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Portland sewage rates set to increase

Plans call for 33.6% hike to pay for wastewater plant upgrades

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

Sewage bills for Portland residents will be going up by an average of 33.6%.

Portland City Council on Monday agreed to move forward with a two-tiered sewage rate increase to pay for upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant that are required through the city's agreed order with Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM).

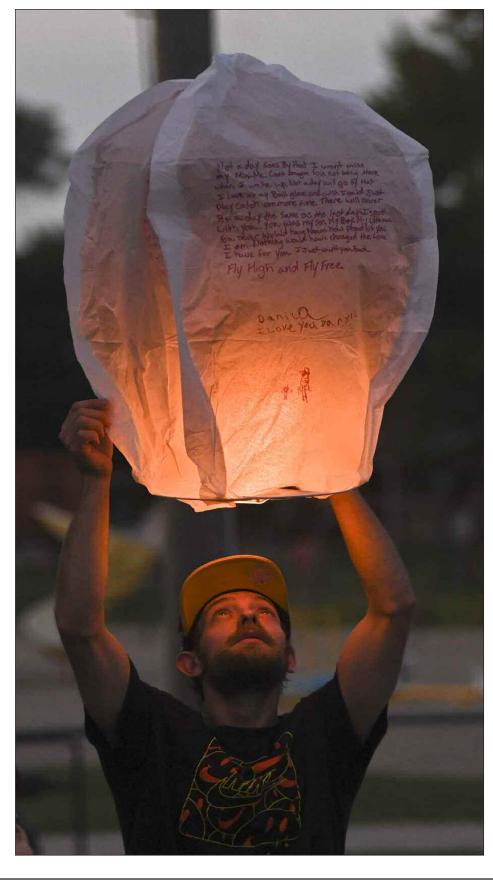
Also Monday, council members rejected the proposed 2023 payroll ordinance — it would have called for 3.5% raises and the implementation of longevity pay — on a 4-3 vote on second reading after it had passed on a 4-3 vote on first reading at its July 18 meeting.

Ross Hagen of consulting firm Baker Tilly presented the results of its sewer rate study, explaining the cost for the planned wastewater treatment upgrades — a raw pump station, equalizing basin and other changes — is now estimated at just under \$10.8 million. (It had been estimated at \$5.4 million in 2020, but construction costs have increased dramatically since then.)

He recommended that the city seek nearly the full amount through the State Revolving Loan Fund.

Hagen explained that the city's wastewater treat-ment utility currently pays about \$600,000 annually to pay off bonds from previous projects dating from 2012 and 2017. He said his firm's rate study shows that the city's current monthly sewage rates just about cover that amount. To cover the bonds for the planned 2023 project, rates would need to increase to \$61.53 for the average 4,000gallon-per-month user.

See **Increase** page 5





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In memory

Family and friends gathered Saturday night at Pennville Park in remembrance of 13-year-old Daryll Bledsoe Jr., who drowned in a pond July 26 while attempting to retrieve a fishing lure.

At left, Eathn Phillips prepares to release a lantern into the sky in honor of Bledsoe. Above, a woman wraps her arms around a girl while music played.

"He was the type of kid that everyone wanted to be friends with," said Daryll's aunt Megan Suman, whose sister Sarah Strait adopted Daryll when he was 2. "And if we could all just try to be kind like he was to everyone, this world (would be a better place)."

The Elvie Shane song "My Boy," a tribute to an adopted son, was played while candles were lit and lanterns and balloons released into the sky.

Board reviews proposed budget

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

Jay School Board was busy Monday.

The board took its first look at the 2023 budget, approved a change in its health insurance provider and OK'd the sale of a former school building.

Business manager Shannon Current presented the 2023 budget to the board at \$36.9 million, which is up about \$1.4 million (3.9%) from the current year. It includes \$20.1

School corporation is also changing health insurance provider to IU Health

million in the education fund, \$10.4 million in the included the three-year operations fund, \$5.5 million for debt service and \$894,709 in pension debt service.

ment projects each year, new buses each in 2023

The presentation also \$175,000 in Chromebooks annually and \$150,000 in capital projects plan, parking lot work in 2024 which calls for more than and 2025. The bus replace-\$350,000 in roof replace- ment plan calls for five

and 2024 and four each of

the next three years. Board members Ron Laux, Donna Geesaman, Phil Ford, Mike Shannon, Chris Snow, Jason Phillips and Vickie Reitz voted to give permission to Current to advertise the budget. It will be advertised Aug. 10, with a public hearing to follow at the Aug. 22 board meeting. The board will then plan to vote on budget adoption at its Sept. 19

meeting. See **Budget** page 2



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Fourth at Winchester

The Jay County High School Marching Patriots placed fourth Saturday night in the Drums at Winchester contest. Pictured, Elizabeth Stotler performs as part of the JCHS front ensemble. Marching **Patriots** scored 77.625 points to trail champion Kokomo, Winchester and Anderson. The band will host its ice cream social from 6:30 to 8 p.m. tonight with their state fair preview performance set for 8:30 p.m.

Village will use AG for collections

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FORT RECOVERY — The attorney general's office will take over collection of outstanding village taxes in the near future. Non-filers in the village will also be assessed at the median average.

Tax administrator Angie McAbee explained Monday to Fort Recovery Village Council the office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost offers to collect outstanding tax at no charge to municipalities, she explained. The village currently has 10 individuals with outstanding tax debt to the village, making out the amount owed to about \$4,500 before penalties or interest is added, McAbee said. Generally for outstanding debt, McAbee writes several letters to those who owe the village and, if nothing is paid after a certain period of time, files charges in court.

With the new process, McAbee would send letters to the individual who owes the village. After several attempts with no response, she would send a notice that the debt collection will be turned over to the attorney general's office if the amount is not paid or if a payment plan is not set up within 10 days.

McAbee confirmed a question from Mayor Dave Kaup that other villages are utilizing the same service. Kaup pointed out Southern Mercer County Joint Ambulance District, a group which Fort Recovery is a part of, has not seen much success with a similar debt collection process started roughly six months ago through the attorney general's office.

See Collections page 2

Deaths

Kenneth Ames, 76, Port-Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 84 degrees Monday. The low was 64.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 70. Wednesday's high is expected to climb into the low 90s with a heat index as high as 98 and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will host a free food tailgate from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from today's Jay County girls golf season opener.

Friday — Coverage of Thursday's Portland Board of Works meeting.



Budget

Current projects the school corporation will have a \$6.7 million cash balance in its education fund at the end of 2023. Previously known as the general fund, its balance was as low as \$1.4 million in 2017 before steadily climbing since. Jay Schools

Continued from page 1

has seen similar growth in its operations fund, climbing from just over \$54,000 in 2015 to a projected more than \$3.1 million at the end of 2023.

The board also unanimously approved its insurance committee's recommendation to change to IU Health as the school corporation's insurance provider. It had been with Anthem for about

Anthem's final offer called for Based on the proposed budget. an overall rate increase of about 15% for 2023 from the current year's rates. (The amount of the increase varied between 12.1% and 19.9% depending on what plans employees had.)

> Meanwhile, IU Health's proposal came in at a 4.6% increase over current rates for the same coverage. (IU Health also guaranteed no increase in 2024 if the corporation can reach 50% participation in its Health Results wellness program.)

> The board discussed the options at its July 18 meeting. Employees were surveyed in the interim, with about two-thirds of respondents favoring the change to IU Health.

after email after email about it," said Snow of those who opposed a change at that time. "I have not received one email or call about it this year. I think a lot more people are open once they see the difference in money.'

Also approved was a renewal with EyeMed for vision insurance at a 1.8% decrease in premiums with a four-year rate guarantee.

The board also OK'd the sale of the former Westlawn Elementary School in Dunkirk to Steve Schwieterman for \$60,000. Gulley said the school corporation had received no other offers.

Westlawn closed its doors at the end of the 2020-21 school "(Three) years ago we went year, with students shifting to

through this and I got email the former West Jay Middle ration's annual financial report; School. Ford, a rural Dunkirk resident, noted that Schwieterman has purchased, renovated and sold several properties in the city.

In other business, the board:
•Approved the following: board meeting dates for 2023; changes to policies including regarding curriculum, graduation requirements and school visitors; its agreement with the county for a school resource officer; service contracts with One Hundred Percent LLC Career Coaching for student job coaching and Otis R. Bowen Center for Human Services for mental health needs student assessments; Abigail Post as FFA sponsor; the school corpo-

and its staff performance plan and teacher appreciation policy.

 Accepted the resignations of assistant band director Jennifer Crum and elementary school music teacher LaVetha Loucks.

•OK'd the hiring of more than a dozen new employees, including assistant band director Emilie Garringer, school psychologist Elizabeth Bolton, junior high English teacher Ashley LeCount and junior high math teacher Ava Kahlig.

 Approved its new adjunct teacher permit form and subsequently approved a one-year permit for Kim Anderson to teach various art classes at the junior high and high school lev-

CR almanac

Friday

8/3	8/4
91/72	84/69
Wednes- day's forecast shows sunny skies and hot temperatures, with the high	Showers and a thunder- storm are like- ly with an 80% chance of pre- cipitation. Rain

83/69 91 may continue into the night.

There's a 50% chance of thunderstorms throughout the day, with a lesser chance at night.

chance

Saturday has a slight showers. Otherwise, most a high in the

Saturday

8/6

86/71

Another showers sunny skies. The high may reach degrees.

87/69

Sunday

8/7

Obituaries Kenneth Ames

Sept. 18, 1945-July 30, 2022 Kenneth Ames, age 76, of Portland passed away Saturday, July 30, 2022, at IU Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Kenneth was born in Portland on Sept. 18, 1945, the son of Homer and Opal (Ross) Ames. He was married on Sept. 8, 1963, to Barbara Ford who survives. He retired from Teledyne Portland Forge in 2006, attended Evangelical Methodist Church and was a 1963 Portland High School graduate.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years

Obstruction

Two Portland residents

Dawn M. Dasher, 44, 101

S. Pierce St., was prelimi-

narily charged with a Level

6 felony. Her other charges

include a Level 6 felony for

maintaining a common

nuisance, two Class A mis-

demeanors for dealing in

marijuana and possession

of marijuana, a Class B

were arrested today for

obstruction of justice.

Felony arrests

Barbara; one son. Chris Ames of Portland; and one daughter Jodi Wall (husband: Ryan) of Portland; three grandchildren; and eight greatgrandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, Aug. 5,

count of possession of mar-

ijuana and a Class C misde-

meanor for possession of

paraphernalia. She's being

held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay

Race St., was preliminarily

charged with a Level 6

A misdemeanors for deal-

ing and possession of mari-

juana and a Class B misde-

Noah W. Teeter, 55, 522 W.

County Jail.

2022, at 6 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Arnold presiding. Visitation will be Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. Burial will be in the Zoar Cemetery.

bond.

Burglary



Ames

gelical Methodist Church. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Memorials can be made to Evan-

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.

Lotteries

Powerball

reaching

Monday 15-21-31-36-65 Powerball: 16 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$202 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Hoosier

Monday Midday Daily Three: 3-5-3 Daily Four: 1-8-5-0 Quick Draw: 2-5-8-10-14-26-30-36-38-39-41-42-46-57-60-64-66-68-70-74

Evening Daily Three: 8-7-1 Daily Four: 7-8-9-3 Quick Draw: 10-15-2122-24-26-32-35-37-38-39-45-48-49-50-63-67-70-73-80

Cash 5: 8-21-22-29-44 Estimated jackpot: \$651,500

Ohio

Monday Midday Pick 3: 9-2-9 Pick 4: 2-1-8-3 Pick 5: 9-4-0-1-7 Evening Pick 3: 0-5-3 Pick 4: 0-6-3-3 Pick 5: 7-5-2-7-2 Rolling Cash 5: 6-21-24-29-39

Estimated jackpot: \$140,000

Classic Lotto: 3-10-27-28-29-34

Kicker: 6-8-4-4-6-4 Jackpot: \$32.8 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.60

POET Biorefining	
Sept. corn6.5 Wheat6.3	37

Portland Corn......6.85 Sept. corn5.55

Oct. corn5.81 The Andersons

Richland Township

Corn	6.78
Sept. corn	
Beans	
Sept. beans	13.59
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Wheat _..... 7.42 Nov. wheat 8.09 Central States

Montpelier

Corn	
Late Aug. corn	6.56
Beans	
Late Aug. beans	14.80
Wheat	7.50

Heartland St. Anthony

Corn	6.50
Oct. corn	5.62
Beans	14.65
Oct. beans	13.37
Wheat	7.40

Today in history

In 1802, the French Senate Napoleon 'Consul for Life."

In 1870, the world's was first underground railopened. It ran under the 1953. Thames River in London.

frontiersman, marks-Bill Hickok was murdered in Deadwood, South Dakota.

1923, In Coolidge became presi- County representative dent of the United remaining in the dou-States following the ble-elimination tournadeath of Warren G. ment. Harding.

1 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee,

commissioners' room,

courthouse, 120 N. Court

4 p.m. — Jay County

Community

Development Corpora-

Today

tion,

St., Portland.

Citizen's calendar

1924, author In proclaimed James Baldwin was Bonaparte born in New York City. His first novel, which semi-autobiographical, was "Go Tell way, the Tower Subway, It on the Mountain" in

In 1972, the Bryant High School baseball In 1876, American team got knocked out of the Eastern Indiana man and gambler Wild High School Baseball Conference Tournament with a 7-5 loss to Mississinewa. The Owls Calvin had been the last Jay

Park Board, council

chambers, fire station,

Town Council, town hall,

105 N. Washington St.

Thursday

7 p.m. — Pennville

4 p.m. — Portland

1616 N. Franklin St.

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Portland City Hall, 321 North Meridian Street, Portland, Indiana 47371 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM thru Friday, August 12, 2022. Application deadline is August 12, 2022 at 4:30 PM. No applications will be accepted after this time.

Applications are available at:

arrested Thursday for bur-Zachary F. Sator, 19, 195 Wabash Valley Drive, was

na. He's being held in Jav

County Jail on a \$4,500

A Geneva man was

felony, along with two Class preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony, along with a Class A misdemeanor for meanor for another count shoplifting.

He's being held on a

Unlawful possession

\$11,000 bond at Jay County

A Portland man was arrested for unlawful possession of a syringe Thurs-

Jacob T. Guntle, 22, 310 E. Elder St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.

He's being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Collections

misdemeanor for another of possession of marijua-

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McAbee mentioned Angie Brown, tax administrator for St. Mary's, Ohio, has advocated for the service. She said every account Brown has turned over to the attorney general's office has been collected.

Once the debt collection is turned pointed out village administrator pay the debt off directly to the village. (The village will receive the funds from the attorney general's office after it is collected.)

McAbee also noted Amanda Wyerick, previously of Fort Recovery's tax department, had signed the village up for the service. McAbee wanted to inform village council members about the process before transitioning to the new service.

Also, McAbee pointed out Ohio over to the attorney general's office, House Bill 5, Ohio Revised Code said Diller. which she said gives Chanter 718 Ohio median average for non-filing residents. (The village currently has 53 non-filers.) The process would their return and pays their taxes include mailing a letter to the resi-would agree (to this)," said Kaup.

dent stating they owe in accordance with the median average, and if the amount is not correct, the resident should file their original return with the village.

"We don't want to collect money from people who don't owe us money, but if they don't file, we don't know,

Randy Diller, residents can no longer municipalities the right to assess the members if she should move forward with that method.

"I think every person that files

Capsule Reports

Boil order

Dunkirk's water department reported this morning that the city is under a **Deer hit** boil order for its water until further notice.

Turning accident

Damage is estimated at less than \$1,000 after a Portland man's vehicle struck a Redkey man's vehicle while turning from Meridian Street onto Main Street in Redkey about 4:19 p.m. Saturday.

Ryan S. Knapp, 48, was driving his 2022 Honda Civic north on Meridian Street and crossing the intersection with Main Street when a southbound 2003 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by 19-year-old Gary M. Shutz, turned east onto Main Street. Shutz's truck hit the side Knapp's vehicle, according to a report from Jay County Sheriff's Office.

less than \$1,000.

Deer caused four car accidents in Jay County through the weekend.

Brenna L. Moser, 29, Portland, was driving north on county road 50 West, just north of county road 750 North, about 6:25 a.m. Friday when a deer ran in front of her 2013 Dodge Avenger. Moser wasn't able to avoid crashing into the animal, causing damage to her car's bumper and headlights. Damage is estimated

between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Kristy L. Inman, 50, Portland, was driving north on Mount Pleasant Road about 8:05 a.m. Saturday when a deer ran across the road. Inman's 2015 LaCrosse struck the animal, causing less than \$1,000 in estimated damage. Kimberly L. Fosnaugh,

40, Bryant, was driving

Damage is estimated at west on Indiana 67 between county roads 500 East and 600 East about 7 a.m. Sunday when a deer ran across the road. Fosnaugh wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal with her 2007 Pontiac G6. The deer slid onto the hood and over the top of her car before running into a nearby cornfield, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Betty I. Haffner, 86, Portland, was driving east on Indiana 67 just east of Indiana 26 about 9:30 p.m. Sunday when a deer ran into the side of her 2015 GMC Terrain. Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

SERVICES

Today

Bledsoe, Daryll: 7 p.m., Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City.

Wednesday

Strohl, Joe: I p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Friday

Ames, Kenneth: 6 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Free concert made for lovely evening

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review We attended a free concert this past weekend. It didn't matter that we had never heard of the performers. The important part was that it was free. It was also relatively close.

The audience had been told to bring lawn chairs. They could set up anywhere on the grass. It always amazes me that the chairs end up in raggedy rows. The rows were a bit farther apart than they were last year but, for the most part, people didn't maintain social distanc-

The opening band was

See It



They gave it their best for almost an hour. If they had been judged on enthusiasm alone they would have been the best band ever. The bass was a little loud for my taste but not to the point of being painful.

For some reason the first performance was accompanied by what I assume was a whole flock of dragonflies. Do dragonintroduced. Most of the flies travel in flocks? Whatband members were local. ever the name is, there

were a lot of them. They than expected so that from was such a pretty girl. She heard before. It was a song flew all around the audience, sometimes close enough to touch them. I also didn't see anyone swat at them. It seemed like people merely ducked out of their way.

By the time the feature entertainer came on most of the dragonflies had disappeared. It was one of the oddest things I had ever

As the band played on, I engaged in a bit of peoplewatching. I would venture a guess that at least half of the audience was what I call old hippies. Men had scraggly ponytails and bald spots. Women had flowing dresses or jeans. They also had longer hair the back they looked very young. It was only when they turned around that their real age became apparent.

Shortly before the first act had begun a lady and what I assume was her daughter set up camp beside us. The older of the two had brought a chair and a book while the girl had a blanket and a book. The girl appeared to be in her teens.

Both of them read as the band played. The trouble began when the sun went down and the temperature dropped. The girl was wearing a pair of shorts and a small top. She had

tried to cover up with her blanket. It didn't work. She wrapped the blanket around her shoulders but that left her legs and feet uncovered. She tried to huddle under it like some kind of weird turtle. That didn't work either.

They finally packed up and left. I hope she thawed out on the way home.

The band played on. At some point they asked the audience to come close to the stage and dance to the music. Women, children and a couple of men responded. $\bar{\text{From}}$ where we seated the dancers looked like shadow figures.

There was one song that long blonde hair and she neither of us had ever

about losing the songwriter's glasses. We both lose our reading glasses multiple times during the day. There is a living room pair, a kitchen pair, a car pair and so on. We knew exactly what he was singing about.

It was getting darker and people had begun to leave. The band played their final songs and the rest of us headed for our cars. By the time we got home it was after our bedtime. We may not have recognized many of the songs but that didn't matter. It was a lovely evening and we promised ourselves that we would do it again

Love triangle will lead to hurt feelings find someone who will love about? I don't want to be "that" know if she could ever forgive

DEAR ABBY: I'm a woman who, a little while ago, got a girlfriend, "Darlene." After meeting her, I thought that was what love felt like. But my old (bisexual) friend "Michelle" has me feeling differently. I have known her since kindergarten, but recently I feel my heart racing and butterflies in my stomach just thinking about her. When Michelle does my nails and holds my hand to steady them, my knees feel weak. I do not feel this way with Darlene, although I still care deeply about her. I don't want to hurt her feelings by breaking up with her, but I think that if I were single, Michelle might consider going out with me. Darlene's feelings are extremely sensitive, and I want to keep her as a friend. But just being around Michelle has me feeling happier than ever. Abby, this is driving me insane.

Do I risk hurting someone's feelings, or should I stay with Darlene and miss out on being with someone I am in love with? Am I a bad girlfriend just by and Darlene will be free to it's a lot less for them to worry

Dear Abby



thinking this? of LOVESTRUCK IN ALASKA

DEAR LOVESTRUCK: Your feelings are your feelings. You are not a "bad" girlfriend; you are a girlfriend who is ready to break up with Darlene. Before making any announcements, verify with Michelle that your feelings are reciprocated. If they are, then you must tell Darlene you want to see other people. Count on her being hurt and probably angry, so be as gentle as you can when you give her the news. It will be doing all three of you a favor. Breakups, while painful, are a

her the way she deserves to be

DEAR ABBY: My younger sister, "Tish," is adamant about getting our parents' affairs in order. They are in their 80s and in excellent physical and mental health except for osteo-related issues. Tish's constant reminders are making them feel she is rushing them to the grave. My siblings and I appreciate her intentions and support her efforts to get our parents to finalize their trust arrangements, but it's reached a point where she wants to start selling their belongings and is secretly throwing things away. Tish spends a lot of time looking at memorabilia and telling them who certain items should be given to. We are unable to control her, and she gets belligerent if we disagree with her vision of how things should be handled. Should I be thankful for what she's doing fact of life. People do recover, and try to convince my parents

family member, but I am afraid I'm becoming such. — LOOKING ON IN TEXAS

DEAR LOOKING ON: Your parents are fortunate that they are in great health, but they should also realize what inevitably lies ahead. You would be doing the whole family a favor if you pointed out to them that because Tish becomes angry and belligerent if someone disagrees with her, they need to talk to an attorney who specializes in estate planning, which will prevent conflict after their eventual passing. After that, the ball is in their court.

DEAR ABBY: I recently made some unflattering comments about my daughter-in-law to my son. They were recorded on their Ring doorbell. Now she's angry with me and my son, and I'm not sure I will ever see the grandchildren again. When I emailed her

me. She will see my husband, but I am not allowed over there if she will be around.

Any words of wisdom as to what to do? We have always helped them out with the children and sometimes financially. Should my husband tell her if I'm not welcome, then he feels the same way? I know he feels caught in the middle between me and the whole situation. — MESSED UP IN ILLINOIS

DEAR MESSED UP: You have learned the hard way that in our technological society, privacy is history. I do NOT feel it would be helpful to threaten your son and daughter-in-law by withholding your husband from interacting with them and the grandkids. What you should do is apologize AGAIN to your daughterin-law for your critical and unkind comments. Repeatedly, if necessary. Then hope she can find it in her heart to foran apology, she said she didn't give you.

Community Calendar

Community Calendar as space is available. To suban item, email news@thecr.com.

Tuesday

CENTER EUCHRE — Will mation, call (567) 279-8352 be played at 1 p.m. each or (260) 729-7000. Tuesday. The public is welcome.

THE LANDING — A 12step 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 – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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. Amanda Price at (765) 283-

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., BRYANT COMMUNITY Portland. For more infor-

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

Wednesday

WEDNESĎAY MORN-ING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend.

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

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon Center St., Dunkirk. For each Wednesday at Harmo-

Notices will appear in more information, call ny Cafe, 121 N. Meridian

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) Community Center. 726-8229

A BETTER LIFE - BRI- Thursday ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased 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.

PENNVILLE **FAIR** BOARD — Will meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Pennville

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — 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. Call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792 for more information.

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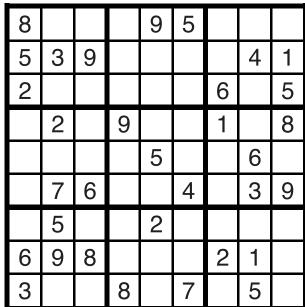
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State attorney general went too far

News and Tribune

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Never one to miss an opportunity to add fuel to the fire, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita again finds himself on the hot seat. Rokita has been threatened with a defamation lawsuit for his accusations against an Indiana doctor who performed an abortion on a 10year-old Ohio girl. A notice of a tort claim was filed Tuesday on behalf of Dr. Caitlin Bernard, the Indianapolis physician who provided the girl with a medication-induced abortion in a case that's drawn national attention.

The child was forced to come to Indiana for an abortion due to Ohio's law banning the procedure after six weeks of pregnancy. A man has been arrested and charged with raping the

It's a tragic case of a minor an "abortion activist acting as a stranger to controversy. Rokita points. He was one of the state's State Press Association.

Hoosier **Editorial**

being abused, but Rokita turned it into a political sideshow. Conservative media outlets were questioning the legitimacy of the Indianapolis Star's reporting of the abortion, and Rokita was the talking head they needed to further stir

Without providing any evidence of wrongdoing, Rokita said in a Fox News interview on July 13 his office would investigate whether Bernard lawfully reported the abortion involving a minor. He told Fox News host Jesse Watters that Bernard is

For an attorney general to make defamatory statements on a nationally-televised program without any proof to back his claims is perplexing. The quote, with a few word changes, would have been more accurate had it been about Rokita. Indiana's top attorney is an antiabortion activist acting as a lawyer with a history of failing to make sense.

Abortion is a divisive issue. Indiana lawmakers are convening this month to consider changes to abortion laws following the Supreme Court's overturn of Roe v. Wade. Tensions are high in Indiana and across the nation. Factual information and statements are needed, not unfounded allega-

doctor with a history of failing billed the state \$2,300 for his first officials to release a state-to report." billed the state \$2,300 for his first officials to release a state-to report." can border so he could attend a border security briefing hosted by Texas Gov. Gregg Abbott. He appeared on a Fox segment during his trip, and then found time to attend a Donald Trump

> Last year Rokita offered his "Parent Bill of Rights" in an attempt to allow parents to have more control over school curriculum. It was his partisan response to supposed critical race theory instruction.

> Rokita was also one of just four state attorneys general not to sign a letter condemning the U.S. Capitol riot. His justification for not signing the letter was that the attorneys general didn't condemn Black Lives Matter protests.

Of course Rokita is no abortion to garner political

Supreme Court following the Roe v. Wade decision. As an elected official, we should expect that Rokita will take sides on issues. We should also expect him to act in the best interest of Hoosiers.

Accusing a doctor of a crime is serious. Indiana physicians should be concerned about what this could mean for them with, from vaccinations to abortions, heightened scrutiny over the medical profession.

Unless Rokita has information to prove his claims, he should publicly apologize to Bernard. Based on the evidence presented, her actions were legal.

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Issue will be key in November races

By KEN DE LA BASTIDE

Herald Bulletin (Anderson) **HSPA** Infonet

The Republican supermajority in the Indiana General Assembly is finding it difficult to agree on language for a new abortion law for the state.

Once the U.S. Supreme Court ruled to overturn Roe v. Wade, it was anticipated that Indiana would be one of the first states to revise its current law. That opportunity presented itself for GOP lawmakers when Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb announced a special session to consider giving Hoosiers an additional \$225 from the state's surplus to ease the impact of inflation.

Republicans in the Indiana Senate have been debating, attempting to and meeting behind closed doors to get the necessary votes to pass an abortion bill and send it to the Indiana House.

Some Republican senators want to make the legislation more restrictive than originally anticipat-

The introduced bill would allow exceptions to obtaining an abortion in cases of rape or incest, or if the mother's life is endangered.

Hard-line GOP senators have attempted, without success, to remove the exceptions for rape and incest.

The bill's sponsor has indicated the necessary votes may not be there to pass it by Aug. 14's adjournment.

The sponsor said if a bill is not passed during the special session, lawmakers will revisit the issue in January.

There's the problem for the Republican Party: If a new abortion law is not adopted now, it will become a campaign issue in November.

Granted, no matter what happens between now and Election Day, the Republicans are going to hold a majority in the Legislature, but it could be facing the loss of the supermajorities in one or both of the chambers.

Republicans running to unseat an incumbent Democrat will have to indion an abortion law, and those GOP incumbents facing serious challenges will have to explain their votes or their intentions on any legislation come next year.

In many ways the debate Association.

Ken de la **Bastide**



Just like RFRA did seven years ago, the debate concerning abortion reform has made Indiana the center of national news reports.

and discussion in Indianapolis is similar to the failed Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) signed by then-Gov. Mike Pence in 2015. RFRA caused a nationwide stir with several major companies and organizations indicating there would be an economic impact on Indiana.

It was a mistake that was quickly corrected by lawmakers, but not before it became a political flashpoint for Pence and GOP lawmakers.

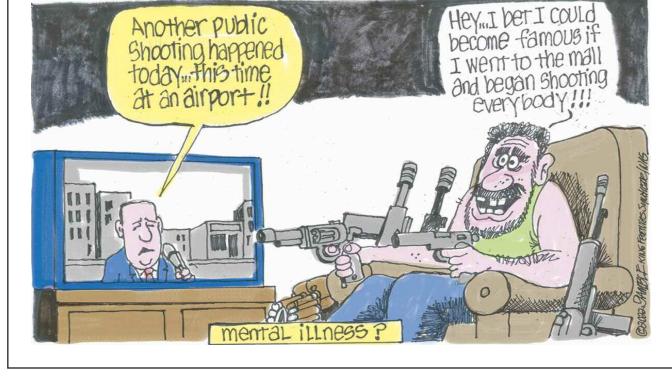
Maybe there aren't enough lawmakers who were serving in leadership positions in 2015 to learn from that mistake.

Just like RFRA seven years ago, the debate concerning abortion reform has made Indiana the center of national news reports.

The question now is will enough Republican lawmakers stand in support of exceptions for rape and incest, or cave in to political pressure from extrem-

Either way, the issue will be in the November spotlight despite the efforts of the GOP state cate how they would vote leadership to deflect it to national issues.

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Bring end to unresolved war

- would also help everyone move

toward the restorative closure neces-

grated from Korea to Chicago in 1970,

and unlike so many of their genera-

tion, they talked about the war. I grew

up hearing stories about their experi-

ences was part of our daily family

life. As an adult, I came to understand

that telling me these stories was a

form of therapy and a way to pre-

hid for days in a hole in the ground by

the outhouses, listening to B-52s

strafe his beloved hometown and sur-

rounding farmland. He eventually

fled the north with his parents, broth-

er and sister. They left behind many

family members, including my

father's two brothers and their fami-

lies, his aunts and uncles, cousins

His family was placed in a refugee

He found work in a soldiers' lounge

and survived for weeks eating the

sugar that fell off their doughnuts.

Doughnuts had to be accounted for,

sugar did not. He also scrounged for

odd jobs, doing laundry for the sol-

diers, fetching water and running

errands, earning sometimes coins

and sometimes food. After a few

months, he returned to his family

with a huge sack of American pack-

aged goods: Kraft cheese, Vienna

minister, and still longing for his

hometown, now in North Korea.

He is 87 now, a retired Presbyterian

My mother and her family were

camp, but he promptly left, seeking

work that would help him feed them.

When the war broke out, my father

serve family history.

and grandparents.

He was only 15.

sausages, Spam.

Chicago Tribune

Tribune News Service

Few Americans know that the Korean War, often referred to in the United States as the "forgotten war," never officially ended. Although the United States and North Korea stopped military battles when they signed the armistice on July 27, 1953, they never negotiated a peace agreement to formally end hostilities.

Korea remains divided separ by one of the most militarized borders on Earth, with South Korea and the U.S. on one side and North Korea on the other. Because there is no peace agreement, military attacks from either side can resume at any

For our own future as Americans, we need stable, lasting peace in Korea. The United States can take the lead by negotiating a peace agreement and normalizing relations with North Korea. Once military attacks are no longer a constant threat, America, North Korea and South Korea can focus on the essential business of strengthening ties for mutual nuclear deterrence and economic prosperity.

On July 27, the 69th anniversary of the signing of the Korean War armistice, I will be among the hundreds of people traveling to Washington to attend the dedication ceremony of the new Korean War Veterans Memorial Wall of Remembrance. The remembrance wall honors the more than 36,000 Americans and 7,100 supporting Korean soldiers who died during the war.

While I salute them, I am also remembering the millions of Korean civilians who survived the war, the estimated 3 million who died during the war, and the hundreds of thousands of separated family members. Memorializing them would go a long way toward helping to heal the wounds of this decades-old conflict that remains unresolved.

Recognizing civilian survivors in our midst — people like my parents among the many Koreans who fled tory at Northwestern University.

Ji-Yeon Yuh



They walked most of the way. There. she nearly lost her mother, and it was pure luck that they ran into each other on the street. After they returned to Seoul, shrap-

Seoul and headed south for Busan.

nel hit my mother's arm, gouging out a long chunk of flesh. That gouge is still there, the scar white, sunken and puckered. Now 85, she is a retired pediatrician.

One of the most tragic consequences of the ongoing Korean War and national division is the separation of families. Like my family, most Korean families have some connection to someone in the northern half of Korea. While North and South Korea have held reunions between separated families, the United States has never participated.

The ban on U.S. citizens traveling to North Korea imposed by the State Department in 2017 has obstructed Korean Americans like me and my parents from visiting family members on their own. With normalized relations and peace. Korean Americans can reunite with their long-lost

In a hopeful sign, there has been increasing recognition of the need to end the Korean War once and for all. H.R.3446, the Peace on the Korean Peninsula Act, calls for formally ending the Korean War and replacing the armistice with a peace agreement and is supported by 42 co-sponsors, including Illinois Reps. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, Jan Schakowsky and Bobby

As we commemorate the sacrifice of soldiers, both U.S. soldiers and the minority of ROK South Korean soldiers who augmented U.S. troops, let us also remember the civilians, those who survived, those who died, and those who still mourn for families left behind. And let us prove that their sacrifice was not in vain by finally bringing an end to America's longest war, the Korean War.

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Firetruck fun

Colin Jutte (left) teams up with firefighter Brayden Quinn to douse other children with the firetruck hose next to Ambassador Pool during Fort Recovery's National Night Out on Sunday. The event had been postponed twice in July because of rain.



ncrease

Continued from page 1 (That's an average increase of 33.6% from the current \$46.06 per month rate.)

Council member Janet Powers asked whether the upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant are necessary at this time. (They are required through the city's agreed order with IDEM and had originally been expected to be complete this year. A second phase of upgrades to create a new oxidation ditch estimated at \$9.6 million is scheduled for 2025.)

Council members discussed whether to phase in the increase with a hike this fall followed by another in the spring or to wait until the spring to do it all at once. They ultimately decided on a twotiered increase, with a hike of \$8 to go in effect likely in October followed by a \$7.47 increase in April. (Council must still introduce the increase in ordinance form and hold a public hearing before any increases go into

City council in 2017 had approved a series of four annual sewage rate increases, with the first going into effect in September 2017 and the second in 2018. (Each of those was for about \$5.25

per month.) But it delayed the other increases, which were slated to be about \$5.75 per month for an average customer.

"We probably should have raised our rates a couple years council member Kent McClung acknowledged during the meeting.

Council, Mayor John Boggs and clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips again had extensive discussion about the payroll ordinance. The mayor and Phillips argued that city department heads have been good stewards, with Boggs noting they returned \$1.7 million to the general fund last year. (He had originally proposed a 5% raise and longevity pay for all employ-

As suggested by council member Janet Powers and approved on first reading at council's July 18 meeting, the ordinance would give a 3.5% raise to city employees as well as extend longevity pay to all full-time employees as written in the 2021 payroll ordinance. (Currently only the police and fire departments receive longevity pay.)

The ordinance, however, was voted down 4-3 on second reading Monday, this time with Matt er holding a work session to hash

Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Michele out the details of a payroll ordi-Brewster and Don Gillespie nance before the next meeting. against while Dave Golden, McClung and Powers were in

Gillespie had voted in favor of the ordinance at the July 18 meeting. Asked after the meeting, he said he changed his vote because he is not in favor of the extension of longevity pay for all employees. (Goldsworthy, Aker and Brewster have been consistent in advocating for larger raises.)

Following the vote, no other proposals on the payroll ordinance were made.

Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips urged the council to move on the payroll ordinance because it is key to the budget process, which typically occurs in September with approval required in October. She also passionately pushed for Boggs' initial recommendation, reiterating arguments she and Boggs had made earlier in the meeting. Assistant police chief Steve Schlechty added that the city runs the risk of losing officers to other departments if it does not keep up with area wages.

After the meeting, Phillips asked council members to consid-

Also following a lengthy discussion, council made no changes to the golf cart ordinance it approved in May. Mayor John Boggs had proposed an update to the ordinance clarifying that the registration fee is \$35 for those who live within the city limits and \$18 for those who live outside the city and setting the penalties at \$50 for a first violation, with increases for each subsequent violation.

Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association president Chris Englehardt, whose organization's annual show that draws hundreds of golf carts is later this month, requested a two-week moratorium on the ordinance during the event. He said he's been receiving a lot of calls from members regarding the changes and noted the positive economic impact the show has on the city.

Some council members seemed open to a moratorium, but city attorney Wes Schemenaur noted that because of legal requirements — changes to ordinances must be approved and then published for 10 days before taking effect — a moratorium cil.

could not be implemented before the start of the Tri-State show Aug. 24.

Boggs then requested a motion on his ordinance amendment, which was met by silence.

In other business, council: •Heard from Boggs that there seems to be a question as to whether the state or federal government is holding up the distribution of American Rescue Plan Act funds. Boggs said the representatives from Indiana Sen. Mike Braun's office assured him that funds have been sent to the states for distribution while Phillips said state officials told her they have not. The city's Meridian Street storm sewer project is on hold until its alloca-

 Gave Schlechty permission to move forward with the process of purchasing two used police vehicles. Schlechty explained that three vehicles are currently out of service — two with transmission issues and a third with an electronic problem. The purchases will require approval from Portland Board of Works, which meets Thursday, and an additional appropriation from city coun-

tion of \$1.355 million is released.



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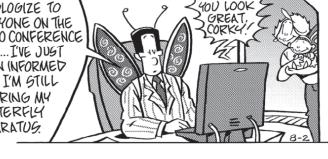






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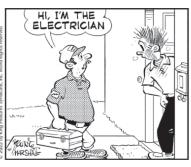
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1979 world team championship.

The U.S. North-South pair at the first table got to four spades dou-bled as shown, and West, Che-Hung Kuo, made the remarkable opening lead of the nine of hearts! After East, Patrick Huang, won the trick with the queen, he recognized that the purpose of his partner's underlead of the ace of hearts was to get a ruff. Huang also recognized

down one.

But alas, this brilliant defense by
the Taiwanese East-West pair was
more than offset by what occurred
at the second table, where the U.S.
West wound up playing at five
hearts doubled. Ordinarily, he
would have gone down one, losing
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So the outcome was that the American East-West pair at the second table made five hearts doubled with an overtrick for a score of 1,050 points. This was 950 points more than the Taiwanese pair at the first table had scored with their extraordinary defense, providing ample proof that brilliancies are not always adequately rewarded.

that West's lead of an unnecessarily

high heart was a suit-preference signal, asking for the return of the

higher-ranking of the two remaining side suits.

Accordingly, Huang returned the

deuce of diamonds, transmitting a suit-preference signal of his own. West ruffed the diamond and,

obeying East's signal, returned the seven of clubs! West's second underlead of an ace was likewise

successful. East won with the queen and led another diamond, and West ruffed to put the contract

Tomorrow: The exploratory approach.

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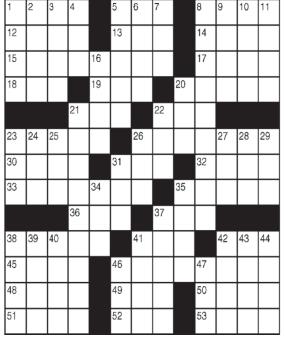
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NFL suspends Watson for six games

By BROOKS KUBENA

Houston Chronicle Tribune News Service

Former Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson, who showed a pattern of behavior "more egregious than any before reviewed by the NFL,' has been suspended six games without pay but won't be fined for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy, a former federal judge appointed by the league and its players union ruled Monday.

Sue L. Robinson, the independent arbitrator, said in a 16-page report that Watson's three violations met the NFL's definition for sexual assault during massage therapy with

women. Watson, who was the subject of 24 civil lawsuits from women who alleged he sexually assaulted and harassed them, was ordered to only seek club-directed or club-approved massage therapists for the duration of his career.

The NFL Players Association and the league have until 8 a.m. Thursday to appeal Robinson's ruling. The players union said in a Sunday statement they will stand by her decision and called on the league to do the same. The NFL said Monday it is reviewing the suspension and "will suspension and make a determination on next steps."

The NFL had recomfour mended Robinson sus- and Incest National Net-

pend Watson for at least work, says will underline sexually assaulted them the entire 2022 season. If the league decides to pursue a larger punishment, the appeal would be reviewed by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell or his designee, who will render a final decision. If the NFLPA disputes a potential reversal, legal experts say the case could reach federal court, which has historically ruled in favor of an arbitrator's original decision.

Watson, who was traded to the Browns in March, is scheduled to begin playing Oct. 23. The Texans also host the Browns on Dec. 4, a potential rematch that Scott Berkowitz, president of the Rape, Abuse

the league's "woefully inappropriate level of discipline.

"The public sporadically pays attention to sexual violence issues," said Berkowitz, whose organization, RAINN, is the largest anti-sexual violence group in the nation. "The most attention they're paying is when it's such a high-profile (case) like this. It leads other survivors to think it's not worth all the trouble of reporting, that the end result is just a slap on the wrist, and there's a risk that discourages people from coming forward.'

Watson once faced civil lawsuits filed by 24 women who alleged he

during massage therapy sessions. Attorney Tony Buzbee, who represents the women who filed suit, said Monday that Watson has settled all but one of the lawsuits. Watson has denied any wrongdoing. Two grand juries in Harris and Brazoria counties declined to criminally indict him, decisions which bookended the Browns' March acquisition of Watson.

Browns owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam said in a statement Monday they "respect" Robinson's decision, "and at the same time, empathize and understand that there have been many individuals triggered throughout this process."

"We know Deshaun is remorseful that this situation has caused much heartache to many," the statement said, "and he will continue the work needed to show who he is on and off the field, and we will continue to support him.'

But Watson said in his introductory press conference with the Browns that he doesn't "have any regrets" about his behavior. Robinson noted Watson's "lack of expressed remorse" in her report, in which she said, "it is difficult to give weight to a complete denial when weighed against the credible testimony of the investigators who interviewed the therapists and other third parties.'

Legacy ...

Continued from page 8 that discusses inclusion for "disability, gender, sex, race, everything," at Arizona State University.

'Sports was always going to be something that I wanted to do," Pryor said. "It was always ing at a high level into his 30s.

a dream to be involved in He's also teaching Inclusive either high school, college, Community Sports, a course professional sports, whether that be as an athletic director or coach."

Though sports have always been a part of his life, he never imagined being involved at the level he is, including compet-

"It's definitely been a wild journey," he said.

It has become Pryor's mission to make sure others know about the opportunities he didn't realize existed when he was growing up.

Now a father of two — he and wife Stephanie (Wellman), another Jay County native,

have 2-and-a-half-year-old son Oakland and two-month-old daughter Evie — he has even more reason to keep pushing. "I just want to keep doing it

for him and for her," he said. "I'm just trying to leave a legacy that they're proud of.' And Dunkirk, too.

As excited as he is to be a of Nick Pryor."

part of Team USA, Pryor also emphasized that the city where he grew up is always represented wherever he goes.

He still thinks about the signs on the edge of the city that say, "Home of ...

"One day I was hoping it would have said, 'Home town

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Jay County — Girls golf at Bellmont cisco Giants (TBS) Invitational - 8 a.m.

Wednesday Jay County — Girls golf at South Adams Invitational – 9 a.m.

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Today 1 p.m. — Tennis: Citi Open and Silicon Valley Classic (Bally Indiana) 6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Miami Marlins (Bally

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8 p.m. — Soccer: Liga MX – Atlético San Luis vs. Juárez (FS1) 8:30 p.m. — Soccer: Club friendlies – Guadalajara vs. Los Angeles Galaxy (ESPN)

11:15 p.m. — Soccer: Club friend-

Local notes

JCC registration deadline extended Jay Community Center has extended its registration deadline for its fall Boomer flag football and soccer programs to Wednesday.

lies - América vs. Los Angeles FC

Forms are available at the community center or online at jaycc.org. The fee is \$30 for football, which is open to ages 3 through 12, and \$60 for soc cer, which is open to ages 3 through Games will be played Aug. 20

ation Complex, 5363 W. 450 South WJCC soccer registration open

through Oct. 1 at Jay County Recre-

Registration is open for the West Jay Community Center fall soccer program for third through eighth graders. Forms are available at the commu-

center or online thewjcc.wix.com/wjcc. The fee is \$35 for those who sign up by Aug. 10. It will then increase to \$45.

Registration is open until Aug. 19, with a clinic and skills assessment to follow Aug. 20. Games will be held on 15 at West Jay Elementary School. Ticket sales set

Saturdays from Sept. 10 through Oct.

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Tickets are available during regular office hours — 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Passes do not cover Allen County Athletic Conference or IHSAA tournament events

5K circuit continues July 16 The Run Jay County 5K Circuit wil wrap up its 2022 schedule on Saturday.

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Leaving a legacy

Dunkirk native Pryor competing in softball World Series, will play for USA Wheelchair Softball in Japan in November

The Commercial Review Nick Pryor will compete for the Ability 360 Arizona Diamondbacks in the Wheelchair Softball

World Series That's nothing new for the Dunkirk native. He played in the event last year and competes for the organization's wheelchair basketball and football teams as

This time around, though, in addition to playing for the Ability 360 squad, he'll be representing Team USA.

Pryor was named in March to the USA Wheelchair Softball team, which will compete in the international bracket during this week's Wheelchair Softball World Series in Crestwood, Illinois. Those games will be preparation for traveling to Osaka, Japan, in November for the Wheelchair Softball World Championships.

"When I first heard the news, I was super excited," said Pryor, a 2008 Jay County High School graduate, "just because it's a sport that's probably going to be a Paralympic sport before too long just because there's so many international teams that are involved \dots

"It's always been, since I've started my journey in adaptive sports, (a goal) to make a team USA team and represent the country and travel outside the country and compete. For me, it really is a dream come true."

The international bracket this week at the Wheelchair Softball World Series features three teams competing in a round-robin format. Pryor and Team USA will play Canada at 6 p.m. Friday (5 p.m. local time in Illinois) and Japan at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

The Ability 360 Arizona Dia-



Photo provided

Dunkirk native Nick Pryor takes a swing during a wheelchair softball game. Pryor is playing for the Ability 360 Arizona Diamondbacks in the Wheelchair Softball World Series this week and will play for the USA Wheelchair Softball team in the Wheelchair Softball World Championships this fall in Japan.

mondbacks get started at 10 a.m. Thursday against the Deep South Hurricanes, the same team they lost to in the opening round in last season's tournament in Biloxi, Mississippi.

"We added some players this year," said Pryor, noting the team the winner's bracket quarterfihas also gone through a full practice schedule this year after being limited in 2021. "I think we're going to be super competitive."

A victory would send them to nals of the 20-team tournament at 2:30 p.m. Thursday while a loss would bump them into the losers' bracket. The tournament

championship game is slated for 3 p.m. Saturday. (Teams with a couple of early losses drop into a Division II bracket, where the Ability 360 squad placed fourth

Pryor lost his lower right leg when he was 4 years old. He and his siblings were playing at a neighbor's house when a friend was attempting to load shells into a 12-gauge shotgun. The resulting explosion killed his sister, Kaycee, and after several surgeries, it was decided amputation was the best path forward for Nick.

He played for Jay County's only sectional championship football team in 2007 and was on the home run record-setting 2008 Patriot baseball team. But it wasn't until late in his collegiate career — he played club baseball at Indiana University — that a professor mentioned the Paralympics. He started competing in a Paralympic qualifier when he moved to Phoenix — his mom, stepfather, grandmother and younger siblings lived there pursued a master's degree in parks and recreation management at Arizona State University and discovered Ability 360, which provides a variety of assistance and programs for those with disabilities.

Now, at 32, he's Ability 360's program manager for athletics. In addition to playing softball and basketball, he coached and played for Ability 360's Arizona Cardinals squad which was selected to be one of the inaugural teams for the USA Wheelchair Football League. (He was named an All-Pro in the first sea-

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