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Nava died in Saturday crash

ditch along U.S. 27 north of Portland and flipped multiple times. His car landed on top of him.

Nava was driving south on the highway between county roads 200 West and 300 West about 9:22 p.m. land, told police she was driving in front of Nava ing.

A Portland man died and that he was following Saturday as the result of a too closely behind her car accident in Jay County. vehicle. She sped up to put Ricardo Nava, 43, was distance between herself pronounced dead after and Nava's vehicle. That's being ejected from his when she saw Nava's 2007 vehicle, which entered a Buick Rendezvous swerve several times and go into the ditch. She told police Nava's car flipped at least three times.

Nava was ejected from the driver's side window of his vehicle.

He suffered severe head Saturday, according to a trauma and died on the Jay County Sheriff's scene, according to Jay Office report. A witness, County Coroner Michael Rachal Hamilton of Port- Brewster. Results from an autopsy Monday are pend-

County altering rules for trucks

400 South set to be designated as truck route

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review Rules for operating trucks on some county roads may be changing.

A portion of one rural road may be designated as a truck route.

Jay County Commissioners agreed Monday to move forward with amending the county's truck ordinance.

They also opened applications for the position of county highway superintendent.

Commissioners recently discussed amending the current truck ordinance to accommodate local farmers. They reviewed a map of county roads Monday with Bob Howell, interim superintendent of Jay between county roads 300 County Highway Department.

commissioners **Past** Chuck Huffman and Mike Leonhard and commissioner Chad Aker adopted a truck route ordinance in May 2019. The ordinance was amended to include another portion of county road 200 West in August 2020. Currently, semitrailers, trucks and truck-tractors are not allowed on the

following portions of county roads:

 Como Road between Indiana 26 and Indiana 67

 County road 100 North between U.S. 27 and county road 200 West

•County road 200 South between U.S. 27 and Indi-

•County road 200 West between Mt. Pleasant Road and county road 400 South as well as between county road 300 North and Indiana 67 South

•County road 250 West between county roads 900 South and 800 South

•County road 300 East between Indiana 26 and Division Road

•County road 400 South between Indiana 1 and Indiana 67 as well as between Como Road and

•County road 500 North between county roads 750 West and 650 West

•County road 500 South between Indiana 1 and Indiana 67 as well as between county roads 1150 West and 1225 West

County road 750 North and 400 North, county roads 450 North and 400 North and between Indiana 18 and county road 550 North

•County road 1150 West between county road 500 South and Dunkirk city

·Division Road between the eastern edge of the City of Portland and county road 300 East

See Trucks page 2



Final ride

Oaklee Overman, 3, takes one of her last rides down the slide Sunday at Ambassador Pool in Fort Recovery. Less than 10 swimmers occupied the pool that afternoon during its last day open, leading staff to close the facility for the season a few hours early.



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Reading time

Arya Castillo reads her book in the library at East Elementary School of Portland.

Jay Schools increases wages

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review Jay School Board on Monday increased wages for support staff, held a public hearing on its budget and approved the sale of the former Judge

Haynes Elementary School. Superintendent Jeremy Gulley presented the board with proposed changes to wages for support staff. It called for an increase in the minimum wage to \$13 per hour from the cur-

ans and \$14 from the current \$12 for secretaries. In addition to those bumps, all current support staff will receive a \$1 per hour raise.

"It is self evident that local and regional employers have raised their wages of the course of the past two years,' Gulley said in a document presented to the board and read at the meeting. "We must do the same to stay competitive and

rent \$11 for aides and custodi- attract and keep good people to serve the students within our schools."

Board members Ron Laux, Phil Ford, Donna Geesaman, Chris Snow and Vickie Reitz unanimously approved the raises. Mike Shannon and Jason Phillips were absent.

Any raises for teachers will come through the collective bargaining process, which Gulley noted will begin soon.

See **Schools** page 5

/ote on Dunkirk raises falls short

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review DUNKIRK — Council had on the details of a salary ordinance at its last meeting.

By Monday, that was no longer the case.

Dunkirk City Council on Monday failed to pass its 2023 salary ordinance on a split vote with members

one member voting against, one abstaining and one absent.

After discussion at their Aug. seemed to come to an agreement 9 meeting, council members agreed to move forward with the following proposal:

> •A 7% raise for the mayor •A 3% raise, as requested, for

clerk-treasurer Tina Elliott •No increase for city council

•7% raises for city employees except for the police department's office/clerical position Introducing the issue again

Monday, Mayor Jack Robbins acknowledged the council chambers that was overflowing with attendees, many of them city employees, and offered the opportunity for comment.

See Raises page 5

Deaths

Ricardo Nava, 43, Portland Barbara Gordon, 82, rural Redkey

Homer Butcher Jr., 96, Portland

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Monday. The low was 65.

Tonight's low will be 57. Expect sunny skies Wednesday with a high of 83.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Voters went from having no choices for the Jay School Board District 1 seat to two this morning. Both Mike Foreman and Chad Bricker filed to run this morning for the seat that represents the City of Portland. It is currently held by Chris Snow, who is ineligible to run for it after moving out of the city.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from tonight's JČHS vollevball match against Winchester.

Friday — A feature story from the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show.



Trucks

Continued from page 1

The ordinance does not apply to school buses and state- or county-owned vehicles, delivery vehicles making stops along the above mentioned areas or vehicles owned or operated by property owners or renters in those locations.

Howell pointed out if commissioners decided to open certain portions of road to truck traffic, those roads would likely need to be added to a two-year rotation for chip and seal work in order to maintain them properly.

After discussion with Howell, commissioners decided to

between U.S. 27 and Indiana 1 as a truck route and remove county road 500 North between county road 650 West and 750 West and county road 250 West between 800 South and 900 South from the

They also added county road 50 North between county roads 300 West and 400 West to the portion of rural roads where trucks are not allowed.

Also Monday, commissioners opened applications for the role of Jay County Highway Department superintendent. Howell has been serving as the interim amend the truck ordinance and superintendent since May 20, fol- Extension Office. It is about two

Sunday

8/28

superintendent Donnie Corn. Howell, former road foreman, was temporarily hired to fill the role for 90 days. Aker noted he is welcome to apply for the permanent position. Applications are open now through noon Sept. 2.

Commissioners also heard from Matt Yergler, owner of Yergy's State Road BBQ. (The business has locations in Portland and Bluffton, as well as a food truck.) Yergler asked if he could put up a sign on the county-owned building at 126 N. Meridian St. in Portland that houses Jay County Purdue

business.

Hinkle noted he wasn't aware of any legal issues preventing the idea but cautioned commissioners that allowing Yergler to do so would set a precedent and would mean commissioners would need to set corresponding regulations. Aker suggested setting up a sign next to the building pointing toward Yergler's business, and county attorney Bill Hinkle said he would need to look into the city's ordinances on the matter.

In other business, commissioners:

•Accepted two Indiana Depart- now.")

Gordon

designate county road 400 South lowing the death of former blocks away from his Portland ment of Transportation grants for bridge work, as well as a \$25,000 grant for public health emergency preparedness at Jay County Health Department.

•Paid claims, including a \$105,871 quarterly claim from Lifestream Services. (Part of the funding comes through an Indiana Department of Transportation grant.)

•OK'd applications for four new residents at Jay County Country Living. (Commissioners also commented on the state of the residential center, with Brian McGalliard pointing out, "It's a very happy place to go

CR almanac

Friday

8/26

83/62

Wednesday 8/24	Thursday 8/25			
83/60	85/63			
Sunny skies are on the horizon for Wednesday with a high in the low to mid	Another day of sun is the foreca for Thursda Partly cloud skies expecte			

Powerball

Monday

12-27-34-55-67

Powerball: 9

Estimated

\$100 million

Power Play: 2

Mega Millions

Estimated

\$116 million

Monday

Midday

59-63-65-67-77-80

Evening

Daily Three: 1-0-1

Daily Four: 3-0-6-6

9-22-30-31-36-48-49-55-58-

Daily Three: 4-7-6

Daily Four: 9-5-4-0

Quick Draw: 2-9-17-23-

Quick Draw: 1-2-5-6-8-

Hoosier

85/63 Another artly cloudy



There's a afternoon **Lotteries**

jackpot:

jackpot:

light chance showers and thunderstorms in the

have mostly sunny skies with a high of 84. Partly cloudy

Saturday

8/27

84/64

24-30-31-33-35-36-43-45-50-

Cash 5: 9-14-26-35-44

53-64-66-73-75-77-78

Estimated

\$265,000

Monday

Midday

Evening

Pick 3: 3-7-6

Estimated

Pick 4: 8-7-5-3

Pick 5: 6-8-5-8-5

Rolling Cash 5: 4-6-13-

Classic Lotto: 5-17-25-

Jackpot: \$34.4 million

Kicker: 2-9-3-4-9-9

Pick 3: 3-1-1

Pick 4: 0-9-0-8

Pick 5: 2-3-4-7-7

Ohio

32-37

\$110,000

28-34-49

Saturday Another

slight chance showers and thunder storms. Skies will be mostly sunny

jackpot:

jackpot:

87/68

making others laugh. He loved his kids and family very much.

Golf Course.

Ricardo

Ricardo worked at MSSL in Portland. He married Brittany Denney on Aug. 31, 2016.

Survivors include: His wife — Brittany Nava, Portland, Indiana

Obituaries

Oct. 3, 1978-Aug. 20, 2022

of Portland, passed away on Satur-

in Torreón, Mexico, the son of

Mario Nava and Olga Carmona.

enjoyed

Nava

Ricardo Nava, age 43, a resident

Ricardo was born on Oct. 3, 1978,

Ricardo Nava

day, Aug. 20, 2022.

Ricardo was a veter-

an of the Mexican

Army. He was an avid

golfer and a member

of the Wabash Valley

His father — Mario Nava, Torreón, Mexico His children — Natalie, Melissa,

Ricardo and Adrian Nava all of Portland, Indiana Stepson — Koblyn Martinez, Portland, Indiana

Siblings — Nery Nava, Mario

Nava, Berenice Martinez and Sergio

His dog — Millie Nava

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home with Father Logsdon officiating. Condolences may be expressed to

williamsonspencer.com.

Barbara Gordon

Feb. 3, 1940-Aug. 20, 2022 Barbara "Ramona" Gordon, age 82, a resident of rural Redkey, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Barbara was born on Feb. 3, 1940, in Portland, the daughter of Carlton and Barbara Pauline (Carmichael) Smelser. She

raised by Blanch and Edna Chalfant. Barbara graduated from

Gray High School in 1958 and married Robert Gordon on Oct. 18, 1958. She and her husband were long time farmers in Richland and Jefferson Township. She was a member of the Redkey Town and County Home Ec. Club and enjoyed making and decorating cakes.

Survivors include:

Her husband of 63 years — Robert Gordon, rural Redkey, Indiana

Three daughters — Lou Ann Zimmerman (husband: Ron), rural Redkey, Indiana, Kay Haffner (husband: Mike), rural Ridgeville, Indiana, and Melissa Lawson (husband: Eddie), New Paris, Ohio

One sister — Janet Shipp (husband: Dennis), Nashville, Tennessee

Two brothers — Dick Smelser (wife: Betty), Fairmount, Indiana, and Joe Smelser (wife: Lisa), Pendleton, Indiana

Sister-in-law — Sarah Smelser, Ossian, Indiana

Six grandchildren and 12 greatgrandchildren

She was preceded in death by a brother, Carlton Smelser Jr.

Visitation will be held on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Pastor Scott Turner will officiate and burial will follow at Hill Crest Cemetery, south of Redkey.

Memorials may be directed towards the Jay County Heart Fund.

williamsonspencer.com.

Homer Butcher Jr.

June 8, 1926-Aug. 20, 2022 Homer Butcher Jr., age 96, of Portland passed away Saturday morning Aug. 20, 2022, at his residence.

He was born in Bryant on June 8, 1926, the son of Homer O. and Myrtle (Crabill) Butcher Sr. He was married on Aug. 10, 1946 to Lilly Lorene Boolman and she passed away on Oct. 30,

Homer graduated from Bryant High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1947. He had worked at Sheller-Globe, Naas Foods and the City of Portland.

Homer enjoyed walking at the wetlands, state parks and of course here in Portland. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, going for rides to see the country side and was an Indiana University fan. He loved life, was a very kind and gentle man and will be missed by many.

Homer is survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lorene; two sons, Larry and Terry Butcher; and 11 siblings, Dorwin, Jay, Joe, Dave, Max and Jack Butcher, Iva Brotherton, Lillia Shepherd, Katie Marchet, Francis Goss and Lois Ilene Moore.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Joe Schmit presiding. Burial will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant. Visitation will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Everheart Hospice.

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,

Condolences may be expressed to which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn......7.18 Sept. corn6.98

Wheat6.45 **POET Biorefining Portland**

Corn.....7.23 Sept. corn7.23 Late Sept. corn6.73

The Andersons

Richland Township Corn......7<u>.</u>04 Sept. corn6.33

Sept. wheat...... 7.54

Central States Montpelier

Corn	7.12
Sept. corn	6.92
Beans	15.23
Sept. beans	15.03
Wheat	7.65

Heartland Anthony

St. Allulolly	
Corn	6.77
Sept. corn	6.77
Beans	15.13
Oct. beans	14.10
Wheat	7.55

Today in history

In resistance William Wallace was it featured the presentaexecuted for treason.

In 1864, the Union local equipment ven-Navy broke the Confederacy's dominance of ports in the Gulf of Mexico when it captured tion stating that any Fort Morgan, Alabama.

and Vanzetti, Italian immigrants, were executed for murder in Massachusetts.

In 1939, Germany and the Soviet Union signed a nonaggression pact that divided Eastern Europe into "spheres of influence." Adolf Hitler would break that pact just two years later when or ignore any such German forces invaded orders.) The resolution the Soviet Union during World War II.

In 1972, 100 visitors tracing or quarantine attended Farm Power orders related to the Day at Haynes Park in coronavirus pandemic. Portland. Sponsored by

1305, Scottish the Jay County Co-op leader petroleum department, tion of new tractors by

In 2021, Jay School Board approved a resolulocal public health In 1927, Nicola Sacco orders "should origi-Bartolomeo nate" from Jay County Health Board, but that the board reserved the right to vote on any such orders before they were implemented in schools. Commercial (The Review reviewed Indiana Code and found no indication that the school board would have the authority to override was in reference to any future mask, contact

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Capsule Reports

Holdman selected

State Sen. Travis Holdman, who represents Jay County, was named Monday to the Interim Study Committee on Fiscal

His other assignments in preparation for the 2023 legislative session include Legislative Council, Legislative State of Emergency Advisory Group, Northeast Indiana Strategic Development Commission and Simplified State Sales Tax Administration Delegates.

Hydrant hit

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after an Alabama man's vehicle struck signs and a fire hydrant about 1:25 p.m. Sunday in Dunkirk.

James K. McQueen, 56, Madison, was

attempting to turn a 2020 International truck west onto Cherry Street from Main Street and struck a stop sign. He told Jay County Sheriff's Office he continued driving and turned north onto Elm Street, hitting a street sign in the process. McQueen continued driving and turned east onto Shadyside Street, striking another street sign as well as a fire hydrant, according to and \$25,000. Weaver's vehicle was towed.

a sheriff's office report. The hydrant started spewing water onto the street, and Dunkirk Water Department had to shut off the water line to stop the flow.

The trailer McQueen was hauling became immobilized due to torn electrical and brake lines. It stopped in the middle of the road and was later towed. (The tractor portion, registered to Western Express of Nashville, Tennessee, was still drivable.)

McQueen was cited for leaving the scene of an accident.

Intersection collision

An Indianapolis woman crashed her car into oncoming traffic at the intersection of High and Meridian streets in Redkey about 3:13 p.m. Sunday.

Cindy L. Fort, 68, was driving east on High Street and approaching the intersection with Meridian Street. She failed to yield the right of way to an oncoming 2014 Ford Taurus, driven by 41-year-old Tashia S. Weaver of Portland, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. Weaver's vehicle struck Fort's car.

Damage is estimated between \$10,000

SERVICES

Wednesday

Nava, Ricardo: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Thursday

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

Saturday

Gordon, Barbara: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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

progressiveofficeproducts.com

Citizen's calendar

Wednesday

Park Board, city build- joint session, auditoriing, 131 S. Main St.

Commissioners 5 p.m. — Dunkirk Jay County Council um, courthouse, 120 N. 6 p.m. — Jay County Court St., Portland.



Hopper, Hopper w/Sling or Hopper 3 \$5/mo. more. Upfront fees may apply based on credit qualification.



Be careful around golf carts this week

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review The pink flowers are in full bloom. That can only mean one thing. It is time for the annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show.

The city-wide garage sales that accompany the show began a few days ago. I think it is a bit risky to have all your unwanted stuff sitting out in the yard that early. There is almost always rain at show. Sometimes the rain is a nice break in the heat and other times it results in a muddy mess.

See It



lany there is an explosion of golf carts. I am always amazed that there aren't more accidents involving the carts. They are prone to stopping or turning at the drop of a dime. This least one day during the can be dangerous as the people in the carts don't always use hand signals. They also forget that a car or truck can't stop as Along with flowers, quickly as the carts. If tractors and other miscel- you are reading this, did

please watch out for the involved a lot of curse the front of the tractor edge of the lane. We sur-

Though I don't care for the minority. People come from miles away and even from other countries to attend this show. I think that part of the reason I am not fond of tractors and other farm equipment is that they remind me of when I was a child.

We had an orange tractor that required a crank to start it. I am so thankful that I was too little to have a hand in it. It was always Mom and Grandma engaged in the ritual. It involved one turning the crank while the other something

words.

The whole process took ancient tractors, I am in anywhere from a few minutes to what seemed like forever. It left both women frustrated and angry. I was always afraid that they would kill each other. Thankfully, they both lived through it many, many times.

After one of the tractor battles Grandma wanted to go to the back field. I have no idea why. The grass had grown tall and she missed the path. She and the tractor tried to ford a deep ditch that was surrounded by thorn trees. It didn't go over well. At that one point, Grandma and

were almost vertical. Mom and I were convinced that they were going to land upside down. By the grace of God she managed to get the tractor on more level ground before it injured

My uncle Norman lived close by when we first moved to the farm. One sunny day he decided that I was old enough to drive the tractor. He put me in the driver's seat. He sat on the wide fender. He held his young son in his lap and off we went down the neighbor's long drive. He did grab the steering wheel a couple of times

vived my first and last tractor lesson.

It seems to me that all the old tractors, engines and other odds and ends are of no value except for the stories they have buried inside them. The stories are what live on long after the things themselves have found a home in the junk heap.

For some people, the show, sales and old friends are like a treasure hunt as they search for that one item they need to complete a project. As a resident of Portland, I wish you a safe and happy visit. And please do be careful when I got too close to the around the golf carts.

Struggling wife at wits' end with her husband

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together for 12 vears and our relationship has started to suffer. We no longer have dates, we don't spend any time talking with each other unless it's about the kids, and the intimacy has faded.

A year ago, I asked him to go to a counselor with me. I asked him to be the one to set it up, as I'm always in charge of doctor appointments, bill paying, etc. I wanted him to show he was "all in" to help fix our marriage. I have reminded him to do it several times, but he hasn't.

He claims to love me and to want our marriage to thrive, yet by this person who is just going he does nothing. Now that the through the motions and using intimacy is completely gone, he me to take care of his kids and all of a sudden wants to work on clean his house. Please advise. things. Go figure. I feel hurt and

Dear Abby



rejected and like throwing in the towel, but we have built a life together and I do love him. I don't think therapy will work because I'll feel like I manipulated him to get there by withholding the intimacy.

I feel sad and defeated. The man I married is gone, replaced — ON HOLD IN ARKANSAS

DEAR ON HOLD: Ask your doctor for a referral to a psy**chologist** and make an have a child together. I'm 31, appointment — for YOUR-SELF — for help rebuilding your sagging self-esteem. Because you long assumed the role of organizer-arranger in your marriage, it was unrealistic to expect your husband to suddenly pick up the ball. He may not know how. Once you are stronger emotionally, schedule those sessions with a licensed marriage and family therapist, as you have all the other appointments during your marriage. Your relationship with your husband does need work, and this is the path to repairing

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I and he's 16 years older. Sometimes I don't know if our relationship will work out in the long run because he's so stubborn and set in his ways. I'm more laid-back and easygoing.

What is bothering me the most right now is his mother constantly asks him for money. It's not just for little things; it's for roof and furnace repair and problems with her water heater, washer/dryer, stove and A/C. She's married, and her husband works. He should be able to provide her with the things they need for their house.

It's not like my fiance is rich. He isn't. I have tried talking to him about it, but it just ends up child, and plan accordingly.

in an explosive argument. It's like, why should I even try to save for our family's future and the things we need for our house if he's going to keep giving it to his mother every time she asks? Please help. — ALL FOR MAMA

DEAR ALL: You wrote that YOU are trying to save for your family's future. Is your fiance giving his mother money that you have been earning, or is it his? If it is his, he can do with it as he pleases — at least until after the wedding. If he is fiscally responsible, he should also be trying to save for the future. However, if he isn't, recognize that the pattern he has established may not be a sound one for you and your

Marriage licenses

Donald E. Cosner III, 28, Pennville, and Sydney N. Cosner, 24, Celina,

Barbara M. Hilty, 21, Bryant, and Marcus K. Schwartz, 21, Decatur

Brea L. Burcham, 26, Pennville, and Charles C. McClain, 27, Pen-

Katelyn A. Beougher, 22, Pennville, and Eric D. Smitley, 24, Pennville Phillip J. Corwin, 42, Pennville,

and Jenna L. Kahn, 37, Pennville Zachary D. Craig, 23, Portland, and Kaitlyn L. Staver, 21

Colton A. Herriford, 20, Pennville, and Kristy Robbins, 20, Pennville Morgan L. Kelch, 24, Shelby, Ohio,

and Tyler J. Lykins, 26, Shelby, Ohio Joseph R. Peace, 27, Vaughnsville,

Ohio, and Mary C. Welling, 26, Portland

Michael L. Flowers III, 20,

Dunkirk, and Stephany N. Schuelke, 23, Clarksville, Tennessee

Sean M. Hatzell, 33, Redkey, and Emilee P. Kirby, 30, Redkey

Aria M. Hovis, 22, Portland, and Alejandro D. Vasquez, 24, Portland Nina G. McShane, 22, Portland,

Mattie S. Coblentz, 20, Portland, and Jonas H. Schwartz Jr., 23,

and Hunter J. Mills, 20, Portland

Community Calendar

an item, news@thecr.com.

Today

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

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- MOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m.

Community Calendar as based recovery group for space is available. To sub- substance abuse. Meal email starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Buildacross from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-

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

ANONY-NARCOTICS

Notices will appear in ANNA'S HOPE — A faith- each Tuesday at Church of (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call

(260) 766-9334. Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-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.

Thursday

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. For more information, call Brenda Eads at

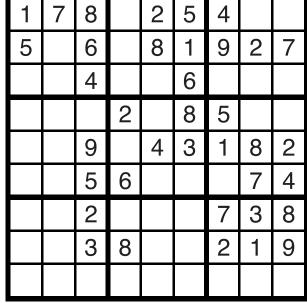
at (260) 251-8792.

LAWYERS LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenantlandlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal.

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Sudoku



Saturday's Solution

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

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	8	4	7	5	1	9	3	6	2	
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Could party flip shake up election?

One of the most pleasing benefits of being a carrier for The Commercial Review is getting to meet new people.

Earlier this year I took over a route from the semi-retired Daniel Chase. This particular route covers Walnut Street and includes the Persimmon Rehabilitation Center. It was at this facility that I met, among others, David Johnson.

David and I struck up a friendship almost from the ished doing so. first day we met. David strikes

Letters to the Editor

me as being well-read and informed as to what is going on in the world. I take my copy of each Sunday's New York Times for him to read once I am fin-

To get to the point of this let-

ter, David and I were having at David's seemingly clairvoyone of our frequent discussions, and the subject for this letter arose. David said it was his belief that in 2024 a former Republican governor and senator from the state of Ohio was going to switch his party affiliation and run for president as a Democrat. David stated further that he believed this wellknown politician would take members of the Republican party along in his intended quest.

Needless to say, I was amazed

ant insight.

I did a quick Google search when I got home that evening and found two instances where my friend's prognostication proved the reality. In 1912, Teddy Roosevelt became disenchanted with then President William Howard Taft's leadership and political direction.

Teddy elected to run for a third term (it was legal then). He founded the Bull Moose Party and tossed his hat into the ring.

The second time was when a Democrat turned former Republican chose to run for president. That fellow's name

was Donald J. Trump. David's insight may prove prescient, but at this juncture in history, allows for quiet but

deliberate rumination. My name is Michael Kinser and I helped David organize his thoughts and drafted and typed this letter for him.

Michael Kinser David Johnson Portland

America abandoned Afghanistan's women

By TYLER MICHALS

Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

America's exit from Afghanistan was going to come eventually. Presidents Barack Obama and Donald Trump both declared their intentions to extricate the U.S. from its "forever war." The American public by and large ratified this posi-

In the end, though, both former presidents balked when confronted by pushback from the Pentagon. Then, in April 2021, President Joe Biden declared that he was the fourth president to preside over the war in Afghanistan, and refused to "pass this responsibility on to a fifth."

Unfortunately for Biden, his execution of the withdrawal, which wrapped up at the end of August 2021, was shambolic. Scenes of Kabul International Airport being mobbed by thousands of Afghans desperately fleeing the Taliban only added to the misery.

A single horrific suicide bombing killed more than 100 people, including 13 American soldiers — the last Americans to die in the long, futile fight to bring democracy to Afghanistan. All 13 were posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

This debacle wasn't an inevitability, but rather the result of an unnecessarily hasty retreat that felt more politically calculated than methodically thought out. The current administraprior to Sept. 11, which marked the 20th anniversary of the worst act of terrorism in the nation's history. American military assets — \$7 billion worth were left behind during the mad scramble.

The retreat emboldened the Taliban and crushed the morale of the Afghan army, which crumbled with remarkable speed. It was a fitting capstone to have the same regime that America ousted two decades earlier return to power without skipping a beat. The Taliban claimed to be reborn with a more modernized viewpoint, though hardly anyone took such claims seriously.

That skepticism was vindicated when it became clear that the Taliban's new incarnation was effectively as bad as the original. In May, the Taliban's Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice issued an order compelling women to to wear clothing from head to toe in public, with only their eyes visible. Worst of all, in an aboutface that should arouse the international community's revulsion, girls have been forbidden from attending school beyond sixth grade.

Tyler Michals

Education is one of the keys to power, which is why the Taliban cannot tolerate educated women. But it is an especially cruel twist of fate that, after having once been allowed to study openly, the schoolhouse gate is now being closed shut.

Underground schools have emerged for girls who merely want to learn, but this is no substitute for a proper education. Besides, under Taliban rule, it's dangerous to dream. In 2012, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai was a schoolgirl when she was nearly killed after a Taliban assassination attempt over her pro-education advocacy.

Afghan women who lived through the original Taliban rule are now returned, once more, to a state of powerlessness. For those who came of age during the American occupation, it must be startling to witness how quickly a society can relapse into despotism. After being abandoned by America, a feeling of hopelessness will likely set in. Who else is going to come to the rescue? The question seems to answer itself.

In 2002, Hamid Karzai, the first president of democratic Afghanistan, attendtion seemed to make a point ed George W. Bush's State of withdrawing American of the Union address. He was hanked by Dr. Sima much-publicized deadline Samar, who was the minister of a new agency in the Afghan government — the Ministry of Women's Affairs. Agency officials were around long enough to see millions of Afghan women educated and participating in every professional field. But, seeing no reason to keep it around, the Taliban disbanded the agency immediately upon reassuming control.

It's too late for Biden to redo America's withdrawal from Afghanistan but it isn't too late to make amends for the abandonment of ordinary Afghans, particularly women.

Speaking before the United Nations in September 2021, the president pledged that the U.S. would hold the Taliban accountable "when it comes to respecting universal human rights." The Taliban have responded by thumbing their nose at the democratic world.

While the international community dithers, schools for girls that were once a testament to the future hopes Afghanistan will sit vacant — as empty as a broken promise.

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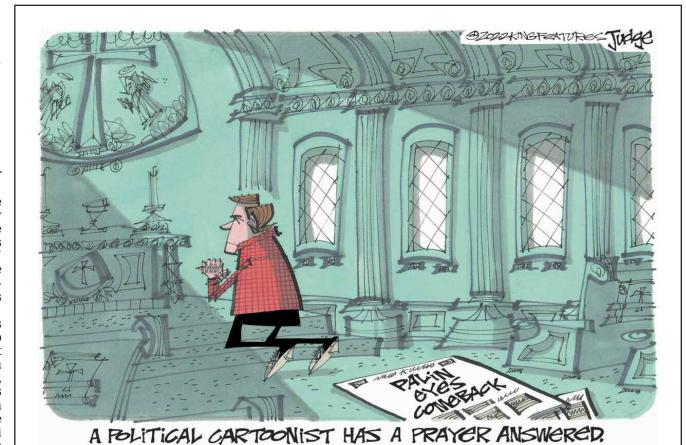
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Indiana will be among last

By MARK BENNETT Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

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There's an opportunity for more people in Illinois to participate in democracy and their communities. Voting is becoming more accessible in the Land of Lincoln this month. That chance will arrive in their mailboxes. Every registered voter in the state should receive an application to vote by mail. It will offer the option of voting by mail permanently, or for just the upcoming Nov. 8 midterm

Voting by mail isn't new in Illinois, but the choice for a voter to receive a mail-in ballot permanently is new. The Illinois General Assemb that option a law in 2021, and the mailing of applications for permanent vote-by-mail status began Aug. 10. The law requires local election authorities — the county clerk's office in most cases — to notify all registered voters of the permanent vote-by-mail option no more than 90 days nor fewer than 45 days before an election. That's a good step for civic

engagement in Illinois. It also stands in contrast to Indiana, where voting by mail is more restricted and turnouts are among the nation's lowest. "I do think that if people are on the permanent status, it also reminds them to vote, which could affect turnout in a positive way," said Kathy Kenny, vice president of voter service for the nonpartisan League of Women Voters of Illinois, which has 41 local chapters around the state.

"I think, with vote-by-mail being easier to access, we have higher turnouts," Kenny added.

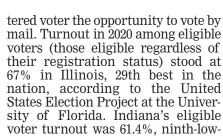
The popularity of voting by mail surged in 2020, when many states expanded access to that method of casting ballots amid precautions to prevent the spread of COVID19. Forty-six percent of Americans cast mail-in votes that year, compared to less than 25% in 2016. In 2020, Indiana opened mail-in voting to all registered Hoosiers for that year's delayed primary, but reverted to most of its restrictions for the general election. Nonetheless, nearly half a million Hoosiers voted by mail then.

Illinois adopted no-excuse absentee voting in 2009, offering any regis-

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Of course, the integrity of voting by mail grew controversial as former President Donald Trump repeated false claims of widespread voter fraud, which have been disproved by election officials of both major parties in multiple states and by federal and state courts. When asked if she was confident of Illinois' vote-bymail security. Kenny said, "Absolutely," and cited the value of electronic poll books to detect duplicated ballots by a voter. Voter fraud cases are rare. "We have a hard enough time getting people to vote once," Kenny said.

County clerks in Clark and Edgar

counties aren't yet sure whether the added option of permanent mail-in voting status will boost turnouts.

"I hope it does," said Laurie Lee, Clark County's clerk-recorder since 2018. "The end goal is that voter turnout is increased." Applications for permanent mail-in voting hadn't yet gone out to Clark Countians as of Wednesday, but "it will be very soon," Lee said. In Edgar County, clerk-recorder Augie Griffin wondered if younger generations of voters will take advantage of the opportunity to permanently vote by mail. "I don't know that putting them on a permanent vote-bymail basis, whether that will

increase turnout," Griffin said.
The permanent vote-by-mail applications should be mailed to Edgar County registered voters soon. "Our election vendor has indicated that notices will be mailed within a week," Griffin said. "The notice will tion.

be posted on our website, www.edgarcountyillinois.com."

Approximately 1 in 5 voters in Clark and Edgar counties voted by mail in June's midterm primary election — 19.1% in Clark, 20.8% in Edgar. Voters from both parties utilized that option, considering that only about 350 total voters in each county chose Democratic Party ballots, and more than 560 total mail-in ballots were cast by voters of both parties combined in this summer's primary.

An effort to offer a permanent voteby-mail option for elderly and disabled Hoosiers was introduced in a Senate bill by Sen. J.D. Ford in last spring's 2022 session of the Indiana General Assembly. The proposal by Ford — a Democrat representing parts of Hamilton, Marion and Boone counties — died in the Senate Elections Committee. Republicans hold super-majorities in the Senate and House.

"It's very frustrating that even such a modest step in voting access is a bridge too far for the Indiana General Assembly," Julia Vaughn, executive director of Common Cause Indiana, said Thursday.

As of January, 16 states — some blue, some red, some purple political-— and the District of Columbia offered permanent mail-in voting status to registered voters at some level. Those include Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, D.C, Delaware, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Eight states allowed it for disabled voters. Three allowed it to disabled and senior voters. Six offered it to all voters; generally blue Illinois has now joined that

list. The number could grow, figures Kathy Kenny of the League of Women Voters of Illinois. "Once several states have permanent vote-bymail status, I suspect other states will want that as well," she said.

If so, Indiana will likely be among the last to do so.

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Raises

Continued from page 1 After a few moments of silence, water department superintendent Dace Mumbower said he felt it was unfair that police department's office/clerical position would not be getting any raise. (That position had been a point of contention as police department raises implemented early this year has pushed its hourly wage ahead of those of city department heads.) Mumbower suggested giving the police office/clerical position a smaller raise as well as bumping up department head raises to keep them ahead.

Council member Bryan Jessup responded in frustration, saying he would abstain from any vote on a raise.

said. "You get one side happy, the other side complains, back and forth. I'm tired of it. I'm abstaining.

Council made no changes to

Tm not voting on a pay raise, yes, no, nothing. You get one side happy, the other side complains, back and forth. I'm tired of it. I'm abstaining.' —Bryan Jessup, Dunkirk City Council

"I'm not voting on a pay with Tom Johnson and Kevin tions with Bivens in attenraise, yes, no, nothing," he Hamilton in favor, Christy dance.) It will be on the agenda Curts against, Jessup abstaining and Jesse Bivens absent. That left it one vote short of the three required for approval.

No further action was taken the proposal it had settled on at on the salary ordinance at the posal came to a vote, it was 2-1 again on the same raise sugges-

again for the Sept. 12 meeting.

Curts explained after the meeting that she had previously said she was not comfortable with a 6% raise but that she hours for 5:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 29. would be willing to vote for it. its last meeting. When that promeeting. (Council could vote She said she is not willing to vote in favor of 7% raises.

In other business, council:

•Learned from Robbins that the city was unable to apply for Community Crossings grant money from Indiana Department of Transportation for Quincy Place because the streets had inadvertently been left off of the city's asset management plan. (The plan grades all roads based on their condition and is required in order to receive such grant money.) Instead, the city will apply for funding to pave all of Lincoln Avenue and part of Angle Street this year, with plans to apply for Quincy Place in 2023.

·Heard from Pam Robbins of West Jay Community Center that new flooring is being installed this week at the facility. She noted that The Dunkirk Foundation and Dunkirk Industrial Development Corporation provided funding for the project.

•Set the city's trick-or-treat The hours will coincide with a trunk-or-treat event Dunkirk City Park. A fall festi-

val, which will include a chili cook-off, cake walk, hayrides, pumpkin painting, a scavenger hunt, a costume contest and refreshments, is also scheduled for noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 29.

·Approved payment of an invoice for \$6,790 from Shumaker Heating and Cooling of Hartford City for installation of a new generator at Dunkirk Fire Department. (The other half of the invoice will be paid by the county, which shares the building for Jay Emergency Medical Service.)

•Raised the spending limit for department heads to \$1,000 from the current \$500. (Other purchases require board of works or council approval.)

 Accepted an offer of \$100 from the city's American Legion post for the purchase of an out-of-service firetruck. Council had expressed a willingness to donate the truck, but city attorney Wes Schemenaur said it was not legal to do

 Approved waiving garage sale fees for the Indiana 167 Rummages Sept. 9 and 10.

Schools

hearing on its proposed tively. 2023 budget passed without comment.

The budget is proposed at \$36.9 million, which is up about \$1.4 million (3.9%) from the current year. It includes \$20.1 million in the education fund, \$10.4 million in the operations fund, \$5.5 million for debt service and \$894,709 in pension debt service.

The board is expected to consider the budget for adoption at its Sept. 19 meeting.

In her financial update, Shannon Current reported that surpluses of \$526,000 in the education fund and \$305,390 in the operation fund are expected this year. That would bring those fund

The board's public and \$3.3 million, respec-

Board members also approved the sale of the former Judge Haynes building to The Portland Foundation for \$35,000.

Gulley explained that The Portland Foundation late last year had introduced a proposal for a day care and early learning facility in the building. At that time, the school board had authorized donating the building for that purpose. However, progress toward that proposal has stalled. Since then, the building has been put up for sale but no valid offers had been received with the exception of a \$35,000 offer from The Portland Foundation.

Continued from page 1 balances to \$6.2 million ly approved accepting Megan Chalfant as a sec- high school, for an ease- mitted by Kim Anderson The Portland Foundation's offer.

In other business, the

•Honored the Jay County Junior High School cheerleaders during the Patriot Pride moment. They were recognized for their efforts to help out following the Indiana State Fair competition, including rolling up mats and pulling a trailer down the grandstand track.

 Accepted a series of resignations, including Amber Yadon as juniorsenior high school assisprincipal/dean, tant Katelyn Warner as an eighth grade English Courtney teacher, Klosterman as a third grade teacher at East Jay The board unanimous- Elementary School and

ond grade teacher at West Jay Elementary School.

 Approved a series of hires, including Bradlev Milleman as assistant principal/dean at the junior-senior high school, Michelle Christensen as a junior high English teacher, Darren Turner as a fifth grade teacher at East Jay Elementary School, Lexi Pease as a third grade teacher at East Jay Elementary School Emily Muhlenkamp as a physical education/technology instructor at Redkey and West Jay elementary schools.

•Heard a request from Glen Coblentz of CB Development, which is planning a condominium new raises reflected); and development on county road 75 South near the tract form, a form sub-

ment to run a sewer line along Indiana 67 on junior-senior high property. Coblentz said digging would be minimal, with boring slated for the bulk of the underground line. The school board will consider the request for possible action at its Sept. 19 meeting.

·Approved the following: a contract with Hillside Therapy Services for certified occupational therapy assistant services; a contract with Rehabilitative Services for physical therapy services; a series of extracurricular assignments; leaves of absence for four staff members; bus driver contracts (with the an adjunct teacher conand a contract with Anderson to teach art classes this year.

•Accepted a \$310, 200 Employability Skills Innovation and Implementation Grant to be used to implement software designed to improve college and career readiness and a \$9,285.21 Indiana Early Literacy Intervention Grant that will be used to continue the Waterford Early Learning Program in elementary schools.

·Learned the corporation received a letter of recognition for safety through the National Sheriffs' Association and Saint Leo University Center for Alternative Pathway Programs School Safety Recognition Initia-





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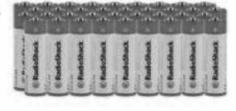




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East's king.

This should come as no surprise **♠**Q7 ♥AQJ865 to East in view of South's bidding. East is in good position to judge that South, who opened the bid-♦ K 3 ♣10 8 2 The bidding: West ding, cannot have a spade or dia-mond loser after having already North East Pass Pass followed low to three rounds of Pass clubs. East's only hope, therefore, is Opening lead king of clubs. to try to develop a trump trick for his side.

In the great majority of deals, it is Accordingly, East should return incumbent upon the declarer and the defenders alike to assume that a his remaining club at trick four, hoping to find his partner with the distribution of the cards exists nine of trump - a card declarer which allows the contract to be certainly does not need to have for his bidding. In the actual case, West does hold that card, and, as a made or defeated. Without such an approach, numerous opportunities for a favorable outcome can easily result, the contract goes down no matter how declarer elects to play Consider East's situation in from that point on.

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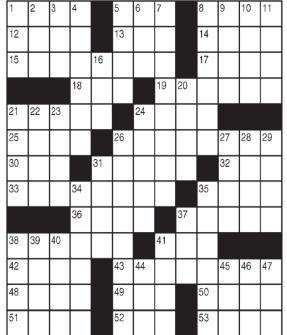
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Local

Continued from page 8 Elizabeth Barnett had 10 digs, six kills, two aces and an assist in the defeat. Brenna Bailey had a team-high 15 digs.

JCJH wins two

Jay County's junior high volleyball teams opened their seasons Monday with wins over Blackford. The eighth graders rolled to a 25-12, 25-11 victory while the seventh graders pulled out a three-setter, 23-25, 25-19, 15-10.

Lucy Mace and Erin Aker racked up 13 and 12 points, respectively, to lead the Patriot eighth graders. Trinity Glassford had seven kills and Ella Rigby put up six assists.

Amelia Heath's 10 points, including four aces, two kills and one block paced the Jay County seventh grade squad. Brenna Ruble and Mikayla Bishop each had nine points.

Impromptu scrimmage

Some miscommunication in Muncie led to the Burris Owls not making the trip to Jay County High School on Saturday morning for their scheduled game against the Patriot girls soccer team. coach Kendra Muhlenkamp, in a huddle explaining to her players that they would instead play a short intra-squad scrimmage, said she was disappointed they didn't get opportunity to bounce back from their loss Thursday to Heritage. But, she told them, "You guys are still here. Your fans are still here. You still love soccer." Pictured during the scrimmage, exchange student Alba Badojoz Dominguez (12) pushes the ball up the field in front of Myra Lopez.



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Work

Continued from page 8 his cerebral approach to the game. It was his natural leadership ability and premium football IQ that earned him a shot in the

early in training camp. This Ehlinger's long been known for spring, he even helped Foles brush up on the changes in the scheme since the veteran last played for Reich with the Philadelphia Eagles in 2017.

The questions have always As a rookie last season, he been about size (he's listed at 6taught veteran Brett Hundley the foot-1 and 222 pounds) and arm playbook when the latter arrived strength. There's nothing he can

significant progress with the lat-

His focus is on doing every-

thing in his power to improve as a quarterback each day. "Well, I think the roster spot

and things of that nature — how the numbers work out — is completely out of my control,"

do about the former, but he sees Ehlinger said. "So really my focus has been on what I can control, and what I can control is my mechanics and increasing knowledge of the game, soaking up information from Matt Ryan probably going to be a Hall of Famer. I have a great opportunity to learn from two guys that have done it — and not becoming frus-

Series (ESPN)

trated with the situation and knowing in the long run if I want to play in this league for 15 years, I should spend really the first three learning.

"I have a great opportunity to learn and soak up as much information as possible, while still developing physically and not being asked to play on Sundays.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

TodayJay County — Boys soccer vs. New Castle – 5:30 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Winchester - 6 p.m.; Junior high cross country vs. Wes-Del and Delta at

Crestview - 4:30 p.m.; Cross country in Mercer County Meet at Coldwater -5 p.m.; Volleyball at St. Marys Memorial - 5:30 p.m.; Middle school volleyball at S.t Marys Memorial - 5:30 p.m.; Middle school cross country in Mercer County Meet at Coldwater - 5

Jay County - Girls golf vs. South lams and Adams Central - 4:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today 1 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)

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7 p.m. — Baseball: Little League World Series (ESPN)

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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 77 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Portland, Indiana that Chapter 77, golf carts is hereby amended to add the following section:

Section 77.11 Penalty Any person found to be operating a privately owned golf cart on a city street that is not registered pursuant to Section 77.10, above, shall be subject to a fine of \$50 for the first violation and an additional \$25 for each subsequent violation over the next 12 months.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Portland, Indiana on this 15th day of August, 2022. CR 8-19, 20,23,24,25-2022 HSPAXLP

Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO.

38C0l-2208-MI-000034 IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: CHANCE EDWARD MOORE NOTICE OF PETITION FOR

CHANGE OF NAME CHANCE EDWARD MOORE, whose mailing address is: 5364 W. 900 S., Ridgeville, IN 47380, in the County of Jay, State of Indiana hereby gives notice that he had filed a petition in the Jay Circuit Court requesting that his/her name be changed to: CHANCE EDWARD RHOADS Notice is further given that hearing will be held on said Petition on the 21st day of Octo-

ber, 2022 at 3:00 PM. Gregory W. LeMaster, 22347-38 Attorney for Petitioner 226 S. Meridian Street Portland, Indiana 47371 greg@lemaster. law CR 8-23,30,9-6-2022-HSPAXLP

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Unsupervised Administration of the Estate

of: Alma Ruth Norris, Deceased NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Bruce A. Norris and Clell R. Norris, Jr. were, on the 16th day of August, 2022, appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Alma Ruth Norris deceased, who died on 19th day of June 2022.

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

Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 17th day of August, 2022. HINKLE, RACSTER &SCHEMENAUR 121 W. High Street Portland, IN 47371 Attorney Jon Eads Clerk of the Circuit Court, For Jay County, Indiana CR 8-23.30-2022 HSPAXLP

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Section 77.10 Registration and Fee All golf carts which are operated on a city street shall be registered with the City annually. The Portland Police Department shall inspect and register each golf cart upon the owner applying for registration and the golf cart is inspected to confirm that it complies with all requirements of this Ordinance. Upon being registered, a registration sticker shall be issued by the City and the sticker shall be affixed to the rear bumper of the golf cart. A registration fee of \$35.00 shall

be charged annually for privately owned golf carts for owners residing within the city limits of Portland. A registration fee of \$18.00 shall be charged annually for privately owned golf carts for owners who live outside the city limits of Portland. All registrations shall be renewed annually on or before May 1. Fees collected shall be deposited into the Police Continuing Education Fund. PASSED AND ADOPTED by

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STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT $2022\,\mathrm{TERM}$ No. 38CO1-2208-EU-000035

In the Matter of the Unsupervised Administration of the Estate

John R. Pearson, Deceased NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that

John W. Pearson was, on the 16th day of August, 2022, appointed Personal Representa tives of the estate of John R. Pearson deceased, who died on 27th day of July 2022. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the

the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 17th day of August, 2022. HINKLE, RACSTER & SCHEMENAUR

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The Patriots found their offense in the sec-

Bouncing back from a

School boys soccer team broke the game open in the second half Monday in a 4-1 Allen County Athletic Conference victory over the visiting Wood-

Levi Muhlenkamp, who had the team's lone goal in its 4-1 season-opening loss to Muncie Central,

Local

roundup

opener

season-opening last week,

ond half.

the County

High

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Sports



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Gage Sims of the Jay County High School boys tennis team connects with a volley at the net Monday during his 6-1, 6-4 victory with No. 1 doubles partner Sam Myers over Cam LaFuze and Corbin Richards of Union City. The Patriots lost 3-2 to the Indians, who are the defending sectional champions.

JC falls to sectional rival

work to do to reclaim the sectional title they won two years ago.

In an early showdown of sectional rivals Monday, the Jay County High School boys tennis team fell 3-2 to the visiting Union City Indi-

With the Patriots (1-4) and defending sectional champion Union City splitting the No. 1 and singles. And at No. 1 doubles, the Thornburg.

doubles, it all came down to a threeset battle at No. 3 singles. The Indians' Parker Kerns outlasted Eli Dirksen 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 in a three-setter that spanned almost three hours to

Abraham Dirksen, Eli's cousin, by a 6-1, 6-4 scored a victory for Jay County over Owen Dowler at No. 1

give his team the win.

The Patriots will have some No. 2 matches in both singles and Patriot pair of Sam Myers and Gage Sims topped Corbin Richards and Cam LaFuze 6-1, 6-4.

The Patriots dropped the No. 2 matches, with Simon Dirksen falling 6-1, 6-0 in singles action to Zack Fulk and the team of Luke Muhlenkamp and Austin Dirksen dropping a three-set match 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 to Brenna Hoggatt and Jake

By GEORGE BREMER

WESTFIELD

Ehlinger.

was

maybe."

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

young players have the abil-

ity to honestly critique

their own performance at the level of Indianapolis

Colts quarterback Sam

So when the 23-year-old

whether he would have

been able to make the 50-

yard touchdown pass to

wide receiver Dez Patmon

— the highlight of a 27-26

preseason loss against the

Detroit Lions — a year ago,

he was typically introspec-

tive.
"That's a good question,"

Ehlinger said. "I'd like to

think so, but I also know

that I have made progress

and continue to make

progress on throwing. So,

That progress is largely

the result of work with

throwing guru Tom House.

Fans who have arrived

early for training camp

practices this summer at

Grand Park likely have

seen Ehlinger and starting

quarterback Matt Ryan

going through an elaborate

stretching routine.

asked Saturday

Jay County won two out of three junior varsity matches.

Victories for the Patriots came from Isaac Miller at No. 1 singles by an 8-4 score over Colton Mills and Dylan Chalfant at No. 2 singles by an 8-3 score over Gabe Tapp.

JCHS is off until Saturday when it plays in the Muncie Central Invitational.

Ehlinger's working with

The early returns have

Through two preseason

games, Ehlinger has completed 84.6% of his pass attempts for 224 yards

with four touchdowns and

no interceptions. He's not

a threat to unseat former

Super Bowl MVP Nick

Foles as Ryan's primary

backup, but the 2021 sixth-

round pick is attempting

to force his way onto the

for a guy — I mean, you

can get better. You can get more accurate," Colts

head coach Frank Reich

said during a video confer-

ence call Sunday. "Sam

has certainly done that,

and there is no question

about that in my mind —

the accuracy in which he

is throwing the ball. But

what I'm really impressed

at is how hard he is work-

ing on his body, on his

delivery, on his upper

body, his mechanics. And

it was really all self-imposed."

See Work page 7

"I think it's pretty rare

53-man roster.

House at the suggestion of

Indianapolis general man-

ager Chris Ballard

been impressive.

Ehlinger realizes

there's work to do

powered the Patriots (1-1. 1-0 ACAC) with two goals Monday. Dylan Marentes and Carter Link added one goal apiece. The game was tied 1-1

land Warriors.

half goals. The loss dropped Woodlan to 0-4 overall and 0-1 in the conference. It opened the season with losses of 9-2 to Angola, 6-1 to Wayne and 4-2 to Nor-

at halftime before JCHS

racked up three second-

Smith leads

Rosealynne Smith led the Jay County girls golf team Monday as it split with Bluffton and Monroe Central at Portland

Golf Club. The Patriots posted a score of 238. Bluffton won the three-team match while Monroe Central finished third.

Smith, a senior, was the only Patriot to record a par on the evening, playing even on the 119-yard,

par-3 eighth hole at PGC. Lilly King of Bluffton was the medalist with a

Jay County is 1-4 on the season heading into a match against Allen County Athletic Conference rivals South Adams and Adams Central on Wednesday.

FR golfers fall

St. John's put three scores in the 30s as it handed the Fort Recovery boys golf team a 159-189 loss Monday at Portland

Golf Club. Isaac LeFevre had six pars for the Indians. including four in a row on holes 10 through 13 at

PGC. he finished with a team-best 42. Jack Gerker of St. John's was the medalist with a 2-under-par 33. His teammates Collin Feath-

ers (37) and Tyce McClaine (38) also broke Eli Lennartz followed LeFevre with a 47 for

FRHS (3-3), recording one birdie in his round. Nate Jutte followed with a 48 and Alex Dues, Keegan Muhlenkamp and Reece LeFevre all shot 52.

In junior varsity action, Garrett Diller and Kyle Huntsman posted scores of 61 and 63, respectively.

'Dogs sweep spikers

CELINA, Ohio — The Jay County volleyball team slipped to 0-3 Monday with a 25-15, 25-7, 25-11 loss to the Celina Bulldogs.

The Patriots, return home to play Winchester tonight, managed just nine kills, with Maggie Dillon recording three of them. Dillon also had six digs, second on the team to Brenna who finished Haines, with 10.

Joske Herndon had four assists and four digs. County Jay dropped the junior varsity match 25-18, 22-25, 26-

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