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2022 Jay County Fair



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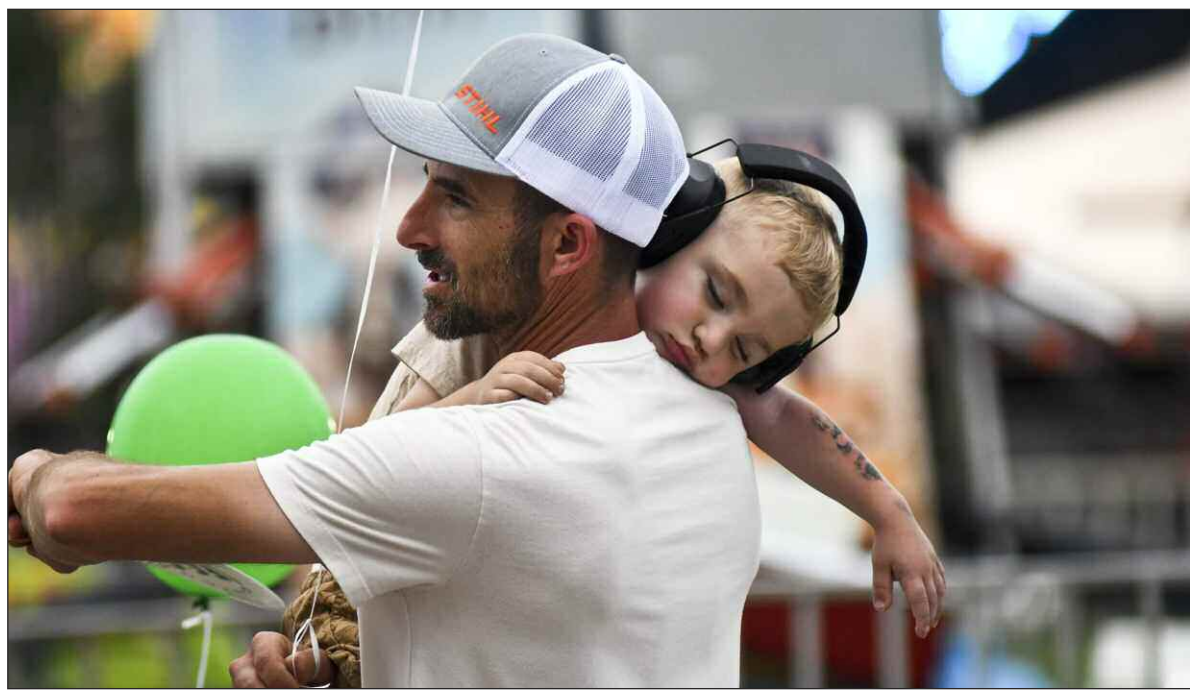
Explosive ending

The Jay County Fair closed with a final night of rides and a demolition derby along with fireworks Saturday.

Pictured above, the fireworks fill the sky just after 10 p.m. on the north side of the fairgrounds.

At right, 2-year-old Archer Siciliano snoozes on his father Paul's shoulder while spending time on the midway. Paul grew up in Jay County before moving away in 2001 and now lives in Seattle. He was back in the area to show his family his hometown.

For photos from the evening's demolition derby, see page 8.



Board reviews options in face of hikes

Anthem, IU Health considered for health insurance

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Rising health insurance costs have Jay School Corporation considering a switch in providers.

Jay School Board on Monday heard the details of the most recent health insurance proposals from Anthem and IU Health for school employees.

Nick Napier of Brown and Brown Insurance and Jay Schools business manager Shannon Current explained the proposals from current provider Anthem as well as IU Health. (Other firms that provided proposals came in with significantly higher increases that the corporation's insurance committee chose not to consider.)

Anthem's final proposal calls for annual increases of between \$1,021 (12.1%) and \$2,181 (19.9%) for individuals and between \$2,331 (12.1%) and \$4,982 (19.9%) for families in 2023, depending on which of the three offered levels of coverage the employee chooses.

IU Health's updated proposal, which came in late Monday afternoon, calls for annual increases of between \$388 and \$505 (both about 4.6%) for individuals and between \$786 (4.1%) and \$1,154 (4.6%) for families. (IU Health would guarantee no increase in 2024 if the corporation can reach 50% participation in its Health Results wellness program, which Napier said he believes is attainable.)

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Raises OK'd on first reading

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Portland city employees will likely be getting a 3.5% raise and longevity pay in 2023.

Portland City Council in a split vote Monday approved the increase on first reading along with the implementation of longevity pay for all employees.

The changes will need to be approved on second reading at council's Aug. 1 meeting before going into effect.

Council also had another discussion about the city's new golf cart ordinance.

Portland Mayor John Boggs again advocated for a 5% raise plus the addition of longevity pay of \$100 per year with a \$2,000 maximum — it is already in effect for police officers and firefighters — along with raises the salary range for seasonal employees to \$13 to \$15 from the current \$9 to \$11.

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Special to The Commercial Review/Mark Garringer

Second at Centerville

The Jay County High School Marching Patriots kicked off their 2022 competition season Saturday with a runner-up finish at the Centerville Archway Classic. Jay County scored a 61.625 to trail champion Anderson (61.9). The Marching Patriots were first for visual ensemble, second for visual general effect and music ensemble and fifth for music general effect. Their next competition will be the Jay County Lions Club Band Contest, which begins at 7 p.m. Friday at Jay County Fairgrounds. The Marching Patriots will take the track at 9:26 p.m.

FR may need new wastewater facility

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — Wastewater treatment in the village may be changing methods in the future.

Fort Recovery Village Council heard from village administrator Randy Diller about the state

of the wastewater lagoons on Monday.

Diller explained Poggemeyer Design Group has finished its wastewater study for the village. The company offered a few options moving forward in regard to wastewater treatment.

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Deaths

Scott Newton, 59, rural Portland
Patricia Stump, 80, LaGrange
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 85 degrees Monday. The low was 63.

Tonight's low will be 69. Skies will be mostly sunny Wednesday with a high of 90 and a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals has scheduled a meeting for 6 p.m. Thursday at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Coming up

Wednesday — New health clinic is set to open in Portland.

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



Obituaries

Scott Newton

Feb. 11, 1963-July 16, 2022
Scott Allen Newton, age 59, of rural Portland passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

Scott was born in Portland on Feb. 11, 1963, the son of Steve Newton and Jacqueline Bricker. He was married in 1995 to Shannon Witt who survives.

Scott had worked as a grocer with Ludwig's and Gerber Grocers and also was a rancher. He was a 1981 Jay County High School graduate and a member of National Trappers Association, Indiana Quarter Horse Association and



Newton

Indiana Trappers Association. Scott enjoyed hunting, fishing, horseback riding and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are his wife Shannon; one son, Chance Newton (wife: Maddi) of Portland; two daughters, Cameo Newton Sudhoff (husband: Craig) of Fort Recovery and Dove'n Shanay Newton Alexander (husband: Jacob) of Bluffton; one sister, Barbara Smith (husband: Gary) of Portland; and three grandchildren, Savannah, Khloe and Dawson Sudhoff; and one grandchild expected in December, Scottie Newton.

A memorial visitation will be Friday, July 22, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home.

Memorials can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Patricia Stump

Feb. 14, 1942-July 16, 2022
Patricia Ann Stump, age 80, of LaGrange, Indiana, and a former Portland resident, passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2022, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Portland on Feb. 14, 1942, the daughter of Robert and Ruth (Glassford) Harshman. She was married on Dec. 28, 1959, to Carl Stump who survives.

She was a homemaker and had worked for Heartland Hatchery. She was a 1960 Port-

land High School graduate.

Surviving are her husband Carl; one son, Chris Stump (wife: Penny) of Hudson, Indiana; one daughter, Robin Claassen (husband: Keith) of Etna Green, Indiana; three grandsons, Joseph Stephen (wife: Tiffanie), Evan Stump (wife: Nicole) and Gage Stump (fiance: Abbey Brommer); and three great-grandchildren Allison Stephen, Brooklyne Stump and Noah Stump.

Funeral services will be Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral



Stump

Home with Pastor Herb Hummel presiding. Burial will follow in Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Jay County Cancer Society or Kidney Foundation.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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

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

CR almanac

Wednesday 7/20	Thursday 7/21	Friday 7/22	Saturday 7/23	Sunday 7/24
90/68	87/68	89/69	91/73	88/70
There's a 40% chance of thunderstorms Wednesday under mostly sunny skies.	Sunny skies are on the horizon for Thursday with a high in the upper 80s.	Another day of sunny skies is in the forecast for Friday. Chance of rain late.	Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 91. There's a slight chance of rain.	Sunday has a 50% chance of thunderstorms under partly sunny skies.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 14-34-36-50-58 Powerball: 5 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$101 million	23-26-30-36-37-47-49-51-52-54-58-64-65-66-76-78 Cash 5: 2-11-12-23-28 Estimated jackpot: \$334,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$530 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 1-5-8 Pick 4: 5-6-9-0 Pick 5: 4-6-1-5-6 Evening Pick 3: 8-4-3 Pick 4: 5-2-6-8 Pick 5: 2-9-0-6-0 Rolling Cash 5: 11-13-18-21-23 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000 Classic Lotto: 4-9-13-23-41-43 Kicker: 1-3-8-7-3-7 Jackpot: \$31.8 million
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 0-3-3 Daily Four: 8-7-9-2 Quick Draw: 1-2-4-6-11-13-23-26-27-30-42-48-49-56-68-69-75-76-78-79 Evening Daily Three: 6-6-9 Daily Four: 1-0-6-2 Quick Draw: 7-8-9-15-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.74 Aug. corn6.74 Wheat6.55	Wheat 7.66 Aug. wheat 8.07
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.89 Aug. corn6.89 Oct. corn5.75	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.79 Late July corn6.59 Beans15.57 Late July beans.....15.57 Wheat7.73
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.76 Aug. corn6.76 Beans15.60 Aug. beans.....15.60	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.54 Aug. corn6.54 Beans15.19 Aug. beans.....15.19 Wheat7.62

Today in history

In 1553, Mary I replaced Lady Jane Grey as queen of England.

In 1799, the Rosetta Stone, a tablet with hieroglyphic translations into Greek, was found in Egypt.

In 1848, the Seneca Falls Convention, known as the first such gathering in support of rights for American women, launched in New York. About 300 attended the meeting that resulted in the Declaration of Sentiments, which called for granting women the same rights and freedoms as those afforded to men.

In 1941, cartoon characters Tom and Jerry made their first appearance in "The Midnight Snack."

In 1972, Jerry Landess of Portland drove one double-heat winner and tied for first in two other feature harness races at the Clinton County Fair in Frankfort.

In 2021, Jay School Board approved a return to standard operating procedures after in-person classes were called off for the final two and a half months of 2019-20 school year and various rules, including a state mask mandate, were in place throughout 2020-21.

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Citizen's calendar

Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Thursday 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
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Raises ...

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He referenced larger raises being considered for employees of the county and City of Dunkirk and noted that city departments have come in well under budget, returning a total of \$1.7 million to the general fund last year.

"These employees out here in the audience and the other city employees have more responsibility than the employees of all the other communities in this county," said Boggs, adding that he fears losing employees because raises are not keeping up with inflation. "Their jobs are bigger and they do more and they spend more time doing it."

Council members went back-and-forth briefly on the topic, which has been discussed since early May.

Janet Powers suggested and motioned, as she had previously, a raise of 3.5% plus longevity. She said the addition of the longevity pay brings the total raise to about 5%. (Dave Golden seconded the motion, noting his concern about having to cut services or employees if raises result in budgeting issues.)

Matt Goldsworthy advocated for larger raises.

Mike Aker attempted to make a motion for the 5% raise presented by the mayor, but with Powers' motion already on the table a vote was required. It passed 4-3, with Kent McClung, Don Gillespie, Powers and Golden in favor and Michele Brewster, Goldsworthy and Aker against.

Also Monday, Boggs addressed the city's golf court ordinance, which inadvertently was written to charge anyone with a Portland address the "in-town" fee rather than only those who live in the city limits. He asked city attorney Wes Schemenaur to write an update for the ordinance to address the issue and also noted that police are currently serving warnings until the issue is fixed. He

also proposed a fine schedule of \$50 for the first infraction with fines increasing by \$25 for each infraction within a 12-month period.

The request launched a discussion about the entirety of the ordinance, with McClung expressing worry about the logistics of handling the influx of golf cart traffic during the week of the Tri-State Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Show in late August. He and Powers spoke in support of making that a "free week," with the latter noting that the city already has a similar exemption for the garage sales.

Gillespie questioned why there is a difference for city residents (\$35) and non-residents (\$18) as opposed to a flat rate, with Boggs noting that it is likely that residents will drive on city streets more frequently.

After some back-and-forth, Boggs stuck with his original request with the update to be provided to council for action at its next meeting.

The mayor also noted that Schemenaur is working with the police department to create an "ordinance violation bureau" for payment of golf cart fines. (It would allow fines related to golf carts to be paid at city hall rather than going through Portland City Court, thus saving violators on court costs.)

McClung also suggested an update to the trash collection ordinance passed earlier this year to specify requirements for those who are allowed to use Toters smaller than the 96-gallon containers distributed by the city. Schemenaur will look into the issue but said likely the simplest way to handle it will be to follow Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

In other business, council:
•Voted to eliminate the requirement that bidders for the Sheller-Globe south property, 510 S. Bridge St., allow the city to use the north building on the property for storage

rent-free for a period of five years. The mayor and council members expressed concern that the provision may dissuade interested parties from submitted bids.

•OK'd a reduction in the city's water rates by 1.46% to reflect the state's elimination of the utility receipts tax. Indiana House Bill 1002, which was approved by the Indiana House of Representatives and Senate on March 9 and signed by Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb six days later, repeals the 1.46% tax and requires that a utility that is subject to the tax must adjust its rates to reflect the repeal.

•Heard a question from Aker regarding Wendy's. Boggs said the restaurant is still planned for the former Ken Kunkle car dealership lot on Meridian Street with work likely to begin in late August. He had previously told council the restaurant is expected to open in late November.

•Approved the closure of Elder Street between Meridian Street and Chicago Avenue from 10 a.m. to 2p.m. July 31 for Family Worship Center to hold an outdoor service and back-to-school party.

•Heard Boggs and Powers compliment the quality of the Jay County Fair, which concluded Saturday.

•Heard the following from Boggs:
—Public accounting and consulting firm Baker Tilly has completed a rate study for the city's wastewater treatment department. He and clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips will review the study with the firm Friday. Plans call for representatives from Baker Tilly to visit an upcoming council meeting to explain the results.

—The mayor's golf outing will be held July 29, with room for a few more players and additional sponsors. The event was scheduled for July 8 but was postponed because of rain.

Capsule Reports

House hit

Two vehicles collided at the intersection of Williams and Votaw streets, causing one vehicle to crash into a nearby home about 5:50 p.m. Friday.

Samantha N. Welder, 31, Redkey, told Portland police she was turning her 2016 Chevrolet Silverado west out of the Walmart parking lot, 950 W. Votaw St., and her view was obstructed by another vehicle turning into the parking lot. She didn't notice the westbound 2019 Ford Ranger, driven by 67-year-old Thomas J. Pascarella of Portland, behind the other vehicle, and so she continued turning west. Pascarella's truck hit Wedler's truck, causing both vehicles to continue south off the road. Wedler's truck hit a fire hydrant, and Pascarella's truck struck a house at 636 N. Williams St.

Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Drunk driving

An Ohio man was arrested after leav-

ing the scene of an accident along U.S. 27 about 3:40 a.m. Sunday.

Shannon L. Skiver, 46, Celina, was driving south on the highway near its intersection with county road 200 South when he swerved his car left of center, overcorrected and drove off the west side of the road, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. Skiver's 2017 Hyundai Santa Fe crashed into three mailboxes and broke them. Skiver drove back onto the road and continued driving south until stopped by law enforcement, according to the report. The crash was witnessed by deputy Steven Lothridge and two other people.

Skiver was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B misdemeanor, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor. He was later released on his own recognition from Jay County Jail.

Skiver's vehicle was towed. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. See page 5

SERVICES

Thursday

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

Saturday

McMillan, Evelyn: 1 p.m., Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.

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Rain works in many different ways

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

Have I told you how much I like rain? All that water washing the grime out of the air is to be appreciated. The world smells so much better during and after a good rain.

This is not to say that Mother Nature never overdoes the waterworks. Every year the news tells of floods somewhere in the world. They can and do destroy lives and possessions.

Those stories are usually balanced by the stories of droughts and the resulting tragedies they cause. The

As I See It



rain that is falling on my new flowers is calm and gentle. In the words of Goldilocks, it is "just right."

I find it interesting that many origin stories contain references to a great flood or to the world being under water at some point, but I'm not going into that

now. It is just something to think about.

I have a friend who was cleaning out her flowerbeds recently. She gave me a sack full of black-eyed susans. I planted the flowers in the front flower beds on top of the daffodils.

The new plants took one look around and instantly wilted. After they were safely in their new home I doused them with some water mixed with a bit of rooting hormone followed by plain water.

That evening and for most of the next couple days Mother Nature

blessed us with a light rain. It was exactly what the plants needed. They are beginning to perk up.

The garden is also perking up. The first pickings of green beans are bubbling away on the stove. Green beans are a symbol of affection in my house. I can't stand them. They stink. They taste awful. Their texture is also unappealing. They're green. The only way I will voluntarily eat them is in vegetable soup. I count on the other ingredients to help make the nasty green things edible.

The rest of my family

loves green beans. They are more than welcome to them. So far the beans have managed to avoid bugs and deer along with whatever critter decides to polish them off before I can get to them.

The rain also gets us a reprieve from mowing the grass. I got most of the trimming done before the rain started. The actual mowing will have to wait until things dry out. The last forecast I read called for thunderstorms. So far there have only been a few rumblings.

One of the other things I

love about rain is that I don't have to go out in it. I have never understood why walking in the rain is supposed to be romantic.

It is far more romantic to be watching the rain through a window than to be out in it. I much prefer listening to the raindrops pitter pattering on a metal roof while I read a good book.

Rain has many faces. It can be destructive or gentle. It can destroy or give life. The best rain is accompanied by a good book, a warm pet and a cup of hot tea or cocoa. I love rain.

Friend is on woman's mind

DEAR ABBY: I have a huge crush on my husband's friend, "Shane." I think about him daily and fantasize about him every night. He used to come into the place where I work once a month. I wanted to tell him back then how I felt, but I chickened out.

I recently changed jobs, and he came into where I work now. I made a point of talking to him but said nothing about how I feel. I'm sure he could tell by the way I was smiling. I went to the races when Shane was racing and wanted to tell him then. My husband was there and went over to talk to him, so I stayed sitting on the bleachers. When my husband returned, he said Shane asked him where I was.

Abby, I have felt this way for two years. My husband and I have been married for seven. When I'm driving home from work, I fantasize about Shane riding in the car with me. I hurry to get to town hoping I'll see him at the gas station or passing by. I'm considering contacting him on Messenger. I have never thought about my husband this way. Please give me some advice on what to do. — OVER THE MOON IN MISSOURI

DEAR OVER: Nowhere in your letter did you mention whether your feelings for

Dear Abby



Shane are reciprocated. If you contact him, what exactly do you plan on telling him — that you love him? That you lust for him? Your efforts would be better spent trying to figure out what happened to the excitement in your marriage rather than starting a romance with your husband's friend.

If you do what you have in mind and Shane doesn't feel the same way, it will be enormously embarrassing. If he does have similar feelings, your husband will be devastated. The next time you have a fantasy about Shane, I urge you to switch to another channel.

DEAR ABBY: My grandson is 24. He was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome after he graduated from high school. He was first diagnosed with ADHD when he was young, then, years later, as bipolar. Since high school, he spends his

time in his bedroom playing video games. He has no social interactions and doesn't engage much, if at all, with his two younger brothers. He also doesn't get along well with his stepfather.

My daughter, his mother, is desperate for help but has been unable to find it. Most programs are designed for children or are too far away. Even trying to find a counselor locally who specializes in Asperger's has led to blind alleys.

Where do we go to find help for him? He's very functional but somewhat naive socially, and my daughter is fearful of him falling in with the wrong crowd. He has become depressed, and after years of turning his nose up at getting help, he actually wants it now. What do we do? — SEEKING HELP IN TEXAS

DEAR SEEKING: Forcing help on a person who isn't ready usually accomplishes little. That your grandson is finally willing to accept that he needs help is hopeful. Suggest that your daughter reach out to an organization called AANE, the Asperger/Autism Network, and ask for guidance for her son. To have questions and concerns addressed and to receive information and resources, she should visit aane.org.

Faeries to visit the Minnetrista

MUNCIE — Faeries are returning to Minnetrista this month.

Faeries, Sprites and Lights, a multi-day event, is themed after a "faerie wonderland," according to a press release from Minnetrista. It offers games, crafts, live music, dancing, a bubble garden, tea party and theater show throughout Minnetrista's Oakhurst Gardens.

The event kicks off with a workshop for participants to create their own faerie house at 10 a.m. July 23. Other activities are scheduled from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 28 through July 30.

There will also be a sensory-friendly event from noon to 4 p.m. July 31.

Tickets are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members and are available at minnetrista.net. Children 2 and younger will be admitted free.

College tours

Area colleges are taking part in Indiana Private College Week, which runs

Taking Note

through Friday. The following colleges are among those offering tours to prospective students this week:

- Indiana Wesleyan (Marion) — 10 a.m. and noon daily
- Earlham (Richmond) — 10:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. today, Thursday and Friday
- Anderson — 9 and 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. daily
- Indiana Tech (Fort Wayne) — 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily
- St. Francis (Fort Wayne) — 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. today through Thursday, 9 a.m. Friday
- Huntington — 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. today through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Friday
- Manchester — 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily

More information about the week is available at icindiana.org/pcw.

Community Calendar

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

Today

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

Thursday

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

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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.

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Portland resident asks questions

To the editor:
During the July 5 Portland City Council meeting, council person Kent McClung was allowed to participate and vote via “Face-time.”

Question: Was it council person McClung? No one could see the clerk-treasurer’s cell phone. It sounded like McClung. I was present at the meeting and was not sure. The public along with the newspaper reporter that was present should have questioned this process. I was not sure so I did not make a comment. I went home and checked the Attorney General of Indiana website for the Public Access Counselor for his open meeting opinions. (See [in.gov/pac/files/1437-guidance-final.pdf](https://www.in.gov/pac/files/1437-guidance-final.pdf))

I quote from his opinion, sixth paragraph on page one.
“Another key consideration for remote participation is the requirement that the off-site participant can be seen and heard by the public in order to vote. Ind. Code § 5-14-1.5-3.5(a). While ‘seen

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and heard’ is not defined by the statute, it stands to reason that the ability of the public to meaningfully observe the remote member is not compromised. A reasonably-sized monitor or screen should be set up at the meeting location visually depicting the off-site individual (this does not necessarily mean the public has access to the virtual platform used – only observation thereof). Likewise, the remote member should be amplified to a reasonable degree consistent with other present board members. If a board or member lacks the technological wherewithal to accomplish this, remote voting is prohibited and participation is limited to discussion only.

Should the remote board member not have access to technology allowing them to be seen, they can still participate in discussion but cannot be considered to be present or participate in any final action.”

For council information, the Public Access Counselor office does afford free training at your location.

On golf carts, Portland City Ordinance No. 2022-6 has the following wrongs:

1. Portland Police Department shall inspect (did not for my cart)
2. Golf cart is inspected to confirm that it complies with all requirements of this ordinance. (did not for my cart)
3. Sticker shall be affixed to the rear bumper of the golf cart. (stickers that city purchased will not stick to bumper)
4. A registration fee of \$35 (or \$18) shall be charged annually for privately owned golf carts (remember ordinance did not start until July 1)
5. Ordinance states “who have a

Portland address” (Mayor Boggs stated in this meeting that is not what he meant. Mayor along with council did not read the ordinance, just OK’d it.)

6. Be renewed annually on or before May 1. (Why did the city not pro-rate the fees since they were not ready to present the ordinance?)

7. Fees collected shall be deposited into the Police Continuing Education Fund. (My receipt No. 019046 issued by the Portland Police Department states Vehicle Fund.)

The only take that I can make of this is that the City of Portland just flies by the seat of their pants, not proofreading and talking about their ordinances.

Question: What about our visitors coming to Portland with money in their pockets? They leave a lot of that money to people and businesses of Portland. There was not a mention of how they are going to handle and inform them.

The city is not ready for a golf

cart registration fee — there are too many unanswered questions.

In reference to Marci Vornohr’s questions about stray cats and dogs, see Indiana Code 36-8-3-18: “A humane officer shall be appointed in every city from among the members of the police department.” I think that this may answer not only Mrs. Vornohr, but many other residents of Portland. Mayor John Boggs stated in his State of the City speech that he was going to ask the council for the 14th police officer back. Now you have the humane officer.

Now I have a question about “Off Road Vehicles (ATV)”: Why isn’t the City of Portland enforcing and regulating these ATVs? There are federal and state definitions concerning ATVs. If the city is interested, you can find a lot of the information in Indiana Code 14-16-1.

Robert E. Moore
Portland

Buttigieg move hurts Indy Dems

By NIKI KELLY

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Indiana Capital Chronicle

Former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg recently moved to Michigan and likely took with him any chance of a statewide Democrat electoral win in Indiana.

Ever since “Mayor Pete” showed his national prowess in an unexpected run for President in 2020, Hoosier Democrats have wanted more. His name is regularly floated for offices from governor to U.S. Senate and Congress as a youthful, intelligent, hard-working Democrat.

But even Indiana’s lax residency rules — Evan Bayh anyone? — would stop him from running in Indiana now that he is a permanent resident of Michigan and will vote in its General Election.

The Detroit Free Press reported that Buttigieg — U.S. Transportation Secretary — bought a house in the Traverse City area two years ago. His husband, Chasten, grew up in Traverse City.

“Moving to Chasten’s hometown of Traverse City allowed them to be closer to his parents, which became especially important to them after they adopted their twins, often relying on Chasten’s parents for help with child care,” a spokesperson said.

The Buttigiegs also rent a home in Washington, D.C.

Pete Buttigieg’s move hurts an already slim Democrat bench needing youth and innovation.

Hoosiers haven’t elected a Democrat candidate to statewide office since 2012, when Glenda Ritz was chosen as Superintendent of Public Instruction. That only lasted one term as Republican challenger Jennifer McCormick defeated her in 2016. McCormick has since left the Republican Party and is considered a possible Democrat candidate for statewide office.

Also in 2012, Democrat Joe Donnelly won his U.S. Senate seat against controversial Republican Richard Mourdock. Donnelly then lost in 2018 to current U.S. Sen. Mike Braun.

Donnelly is also men-

Niki Kelly



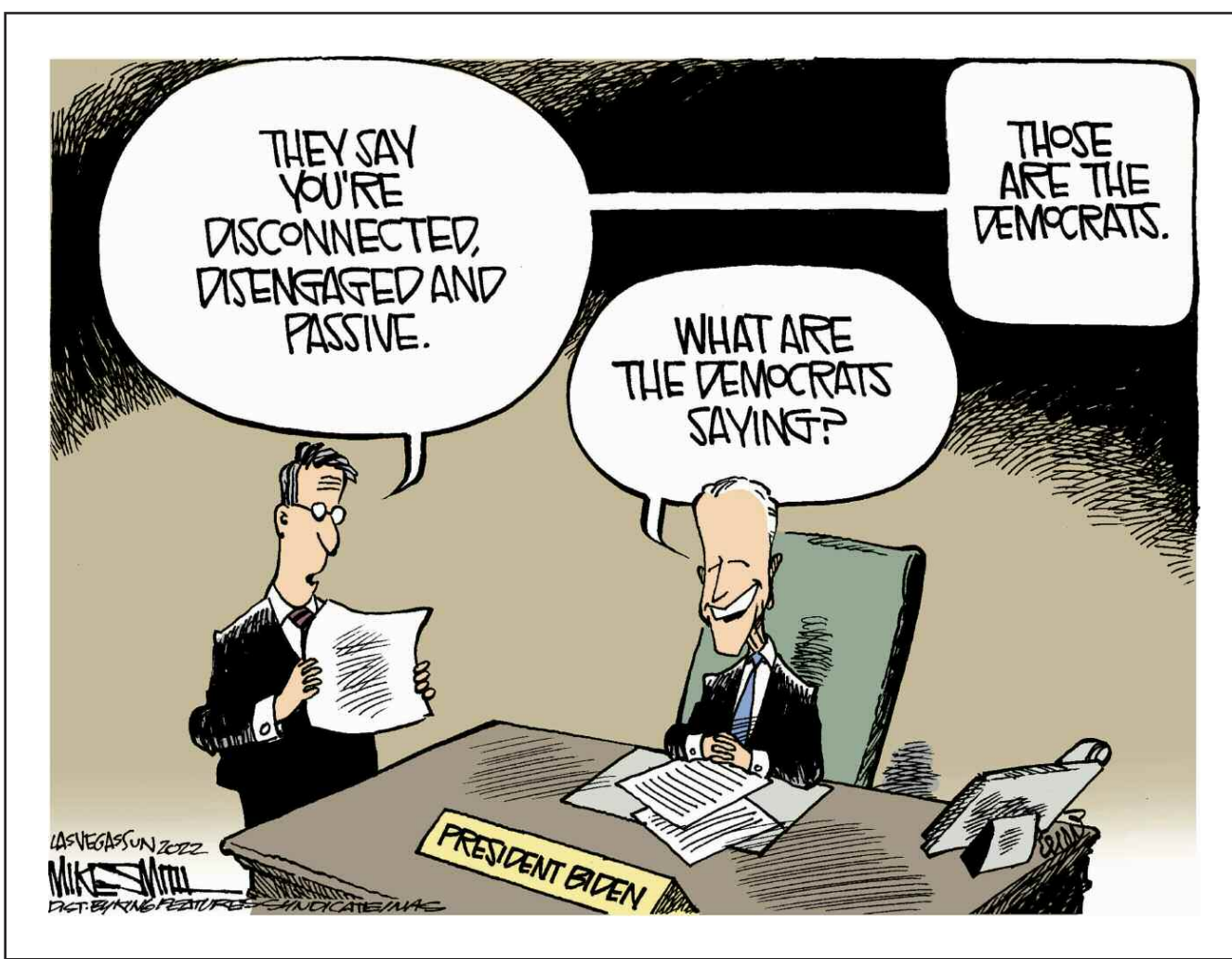
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tioned often for a possible statewide office run but Democrats need to build a team of more recognizable names representing the more progressive views of younger Democrats. State party folks point to key state lawmakers and city council representatives around the state as doing just that.

While the party has a solid trio of candidates this year for state Auditor, Treasurer and Secretary of State — ZeNai Brooks, Jessica McClellan and Destiny Wells — it is hard to scale the Republican wall that includes most of Indiana aside from its urban cores.

Partisan district lines no doubt have a role in who controls the Indiana House and Senate but statewide offices are a direct reflection of each party’s base. The Indiana Democratic Party — under leadership of former Buttigieg campaign manager Mike Schmuhl — has been crisscrossing the state with various town halls and meetings on key topics. But only time will tell if that is enough to fundraise and move the party forward.

As for Buttigieg, his political future is bright and hopefully he will still swing through Indiana from time to time. After all, Hoosier is a far better moniker than Michiganan-der.



Latinos want more than platitudes

By ISAAC LOZANO

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

I don’t think I’ve ever had a breakfast taco.

I’ve had all kinds of tacos — fish, beef, chicken, among other savory fillings — but never ones as unique as the San Antonio breakfast tacos that first lady Jill Biden alluded to Monday while speaking at the annual conference of Latino civil rights group UnidosUS.

The first lady, attempting to praise the Latino community’s diversity in America, said we’re “as distinct as the bodegas of the Bronx, as beautiful as the blossoms of Miami and as unique as the breakfast tacos here in San Antonio.” She also mispronounced bodegas, New York City’s famed local grocery stores, and later apologized for the whole debacle. The gaffe was as cringeworthy as when her husband played the Spanish-language pop song “Despacito” at a Florida campaign appearance.

As a Latino, I’m not angry that the first lady compared me to a breakfast taco. I’m more upset that she hasn’t pushed for a proposal such as “Medicare for All” — and that she thinks Latinos would rather hear platitudes about “admiration and love” than support for the policies we actually need.

I want elected officials who think boldly and critically about what Latinos want, and polling shows there’s a slew of policies Jill Biden and her husband could be pushing for.

Take Medicare for All, the ambitious proposal to create a single-payer health care system that progressives have called on the Biden administra-

tion to support (it hasn’t). Polls show 55% of all Americans back the concept, and roughly 7 in 10 think a public health insurance option is a good idea.

Latino voters have repeatedly said health care should be a top priority for politicians. That’s hardly a surprise when Latinos are less likely than both white and Black Americans to be insured, with roughly half saying that limited access to quality medical care is a major reason for worse health outcomes.

Democrats have struggled with messaging since the 2020 presidential election, when Latinos made a less impressive showing than some Democrats hoped for. Latino men, in particular, turned out in higher numbers for President Donald Trump compared with the 2016 election. It’s true that Latinos aren’t a monolith, and that they’re driven by a diverse set of concerns, including the economy, immigration, COVID-19 and, of course, health care. These issues were, to varying degrees, the reason Trump made strides among our community, according to some scholars.

Trump spoke to economic frustrations and emphasized his desire to grow the economy and find jobs, messaging that may have moved Latinos in places such as South Texas, which

Isaac Lozano



is stricken by high rates of poverty and was hit hard by COVID-19. In the counties near the Texas-Mexico border, Joe Biden won by 17% in 2020 compared with Hillary Clinton’s 33-point margin in 2016. Nationally, Trump earned 28% of Latino votes in 2016 and approximately 32% in 2020.

But I think this shows why Democrats can’t try to placate Latino voters with platitudes and flimsy taco praise. Democrats need to be far more attuned to the economic and social policies that Latinos have said they care about. That’s one reason Bernie Sanders, the self-proclaimed democratic socialist, gained favor among Latinos, who turned the tide in his favor during key primaries. Sanders got 53% of Latino voters in Nevada; 49% in California and 39% in Texas. He addressed the everyday economic issues that affect many Latinos and earned their trust.

“He has a lot of credit in the Latino community because he’s honest and he doesn’t pretend to be something he’s not,” Belén Sisa, Sanders’ former deputy press secretary, said in a 2020 interview with Jacobin. “He’s not going to throw out a few phrases in Spanish and assume that’s enough for you to feel that you can trust him.”

Jill Biden was probably well-intentioned in her remarks at the San Antonio conference. I’m sure breakfast tacos are unique and delicious. But instead of hearing truisms about our community, Dr. Biden could make a bigger impact by declaring her support for the legislation we desperately need.

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The Anthem and IU Health packages are the same in terms of premiums and coverage. The main differences are that Parkview Hospital would be considered out of network for most employees in the IU Health plan and that Walgreens pharmacy would also be out of network.
Napier noted that because the school corporation contributes a flat amount toward insurance costs, the increases would be absorbed by employees. (Any change to the corporation's contribution would be considered through collective bargaining with Jay Classroom Teachers Association.)
Employees had previously received information about the Anthem and IU Health proposals. Current said the plan is to provide answers to "frequently

asked questions" about the proposals as well as the most updated details Wednesday. That information will include a survey of employees regarding what plan they prefer. That survey will be open until July 26.
The corporation's insurance committee will then meet on July 27 with a goal of making a recommendation to the school board at its Aug. 1 meeting. (The meeting was moved from its originally scheduled date of Aug. 8.)
Jay School Board faced a similar insurance decision in 2019, ultimately deciding to stick with Anthem despite premiums offered by IU Health. At that time, some school employees had expressed concern that their current health care providers were not part of the IU Health network. A survey that year saw employees favor

Anthem by a 60% to 40% margin.
Also Monday, the board also approved the hiring of two administrators, with Christopher Brown as junior high assistant principal/assistant athletics director and Sarah Davidson as assistant principal at East Elementary School.
Brown has spent the last 20 years at Maple Ridge Elementary School in southern Madison County, most recently as a fifth grade teacher. Davidson was previously the student services coordinator at East Elementary.
In other business, the board:
•During its Patriot Pride moment, honored Samuel Bracy and Isaac Braun for each receiving a Certificate of Multilingual Proficiency, which recognizes a high level of proficiency in a language other than English for

meaningful use in college or career. Both have studied German at Jay County High School. Superintendent Jeremy Gulley also complimented the Jay County Fair and the Jay County High School Marching Patriots for their second-place finish Saturday in their season-opening contest at Centerville.
•Approved the following: the hiring of several new employees, including Rebecca Hudson as junior-senior high school nurse, Rene Haines as a high school science teacher and Kendra Muhlenkamp as a junior high physical education teacher; the retirement of longtime junior-senior high school kitchen manager Mary Laux; the termination of Amanda VanNote as West Jay Elementary School nurse; extracurricular assignments, including Bruce Wood as JCHS cross country coach; a

new textbook for junior high business classes; the purchase of a new server and backup system from Riverside Technologies at a cost of \$87,605.07.
•Accepted a series of resignations, including Rodney Craig as junior high physical education teacher, Rebecca Carr as junior high math teacher, Andrew Wellman and East Jay Elementary technology coordinator and Jenny Gibson as East Elementary special education teacher.
•Reviewed proposed meeting dates for the remainder of 2022 and all of 2023, with plans to approve the schedule at its next meeting.
•Received a series of policy updates regarding staff-student relations, staff dress code, public participation in board meetings and other issues. They will be voted on at the Aug. 1 meeting.

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He noted a representative from the group believes the lagoons will not be able to sustain the village's needs for much longer, instead suggesting it begin looking into a mechanical plant for wastewater treatment.
"None of it's cheap," Diller said, later explaining their construction cost estimates ranged anywhere from \$8 million to \$12 million. He believes those costs are inflated, noting their projections include building an on-site administration building as well as dredging the current lagoons.
"We're not going to do the top-of-the-line, best-of-the-best, we want to do what's right (for us) and be able to put the best operating cost system out there that makes sense for everybody," Diller said.

He added it would not make sense to invest dollars into the lagoons if they won't last, noting 25 years ago he had said the village would never consider a mechanical plant during his tenure because of its high cost.
"Well, we've seen what the cost can be, you know, just trying to deal with what we've got now (at the lagoons)," he said.
Representatives from Poggemeyer are planning to attend a village council meeting in August to explain options to council and the public.
Regardless of what village council decides to do, Diller pointed out, the lagoons need to be dredged in order to stay compliant with Environmental Protection Agency standards.

Also Monday, council learned Diller is pursuing funds through a program offered by Applied Energy Services. He's been in contact with Skycharge Energy, an electric vehicle charging company, to look into pricing through the program. Hopes are to install a standard double charging station near the visitor center in the village. If selected for the funding, Fort Recovery won't pay any costs to have the station installed.

In other business, council members Al Post, Cliff Wendel, Erik Fiely, Luke Knapke, Greg Schmitz and Scott Pearson:

•Heard from police chief Jared Laux that National Night Out, a community event hosted by local first responders, is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at Ambassador Pool. (It was scheduled for July 17, but was postponed because of rain.)
•Approved the 2023 budget. (Council members approved the budget at the end of June but later discovered the budget previously had not been advertised for a full 10 days prior to approval.)
•Gave permission to Fort Recovery Merchants Association to close the brick portion of Wayne Street for the group's First Thursday event Aug. 4.



Tribune News Service/Kansas City Star/Emily Curie

Heating up

Eleven-year-old Jazy Avery tests the warmth of the water before walking through the fountain at the Sprayground in Gillham Park on Monday. Kansas City is expected to see temperatures as high as 100 degrees or above this week.

New IEDC VP named

Indiana Capital Chronicle

Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers has tapped Salena Scardina as executive vice president of external engagement for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.
She most recently served as chief customer success officer for Herff Jones, the achievement division of Varsity Brands and a provider of graduation

and educational products and services. Scardina is a graduate of Monmouth College and Benedictine University. She resides in Fort Wayne with her husband and two children after moving to Indiana from Illinois 10 years ago.
"Salena has built her career around improving the customer experience and will bring a fresh approach to the IEDC," Chambers said.

Felony arrests

Domestic battery

A Portland man was arrested Friday for domestic battery.
Jason T. Phillips, 47, 943 W. High St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with a Class A misdemeanor for criminal trespassing.
He was released on his own recognizance in Jay County Jail.

Methamphetamine

Two people were arrested recently for drug possession.
Zachary T. Ingram, 33, was arrested Monday and preliminarily charged with

a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, along with a Class B misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$6,000 bond.
Dawn M. Dasher, 44, 101 S. Pierce St., was arrested this morning preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine, along with a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She's being held on a \$12,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

Continued from page 2 Intersection collision

A Ridgeville man crashed the car he was driving into a Portland woman's vehicle at the intersection of Meridian and Lafayette streets in Portland about 6:55 a.m. Monday.

Ana Minnich, 47, told Portland police she was stopped in her 2015 Chevrolet Suburban on Meridian Street at its intersection with Lafayette Street when a 2014 Ford Edge, driven by 33-year-old Aaron Vore, crashed into the back of her car. Vore told police he had been distracted and looked down at his phone while driving.

Vore was preliminarily charged with a Class A mis-

demeanor for driving with a suspended license. He was later released on a \$1,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500. The vehicle Vore was driving is registered to Kelsey D. Bash of Ridgeville.

Deer hit

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000 after a deer ran in front of a Fort Recovery man's truck on county road 600 South, causing an accident about 9:15 a.m. Sunday.

Kyle J. Knapke, 23, was driving west on the road when a deer ran in front of his 2017 Ram 1500. Knapke wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal.

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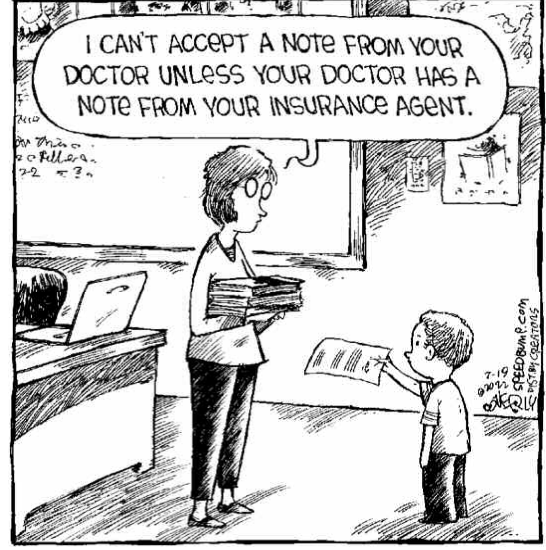
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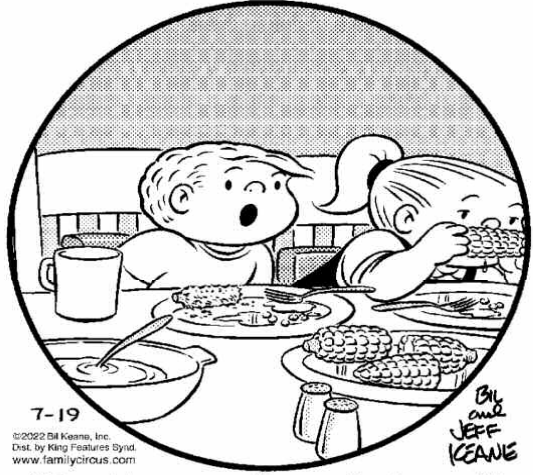
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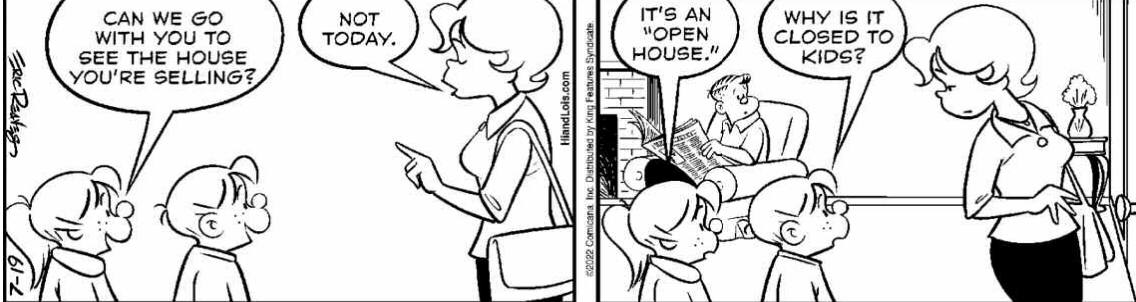
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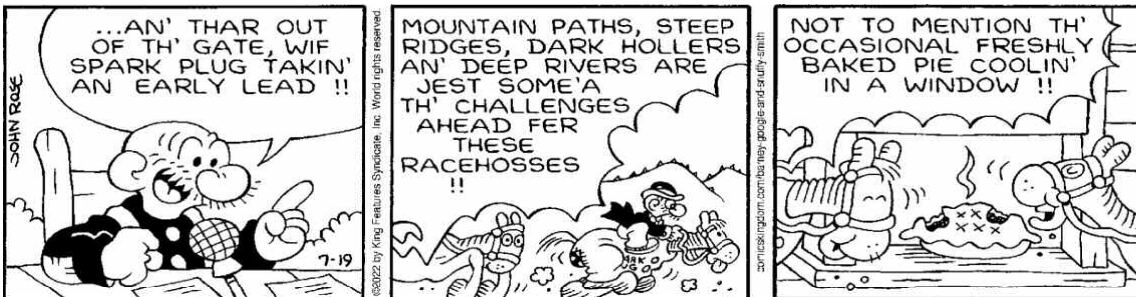
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

First things first

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The bidding: South West North East 2 NT Pass 3 NT Opening lead — four of spades. Assume you, South, are declarer at three notrump and West leads a low spade. How would you proceed? When the deal occurred, declarer ducked the first spade and won the spade continuation with the ace. He then finessed the queen of diamonds, losing to East's king, and won the spade return with the king. At this point, South had only eight tricks: four diamonds, two spades, the ace of hearts and the ace of clubs. Eventually, he tried a heart finesse, but when West turned up with the king and cashed two spades, the contract was down one. Nothing in this scenario might seem unusual, but South should have made three notrump. True, he was unlucky to find both red kings offside and West with five spades. But he should have considered that possibility at the outset and asked himself what, if anything, he could do about it. He might then have found the way to defuse that threat. While declarer has no control over the location of the red kings or how the spades are divided, there is a way he can protect against West gaining the lead after the spades are established. To this end, South should lead the queen of hearts from his hand at trick three! The purpose of this play is to eliminate the only potential entry to West's spades before they become established. Once the queen of hearts (or a low heart) is led, it doesn't matter where the heart and diamond kings are located. Provided West started with four or more spades, which would be a normal assumption, fulfillment of the contract becomes assured.

Tomorrow: Heads I win, tails you lose. ©2022 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

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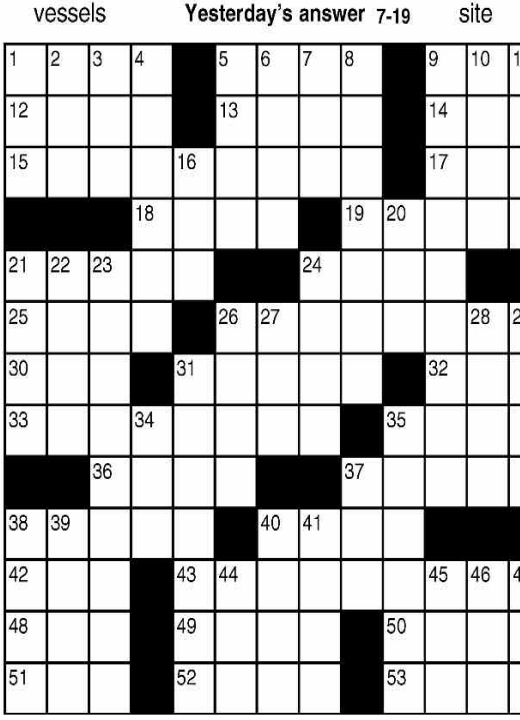
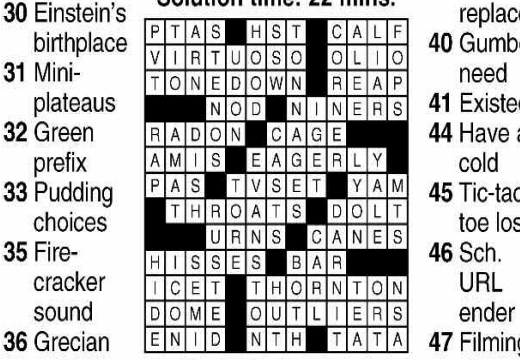
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Addisyn Champ led the 8-and-younger girls with victories in the long freestyle, individual medley and breaststroke while Carsyn Guggenbiller followed with wins in the butterfly and short freestyle, and Eliana Wiggins took first in the backstroke. Lydia Hoevel teamed with Champ, Guggenbiller and Wiggins for a victory in the freestyle relay.

Carson Westgerdes and Maria Laux gave Jay County a pair of triple winners in the 11-12-year-old division as well. The former reached the wall first in the boys butterfly, individual medley and breaststroke while the latter took the backstroke, short freestyle and long freestyle.

Mara Bader earned wins in the 15-and-older girls butterfly, individual medley and breaststroke, and Jordyn Champ topped the 9-10-year-old girls field in the long freestyle, breaststroke and short freestyle.

Double wins came from Finn Hemmelgarn in the 9-10-year-old boys long freestyle and individual medley, Elly Byrum in the 11-12-year-old girls butterfly and individual medley and Cooper Glentzer in the 11-12-year-old boys backstroke and short freestyle.

Adding single victories were Abrahm Lee in the 9-10-year-old boys butterfly and Brooklyn Byrum



Photos provided

in the 11-12-year-old girls long freestyle (tied with Laux).

Other relay wins for Jay County came from:

- Elly Byrum, Brooklyn Byrum, Kaitlyn Fisher and Laux in the 11-12-year-old girls medley

- Sophia Hoevel, Maisey Keller, Avery Wentz and Lauren Fisher in the 13-14-year old girls freestyle

- Samuel Westgerdes, Carson Westgerdes, Cooper Glentzer and Ben Fisher in the 11-12-year-old boys medley

- Grant Glentzer, Cooper Glentzer, Carson Westgerdes and Ben Fisher in the 11-12-year-old boys freestyle

Jay County County Summer Swim Team honored its award winners for the season during a celebration Sunday evening.

Pictured top left are the high-point winners from each age group. Front row, from left, are Sam Benirschke, Jordyn Champ, Addisyn Champ and Jackson Westgerdes. Back row are Carson Westgerdes, Elly Byrum, Mara Bader, Josh Monroe and Lauren Fisher. Not pictured is David Keen.

At bottom left are the team's special award winners. From left are Rookie of the Year Jackson Westgerdes, Jacqui Baxter Sportsmanship and Team Leadership Award winner Mara Bader and Most Improved Swimmer Isaak Felts.



Sports on tap

TV sports

Today
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: All-Star Game (FOX)

Wednesday
3 p.m. — Soccer: Women's Euro — Spain vs. England (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — Soccer: Copa America

Femenina — Chile vs. Colombia (FS1)
8:30 p.m. — Soccer: Clube friendlies — America vs. Manchester City (ESPN2)

Local notes

Ticket sales set
Jay County Junior-Senior High School super and season tickets for the 2022-23 sports season are on sale.

A Patriot Pass, which is good for all junior high and high school events, is \$100. (It is \$60 for those 65 and older.) Super tickets are \$75 for high school only and \$60 for junior high only. And season passes are \$20 for football and \$45 for boys basketball. (All Jay County students will be admitted to home games at no charge.) Tickets will be sold until 7 p.m. tonight. Beginning Wednesday, they will be available during regular office hours — 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Swiss Days Race registration open
Registration is open for the Swiss Days Race. The event is scheduled for July 30, with

a 5K run at 8:15 a.m. and a 1-mile kids race at 9:15 a.m.
The registration fee is \$20. In order to receive a race shirt, registrations must be completed by Wednesday.
To register, visit firstbankofberne.com.

The final event in the eight-race circuit is the JRDS 5K at Hudson Family Park. Registration is \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the race.
To register, or for more information, visit runjaycounty.com.

To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located:
Farmers Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland Indiana Saturday Morning
JULY 23, 2022
10:00 A.M.

MILITARY TRAILERS – GEAR – ACCESSORIES

6 Military trailers; military ammo boxes, several sizes, metal and wooden; 300+ helmets; 800+ helmet liners; helmet covers; entrenching tools – pics, shovels, pic-shovel combo; shovel holders; stretchers; sleeping bags - mats and covers; fanny packs; tent sheets; wool blankets; medical blanket; utility belts; ammunition belts; duffel bag repairs; mess kits; canteens – plastic & aluminum; canteen cups; CLOTHING – boots, camo pants, wool pants, shirts, green jumpsuits, rain jackets & caps, sheepskin/wool liners for pants 7 coats, jackets, Dress military blues/browns; shell casings; grenades; and many other items not listed.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
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WINTRUST MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF
BARRINGTON BANK & TRUST CO., N.A., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO IFREEDOM DIRECT CORPORATION
PLAINTIFF
VS
DARYL COOPER; PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY LLC
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 05/12/2022, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Jay County, in Jay County, Indiana, located at Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Portland, IN 47371 on August 18, 2022 at 10:00 AM Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Jay County, Indiana, to-wit:

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This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith (see Indiana Code).

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Attorney for Plaintiff
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Jay 2nd in WVC

BERNE — Wells Community simply had Jay County outnumbered this year.

The Jay County Summer Swim Team closed its season Saturday, with a runner-up finish as it scored 2,230 points in the Wabash Valley Conference Championships hosted by South Adams at Berne Pool.

Wells Community, which won the season-opening conference relays and handed Jay County its first loss in a decade in the opening dual meet of the season, took the conference title with 2,777 points. It finished first on the strength of 12 relay victories.

South Adams was a distant third in the five-team meet with 1,032, followed by North Adams Central (980) and Blackford (376).

Jay County's strength was in the 8-and-younger boys division as it won all individual events and relays.

Sawyer Hemmelgarn paced the boys by finishing first in the butterfly, individual medley and breaststroke. Jackson Westgerdes led the way in the boys long and short freestyle races while Tuck Hemmelgarn won the backstroke. Sam Gibson joined the Hemmelgarn brothers and Westgerdes to win the medley and freestyle relays.

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Final drive

A demolition derby served as the closing event for the Jay County Fair on Saturday. Pictured above, a large group of cars jockeys for position during one of the derby heats. At right, drivers battle toward a turn during a figure 8 race.





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Rockets split doubleheaders

SOUTH BEND — It was a weekend of splits for the Portland Rockets.

Making their annual trip to South Bend, the Rockets dropped the opener of the weekend Saturday 4-3 to the Michiana Brewers in a walk-off before bouncing back to win the second game 3-1 in eight innings. On Sunday, Portland beat the South Bend Royals 10-2 in five innings in the first game but dropped the second 7-2 when it was called after the top of the sixth inning because of inclement weather.

Nick Bailey gave the Rockets (16-15) a strong outing in their win over Michiana as he went the distance. He gave up just one run on six hits and two walks while striking out five.

His effort on the mound kept Portland alive and its offense finally came through in the top of the eighth inning. A walk to Zach Tanner got things rolling and Peyton Smith followed with a single to center field. A Cameron

Pratt double scored Tanner to give the Rockets the lead and another double from Joel Kennedy made it 3-1.

Bailey then sat down the Brewers in order in the bottom of the eighth — the final two outs came on strikeouts — to end the game.

Sunday's opener was powerful for Portland as Blake Caldwell, a 2021 Jay County High School graduate, and Kennedy each hit a grand slam. Caldwell's blast came with no outs in the second inning and Kennedy's capped a six-run fourth. Pratt added a 2-for-3 effort with two runs.

Trever Sheets earned the win, allowing two runs on one hit and four walks in five innings.

The Rockets nearly swept Saturday's games, but Michiana tagged reliever Caden Craft for a three-run rally in the bottom of the seventh inning. Dalton Soergel took the game-two loss Sunday, giving up five runs to the Royals on three hits and five walks in 3 2/3 innings.

JCHS grad opens with 83

PINEHURST, North Carolina — Struggles on the opening and closing holes of his second nine hurt what was an otherwise solid round for Evan Mathias.

The 2014 Jay County High School graduate who is competing this week in the inaugural U.S. Adaptive Open at Pinehurst No. 6 was sitting in 29th place out of 78 male competitors Monday with his first round of 83. (He was tied for third among competitors who are multiple limb amputees.)

He was scheduled to tee off for the second-round of the 54-hole tournament at 9:12 a.m. today.

Mathias, now an Indianapolis resident, played a solid opening nine holes — he started on the par-4 10th — with seven pars, a bogey and a double bogey for a 3-over-par 39.

He then struggled on the 411-yard, par-4 first hole, needing nine strokes to finish it. He rebounded to birdie the second hole, and after a bogey on the third he strung together five straight pars. It was on the ninth hole, his last of the day, that he struggled again with eight strokes pushing his front-nine score to 44.

Chad Pheifer of Caldwell, Idaho, leads the tournament after shooting a 2-under-par 70 Monday. The top multiple limb amputee is Jordan Thomas of Nashville, Tennessee, who carded a 4-over-76.



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