a licensed mental health professional. You can't diagnose your son's problem, and neither can I. You also cannot force him into therapy before he's ready to admit that he needs it. Please don't wait to do this. I know you are hurt-

Alumni banquet set for May 14

Alumni will gather for a celebration next month.

The Madison Township Alumni Banquet is scheduled for May 14 at Asbury United Methodist Church.

Registration the day of the event at the church, 204 E. Arch St., will begin at 4 p.m., with dinner to follow at 5 p.m. Jay County Historical Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. prior to the event.

The banquet will include a silent auction. Bricks from the former school will also be for sale. Proceeds from both will go to a scholarship fund.

Attendees are welcome to bring memorabilia to share.

Reservations for the banquet, which costs \$21, are due May 6. To sign up, call Dennis Theurer at (317) 999-0429 or (317) 654-5184, or send mail to 14429 E. 196th St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

Award nominations
Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Farm Bureau is

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accepting nominations for the 2022 John Arnold Award for Rural Preservation. The award recognizes the preservation and continued agricultural use of historic farm buildings in Indiana, according to a press release from Indiana Landmarks.

Anyone may submit nominations for the award, which will be presented at Indiana State Fair in August.

Nominations for the award may be submitted online at indianalandmarks.org/john-arnold-award-rural-preservation, or by contacting Tommy Kleckner at Indiana Landmarks by phone at (812) 232-4534 or by email tkleckner@indianalandmarks.org. The deadline is May 13.

Community Calendar

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

Reunions

Bryant High School will hold its alumni banquet on May 14. Honor classes this year are the classes of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1970, 1971 and 1972.

Portland High School will celebrate its 50th anniversary from June 17 to June 19. For more information, email alicemiley23@gmail.com or wsanders317@gmail.com.

Today

THE LANDING — A 12-

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

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

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

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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

WHO DO YOU KNOW

that deserves to be recognized for their lifetime of volunteer service to the Jay County Community?

They must be a Senior Citizen (65 or older)

Tell us what their various volunteer service activities are, or have been, including the number of years and mail to:

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Thank you to newspaper carrier

To the editor:
I have been notified that my newspaper carrier's last day is April 30.
I'd like to thank Daniel E. Chase for his faithful service to us.
He has been one of the best newspaper carriers that I have had since taking the newspaper.
He walks several miles each day through harsh weather conditions and very hot weather.

Letters to the Editor

I always knew about when it would get here each day, and it was here when I got up on Saturday morning.
We couldn't have had a better newspaper carrier. I pray

the next one will be just as good.
Again, thank you so much for your dedication, Daniel E. Chase.
Dreama Nichols
Portland

Vote them out

To the editor:
The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was supposed to help individuals, businesses and local governments recover from the pandemic in 2021.

I just read we got \$4 million and don't even need to decide how to spend it till the end of 2024. Do the math and vote these inflation planners out of office in 2022.
Stephen Erwin
Portland

Thank you

To the editor:
Thank you for the splendid article highlighting Rob Weaver's lifetime accomplish-

ments and amazing contributions to our community.
Like the seller of a beloved puppy, Rob spoke of wanting to hand off WPGW Radio to the right person someday, someone who will honor and preserve its home town character and wholesome flavor. You know, someone who intuitively understands the importance of broadcasting the July Fourth fireworks display on the radio.
Roger Domingo
Portland

Cure our state's public health system

South Bend Tribune

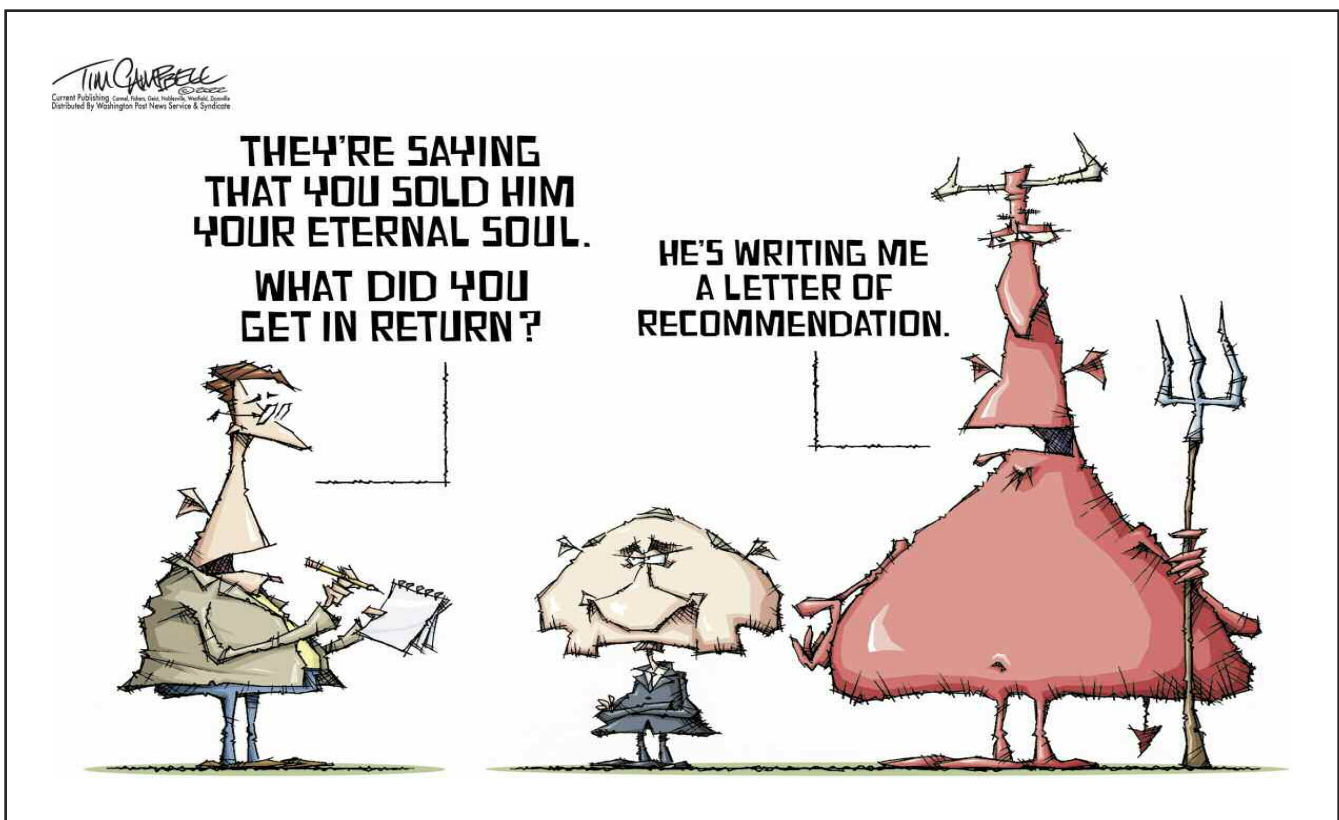
Two years ago, the pandemic made what was clear even more obvious. Indiana doesn't direct enough resources toward public health.
Gov. Eric Holcomb, having acknowledged that the demands COVID placed on health resources highlighted the need for more spending in this area, announced the formation of a 15-person public health commission.
Its mission was to spend the next year finding ways to improve the overall health of Indiana residents.
Holcomb's executive order in August 2021 established the Governor's Public Health Commission. The commission launched a series of listening sessions around the state to gather input about Indiana's public health system, and has been meeting monthly to learn more about the challenges confronting public health professionals in Indiana.

Hoosier Editorial

As encouraging as the governor's words acknowledging the problem are, as welcome as the creation of a public health commission is, it will mean little without a commitment to acting, to putting state money and a comprehensive plan behind the words.

The listening sessions have concluded, and on Thursday, the commission began the process of preparing its final report for the governor by the end of the summer, in time for 2023 budget discussions.
The focus of last week's meeting was the role of emergency preparedness, without which 'communities would be at risk of greater consequences when disaster does strike, and our health as a state would suffer, let alone long-term economic stability and resiliency,' noted commission co-chair Dr. Judy Monroe, a former Indiana state health officer, who serves as CEO and president of the foundation supporting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
While the state's COVID response is clearly factoring into the commission's work, the panel's scope is intended to go far beyond this crisis.
That's fitting, given that long before the pandemic struck, Indiana consistently ranked near the bottom in spending on public health and preparedness to handle a public health emergency.
The need for this commission is obvious here in Indiana, with its lower life expectancies and higher health care costs.
At a listening session last month, Grant County Health Officer Dr. William David Moore noted that the state is 40th out of 50 states in terms of public health

funding. 'And it's reflected in the health of our community.'
Among the issues addressed by speakers were drug and staffing crises, communication and funding. Multiple people who spoke up during public comment asked the commission to make sure the state doesn't lose touch with local health departments.
Moore said he's 'hopeful' that Indiana is taking a thorough look at public health: 'The issues that they're raising are right on point, and they give us an opportunity to do that.'
But he said that while the discussion is a good start, he wants to see action.
He's right. As encouraging as the governor's words acknowledging the problem are, as welcome as the creation of a public health commission is, it will mean little without a commitment to acting, to putting state money and a comprehensive plan behind the words.
In his 2018 State of the State address, Holcomb noted, 'We all know, a healthy Indiana depends first and foremost on the health of our people.'
It's long past time to get to work on the cure for an ailing public health system.



Abbott, DeSantis go too far

By CARL P. LEUBSDORF
The Dallas Morning News
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Carl P. Leubsdorf



There's an old saying in politics that the best government makes the best politics. But Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis seem to be approaching that backward.
Much of their current legislative and executive agendas seems designed more to strengthen their standing with the GOP's conservative base than to meet the serious needs of their states.
Along with massive war chests, it's a sign that both Sun Belt governors are focused as much on the GOP's 2024 presidential race as on their current jobs or even their 2022 re-election races, in which both are favored.
Their agendas have many similar aspects: imposing new limits on abortion rights, tightening voting laws to meet unproven allegations of fraud, and restricting local governments from requiring anti-COVID masks and mandates.
Some measures raise questions about the impact on the rights of individuals and local government or challenge the constraints of constitutionality. But the policies have helped to maintain the governors' popularity with their conservative bases.
In recent weeks, however, both governors may have gone too far.
Abbott took a pair of questionable initiatives designed to show he is doing more to contain the nation's porous Southern border than the Biden administration. One caused such a counter-reaction he had to withdraw it.
DeSantis strong-armed the obeseant Florida legislature into passing a redistricting plan that may well violate the Voting Rights Act by eliminating two majority Black U.S. House districts.
Earlier, Abbott sent thousands of Texas National Guard troops to the border with little evident effect. Last week, he dispatched state troopers to stop much of the incoming truck traffic from Mexico to inspect it for contraband drugs and illegal immigrants.
He also launched a plan to bus migrants north to embarrass opponents of stricter border enforcement.
Neither seems to have achieved the desired results.
The enhanced border inspections, along with resistance by Mexican truckers, created a massive traffic

jam, prompting unusual criticism from another staunch conservative, state Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller.
"This misguided policy will have little or no impact on the invasion on our southern border, caused by the inaction of the Biden administration," Abbott's fellow conservative Republican said. Miller warned it would "hurt Texas and American consumers by driving up already skyrocketing food prices" and saddle "Texas and American companies with untold losses."
Abbott's inspectors reportedly found many safety violations but few illegal materials or people, while threatening spoilage of millions of dollars of Mexican agriculture products. Within days, he backed off, citing agreements with four Mexican states that mainly reiterated prior efforts.
Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador called Abbott's actions "despicable."
In Washington, the arriving migrants were greeted by social groups and other charitable organizations who welcomed them and planned to facilitate their settlement in the United States. Many migrants said they were happy to be there.
The entire episode bore some resemblance to a failed 1960s effort by Southern segregationists to embarrass liberals staging "freedom rides" desegregating Southern transportation facilities by sending poor Black families to northern communities.
Meanwhile, in Florida, DeSantis signed a new law critics nicknamed "Don't Say Gay," which limits classroom discussions of sexual-related issues. The legislature also passed his "Stop WOKE (the Wrongs to Our Kids and Employers) Act" curbing workplace and classroom discussions of diversity issues and stripped the special tax status of one of his critics, the Walt Disney Co.
Last week, he took the unusual step of inserting himself into post-census congressional redistricting,

expanding what had been a typical effort by a majority party — in this case, Florida's Republicans — to take political advantage of the minority.
Since release of the 2020 census figures, both parties have tried to do that but encountered legal barriers. Ohio and New York state courts have blocked efforts by Republicans in the former and Democrats in the latter to enact one-sided redistricting plans.
DeSantis' plan goes beyond bolstering his party's numbers. Florida Republicans currently have a 16-11 majority in the congressional delegation, and a GOP legislative plan would have added the lone new seat for a 17-11 majority.
On Thursday, the legislature approved it, giving the GOP a 20-8 margin and eliminating districts represented by Reps. Val Demings in Central Florida and Al Lawson in northern Florida, redrawing the lines so the areas they represent would be folded into majority white Republican districts.
The Voting Rights Act makes it illegal to provide some members of the electorate with "less opportunity than other members of the electorate ... to elect representatives of their choice," though it doesn't provide "a right to have members of a protected class elected in numbers equal to their proportion in the population."
In a sense, DeSantis seeks to expand on what Abbott and the Texas GOP did in their post-2020 redistricting by reducing the number of Hispanic-majority districts at a time when the state's population growth is mainly Hispanic.
Florida Democrats made clear they will appeal the redistricting plan, and federal courts will ultimately decide the issue, as they will in Texas. While the appeals courts that will consider the redistricting plans and the Supreme Court all now have conservative majorities, critics hope the courts will recognize this blatant disregard for the Voting Rights Act's protections.
After all, one aspect of good government is fair representation. Whatever the legal outcome, however, Abbott and DeSantis have once again shown that their No. 1 governing principle is the satisfaction of their conservative political bases.
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Obituaries

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Survivors include:
One son — Dave Reece (wife: Loretta), rural Albany, Indiana
Her daughter-in-law — Vicki Reece, New Castle, Indiana
Ten grandchildren
Several great-grandchildren
She was preceded in death by two children, Pete Reece and Dale Reece.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 2 to 3 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Pastor Joe Boggs will officiate and burial will follow at Fountain Park Cemetery in Winchester.

Memorials may be directed towards the donor's choice.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Christopher Jackson

Oct. 25, 1980-April 24, 2022
Christopher E. Jackson, age

41, of Dunkirk passed away Sunday, April 24, 2022.

He was born in Portland on Oct. 25, 1980, the son of Fred and Virginia (Carrie) Jackson. Chris was a 1999 Jay County High School graduate and served in the U.S. Navy. He worked for McKibben Mechanical and Electric and had worked for Ardagh and City of Portland. He coached and umpired junior league baseball and coached Boomer soccer. He enjoyed playing softball and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are his mother, Virginia Jackson of Portland; mother of his children Ashley Jackson of Portland; his children Oliver Jackson and Ayla Jackson; three brothers, Monte Jackson (wife: Angela) of Greentown, Travis Jackson (wife: Kathy) of Colorado and Chad Jackson of Portland; two sisters, Krystal Bell of Portland



Jackson

and Misty George of Berne; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Fred Jackson; and brother Billy Bell.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be directed to the family.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Claudia Mullen

April 10, 1956-April 22, 2022

Claudia Mullen, age 66, a resident of Muncie, Indiana, passed away Friday, April 22, 2022, at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Claudia was born April 10, 1956, in Parker City, Indiana the daughter of Claude and Vivian (Sherman) Mullen. She attended church at Majestic Care of Avon in Avon,

Indiana. The family would like to thank the caring staff of IU Health Methodist Hospice for the loving care they provided to Claudia.

Survivors include:
Brother — Wayne Mullen, Muncie, Indiana

Friends — Rhonda Nannie, Muncie, Indiana, and Deserre Kemble, Rockledge, Florida

Private graveside services will be held Friday at Green Park Cemetery in Portland. Pastor Rick Bowen will officiate the graveside service.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Cathy Trader

Dec. 30, 1951-April 15, 2022

Cathy Jayne Trader, 70, died in Glendale, Arizona, on April 15, 2022. She was a former resident of Jay County.

Born in Portland, Indiana, on Dec. 30, 1951, she was the daughter of Eldon Poling and Virginia (Nibarger) Poling. She was married to Terry Trader, deceased.

Cathy loved Terry Trader and

riding on his Harley Davidson whenever possible.

Surviving are her son, Anthony Robert Trader, Arizona; and two grandchildren, Veronica and Jacob; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by husband, Terry Trader; her daughter Tracy Lynn (Trader) Sagar; mother and father.

Services will be small and private.

Lisa Joann Curtis, Portland, Nov. 25, 1968-April 23, 2022. Visitation will be held 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

Banks visits Jay

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

On his final day before returning to Congress, U.S. Rep. Jim Banks spent the late afternoon and evening in Jay County.

Banks, a Republican who represents the northeast corner of Indiana including Jay County, held a roundtable discussion with local government leaders and other area officials in the Sonrise Aviation hangar at Portland Municipal Airport. Topics were wide-ranging, including international issues such as the war in Ukraine, China/Taiwan tensions and the Iran nuclear agreement to local topics like the importance of manufacturing, the current labor shortage and potential challenges for aviation operations like Sonrise.

The congressman was scheduled to visit the Jay County Republicans' Lincoln Day Dinner Monday night before heading back to Washington, D.C., today.

"These are incredible times," Banks said in his opening remarks. "Very difficult times right now. Everywhere I go it's the cost of gas, it's the cost of food. It's inflation. It's the energy crisis we find ourselves in."

Addressing a question from Jay County Commissioner Rex Journey, who was part of a group of about 20 at the event along with Portland Mayor John Boggs, fellow commissioner Chad Aker and Jay County Council member Matt Minnich, Banks said enacting new policies would be difficult, even if his party reclaims both the House and Senate in November's election. He noted the Senate requirement for 60 votes to pass most legislation — it is currently split 50/50 — as a challenge. He blamed the Biden Administration for the high gas prices, referencing the



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

U.S. Rep. Jim Banks speaks Monday during a roundtable discussion with local officials at Portland Municipal Airport. In the foreground are Jay County Fair Board members Aaron Loy and Trent Paxson.

Keystone Pipeline and stoppage of drilling on federal land.

Minnich, who also works for Minnich Poultry, asked Banks about challenges in attracting employees. He noted that starting wages have shot past a previously targeted goal of \$15 per hour and hiring remains difficult.

"How do we re-incentivize work and productivity ... to motivate people who aren't productive, to motivate them to get back into the workforce?" Banks asked in response. "What can we do to reframe our immigration policies that are backwards and incentivize legal immigration that meets our economic needs?"

"I think part of it too ... is incentivizing the supply chain with our ally nations ..."

In response to a question from Hal Tavzel, owner of Sonrise Avia-

tion and manager of the airport, he said his staff would help with a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency about a potential change from "100 low lead" fuel used in small aircraft

Addressing other topics and questions, Banks expressed confidence in GOP chances in the 2022 mid-term and 2024 presidential elections, said if Republicans win control of the House he expects investigations into Hunter Biden and called Elon Musk's reported purchase of Twitter as "a great day for free speech."

During final remarks, Banks encouraged local officials and residents to reach out to his office with their concerns and ideas.

"Whatever it is that we're working our way through in D.C., effectively or not, I want to hear feedback from you," he said.

Ronald ...

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(He also served as president of APME from 1980 to '82.) He won the Indiana Journalism Award from Ball State University in 2004, was inducted into the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame in 2013 and received the Hoosier State Press Association's Charlie Biggs Commitment to Community Award in 2014.

"Jack Ronald's continued activism through his involvement in numerous organizations within the county as well as his published columns and coverage in The Commercial Review give a voice and a presence that would be void if not for his genuine, demonstrated love for his community," said former Jay County High School principal and current Jay School Board member Phil Ford in supporting Ronald's nomination for the commitment to community award. "Jack has a sense of history and tradition, mixed with a desire to gently push the community progressively forward."

That commitment to community began shortly after he returned to his hometown, as he joined Portland Rotary Club in 1975 and was a member until his death. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow in 1995. He began a six-year run as director of United Way of Jay County in 1975 as well.

Ronald was founding director of the Jay County Arts Council from 1976 to '80 and was instrumental in the creation of Arts Place. He served on the council's exhibits panel from 1994 through '98 and was on the Arts Place board of directors from 2013 until the time of his death.

He was a driving force in the formation of the Jay County AIDS Task Force in 1994, serving as its first president, and was instrumental in the development and creation of John Jay Center for Learning. He was president of The Portland Foundation (1988 through '94), Portland 2000 (1988 to '92) and Portland Area Chamber of Commerce (1988). He also served on the boards of Friends of the Limberlost, Minnetrista Cultural Center, John Jay Center for Learning and Jay County Development Corporation.

Ronald was Portland Area Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year in 2007. (He is nominated for the 2021 Jay County

Community Award for Dunkirk Community Commitment along with George Lopez and Arnold Clevenger for their concerts performed for residents at Miller's Merry Manor. The awards ceremony is scheduled for next month.) In 2017, he was among the first inductees into The Circle of Corydon, a state honor for those who have made "a remarkable contribution to the betterment" of Indiana and "demonstrated in life and in service the qualities exemplified by our state's great citizens."

"I'm not very good with words," Ronald said, drawing a laugh from the family, friends and local officials gathered for the ceremony. "All I can say is thank you."

He was involved in international journalism training for about 20 years, beginning when he was selected as a Fulbright Senior Scholar in 1988. He moved with his family to Chisinau, Moldova, for six months, teaching courses at Universitatea de Stat din Moldova, Chisinau, and doing consulting work for Centrul Independent de Jurnalism and Asociatia Presei Independente.

Ronald's work in Moldova sparked a career in training journalists in former Soviet republics and beyond, including Georgia, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Belarus, Poland, Russia, Afghanistan and Myanmar. He wrote "A Path Toward Independence: Principles of Newspaper Management for Central Asia," which was published by the International Center for Journalists and has been translated into Russian, Kazakh, Uzbek, Kyrgyz and Tajik.

Survivors include his wife Connie, who he married on June 19, 1971; daughters Margaret Ronald (husband: Joshua Lawton) of Watertown, Massachusetts, Emily Ronald (husband: Michael Veloso) of Waltham, Massachusetts and Sara "Sally" Ronald (husband: Benjamin Lawson) of Bloomington; grandchildren Julian, Johanna, Gabriel, Beatrice and Cora; brother Steve Ronald (wife: Beth) of Minneapolis; and sisters Linda Ronald (husband: Steven Butler) of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Louise of Richmond.

A celebration of Ronald's life is being planned for June.

Depot ...

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Council members Jesse Bivens, Tom Johnson, Bryan Jessup, Kevin Hamilton and Christy Curts expressed support for the project and the funding but tabled the request after city attorney Wes Schemenaur suggested they consider asking for a mortgage to help secure the loan. (The city has run into some issues in the past with such loans not being repaid, though council members said they do not believe it would be a problem with Marcum and Ritchie.) Robbins said he would discuss the mortgage and provide Schemenaur with the necessary information to move forward.

In other business, council:

- Discussed vacating an alley that splits property owned by Tammy Uhrick at 368 E. High St. Robbins said he was told the alley was supposed to have been vacated decades ago. Schemenaur asked for some basic information about the alley and said he would draw up the necessary paperwork.
- Revisited its COVID-19 policy. Council agreed the city should cut back its requirement for quarantine to five days — paid —

as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The paid days off will be available once per calendar year for each employee. Council will need to formally vote on the policy change at its next meeting.

- Approved paying \$29,522.50 — half the cost — for a pool liner from Renosys Corp. for Dunkirk City Pool. The liner and other materials have been delivered. The other half will be paid when the liner is installed.
- Learned from Curts that locations for street lights in Quincy Place have been finalized and the lights

should be installed soon.

- Heard a question from Bivens about whether council must approve new hires for the clerk-treasurer's office. After consulting the city ordinance, Schemenaur explained that council sets the number of employees but that hiring is handled by the clerk-treasurer.
- Learned from Robbins that he signed a proclamation declaring May 1 through 8 police appreciation week in the city.
- Set the pay rate for part-time police officers at \$21.
- OK'd paying \$545 to Keystone to set up and train staff for direct deposit for payroll.

County ...

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She explained that Tim Dale of Critter Control, which was suggested as an option for handling aggressive animals, said he will not be available for such services until about mid-summer.

The humane society is down one employee, although it has discussed hiring its executive director before the new building renovations are complete.

In other business, commissioners Chad Aker, Rex Journey and McCalliard:

- Agreed to purchase a 12-inch tile and install it for \$5,000 on the county's property at Jay County Fairgrounds. County surveyor Brad Daniels noted Jay County Fair Board is hoping to alleviate flooding between buildings and is planning to put in seven catch basins at its own expense.
- Decided to purchase licensing from Duo, a multi-factor authentication application, for county employees. The program gives a "second layer of authentication," according to Randy Cleaver of

Cleaver Cabling and Consulting. Duo will require county employees to accept a notification sent to their smart phones when attempting to use their emails or computers remotely.

- Heard about a new coffee shop coming to Portland. Scooter's Coffee will be located at the southwest corner of Meridian Street and Lincoln Avenue streets, noted Daniels.
- Signed a proclamation in conjunction with Jay County Optimist Clubs declaring May 1

through May 7 as Law Enforcement Week.

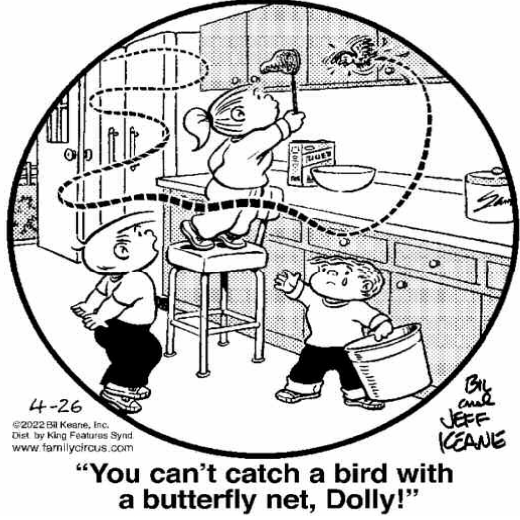
- Heard Jay County Country Living will host an open house starting around 4 p.m. June 10.
- Set a public hearing for 9 a.m. June 13 to vacate Pearl, South, Colombia and Short streets, as well as an alley between Pearl and South streets, in New Mt Pleasant.
- Agreed to pay an additional \$20,000 in order to purchase two trucks for Jay County Highway Department.

- OK'd Daniels to request about \$12,000 from Jay County Council to purchase a new truck. (About \$35,000 is already in the surveyor's budget for the vehicle, which is now at a higher price than anticipated.)
- Approved an annual agreement and grant for LifeStream Services.
- OK'd Frontier Communications to install a new line along county road 1150 West between county roads 300 South and 400 South.

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

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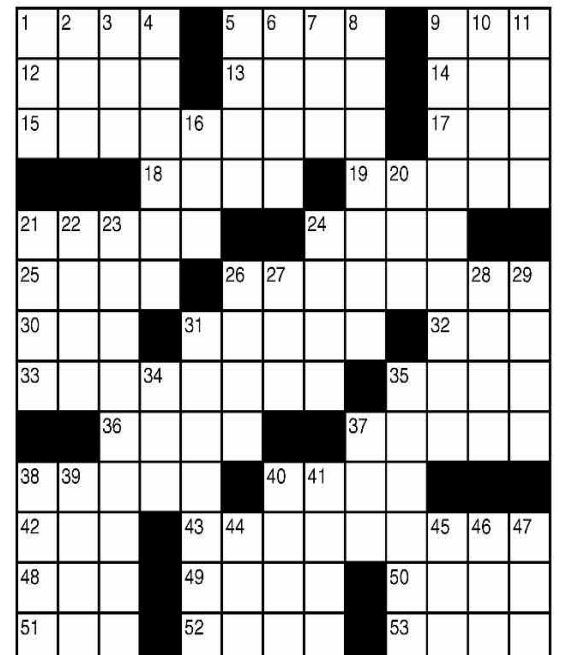
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Run ...

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The hits by Faulkner and Heniser were followed by an RBI single to right field from Sam Myers and single to left by Josh Dowlen as the home team took a 2-0 lead.

A walk, stolen base and tag up from Heniser allowed Dowlen to drive home with a ground out in the third inning for a 3-1 advantage. Then the Patriots started to pull away in the fourth.

Masahiro Mitsuishi, Gavin Myers and Faulkner tagged relief pitcher Quorbin McDavid with three consecutive two-out hits to plate two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. And Josh Dowlen delivered a double as part of a three-run fifth.

Then it was Faulkner and Heniser's turn to show off the wheels again. Faulkner got it started with a stand-up triple to deep center field. Then Heniser walked, stole second base and third base and scored on an errant throw.

Heniser finished with a single, two walks, four stolen bases, three runs and an RBI. Faulkner was 3-for-4, including the triple, stole a base, scored twice and drove in a run.

The Patriots recorded six stolen bases, took three bases on wild pitches, advanced on throws from the outfield twice and got the tag up from Heniser.

Randolph Southern, which had managed single tallies in the second and fifth innings, pushed home one more run in the top of the seventh. But JCHS catcher Kess McBride was able to throw out a Rebel runner trying to steal second base and then exchange student Masahiro Mitsuishi induced a fly ball to end the game.

Mitsuishi allowed two runs, one earned, in three innings of relief. He followed Patriot freshman



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Jay County High School exchange student Masahiro Mitsuishi prepares to throw a pitch during the Patriots' 10-3 win Saturday over Randolph Southern. Mitsuishi gave up two runs — one earned — in three innings of relief. He started at second base and turned Jay County's first double play of the season.

AJ Myers, who picked up the win as he limited Randolph Southern to one unearned run on three hits while striking out four in four innings.

"That was his first varsity start on the hill. That's got to be a little bit nerve-racking. ... He battled. ... He did what we asked him to do, came out and gave us a chance to win after four innings.

"Today we had to rely

on some young pups ... which I really like to do. Today was a good day for us to throw them and get some young kids some experience."

Selvey used the opportunity to get every player in the dugout onto the field, with some delivering in a big way.

Sophomore Jackson Edwards entered the game as a pinch hitter in the fourth inning, singled

to left field and immediately scored on the double from Gavin Myers.

"Bam, bam," said Selvey, recounting the quickness of Edwards' hit and trip around the bases. "We've actually been thinking about him a little bit because he's been swinging the bat pretty well."

Then sophomore Cody Rowles took over as a pinch runner for Myers, scoring on Faulkner's RBI single.

And Mitsuishi, who started at second base, turned the Patriots' first double play of the season in the third inning.

"He turned our first double play in two years — 6-4-3," Selvey said. "That was fun."

"You like to see a kid who sits the bench get out and have a little success. The kids responded well to letting some of the other guys get some playing time."

Jay County (6-3) had the lead Monday after scoring twice in the top of the second inning against Monroe Central but couldn't keep it. The Golden Bears responded with a run in the bottom of the frame, pushed ahead with two runs in the third and added two more in the fifth. Meanwhile, pitchers Brayden Matheny and Aidyn Coffey held the Patriots scoreless over the final five frames.

Heniser took the loss, though all three runs against him in three innings were unearned. He allowed four hits and a walk while striking out three.

Faulkner continued his strong effort at the plate — he's second on the team with a .433 batting average — going 2-for-3 with a walk and two RBIs. Sam Myers was 2-for-4 with a double, and Parker Nichols and Christian Runkle each scored a run.

Roundup ...

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Caleb DeRome paced JCHS with an 85. He shot 4-over-par on the front nine, including a birdie on the second hole and pars on the third, fourth, fifth and seventh.

Kyle Sanders, Brock DeHoff and Ricky Nava all shot 93 to round off the Patriots' team score.

Funkhouser fourth

MUNCIE — Aaron Funkhouser recorded the top individual finish for the Jay County boys track team as it finished seventh with 32 points at Saturday's Muncie Central Relays.

Funkhouser recorded a fourth-place finish in the 100-meter dash. He also teamed with Isaac Kunkler, Cristian Marentes and Dylan Knapschafer in the 3x400 relay.

Skyler Bee, Gabe Pinkerton, Knapschafer and Marentes were fifth in the 4x100 relay. Sean Guntle finished sixth in the shot put.

Adding seventh-place finishes were Bryce Collins in the discus, Knapschafer in the long jump and Kunkler in the 300 hurdles.

Tribe baseball falls

FORT RECOVERY — The Lincolnview Lancers limited the Tribe offense Saturday as they handed the Fort Recovery baseball team a 4-0 defeat.

The visitors scored the only runs they would need with two in the top of the first inning. They added single runs in the fourth and sixth.

Fort Recovery (8-5) managed just two hits, one each from Troy Homan and Landon Post. Homan, Marcus Gaerke and Kendrick Wendel each drew a walk.

Wyatt Bihn suffered the loss, giving up three runs — two earned — on four hits and two walks in 3 1/3

innings. Jackson Ervin gave up one run on two hits in 3 2/3 innings of relief.

Jay JH track 2nd

MONROEVILLE — Jay County ended up in the middle.

Competing Monday at Heritage, the Jay County junior high track teams both finished in second place in a three-team meet with the Bluffton Tigers and host Patriots.

Maria Hemmelgarn and Joseph Boggs set the pace for the Jay County teams.

Hemmelgarn led the girls as she won the 100-meter dash and the high jump. Amelia Heath added a first-place finish in the discus, and Alexis Sibray, Aixa Lopez, Ariel Beiswanger and Moa Sakamoto were first in the 4x400 relay.

Boggs set the pace for the boys as he took first place in the 800-meter run and the 1,600 run. He also teamed with Beckett Brandenburg, Creed Beiswanger and Jon Pitman to take the top spot in the 4x400 relay.

Chris Compton recorded the only other individual win in the shot put.

All-stars sweep

Portland's 8-and-younger all-star softball team swept a doubleheader Thursday against Winchester with a couple of 13-0 victories.

Ellie Wiggins racked up eight RBIs on the evening, smashing a home run in the opener and recording a double in each game. Lilah Hudson had three hits, including two doubles, in the first game, and Paisley Day and Kenzlea Bentz also each drove in two runs.

Hudson had four hits and an RBI in the second game, and Emma Wilhelm recorded three hits, including a double and two RBIs.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys golf vs. Adams Central and South Adams at Celina Lynx — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Union City — 5 p.m.; Track at Heritage — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball at Marion — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Track at Anna — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball at Coldwater — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Coldwater — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Coldwater — 5 p.m.

Wednesday
Jay County — Boys golf at Monroe Central — 4:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Minster — 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Champions League: Real Madrid at Manchester City (CBS)
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San

Diego Padres at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Edmonton Oilers at Pittsburgh Penguins (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Minnesota Timberwolves at Memphis Grizzlies (TNT)
9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at Colorado Avalanche (ESPN)

Wednesday
3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Champions League — Villarreal at Liverpool (CBS)

6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Diego Padres at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
10:30 p.m. — Soccer: CONCACAF Champions League — Seattle Sounders at pumas UNAM (FS1)

Local notes

Boomer registration is open
Registration is now open for Jay Community Center's Boomer T-Ball and Coach Pitch.

The program is open to boys and girls ages 3 through 6. Games will be played Saturdays at Portland Junior League fields.

Cost is \$55 before May 16, and registration includes t-shirt, hat and practice ball. Multiple child discounts are available.

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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 at Portland, Indiana, this 14 day of April, 2022.

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JAY COUNTY
IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT
38C01-2203-EU-000014
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
VERLYN H. REYNOLDS,
Deceased

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that ERIC D. REYNOLDS AND LORI A. BONVILLIAN were, on the 16 day of March, 2022, appointed personal representatives of the estate of VERLYN H. REYNOLDS, deceased, who died on December 18, 2021, and were authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.

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 at Portland, Indiana, this 17 day of March, 2022.

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Clerk, Jay Circuit Court
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Sports

Run away from RS

Speed helps Jay County roll over the Rebels

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Quinn Faulkner singled and advanced on a wild pitch.

Crosby Heniser singled, stole second base and took third on a wild pitch.

Both scored.

And they never stopped running.

The top two hitters in the Jay County High School baseball team's order reached base a combined seven times and scored five runs as they led the Patriots to a 10-3 victory Saturday over the visiting Randolph Southern Rebels.

"That's been one of the things that's been good for us is we have some speed," said JCHS coach Lea Selvey, whose team picked up its third consecutive win following victories Thursday over Woodlan and Friday over Shenandoah. "For us, it's a pretty good lineup and then we've got some guys who come off the bench who can run a little bit."

"We have to use that as a weapon."

The Patriots were back on the field Monday for a 5-2 loss to the host Monroe Central Golden Bears.

On Saturday, JCHS jumped on the Rebels quickly as each of its first four batters recorded singles.

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Jay County High School senior Quinn Faulkner hustles home with a run on an RBI single to right field by Crosby Heniser during the first inning for the Patriots 10-3 victory Saturday over Randolph Southern. Faulkner and Heniser combined to reach base seven times and score five runs for JCHS.

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Tribe clobbers Jackson Center

Local roundup

JACKSON CENTER, Ohio — The Indians got back on track in a big way. Less than 18 hours after suffering a road loss to the National Trail Blazers, Fort Recovery High School's softball team recorded two big innings to obliterate the host Jackson Center Tigers 16-1 in five innings Saturday.

The Indians (10-4), who fell 6-2 to National Trail on Friday, were already up 2-0 through two innings before exploding for six runs in the third. They added eight more in the fifth to end the game early. Leadoff hitter Emma Will led the massive day for the FRHS offense with a double, a single, a run and four RBIs. Sophie Pearson, Ella Schoen, Kensey Gaerke, Jackie Homan and Cali Wendel all added two hits apiece.

Homan had three RBIs and two runs, and Pearson and Gaerke both finished with two RBIs and two runs. Schoen scored three times, and Chloe Grisez and Wendel each had two runs.

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Celtics finish sweep

By BRIAN ROBB
masslive.com
Tribune News Service

The Boston Celtics held off a late charge from the Brooklyn Nets to win Game 4 116-112 and secure a 4-0 first round series sweep at Barclays Center on Monday night.


Jayson Tatum starred for the Celtics in the second straight game, scoring 12 of his team-high 29 points in the third quarter to help the visitors build a double digit lead. Marcus Smart (20 points, 11 assists) also added a double-double while Grant Williams chipped in with 14 big points off Boston's bench.

Tatum ended up fouling out with 2:48 remaining in the fourth quarter with the Celtics holding a six-point lead. Boston was able to overcome his absence during crunch time getting a big basket from Jaylen Brown (22 points) in the final minute after the Nets cut Boston's lead to one with a minute remaining.

The Celtics led by as many as 15 points in the third quarter but the Nets did put together a late charge in the fourth quarter, cutting Boston's lead down to one behind some hot shooting from Seth Curry and Goran Dragic. However, as they have all series long, Boston was able to put together a counterpunch late, securing the win over a Nets team that was originally the Eastern Conference preseason favorites.

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