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Honoring Greg



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Group will not take former school

Costs proved too high for a planned not-for-profit to take building

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — Costs have derailed plans to acquire the former Westlawn Elementary School building.

Gloria Hamilton reported to Dunkirk City Council that she has informed Jay School Corporation that a planned not-for-profit organization will not be able to take control of the former elementary school because of the high cost of operating it day-to-day.

Hamilton told council it was estimated that it would cost \$5,000 per month for upkeep on the building, which closed as an elementary school at the end of the 2020-21 school year. (Students were shifted to the former West Jay Middle School, which had been shut down for a year for renovations after all seventh and eighth graders were transferred to what is now Jay County Junior-Senior High School.)

Hamilton had been working on plans for a not-for-profit that would be called "The Westlawn Family Education Center." Among possible uses discussed for the building were a daycare, a site to house addiction recovery organization A Better Life - Brianna's Hope, a home for art and music instruction and a place to host collegiate courses either online or virtually.

She said plans for such a facility are still in the works, but that they would not happen in the Westlawn building.

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Mary Boozier speaks on Saturday night while accepting the Spirit of Vicki Lifetime Achievement Award for her late son Greg Franklin during the Jay County Community Awards at Spoke and Wheel Event Center in Portland. Franklin, who died in March, was honored for his efforts both as owner of Franklin Electric and his contributions to the community. Next to Boozier is Franklin's sister, Diana Stewart.

Franklin recognized for lifetime achievement, drug coalition leader wins for citizen of the year

By RAY COONEY

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Greg Franklin is no longer with us, but his contributions to the community did not go unnoticed.

Franklin, a local electrician who died March 22, was honored Saturday with The Spirit of Vicki Lifetime Achievement Award during the Jay County Community Awards at Spoke and Wheel Event Center.

It was also a big night for Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition as the organization won the Not-for-profit of the Year award and its executive director Kimbra Reynolds was named Citizen of the Year.

Other honorees at the awards sponsored by Jay County Chamber of Commerce were:

- Industry of the Year — Fisher Packing
- Business of the Year — Display Craft
- Dunkirk Community Commitment — Scott and Amy Manwaring
- Young Professional of the Year — Josh Atkinson
- Innovator of the Year — Cruis'n the HoliJay Lights at the Fairgrounds
- Small Community Commitment — Pennville Community Center

Franklin was honored with the lifetime achievement award

for his efforts both as the owner of Franklin Electric and his contributions to the community. He was a longtime member of the chamber of commerce, served on the board of New Mount Pleasant Church and frequently aided the Jay County Fair and other events at the fairgrounds.

His mom Mary Boozier and sister Diana Stewart accepted the award on his behalf.

"I'm not good at speeches and this is so hard, so thank you," said Boozier.

"It's an honor to accept this award for Greg," Stewart added, noting that her brother loved Jay County.

Reynolds was voted Citizen of the Year for her leadership of the drug prevention coalition in the areas of drug prevention, addiction recovery and tobacco cessation and prevention. The coalition was named the top not-for-profit in the community for its various initiatives, which include a \$1 million grant effort it is a part of through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Health Resources and Service Administration's Rural Communities Opioid Response Program to improve services to prevent and treat substance misuse.

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Override vote planned

By ALEXANDRA KUKULKA

Post-Tribune (Merrillville)

Tribune News Service

The Indiana legislature plans to vote today on a veto override of a bill that would ban transgender girls from playing in a girls sport or on a girls team.

The bill passed by wide margins in the GOP-dominated legislature, but Gov. Eric Holcomb vetoed the bill stating in his veto letter that the legislation "falls short" of providing a consistent statewide policy for what he called "fairness in K-12 sports."

Republican sponsors of the bill said it was needed to protect the integrity of female sports and opportunities for girls to gain college athletic scholarships but pointed out no instances in the state of girls being outperformed by transgender athletes.

Holcomb vetoed measure that would ban transgender girls from playing girls sports

Holcomb pointed to, in his veto letter, the Indiana High School Athletic Association, which has a policy covering transgender students wanting to play sports that match their gender identity and has said it has had no transgender girls finalize a request to play on a girls team.

In response to Holcomb's veto, the House Speaker Todd Huston, R-Fishers, announced the legislature will meet Tuesday for a technical correc-

tions day to vote to override the veto, which requires a simple majority in the House and the Senate.

Huston previously said GOP lawmakers will vote to override Holcomb's veto and put the ban into law.

"This issue continues to be in the national spotlight and for good reason as women have worked hard for equal opportunities on the playing field — and that's exactly what they deserve," Huston said.

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Gaerke grins

Marissa Gaerke (right) claps following graduation at Fort Recovery High School on Sunday. Community members gathered at the school to celebrate 78 graduating seniors.

Deaths

Anita Rose, 68, Anderson
Stephen Tatman, 71, Berne

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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 67 degrees Monday. The low was 48.

Tonight's low will be 58. There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms Wednesday with the high climbing to near 80.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from tonight's regional girls track meet at Ben Davis.

Friday — New local business is offering cold treats.



Honoring ...

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Display Craft took home the honor for business of the year three years after its owner, Kyle Teeter, earned the young professional award. The company that is best known for its signs provides a variety of other projects and in 2021 expanded with is HandyCraft handyman venture.

Fisher Packing added to its list of community awards, picking up its first honor for industry after having won Business of the Year three times. (The most recent was in 2016.) The family run organization that is now on its third generation is known for its various meat products made at its Portland and Redkey locations and has received a litany of state, national and international awards.

"We're in year 77, and you don't get that far without support from the community," said Greg Fisher in accepting the award with his brothers

Brad and Daniel. "For us, Portland truly has been a place to grow."

The Manwarings received the Dunkirk Community Commitment Award for their efforts to "promote and bring life to a community that has received a lot of TLC," while the small community award went to Pennville Community Center for its work to repurpose the former Pennville Elementary School and to provide a variety of events for area residents.

The Innovator of the Year Award went to Cruis'n the HoliJay Lights at the Fairgrounds for the effort toward creating the new drive-thru holiday lighting event at the fairgrounds in 2021 and Atkinson got the young professional award for his work as a lawyer, business owner and member of the Jay County Development Corporation, John Jay Center for Learning and Portland Foundation boards as well as

coaching youth sports.

Other finalists were John Col-dren and Phil Frantz for lifetime achievement; Reda Theurer-Miller and Debi Gillespie for citizen of the year; El Camino Real and Key Diner for business of the year; Priority Plastics and U.S. Aggregates for industry of the year; Be Your Best – Always Be Evolving, Jay County Civic Theatre and Midwest Pet Refuge for not-for-profit of the year; Chris Schanz and Jerod Clark for young professional; George Lopez, Arnold Clevenger and Jack Ronald and Tom Fett for Dunkirk Community Commitment and John Corwin and Mark Leavell for small community; and Freedom Flyers and IU Health Jay's Healthy Beginnings for innovator.

Also at the event, the chamber honored outgoing board members Kayla Darby and Scott Man-warding for their six years of service as well as retiring Jay County Visitors and Tourism director Gyneth Augsberger.



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Kimbra Reynolds gestures while accepting the Not-for-Profit of the Year Award on Saturday night for Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition. Reynolds was also honored as Citizen of the Year.

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| Wednesday 5/25 | Thursday 5/26 | Friday 5/27 | Saturday 5/28 | Sunday 5/29 |
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| 79/66 | 77/60 | 70/54 | 75/59 | 82/66 |
| There's an 80% chance of thunderstorms on Wednesday. Wind gusts may reach 20 mph. | Another day of showers is expected Thursday, with wind gusts as high as 25 mph. | Friday's forecast shows a 50% chance of rain and thunderstorms. | Mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Saturday. The high may reach 75. | Temperatures will increase to the mid 80s on Sunday under mostly sunny skies. |

Lotteries

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| Powerball Monday 1-33-37-39-42 Powerball: 26 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$135 million | 51-64-69-70-73-74-80 Cash 5: 23-28-35-42-43 Estimated jackpot: \$508,500 |
| Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$143 million | Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 9-0-7 Pick 4: 4-7-6-8 Pick 5: 0-0-1-7-9 Evening Pick 3: 5-2-7 Pick 4: 9-4-9-9 Pick 5: 1-6-0-8-0 Rolling Cash 5: 14-17-20-25-28 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000 Classic Lotto: 17-24-25-27-41-44 Kicker: 0-5-4-7-4-1 Jackpot: \$28.2 million |
| Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 0-2-6 Daily Four: 2-3-4-2 Evening Daily Three: 7-1-9 Daily Four: 7-5-6-3 Quick Draw: 5-7-16-17-21-28-29-33-40-42-43-44-45- | |

Markets

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| Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.91 June corn7.94 Wheat9.77 | Wheat 10.81 June wheat..... 11.22 |
| POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....8.00 June corn7.90 July corn.....7.89 | Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.68 July corn.....7.58 Beans.....16.94 July beans16.79 Wheat.....11.30 |
| The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....7.66 June corn7.76 Beans16.88 June beans16.93 | Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....7.50 June corn7.50 Beans.....16.85 June beans16.88 Wheat.....11.39 |

Today in history

In 1543, Nicolaus Copernicus published the proof of a sun-centered solar system.
In 1844, Samuel F. B. Morse sent the first telegraphic message from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore.
In 1856, John Brown led a group of abolitionists on a nighttime raid on a pro-slavery settlement at Pottawatomie Creek in Kansas Territory.
In 2007, Matt Vagedes (pole vault) and Holly Stein (shot put) of Fort Recovery High School finished second and third, respectively, at the Division III regional track meet at Piqua to advance to the OHSAA Track and Field State Finals.
In 2021, Jay County Commissioners approved \$143,000 in funding to partner with Adams County for work on county road 900 North (the Jay/Adams County line). Erosion had caused dirt from the embankment along the road to fall into the adjacent Wabash River. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

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| Today 6 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, USDA Service Center, 1331 Indiana 67, Portland. | Tuesday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. |
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Obituaries

Anita Rose

Jan. 2, 1954-May 22, 2022
Anita C. Rose, 68, of Anderson, passed away on May 22, 2022, at her home.

She was born Jan. 2, 1954, in Muncie, Indiana.

Anita liked to go fishing and mushroom hunting. She also enjoyed painting ceramics.

She was a homemaker.

Anita was preceded in death by her husband, Earl D. Rose on Nov. 16, 1978; her mother, Thelma Wolverton; her father, Eugene Gates; and her brother, Danny Gates.

She is survived by her son,

Michael D. Rose (fiancee: Bethany Sutt), Anderson; her daughter, Leslie D. Varela, Indianapolis; even grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren arriving in a few weeks; her brother, Russell Gates, Russiaville, Indiana; and her sister, Bonnie Torgersen, Russiaville, Indiana.

The family would like to thank Care Hospice for all of their care and kindness.

There will be a celebration of Anita's life scheduled at a later date.



Rose

Condolences may be expressed at loosecares.com.

Stephen A. Tatman, Berne, a long-time member of Jay County Civic Theatre, Aug. 3, 1951-May 21, 2022. Per Tatman's wishes, there will be no services.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

Capsule Reports

Hit the gas

Damage is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000 after a Muncie woman crashed her vehicle into a Ridgeville man's truck on Meridian Street just after midnight Friday.

Kelly J. Schrader, 58, was driving her 2008 Mazda Tribute south on Meridian Street when she noticed 41-year-old Michael P. Chasteen, the driver of a 2006 Dodge Ram in front of her, hit the brakes at the intersection with Water Street. Schrader said as she tried to step

on the brake pedal, she instead stepped on the gas pedal, causing her to drive into the back of the Dodge Ram, according to a Portland Police Department report.

Chasteen sustained a neck injury, and Schrader received a leg injury. Both drivers refused emergency treatment. Their vehicles were towed.

Intersection crash

A Fairmount man drove into oncoming traffic at the intersection of Como Road and county

road 200 South about 10:45 a.m. Friday, causing a collision.

John D. Powers, 57, was driving south on Como Road and stopped at the intersection with county road 200 South, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. He told police he didn't notice the eastbound 1989 Toyota, driven by 74-year-old Tom V. Faris of Creola, Ohio, and continued into the intersection. Powers' 2019 Chevrolet Equinox struck the drivers side rear of Faris' vehicle, causing it to go into a ditch north of the road.
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School ...

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Council members Jesse Bivens, Tom Johnson, Kevin Hamilton and Christy Curts, absent Bryan Jessup, also approved a request for signs to be placed on Washington Street in an effort to slow down traffic for improved safety for children in the area.

"It is a crowded corner," said Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins of the intersection of Washington and Meridian streets.

In other business, council:

- Approved the payment of \$29,522.50 to RenoSys of Indianapolis for the installation of a new liner at Dunkirk City Pool. (It was the second of two pay-

ments for the work.) Also approved payment of \$5,609.52 to Culy Contracting of Winchester for work at the city's wastewater treatment plant.

- Donated \$300 to the city's library for its summer reading program.

- OK'd a water bill payment plan for one property owner who had a high bill because of a leak. Also asked that another property owner who previously came to a payment plan agreement visit council at an upcoming meeting to provide an update.

- Was introduced to new clerk-treasurer's office employee Melissa Bantz
- Paid claims totaling \$198,504.51.

Felony arrests

Burglary

Two rural Redkey residents were arrested Thursday for burglary.

Donald D. Kimble, 25, and Natasha M. Newsome, 24, both of 9852 W. 500 South, were each preliminarily charged a Level 4 felony.

Kimble is being held on \$15,000 bond in Jay County Jail, and Newsome was released on her own recognizance from Jay County Jail on Saturday.

Battery

A Portland man was arrested Friday for battery resulting in injury to a pregnant woman.

Tyler J. Hough, 33, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony.

He's being held on a \$20,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

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Swiss Village

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Concept of time fades as life continues

By **DIANA DOLECKI**
Special to The Commercial Review

For some reason I wrote next week's column this afternoon instead of writing this week's column. Apparently, I either can no longer read a calendar, or maybe I am ahead of time.

As I See It



The flower gardens have been spectacular this year. The right amount of cold, water and light produced a great show. Unfortunately, the wind got into a tiff with Mother Nature and pushed one of the lilacs down. They are not supposed to lie down on top of the raspberries. Sometime soon it will have to be cut the rest of the way down and dragged out to the curb.

The wind decided that messing with the lilacs wasn't enough mischief. My brother, Michael, lives in Lynn. They had a small pool that was about three feet deep. Despite having a heavy block holding it down, the wind lifted it up and placed it on their garage roof, block and all.

I seem to be getting more and more scatterbrained lately. There was a time when I could have several projects going at the same time and never wrote anything down. Now, I check

my calendar several times a day. I save all the appointment cards that litter my life just in case I need a phone number or other information. I am finding that simple things are more and more challenging.

To keep life interesting, something might be easy one day and puzzling the next. Last year I couldn't put a coat on by myself. This year it is easy. However, putting socks on hurts. Weird isn't it?

I have also figured out that our house is haunted. The problem with this is that I don't believe in ghosts. I hear people talking. I assume that they are outside chattering away but when I look outside not a soul can be seen. I also

smell cigarette smoke. This is a little easier to explain. I find cigarette butts galore on the sidewalks. Lots of people smoke and the older I get the more sensitive I get to the rank smell of cigarette smoke.

Interestingly enough, I love the smell of tobacco. My grandfather used to chew tobacco and the smell reminds me of him.

The troublesome spirits have discovered how to make the wind whistle. It is sort of like the way some of us can whistle by clapping our hands together and blowing. I never could do that. But the wind can produce a sound that makes it sound like the roof will fly off at any given moment. The sentinel bees are

back. They show up about the same time as the peonies bloom. These fluffy bumble bee relatives guard the front door. The rest of the world thinks they are carpenter bees or mason bees. They don't seem to sting so we leave them alone. They do tend to fly within an inch or two of my face and have learned the phrase, "get away". They will hang around for a while before committing suicide. We then sweep their fuzzy bodies away. This happens every year.

The concept of time seems to be more and more elastic. Sometimes a few seconds takes hours and hours of time, while weeks and months fly by I used to know what day it was by

checking the newspaper. We get two papers but neither is published seven days a week. Plus the bigger paper will sometimes put today's and tomorrow's paper in the same plastic bag. It's no wonder I get confused.

Why not just check the computer or smartphone? To be honest, the smartphone is smarter than I and the laptop computer has been out of service. The problems with the laptop have been resolved. I have also figured out where the date and time are displayed on the phone.

I may not know what day it is at any given moment but I'll figure it out eventually. Until then, we have a lilac to take care of.

Man's lies put long marriage on the rocks

DEAR ABBY: I have recently discovered that for the last seven years — or more — my husband has been lying to avoid conflict. What he has been lying about greatly upsets me, but knowing he has lied about these things makes it worse than finding out the truth at the time things happened.

The lies are about his relationships with his female "friends." He has always had a wandering eye. He has lied so many times that I'm wondering what else he has lied about that I don't know about. I find out because he tells on himself without realizing what he has said.

I am now questioning our whole life together. We have been together 31 years, and I'm thinking our entire marriage has been built on his lies. When I confront him about it, he says he "never said it," but he did. How do I live with a lying spouse? — LIED TO IN GEORGIA

DEAR LIED TO: Solid marriages are built on trust. Unfortunately, yours is lacking in that department. Your first task is to determine whether you WANT to remain

Dear Abby



married to a lying husband, who attempts to gaslight you by denying he said something you clearly heard. It would be in your best interest to schedule some sessions with a licensed counselor who can help you to gain enough emotional strength to make that decision rationally rather than emotionally. If you decide to end your marriage, discuss this with an attorney BEFORE informing your husband so he or she can guide you in the process.

DEAR ABBY: I am the oldest of four children. I'm closest with my youngest sibling, "Louanne." I have not had a relationship with the other sister, "Emily," for close to 10 years. I tried to reach out a few times and was rejected or received cold

responses. My feelings toward Emily have grown numb.

Emily now has some mental issues, and Louanne, who does have a relationship with her, helps her almost to the extreme. She's now talking about relocating Emily from South Carolina to New Jersey, and wants my help arranging it. Until two weeks ago, Emily lived on her own as she had for many years. She's had some ups and downs, but Louanne is treating this as though Emily is no longer able to care for herself.

I'm having a hard time feeling compassion for Emily, and Louanne is upset with me because I don't want to help. It's destroying our relationship. I tried to explain my feelings to her, but she keeps reminding me that this is about "family," so I need to put my feelings aside. I feel torn and alone. Any advice? — CHALLENGED IN THE EAST

DEAR CHALLENGED: It might help to view this from a different perspective. Although you are distant from Emily, who you acknowledge has mental problems, you

Louanne. If you maintain your current stance and refuse to help Louanne, the entire responsibility of relocating Emily will fall on her shoulders, and it is quite a load. You would be doing a good deed by helping Louanne with this burden she has assumed and, if you regard it this way, it may make taking on that responsibility easier for HER.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 20 years has had DUIs in the past. He has always been a binge drinker when socializing. He has been going out once a week after work for three hours, during which he drinks and then drives home. He tells me he has a couple beers, but his tab and his face tell a different story.

We have three teenagers who see his behavior, and it sets a bad example. My other worry is that he may take the kids somewhere after he gets home from his weekly outing. I have instructed them not to let Dad take them anywhere on Wednesdays (his regular bar day). I have also asked him not to drive them anywhere on Wednesdays. I make

sure I work from home on that day, but all of this doesn't seem like enough, and I want him to stop.

I have thought about divorce for this and other reasons, but I worry his drinking would get worse. I've also considered doing an intervention with family. I'm at the end of my rope and ready to do something, but what is the next step? — REACHED MY LIMIT IN ILLINOIS

DEAR REACHED: Step one should be to attend some Al-Anon meetings. This is an organization founded to help the friends and families of someone with an alcohol problem, which it appears your husband has. Those meetings will give you perspective. Your next step will be to figure out what divorce may mean for you and your children financially. Once you have that information, tell your husband — while he is sober and you are calm — that you have reached your limit and, unless he is willing to quit drinking, you are going to leave him. See how he reacts and, if nothing changes, follow through.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship

Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — 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

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth

Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

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

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

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

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

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

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland.

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration.

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Learn more about dementia

To the editor:
Dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, touches the lives of many of us in this community. While it may seem like a daunting diagnosis, many people are living happy and healthy lives with the appropriate support and care.

Letters to the Editor

Eighty percent of people with dementia are cared for in their homes. Are you a caregiver for someone with dementia? If not, then you probably know someone who is. These people are our neighbors, friends, relatives, coworkers. We sit by them in church. We stand behind them in line at the grocery stores.

Caregivers do not have an easy job. They are juggling caregiving with work, family, household duties, their own social lives, and a million other things.

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Kindly,
Abby Muhlenkamp
Dementia Friends Champion



Fight hate with speech

By JONATHAN ZIMMERMAN
Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

The man accused of killing 10 African Americans at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket was virulently antisemitic as well as a racist.

Indeed, he blamed Jews for the so-called "great replacement" — a belief based on a racist conspiracy theory that nonwhite people are being used to replace white people.

"Jews are the biggest problem the Western world has ever had," Payton Gendron wrote in an online manifesto posted before the attack. "They must be called out and killed."

You can see the same types of screeds in the hateful digital footprint of the white supremacist who allegedly murdered 11 people at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue in 2018.

Ditto for the 2019 shooter at a synagogue in Poway, California, who wrote that Jews were responsible for the "genocide" of "white Europeans."

I'm a Jew, so you might guess that I support renewed calls to penalize hate speech in the wake of the Buffalo massacre. But you'd be wrong. I'm also a historian, so I know that censorship — however well-intentioned — doesn't end well. We need to raise our voices against hate, but we must never prevent anyone else from speaking up.

That's what Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown demanded, as his city grieved for the victims allegedly gunned down by a racist. "The social media companies need to be held accountable," Brown said. "We cannot allow hate speech and hateful manifestos to go out over social media. It's not free speech. It's un-American, it's not the American way."

Representing the family of Ruth Whitfield, an 86-year-old grandmother who was killed in the attack, attorney Benjamin Crump insisted that pundits and politicians who spread racist theories were "accomplices" to the rampage. Most notably, Fox News host Tucker Carlson and Florida U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz have both warned about the same "great replacement" that apparently motivated Gendron. "Even though they may not have pulled the trigger,

Jonathan Zimmerman



they did load the gun," Crump said.

Finally, New York Gov. Kathy Hochul vowed to pressure social media platforms to monitor — and remove — hate speech. "Someone needs to watch this and shut it down the second it appears," said Hochul, a Buffalo native. "Hate speech is not protected."

Actually, it is. I understand Hochul's anger and frustration at this awful moment. But all speech is protected in the United States, so long as it doesn't pose an immediate and tangible threat to someone else. That's the real American way, or at least it should be.

And if you think otherwise, consider the case of Black Lives Matter organizer DeRay Mckesson. After leading a protest in response to the fatal police shooting of Alton Sterling, a Black father of five in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Mckesson was sued by a police officer who was injured during the demonstration.

Nobody alleges that Mckesson knew or colluded with the unknown assailant, who threw an object at the officer that left him with injuries to his jaw and brain. But a federal appeals court ruled that Mckesson "knew or should have known" that the demonstration would turn violent, which allowed the lawsuit against him to proceed.

Or, using Crump's words, Mckesson should have known that the gun was loaded. According to such a perspective, it doesn't matter if Mckesson pulled the trigger or not. His words and actions led to violence, so he should be held accountable.

Similarly, law enforcement officials in Portsmouth, Virginia, slapped felony charges on an African American state legislator and several Black civil rights leaders after a 2020 demonstration against police

Say the names of the Buffalo victims. Shout them from the hilltops, and the rafters, and the streets. Challenge racism and antisemitism, wherever you see them.

brutality and Confederate statues. One protester was seriously injured when a statue was pulled down and fell on him.

"Several individuals conspired and organized to destroy the monument as well as summon hundreds of people to join the felonious acts," the city's police chief said. Again, there was no allegation that they directly harmed the injured protester. But their words sparked violence — and that made them accomplices to it?

That's nonsense. Of course, I'm not equating the demands for justice by African American demonstrators to the hateful drivel of Gendron. But once you decide that some speech is too dangerous to be aired, other speech will be barred on the same grounds.

Say the names of the Buffalo victims. Shout them from the hilltops, and the rafters, and the streets. Challenge racism and antisemitism, wherever you see them. But if you say there are things we can't say, watch out! Someday soon, the censors will be coming for you.

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Zimmerman teaches education and history at the University of Pennsylvania.

Provide relief from gas prices

By KEN DE LA BASTIDE
Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

Why are Republicans in control of the Indiana Legislature so opposed to suspending the state's gasoline tax?

As of Friday, several states have already suspended their gas tax for a period of time; at least 20 others are considering a suspension.

Currently the state's gas tax rate is 32 cents per gallon; added to that is a federal tax of 18.4 cents per gallon and the state's 7% sales tax, which adds another 24.1 cents to the price.

What that means for the average motorist in the Hoosier State is, of the \$4.59 price for regular gas at the pump, 74 cents of the cost are taxes. For every 10 gallons of gas purchased in Indiana, motorists are spending \$7.40 in taxes.

The taxes on diesel fuel are higher.

Former Gov. Frank O'Bannon suspended the gas tax in 2000 when the price of gasoline surpassed \$2 per gallon.

The suspension of the gas tax could be done by Gov. Eric Holcomb by an emergency order, or the Legislature, which convenes next week, could pass legislation to suspend the tax for a period of time.

Lawmakers who will travel from the four corners of the state next week to Indianapolis are reimbursed for their fuel expenses by the taxpayers.

Maybe since the cost is not coming from their own pocket, there is no rush to suspend the gas tax.

Indiana currently has a surplus of \$5 billion in its coffers and lawmakers did vote to provide every resident with a \$125 tax refund.

Depending on the vehicle being driven and the number of miles traveled, that \$125 would purchase

Ken de la Bastide



about 27 gallons of gasoline.

One-third of the gas tax is deposited directly into the state's general fund, adding to the billion-dollar surplus.

The remainder goes to the state's highway fund and is distributed to local units of government through the Local Road & Bridge Fund.

Gov. Holcomb and the Republican majorities in the Legislature need to be thinking of the impact increased fuel costs are having on average Hoosiers.

With the state's minimum wage at \$7.25 per hour, a worker making that wage, if working 40 hours per week, will earn \$290 before taxes.

Should the worker have a family with infants or young children at home, they are dealing with increased food costs, the price of diapers and baby formula — if they can find it.

They should also consider senior citizens living on fixed incomes.

Will suspending the gas tax be an end-all to the problems? Not really, but it would provide some financial relief to those Hoosiers already struggling financially.

Republicans maintain they can't suspend the gasoline tax during the session next week.

That's a weak argument. If lawmakers wanted to provide some relief at the pump, a way to do it would be found.

Maybe Hoosiers could protest the lack of action by lawmakers by demonstrating at the Statehouse.

The problem is, they can't afford to make the trip.

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Troops move to encircle major city

By **PATRICK J. MCDONNELL** and **NABIH BULOS**
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KYIV, Ukraine — As the conflict in Ukraine enters its fourth month, Russian troops appear to be on the cusp of a breakthrough in the disputed Donbas region, with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy warning of difficult weeks ahead and accusing Moscow of waging “total war” against his country.

Russian forces have launched a concerted campaign to encircle Severodonetsk — the last major city in Luhansk province and easternmost point of the Donbas still under Ukrainian control — along with its sister city, Lysychansk, just to the south. If successful, the move would trap Ukrainian troops defending the area and open Russia’s path to Kramatorsk, the Ukrainian government’s main administrative and military node in the east.

By Tuesday morning, after days of withering artillery duels along the eastern front, Russian troops were reported to have seized portions of Lyman, a town roughly 30 miles west of Severodonetsk, and blitzed into the village of Zolote, about nine miles south of Lysychansk. Those attacks and a Russian stab from north of Severodonetsk form a three-pronged offensive to take the city.

“The intensity of fire on Severodonetsk has increased by multiple times — they are simply destroying the city,” Luhansk Gov. Serhiy Haidai said in a TV interview.



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Shield work

Children decorate shields Sunday afternoon during Arts Place’s Arts Festival. The event, which serves as the kickoff to the Arts in the Parks program, featured a variety of crafts for children.

Override ...

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Simon Anderson Schelling, chair of the LGTBQ Outreach of Porter County, said the news alone of the legislature passing the bill has had a detrimental impact on transgender girls and transgender youth.

“I can already tell you just having the legislation there has had an impact on the youth that I work with. The fact that they are already feeling a sense of not belonging in a city and a state that they call home is heartbreaking to them,” Schelling said.

The bill’s opponents argued the ban was a bigoted response to a problem that doesn’t exist, with the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana saying it planned a lawsuit against what it called “hateful legislation.”

Federal judges have halted enforcement of such laws in Idaho and West Virginia, while the U.S. Justice Department has challenged bans in other states as violations of federal law.

Schelling said the group held a letter writing campaign to write letters to Huston; Senate Pro Tempore Rodric Bray, R-Martinsville; State Rep. Ed Soliday, R-Valparaiso; State Senator Ed Charbonneau, R-Valparaiso; “to hopefully encourage them to not override the veto.”

The group sent out 63 letters on Monday, Schelling

said, and it hasn’t received a response yet. But, Schelling said, he is hopeful there won’t be enough votes to override the veto.

“I am hopeful. We will see, how many people cross that line,” Schelling said.

During the letter writing campaign, Schelling said one of the young people he works with asked why the legislature sees transgender youth as a threat.

“It’s really hard to explain to kids how people’s personal judgements have come into our government and into our world in general,” Schelling said. “I know there are kids who are impacted greatly by (the legislation) just from the questions that I am already getting.”

The legislature is trying to address something where there isn’t an issue, Schelling said, and the IHSAA already has a policy in place for transgender athletes.

“I don’t understand why, as government officials or the government in general, needs to add more to it when there is already something in place,” Schelling said.

Julie Storbeck, President of Northwest Indiana National Organization for Women and Indiana NOW, said she and other members of the organization will join ACLU Indiana in a rally ahead of the override vote.

Capsule Reports

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Paris sustained a back injury. Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Deer hit

A rural Portland woman crashed her vehicle into a deer on Indiana 26 about 6 a.m. Friday.

Chailey A. Muhlenkamp, 18, was driving west on the highway just east of county road 600 East when a deer ran in front of her 2008 Ford Fusion.

She wasn’t able to avoid a collision with the animal, causing between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in estimated damage.

Felony arrests

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Drug possession

Two Indiana residents were recently arrested for drug-related charges.

Joey R. Franks, 37, 533 N. Meridian St., Redkey, was arrested Friday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He was released on his own recognizance from Jay County Jail on Sunday.

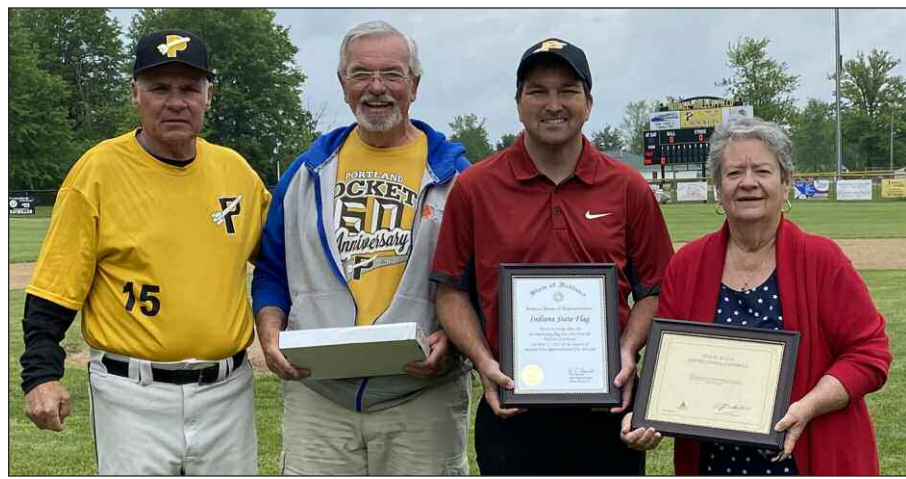
Jacob M.J. Schwartz, 48, 4943 Indiana 116 #1, Bluffton, was arrested Monday and preliminarily charged with two

Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug, along with two Class A misdemeanors for false reporting and operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He was released from Jay County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.

Unlawful possession

A Portland man was arrested Friday for unlawful possession of a syringe.

Travis M. Clem, 43, 944 W. Main St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony. He’s being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.



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Rockets receive

State Rep. J.D. Prescott (R-Union City), second from right, was on hand at the Portland Rockets’ season opener Sunday afternoon. He presented the team with an American flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol and an Indiana flag that flew over the Indiana Statehouse. Pictured with Prescott are Randy Miller, Randy Fisher and Virginia Burkey.

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The entire operation, once East's heart king falls, is based on the sole hope that West has the distribution in the three side suits that will allow him to be endplayed. This type of reasoning — constructing a lie of the cards that will permit the contract to be made (or defeated, if you are defending) — often snatches victory from the jaws of defeat.

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Six straight pars

DeRome finishes strong to place sixth in conference

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

CELINA, Ohio — Caleb DeRome was sitting at 7 over par after a dozen holes.

It wasn't a bad score by any means. But it wasn't where he wanted to be with six holes to play.

By the end of the round, his score relative to par had not moved.

DeRome parred the final six holes during Saturday's Allen County Athletic Conference Championships at Celina Lynx Golf Club to place fifth individually and lead the Jay County High School boys golf team to a fourth-place finish.

"I feel like I played OK," said DeRome. "Could have been better, but I'll take a 79."

"I hit my irons pretty well. Kept my head in the game. Didn't give up. Ended with six pars in a row, so that helps."

The Patriots finished with a 365, six strokes behind third-place South Adams. Heritage cruised to the ACAC championship with a 330, and Bluffton was the runner-up in the seven-team field at 355.

Finishing in the middle of the pack wasn't what coach Dave Haines had hoped for, especially given that his team had defeated South Adams and Bluffton in duals earlier this season. Its score was about 10 strokes higher than its season average and 31 strokes higher than at the April 30 Winchester Invitational.

"It's a tougher course, and

that not only makes scores go higher, but it messes with your head when you're out there playing the game," said Haines, whose team was the ACAC runner-up last season. "And as much as you as a coach try to talk to them about keeping control of their mind and their mindset and not letting things get to them, it's one thing to say it and another thing to actually put it practice."

"We have to work on our short game as a team and just work on the mental aspect of it. That's where the game's won or lost."

DeRome made the turn at a 3-over-par 39, but played the next three holes at 4 over par. Then he buckled down and found his way back to the type of golf that has made him the Patriots' leader this year.

He recorded pars on the 490-yard, par-5 13th hole, the 385-yard, par-4 14th, the 400-yard, par-4 15th and the 176-yard, par 3 16th before hitting his drive on No. 17 down the left side of the fairway. His second shot came up short of the green in the right-side rough and he landed his chip about 6 feet from the hole. His putt for par barely squeaked over the lip of the cup.

DeRome's final hole of the day was far from picture perfect, but it got the jump done. His drive on the 494-yard, par-5 18th hole went into a bunker on the left side of the fairway and his third shot left him well into the rough on the left side of the green.

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Brock DeHoff of Jay County High School chips onto the green Saturday on the 12th hole at Celina Lynx Golf Club during the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships. He shot 94 for the Patriots, who finished fourth in the seven-team field.

JCHS gives Selvey W in finale

The Patriots sent their coach out in style.

With Lea Selvey coaching in his final game on the field named for his father, the Jay County **Local roundup** baseball

team smacked seven doubles in a 10-3 victory over the South Adams Starfires.

The Patriots (14-8, 3-3 Allen County Athletic Conference) got their first six batters of the third inning on base and scored five times to take control of the game. They added four runs in the sixth to end any chance of a South Adams comeback at Don E. Selvey Field.

Sam Myers led JCHS by going 3-for-3 with two doubles, three RBIs and a run. He also picked up the win as he struck out six batters in four innings and allowed just one run on two hits.

Dusty Pearson had two hits and four RBIs, and Josh Dowlen and Gavin Myers each added two hits and two runs.

Selvey has announced that he will retire after this season, his 34th leading the Patriots. His team opens sectional play at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday against the host Yorktown Tigers.

Six in a row

The Jay County softball team closed its regular season with a sixth consecutive victory Friday night, topping the visiting Richmond Red Devils 11-4.

The Patriots (15-7) trailed 2-1 before racking up five runs in the fifth inning. They added two more in the fourth and three in the sixth to extend their advantage.

Riah Champ went 4-for-4 with three RBIs and three runs for JCHS while Mady Fraley was 4-for-4 with two RBIs and a run. Haleigh Clayton added two hits and three runs.

Clayton also picked up the win as she struck out seven in 4 1/3 innings of work.

Added to regional

Four Jay County boys track athletes — Isaac Kunkler, Dylan Knapschafer, Cristian Marentes and Aaron Funkhouser — will continue their season at 6 p.m. Thursday in the regional meet at Lawrence Central.

The top three finishers in each sectional event, along with those who reach the state standard, advance to the regional meet. However, if a regional event has fewer than 16 competitors at that point, the next best performances from the sectional are added to the field.

Kunkler, a junior, will compete in the 110-meter hurdles for the Patriots after placing fifth in the event at the sectional meet. He recorded a time of 15.79 seconds and will be seeded 14th in the regional meet.

Funkhouser, Knapschafer, Marentes and Kunkler, who finished fourth in the sectional in the 4x400 relay, will also advance. Their time of 3 minutes, 40.7 seconds, has them seeded 15th.

Rockets split

The Portland Rockets dropped their first game of the season 5-4 Sunday to the South Bend Royals but were able to bounce back for an 8-7 victory in the second game of the double-header at Runkle-Miller Field.

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Two win district titles

Francis, Pearson lead group of 10 who advanced

SPENCERVILLE, Ohio — Abbie Francis and Mara Pearson had each earned No. 1 seeds.

No one was able to take them away.

Francis and Pearson each won championships Friday in the Division III Spencerville District to lead the Fort Recovery High School girls track team to a third-place finish out of 18 scoring teams.

The Tribe, which will send 10 athletes on to the regional meet that begins Wednesday at Troy, scored 79 points to finish 2.5 ahead of fourth-place Marion Local. Minster was first with 124.5 while Coldwater (85) finished second.

Trevor Heitkamp was the only FRHS boy to advance to the regional meet, doing so in two events. (The top four finishers in each event advance to regional competition.) He scored all but one of the 12 points for the 15th-place Indians while Minster won with 114.

Francis proved she had plenty left to give even after earning the top seed during Wednesday's district preliminaries. She was more than a half second faster in the 200-meter dash in 26.5 seconds with Alex Kessen (26.76) of St. John's in second place.

Pearson was one of three athletes to clear the

17-foot mark in the long jump. Her leap of 17 feet, 4 inches, was 2 1/4 inches better than runner-up Cece Worsham of Temple Christian.

Whitley Rammel earned her second regional berth Friday — she had already qualified with a third-place finish in the high jump Wednesday — taking the No. 3 spot in the shot put at 38 feet, 11 inches, and Natalie Brunswick also advanced thanks to a third-place finish in a tight 1,600 run in 5 minutes, 33.26 seconds, as the top three were separated by just 0.27 seconds.

Heitkamp ran three miles to earn his pair of regional berths. He was third in the 1,600 run in 4:41.62 and followed that effort up with a fourth-place finish in the 3,200 run in 10:05.96.

In addition to their victories, Francis and Pearson also joined Anna Roessner and Allysen Fullenkamp in posting a third-place time of 51.64 in the 4x100 relay. Kiana Matsuda, Pearson, Roessner and Fullenkamp were fourth in the 4x200 relay in 1:51.57.

The 4x800 relay team of Natalie Brunswick, Ellie Will, Megan Diller and Joelle Kaup had already advanced by placing fourth on the opening day of the district meet Wednesday.

Also scoring points for the Indians were Anna Roessner (fifth — 100 dash), Kiana Matsuda (fifth — 100 hurdles), Ellie Will (fifth — 3,200 run), the team of Francis, Roessner, Brunswick and Megan Diller (fifth — 4x400 relay).

Placing in the top eight for the boys team was the team of Reece Guggenbiller, Austin Steinbrunner, Chase Kaiser and Connor Kaikala, which was eighth in the 4x200 relay.

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