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Council **OKs '23** budget on 1st reading

Hiring freeze is being considered for 2023

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

After months of discussion about raises and cuts, next year's budget has been approved on a first reading.

Jay County Council will vote again later this month to finalize it.

In an effort to be more financially conscious, it may implement a hiring freeze. It will also seek guidance from a consulting firm.

Council reviewed the 2023 budget, agreed to pay between \$25,000 to \$30,000 to Baker Tilly for a financial study and discussed implementing a hiring freeze Wednesday.

Next year's budget sits at \$20,839,193.86, increasing just over \$659,000 from the current year. It includes \$9.7 million in the general fund, which is up from this year's general fund total of \$9.44 million.

Other major fund totals include \$2.95 million for Jay County Commissioners, \$2.73 million for Jay County Highway Department — the department also has an additional \$1.8 million from the state in the Local Motor Vehicle Highway fund — \$1.75 million for Jay Emergency Medical Service, \$1.46 million for Jay County Jail and \$1.2 million for Jay County Sheriff's Office.

The upcoming year's budget increase mainly results from the various raises council has agreed to give county employees, ranging mostly between 6% and 31%. The county agreed Monday to give 6% raises across-the-board, with larger raises given to some departments, mainly the sheriff's office, highdepartment and

See **Budget** page 2



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Scoring celebrations

The Jay County High School boys soccer team scored twice in the final 21 minutes Wednesday to rally for a 2-1 victory over Mississinewa in the sectional semifinal game at Delta. Pictured above, Josh Dowlen (center) runs back toward midfield after scoring the game-tying goal. Celebrating with him are Cayden Buckland (10), Kaleb Meadows (second from right) and Carter Link (right). Below, Meadows throws his arms in the air as the Patriot bench erupts after his score — it ended up being the game-winner — with 12 minutes remaining. For more on the game, see page 10.



Farm Bureau discusses bill priorities

By CASEY SMITH

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana's largest farmer advocacy group says it's prioritizing commodities, conservation and nutrition in its lobbying efforts around the next federal farm bill.

Indiana Farm Bureau, an agri-

Indiana's congressional delegation spent time during their recent sixweek recess to meet with the state's farm bill task force to discuss the next round of agricultural legislation on Capitol Hill.

That included visits from cultural organization that seeks to Republican Sens. Todd Young and

support Hoosier farmers, made the Mike Braun, Republican Rep. eight main focus areas, or "titles," announcement after members of Larry Bucshon, and Democratic of the current farm bill to come Rep. Frank J. Mrvan.

The task force, made up of farmers and agricultural professionals from around Indiana, convened in January. Since then, the group has reviewed current farm bill policy, heard from industry experts, and discussed each of the

of the current farm bill to come up with recommendations for Indiana Farm Bureau to priori-

Indiana Farm Bureau representatives said the organization supports additional, new base acres

under certain circumstances. See **Priorities** page 5



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Pumpkin painting

Nevaeh Nichols, 8, paints a pumpkin Saturday during the

Portland Main Street Fall Festival.

Shooting leaves 38 dead

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Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

A mass shooting that began with a daycare center in northeastern Thailand left 38 people dead, the majority of them children, according to officials.

A 34-year-old former cop used an automatic weapon to fire at the center located in Nong Bua Lamphu province near Thailand's border with Laos on Thursday afternoon, killing 24 children, Jackrapat Wijitwaitaya, a local police official, said by phone.

After fleeing the scene, the assailant shot dead more people as he drove back to his house, where he killed his wife and child before taking his own life, Jackrapat said. The attack day in the drug case that

Former officer opened

fire at daycare center

them seriously, according to Surachate Hakparn, deputy chief of the Royal Thai Police. The motive behind the

crime was unclear but the shooter, identified as Panya Kamrab, was believed to be under the influence of drugs, Jackrapat said.

National police chief Damrongsak Kittiprapas, who flew to the site of the attack, said the shooter was fired from service after being arrested for possession of drugs.

The assailant was set for a court appearance on Fri-

also left 10 injured, six of led to his dismissal, Damrongsak said.

> Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-Ocha ordered a probe into the "horrifying" crime and the police to fast-track the investigation. Authorities ordered the closure of all daycare centers in the area.

> While mass shootings are not very common in Thailand, a soldier shot dead two of his colleagues at a military facility Bangkok last month. Twenty-nine people were killed during a mass shooting in Nakhon Ratchasima in Thailand's northeast in

Deaths

Jack Gamester, 98, Redkey Jason Corwin, 50, Pen-

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County's high tempera-ture reached 78 degrees Wednesday. The low was 43.

Tonight's low will also be 43 and there is a chance of light rain with winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. Expect partly sunny skies Friday with a high of 76.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Jay County Fair Board corn maze will be open again from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The maze is also scheduled to be open from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 15, noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 22 and 6 to 10 p.m. Oct. 29.

Coming up

Friday — Results from tonight's JCHS girls soccer sectional semifinal game.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



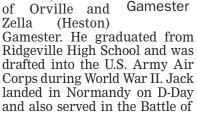
Obituaries

Jack Gamester

July 24, 1924-Oct. 4, 2022 Jack D. Gamester, age 98, a resident of Redkey, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022, at his

home in Redkey. Jack was a former longtime resof ident Ridgeville.

Jack was born on July 24, 1924, Ridgeville, Indiana, the son of Orville and (Heston)



After Jack's military service, he returned to Ridgeville where owned and

the Bulge during World War II.

Gamester Slaughter House, Gamester Trailer Park, Champion Homes and J&J Auto. Jack helped build the Ridgeville American Legion Post #504, where he was a member. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge of Portland, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and the Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine.

Jack married Nancy Joan Earls on Nov. 29, 1977. Survivors include:

Wife — Nancy Joan Gamester of Redkey, Indiana

Sons — Jerry Lofton of Dunkirk, Indiana, Tim Lofton of Lake Alfred, Florida, and Doug Davis (wife: Nylisa) of Redkey, Indiana

Five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren

Visitation will be held on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod operated Funeral Home in Portland. A on Monday, Oct. 3, 2022.

Tuesday

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Masonic Service will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral on Dec.11, 1971, in home. Services to celebrate Bluffton, Indiana, Jack's life will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Pastor Jonathon Edwards will officiate and entombment will follow at Lawndale Cemetery, east of Ridgeville. The Ridgeville American Legion Post #504 will conduct military graveside

Memorials may be directed towards Shriners Hospital for Children.

Condolences expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Jason Corwin

Dec. 11, 1971-Oct. 3, 2022 Jason Corwin, age 50, a resident of Pennville, passed away

Jason was born the son of John Kathy and (Watkins) Corwin. He graduated from Jay County High School in 1990 and

Corwin worked at Corwin

Trenching and Landon Excavating in Portland. Survivors include:

Parents — John and Kathy Corwin of Pennville, Indiana Sisters — Kylie Corwin of Port-

land, Indiana, and Melissa Corwin of Macedonia, Ohio

Nephews — Aiden and Jackson Armstrong

Special friends — Cheri McEwen and Stacy Harris His dogs — Buddy and Worm

He was preceded in death by his son, Seth Corwin; and a sister, Kristan Corwin.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pennville Chapel of Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at IOOF Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville.

Memorials may be directed towards the Seth L. Corwin

Memorial Scholarship Fund. Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

••••• The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the ofname. city residence. birth/death date

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

time/date/location of services.

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Frost will occur

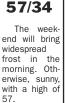
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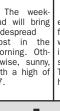
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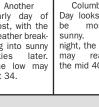
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Columbus Day looks to mostly night, the low reach the mid 40s.

Monday

10/10

67/45

Tuesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with tempera tures in the 70s. Chance of rain late.

71/52

with a high of 57. The low may

Lotteries

Powerball

26-30-33-37-62 Power Ball: 6 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$378 million

Mega Millions

jackpot: Estimated \$410 million

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 5-2-8 Daily Four: 3-2-4-7 Quick Draw: 4-7-11-16-21-24-26-27-30-33-35-44-47-51-57-60-65-67-73-77

Evening Daily Three: 9-5-2 Daily Four: 9-4-7-0 Quick Draw: 2-12-13-16-17-20-22-30-37-40-42-4344-49-50-51-54-64-70-79 Cash 5: 4-8-11-18-33 Hoosier Lotto: 1-3-25-28-33-43

Estimated jackpot: \$2.4 million

Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 3-7-1 Pick 4: 0-0-0-1 Pick 5: 3-5-7-3-7 Evening Pick 3: 7-4-6 Pick 4: 0-3-4-7 Pick 5: 7-6-8-4-7 Rolling Cash: 8-9-15-20-

Classic Lotto: 14-17-18-19-40-49

Kicker: 2-7-3-3-0-8 Estimated jackpot: \$37.4 million

Markets

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Oct. corn	
Wheat	7.34

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Corn	ხ.ყა
Oct./Nov. corn	6.68
Dec. corn	

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Richland	Iownship
Corn	6.54
Dec. corn	6.66
Beans	13.22
Dec. beans.	13.44

Wheat _..... 8.24 Nov. wheat 8.94

Central States Montpelier

Corn	6.54
Oct./Nov. corn .	6.54
Beans	13.33
Nov. beans	13.33
Wheat	8.65

Heartland

St. Anthony	
Corn	6.47
Oct. corn	6.42
Beans	13.20
Oct. beans	13.13
Wheat	0.45

and a \$20,000 decrease for Wheat8.45 **Today in history**

In 1866, what is considered to be the first train robbery occurred on an eastbound Ohio & Mississippi Railroad passenger train near Sey-

mour. High School football Rescue Plan Act. The team rolled to a 27-6 victory over South Adams. county eventually was selected to be part of the Pat Medler scored three touchdowns for the Panthers, including on a 41yard run just 15 seconds making process. into the game.

In 2022, Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council met to discuss how to allocate the county's about \$4 million in federal coronour. avirus relief funds In 1972, the Portland through the American state's Hoosier Enduring Legacy (HELP) program to help with decision-

. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

4 p.m. — Portland land. Board of Works, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

11:15 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, commissioners' room, courthouse, St., Portland.

120 N. Court St., Port-

3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

6 p.m. — Jay County Regional Sewer District, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court

Budget

Continued from page 1 Wage increases for different departments are as follows:

•Between 12% and 27% raises for employees depending on their position at the sheriff's office, as well as a 52% raise for the chief deputy

•Between 6% and 31% raises for positions at the highway department

•Between 6% and 21% raises for employees at **JEMS**

•Nearly 17% raises for jail cooks and Jay County Courthouse custodians council specified they are jumping to \$15 an hour. (Cooks work 30 hours a week.)

•About 15% raises for both Jay County Health Department's administrator and nurse

About 6% raises for courthouse security and jail maintenance

nearlv Council cut \$450,000 from the proposed budget Sept. 8. Other cuts have been made throughout the course of the last month by council and some department heads. Some of the largest cuts that have been made at meetings include: \$200,000 for road conversions — Jay County Commissioner Chad Aker previously noted there would still be some funds left over for the work — more than \$110,000 from the sheriff's office budget, including \$75,000 allotted for purchasing new vehicles in 2023; about \$102,000 from the highway department fund, \$93,000 of which was planned for gas, lube and oil; \$100,700 from Jay County Country Living's budget, approximately \$83,800 of which covers wages; and \$45,000 from the commissioners' budget, including a \$25,000 decrease for Jay County **Development Corporation**

Learning.

Oct. 19 to adopt it.

Also Wednesday, council reviewed proposed legislation for a hiring

proposed ordi-The requires county depart-County Personnel Committee following the terreview the vacated posiment head and commisordinance reads.

As it currently reads, if council does not OK the department head to fill the position, 60 days after the date of termination, the dollars allocated for that position would be eliminated.

ordinance may include merit deputies, corrections officers and dispatch from Jay County Sheriff's Office, as well as Jay Emergency Medical Service personnel. (Council member Ted Champ later suggested the county should offer no exemp-

County assessor Robin Alberson, county surveyor Brad Daniels and county clerk Jon Eads spoke in opposition to the propos-

"I've had representa-

—Jon Eads, Jay County clerk John Jay Center for tives that are supposed to make county officials betbe associated with my

Council accepted the

budget on its first reading, and it will vote again

freeze.

nance, which would be jointly approved by council and commissioners, ment heads to alert Jay mination of any full-time employee. The personnel committee would then tion within five business days and schedule a conwhen they said, we want ference with the departsioners president and alert council about the position, the proposed

Those exempt from the

tions from the rule.)

office, but there's been no time spent in my office. If I lose a person, they don't know what that person does in my office." said Eads. "I think a committee deciding whether I need to replace a person that quits is ridiculous."

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He pointed out funds for the employee would already have been budgeted and earmarked for that specific purpose.

Council member Matt Minnich said each job he's had, he's been accountable to a higher authority. He's had to make cuts to his departments before. "There were times

to go in a different direction, and I had to figure it out," he said. Council member Faron Parr explained the pro-

posal was made in an effort to be more aware of the county's finances.

up, and we just want to, I to anybody hiring additional people and evaluating as positions come up," the ordinance would es.

ter aware of the job turnover. Discussion ensued

about various terms of the proposal, including the length of time before council makes a decision. County attorney Bill Hinkle noted the proposal is not final and can be adjusted.

Champ and Houchins both said their intent was not to control department heads. Council talked about incorporating exit interviews for those leaving their positions in the county. Auditor Emily Franks noted the county does have exit forms that are not currently being used.

Council decided to forward the ordinance to commissioners

Also, Houchins noted consulting firm Baker Tilly has expressed interest in providing its services to the county. Franks This was a huge hit to said the company could our budget getting the pay provide a financial outlook for the next three to think, be more informed five years and possibly suggest alternate revenue streams and places to cut. Council agreed to invest said Parr. He later added in the company's servic-

ANNUAL MEETING

Little Salamonia Cemetery Assoc. **Tuesday, October 11th** 6:00 P.M.

Location: Jay County Public Library meeting room Contact info: 260-729-2721

SERVICES

Today

Dawson, Emmett: 10:30 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier. **Southworth**, Christopher: 5 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Port-

Friday

Beal, Julia: II a.m., Grace United Methodist Church, 312 W. Washington St., Hartford City. Fosnaugh, Dal: II a.m., Decatur Church of Christ, 700 E.

Monroe St., Decatur.

Meridian St., Portland.

Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland. Tipton, Joyce: I p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N.

Saturday

Gamester, Jack: II a.m.,

Sunday

Corwin, Jason: 3 p.m., Williamson, Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 190 S. Union St., Pennville.

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



With Gratitude and Best Wishes



We would like to thank the Jay County community for your patronage and for the opportunity to serve you over the past 37 years. As of September 30th, Inman U-Loc Storage is Portland Self Storage.

We wish the new owners continued success.

The Inman Families, Doug and Lori Dean and Jennifer

Rusty and Elizabeth

Roger and Bev







Photos provided

Student awards

East Elementary School recently announced its student of the month awards for September.

Pictured above are first graders (front row) Jordan Ramirez, Whitney Schwieterman and Tanner Fisher and (back row) Paisley Chapman, Kaylin Broering, Mia Petro and Ariana Esquivel.

At top right are kindergarteners (front row) Eivan Frazee, Lake Willman and Mason Hamilton and (back row) Laney Tenorio, Allison Hardesty and Daniella Alig. (Not pictured is Presley Hunt, who also received the

Pictured at right are second graders (front row) Carson Broering, Emily Nieport and Liam Darby and (back row) Lillian Alig, Jenna Acker, Montserrat Ruiz-Herrera and Abigail Winters.



Son-in-law tired of rude man's behavior

DEAR ABBY: My father-inlaw, who lives out of state, regularly makes crude jokes and comments about his sex life or my sex life in my presence and in the presence of my wife, his wife and others. He once commented to me that he would be excited to see his daughter, my wife, in bed with a woman.

fortable it is, but he doesn't refuses to address the con- mother-in-law overlook his wife and her mother may be he's there.

Dear Abby



stop the comments, even when I have expressed to my wife confronted. He claims he and mother-in-law how uncom- wants to be close to me but around him, but my wife and obsessive one. While your lunch, a movie, etc. while

point that I try to avoid my inlaws when they visit, including volunteering to work extra shifts at work.

It concerns me that he occacomments around my young daughters. I think he's a dirty old man. I can't stand being

cerns of his wife, daughter and comments and think the world prepared to overlook his son-in-law. It's reached the of him. Am I overreacting? inappropriate behavior, I How do I continue to interact don't think your young with him given my distaste for him? — CREEPED OUT IN **GEORGIA**

DEAR CREEPED OUT: I sionally makes these tasteless don't blame you for being creeped out. Your father-inlaw appears to be not only a watch his mouth, or you will "dirty old man" but an take the girls to a park, a

daughters should be subjected to it. For that matter, neither should you be.

If your FIL wants to be "close" to you, the price he will have to pay will be to

Community Calendar

Community Calendar as St., Portland. Come early mit an item, email mation, call (260) 766-2006. news@thecr.com.

Today

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 (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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 begin at 7 p.m.

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Notices will appear in Church, 1605 N. Meridian Friday space is available. To sub- for a meal. For more infor-

> FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

PORTLAND CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will

SOCIETY—Is open from 10 Gaunt Jewelry building, suffering from memory Room at Edelweiss Place at

and third Friday of each a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A the first Friday of each loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. Swiss Village in Berne.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL month in the former W.E. support group for anyone month in the Fireplace



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There's a lot of talk about "the media," the talking heads on cable TV who pander to political views for profit.

That's not the news, and it's certainly not this newspaper. Our goal every day is to fully and fairly report the news about this vibrant community and the people who live here.

That's at the heart of American newspapering-preparing timely and insightful reports about what matters most, prepared by hometown journalists who love this town and care about its future.

That's our pledge and our purpose.



Arguments have become tiresome

By TOM SILVESTRI The Relevance Project

It's been more than two years since I received my last pay check from a newspaper company.

In that time, I've had the opportunity to advocate for local newspapers that remain Relevant to their communities. That advocacy keeps running into tiresome arguments that are as yellow as old faded newsprint. No matter what facts you use to extinguish them, they find a way to flare up later.

During National Newspaper Week, consider the following collection of statements that numb the mind, along with a When you suggestion: encounter them, just turn the page, click to the next story, or call timeout to replenish the this one. Check out relevance-



beverage. Don't waste your time arguing.

Newspapers are dead. Not if you are reading this in print. Not if you get your news from a local newspaper online. Not if you support trusted journal-

Newspapers face tough challenges. And so does everyone. That's called life.

Nobody reads newspapers. Latest research annihilates

project.net for data compiled by the research firm of Coda Ventures, for example.

Newspapers must act with urgency. Embraced a long time ago. Yawn.

Print vs. digital. It's not an either/or argument. Newspaper media understand it's an "and" strategy — print AND digital. Move on.

Only metros are Pulitzer Prize newsrooms. Consistent, thorough beat coverage over

ter recognition and appreciation. Local newspapers are the lifeblood of a community.

Governments should be required to place legal notices in local newspapers. It's more than tradition. It's demonstrated transparency by responsible government. Newspaper readers are the best voters, by the way.

Cutting days of the week is good for newspapers. Please, admit it's about saving money. Don't tell us fewer days of publication are good for readers. Also, stop with the "digital transition" lectures.

free. The digital giants have wrecked that ability. So have the demise of classified ads and the disappearance of preprinted advertisements.

the course of a year merits bet- Free doesn't pay for a local newsroom.

> Journalists can't be objective. Outstanding journalism stands on its own. When it resonates and is a force for positive change, the objectivity worry melts.

I stopped at 10.

Do you have one? Send it to tas@relevanceproject.net.

Maybe we can do some good in extinguishing tiresome arguments that distract us from keeping newspapers Relevant.

In the meantime, thank you for supporting this newspaper.

Silvestri is executive director News stories should be of The Relevance Project, a community newspaper resource and advocate financed by Newspaper Association Managers of North American and the SNPA

Economic reports need more context

By MORTON J. MARCUS

If, on Sept. 27, you subscribed to Morning from the New York Times, you might have read:

An independent analysis found that President Joe Biden's student-debt relief plan could cost about \$400 billion, or roughly 2% of the country's annual economic out-

What you would not know is the "independent analysis" was made by the Congressional Budget Office, a very well-trusted agency and not one of the many independent crackpot nests of "analysts."

In addition, you would not know that those \$400 billion were calculated to be spread over 30 years. However, you would be led to believe these would "costs" incurred in just a single year and equal to 2% of the nation's total current economic output (GDP).

To be picky, \$400 billion would be 1.6% of the latest GDP figures, but a news brief is at liberty to round up to 2%. Yet, is the comparison of a 30year estimate to a single ven for the

If you sought a more reliable presentation of the facts and were not one who favors just candy kisses of news, you would have found it in the Indianapolis Star and elsewhere on the same date. This was an account from the Associated Press.

The focus of both accounts is the federal government's decreased revenues because of the enabled by additional data debt forgiveness program. What is not mentioned is the benefit to the forgiven of \$21 billion in the first year.

What will those bormoney for principal and interest payments they do not have to send to the federal government?

The White House talks of the clothing and other necessities they can buy. The Out House presumes those funds will be spent on beer, potato chips and sports betting. In both cases, GDP goes up.

Now, let's look at the latest GDP numbers.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis announced GDP fell in the second quarter of the unchanged from the pre- cus@yahoo.com.

Eye on the **Pie**



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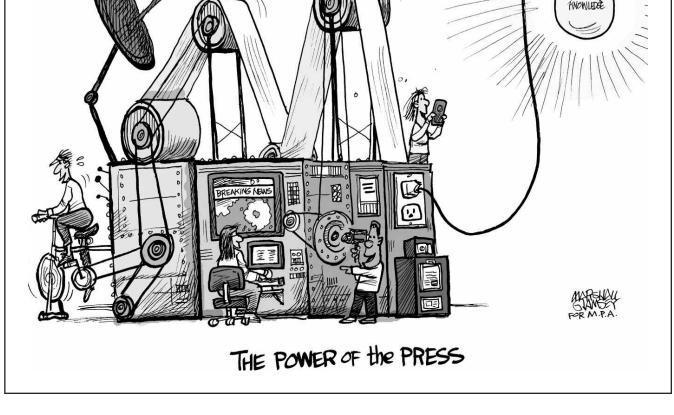
For each quarter of the year, the Bureau of Economic Analysis produces a GDP estimate. These are called the advance, the second and the third estimates. The monthly revisions are necessitated by Congress and others wanting the best available numbers as soon as possi-

The revisions as they flow into the Economic Bureau of Analysis from businesses and other government agencies.

But the public, not rowers do with the knowing about these necessary procedures, assumes each release is fresh news. Hence, the misconception about America in a new recession. Actually, the decline of 0.6% second quarter was better than the decline of 1.6% in the first quarter.

Both figures are too small to get excited about. We are not in a recession, but public anxiety about headlines and abbreviated stories could make it hap-

Marcus is an economist. year by 0.6%. This was Email him at mortonjmar-



Fed should continue to tighten

By RAMESH PONNURU Bloomberg Opinion Tribune News Service

Massachusetts.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's efforts to cool down the economy are causing progressive criticism to year's number appropri- vious estimate for the heat up. He has been accused of wanting a "brutal" recession, trying to "throw millions of Americans out of work" and using "dangerous" rhetoric. And those are the comments of just one senator, Elizabeth Warren of

> The criticism of the Fed's interestrate increases sometimes veers into demagoguery, just as did former President Donald Trump's attacks on Powell when the Fed raised rates. But the progressives' question deserves an answer: How can tightening monetary policy be morally justified even though it is expected to have a nega-

> tive effect on employment? What makes the question difficult is that the costs of inflation, while serious, are diffuse, while the costs associated with unemployment are highly concentrated. The costs of being unemployed are personal and often severe. They can include broken families, compromised mental health and reduced long-term prospects.

> At the same time, the human toll of unemployment can't be the argument-ender that Warren and likeminded observers want it to be. If it were, that would mean that tighter policy is never justified. That can't be

> Some progressives also have a simple-minded view of the relationship between unemployment and inflation. During the current bout of high inflation, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has repeatedly said that she was told in the 1980s, when she came to Congress, that inflation rises whenever unemployment falls.

She may have been told that; it reflected the conventional wisdom of the risk of higher unemployment, can Enterprise Institute.

Ramesh Ponnuru



a prior era. The early 1980s saw a severe recession largely caused by an effort to tame inflation. But her claim that inflation rises as unemployment falls has proven false during her own career. Unemployment fell from 1992

without an increase in inflation. Over the long run, tolerating high inflation does not seem to increase employment, and low inflation does not threaten it. Keeping inflation low is therefore a sensible long-term goal. The question today is this: What should the central bank do when a low-inflation regime has been won at great cost — that early-1980s recession — but is now in dan-

to 1998, and again from 2011 to 2020,

ger of ending? One option, which Warren's rhetoric pushes toward, would be to accept the current level of inflation on the grounds that bringing it down would weaken the labor market. But accepting current inflation may in practice amount to accepting higher inflation. Market expectations of inflation over the next five to 10 years are at present only slightly higher than the Fed's

2% annual target. Throw in the towel, and those expectations could rise — and become self-fulfilling. Then the Fed would face a worse version of its current choice: Either accept that inflation will drift even higher or clamp down on it at the cost of unemployment. Letting inflation drift higher, flinching from the fight because of

and then being forced to act is more or less how the US got that severe recession in the early 1980s.

The remaining options are about degrees of tightening: a lot or a little, fast or slow. The fact that expectations are under control suggests that it might still be possible to restore low inflation without a large increase in unemployment. That's an argument for moving fast. So is the fact that the unemployment rate is still relatively low. Judging from their projections, Fed policymakers think they can get inflation under control while unemployment peaks at 4.4% —which is lower than it was in any month of the Reagan or Obama presidencies.

The Fed may find its resolve tested if inflation begins to subside. It may be tempted to quit tightening when inflation drops to 3%, rather than inflict the additional pain needed to get back to the 2% target. If inflation is relatively predictable and stable. a 3% average might not impose much higher costs than a 2% one. But the Fed would not be making this choice in a vacuum. It would, in that case, be abandoning its initial target under duress, which is bound to make its future commitments less

credible. Recent statements by Powell have acknowledged the cost of restoring price stability but noted that, without it, "the economy does not work for anyone." The alternative to taking the requisite action now, he has explained, is risking higher inflation and then a more severe recession. The critics are mistaken: He should keep tightening monetary policy, and

with a clear conscience. •••••

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Priorities

Continued from page 1 Base acres reflect a farm's historical plantings and have a program commodity assigned to each base acre.

Under current law, determining a farm's federal program payment is based on old base acreage data. As a result, many farms today actually plant more acres than what they have in total base acres. An update to those base acres would change the distribution of farm program payments, which could mean more money for farmers.

Indiana Farm Bureau noted that many small tracts of land in the state are coming back into production that previously were pastures, tobacco or hay fields, or used for other purposes. Now those areas are being used to plant program crops.

The organization said it also recommends that any climate change initiatives proposed in the farm bill should not be a prerequisite for any other U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) conservation or crop insurance program. Farmers who spoke at task force meetings earlier this year emphasized that climate change initiatives should instead be volun-

tary and incentive based. Despite "some concern with inflation," the nutrition-focused title of the farm bill — which authorizes a number of nutrition and domestic food assis-



Republican U.S. Sen. Todd Young discusses the farm bill while meeting with farmers and producers Sept. 23 at Hiatt Farms in Muncie.

tance programs — is "just proactive role in helping Improvement Act of 2018as important and beneficial to farmers and ranchers and should be included" in the new legislation, according to Indiana Farm Bureau officials.

The policy recommendations will be presented for consideration at the American Farm Bureau Federation's national convention in January.

"Indiana Farm Bureau

shape legislation that affects farmers," Randy Kron, president of the Indiana Farm Bureau, said in a news release. "Agriculture is made up of so many diverse interests, and it is important that Hoosier farmers and midwestern commodities find their voice in federal policy discussions."

The current U.S. farm has always tried to take a bill — the Agriculture is set to expire next year. Congress updates the legislation every five years.

With the outcomes of November's midterm elections still undecided, that means the next bill draft could be debated under new congressional leadership.

"Writing a farm bill is a long, complex process that is influenced by many different forces," Kron said. "The Senate and House

agriculture committees, state and national agriculture groups, environmental groups, nutrition groups and others all participate in the process."

Harvest projections across Indiana are positive this season, thanks in part to cool and dry weather conditions that have helped with fieldwork. Indiana's corn harvest for this season is 16% complete, according to the USDA. So far, 17% of soybeans have been harvested.

But farmer's outlooks on the economy are on the decline, according to economists at Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

Results from a nationwide survey released Monday showed a growing number of producers are increasingly concerned about the impacts of rising interest rates on their farm operations. The report indicated that 44% of farmers say higher input costs remain their number one concern.

When asked to look ahead to 2023, 38% of producers said they expect input prices to rise from 1% to 9% compared to 2022 prices. Another 10% of farmers who responded to the survey said they think prices could be 20% higher next year.

"Rising input prices are a major concern for our members. We'll work to see ways to work with both our talchronicle.com.

federal and state lawmakers to find opportunities to reduce input prices," said Andy Tauer, executive director of public policy at Indiana Farm Bureau. "This is an issue that is very important to our members as input costs play directly into long term farm sustainability as well as our ability to bring the next generation back to the farm.

In addition to issues that will be addressed in the federal legislation, Tauer told the Indiana Capital Chronicle that Indiana Farm Bureau will focus on other issues affecting Hoosier farmers, too, once the Indiana Legislature reconvenes in January. Those specific priorities are expected to be released in the coming months.

"As we look toward the upcoming legislative session, rural broadband is something that many of our members continue to discuss. We'll work with state leaders and continue to advocate and share the need for high quality broadband in rural Indiana," Tauer said. "As members deploy more advanced technology on their farms and businesses, it just reenforces the need for further expansion of broad-

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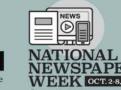
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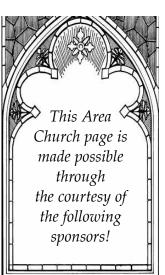
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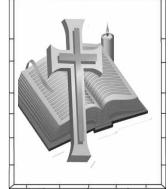
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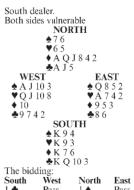
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the question is whether you should duck your ace, take the ace and return a heart, or take the ace and discontinue the suit.

It should not take you very long to conclude that if you allow declarer to gain the lead with the king of hearts at either trick one or king of hearts at either trick one or

trick two, he will almost surely

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make the contract. Dummy's abundance of tricks — at least seven are in plain view — should convince you that your only hope of defeat-ing the contract lies in spades, and that if South is not vulnerable in that suit, you can't stop him. Hav-ing reached this conclusion, you take partner's queen of hearts with the ace, and the only remaining question is which spade to lead at trick two.

Ordinarily, with the Q-8-5-2 of spades, you would lead your fourth-best card, the two. But in the present case, where your only chance to beat the contract is to garner four spade tricks at once, you should

lead the queen!

As it happens, the queen play is spectacularly successful. You find your partner with the A-J-10-3, and South goes down one before he can even say "good play." Observe that if you return the two of spades instead of the queen, declarer makes the contract by playing the four or the nine from his hand.

Of course, you must be lucky for the queen play to work out so perfectly, but that is a commodity one must learn to rely on to at least some extent. It certainly offers more hope than allowing declarer to win the first heart, or taking the ace and mechanically returning a heart at trick two, which is tantamount to conceding the contract.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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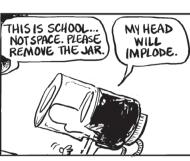
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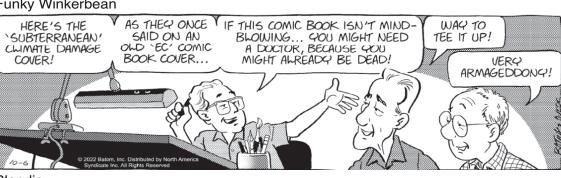




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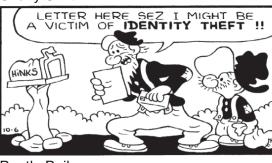


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Lindy Wood Jay County - 2022

Also competed in the Louisville Classic, competing for the University of St. Francis women's cross country team.

Wood ran a consistent race throughout as she was sitting 336th at the 2-kilometer mark. She was 338th 2 kilometers later and then edged back to finish 336th in

Jalvn Bruns Fort Recovery - 2022

Played for the Indiana University – East women's golf team as it placed third Monday and Tuesday in the River States Fall Preview at Belterra Resort in Florence, Kentucky.

Bruns shot a 96 in Monday's opening round. She followed with a 93 Tuesday for a 189 overall that put her 30th out of 44 in the tournament.

Anhely Montes Jay County - 2020

Helped the offensive attack for the Anderson University women's soccer team in its 3-2 win Saturday over Transylvania.

Montes came off the bench and recorded one shot for the Ravens (4-3-3) in the second half of the victory. Lauren Brown had the game-winning goal for Anderson at the 71:55 mark of the game.

The Ravens also played Wednesday, with Montes taking one shot in a 3-0 loss to Rose-Hulman.

Sports on tap

Local schedule Today

Jay County -- Girls soccer sectional semifinal vs. Delta at Yorktown - 7 p.m.; Volleyball vs. New Castle - 6 p.m. Fort Recovery - Volleyball at Minster - 6:30 p.m.; Middle school football at Fort Loramie – 5 p.m.; Middle school volleyball at New Knoxville – 5 p.m.

Friday Jay County — Football vs. Lapel - 7

Fort Recovery - Football vs. Parkway - 7 p.m.

TV sports

Today 7:30 p.m. — NBA preseason basketball: Miami Heat at Brooklyn Nets (ESPN) 10 p.m. — NBA preseason basketball: Minnesota Timberwolves at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)

Friday 12:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball

playoffs: Wild card – Tampa Bay Rays at leveland Guardians (ESPN)

2:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball

playoffs: Wild card - Philadelphia Phillies at St. Louis Cardinals (ABC)

3 p.m. — Women's soccer: International friendly – United States at England

4:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: Wild card – Seattle Mariners at Toronto Blue Jays (ESPN)

7 p.m. — College football: Nebraska at Rutgers (FS1) 7:30 p.m. — Colle at Memphis (ESPN2) - College football: Houston

8:07 p.m. — Major League Baseball playoffs: Wild card – San Diego Padres at New York Mets (ESPN)

10:30 p.m. - College football: Colorado State at Nevada (FS1) 10:30 p.m. — High School football:

St. John Bosco vs. Mater Dei (Bally Indi-

Local notes

Wrestling registration open A sign-up session is scheduled for kindergarten through sixth graders who Wrestling Club.
The club's Little Patriots Program is for

those in kindergarten through second grade and focuses on wrestling basics. Its elementary dual team for those in grades 3 through 6 focuses on expanding those skills with the team also entering four to six dual competitions. Registration fees are \$80 and \$120, respectively.

The sign-up sessions for third through six graders will be 6 p.m. Oct. 13 and 6 p.m. Oct. 18. Sign ups for kindergarten through second graders will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 22 and 6 p.m. Nov. 29.

Turkey Trot is Nov. 5

The Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K is scheduled for Nov. 5.

The race will begin at 10 a.m. at the Cooper Farms processing facility, 1 Cooper Farm Drive, St. Henry, Ohio. Check-in

begins at 9 a.m. For more information or to register, visit speedy-feet.com and search for "Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K."

90 SALE CALENDAR

LIVE AND ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION Located 806 E Votaw

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10 A.M.

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PUBLIC AUCTION Located: 922 W Seventh Street Portland, IN Saturday morning

OCTOBER 15th, 2022 10:00 AM **REAL ESTATE** PARCEL #1: This parcel has a ranch style home with 2039 square feet of living

space and was built in

1973. PARCEL #2: This parcel has a 2 bedroom, 1 full bathroom home setting on it with approximately 3.6 acres of wooded area with

pond. PARCEL #3: There are approximately 13.13 acres of tillable and wooded ground in this parcel.

PARCEL #4: This parcel consists of Parcel #1 and Parcel #2. 2 houses with approximately 4.12 acres.

PARCEL #5: This is the entire property with 2 houses and 17.25 acres.

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PUBLIC AUCTION Located: Bob Schmit Memorial Building Jay County Fairgrounds East Votaw St. Portland,

90 SALE CALENDAR

IN October 8th, 2022 10 AM ANTIQUES-HOUSE-**HOLD-MISC Wash**stands and marble top, 2 antique high back beds. Dresser with mirror, Wooden rocking chair, Trunks, 4 piece dresser set, Round dining room table w/6 chairs, Lighted curio cabinet, Fireplace heater, Westinghouse flat screen T. V. Coca-Cola memorabilia, Kitchen aid and Kenmore washer and dryer,

cushion sofa, Recliner loveseat. **BOAT-LAWN & GAR-**DEN-TOOLS 14ft. aluminum 3hp Evinrude engine, Trolly motor and trailer, 2 cycle mini rototiller, Kennedy tool boxes, Delta miter saw, several items not men-

tioned.

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PUBLIC AUCTION Located at 333 Blaine Pike (former DAV Building), Portland, IN Thursday Afternoon OCTOBÉR 13, 2022 4:30 P.M.

MODERN HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD & COL-LECTORS ITEMS -**TOOLS** Sealy Hybrid king size

bed; dining room table with 6 chairs; Queen Anne style chairs; rocker: tea cart: marble top coffee table; bird cage with stand; FOSTORIA: pitcher and tumblers, plates, bowls and ice bucket; Bavaria plates; decanters; several Silver serving pieces; Roy

Rogers binoculars; cuckoo clock; Atari gaming system; vintage Barbie dolls: steins: wrenches: saws; pipe wrenches; pruners; bolt cutters; shovels: rakes: and other items not listed. **AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** This is a very clean auction with nice variety of items. Please note that this is only a partial listing of the items to be

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PUBLIC AUCTION Located: 408 E Main Street, Portland IN Sunday Afternoon OCTOBER 16th, 2022 1:00 P.M.

HIGH QUALITY HOME FURNISHINGS -**ANTIQUES - TOOLS** 3 pc. queen size bedroom suit with matching 4 drawer chest along with vanity and bench; dining room table with 6 chairs and matching buffet; child's wood rocker, Mikasa French Countryside 12 place set of dishes; mantel clock; floral arrangements; wall paper and papering sup-

ters box; hose; old windows; wood work bench; indexers; charcoal grill; and many other items not listed. **AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** Gary and Lori recently sold their historic home in Portland and are relocating. This auction offers a nice selection

plies; sweepers; carpen-

high quality items. GARY & LORI BAD-DERS Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Ben Lyons AU10700085 Travis Theurer AU11200131

PUBLIC AUCTION Located: 525 N Middle Street Portland, IN Friday afternoon

OCTOBER 7, 2022 4:30 P.M. HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD & COLLECTORS

ITEMS Ge washer; Maytag dryer; 3 pc. bedroom suit; Jim Davis and Kent Helms paperweights; Daisy BB pistol; US Navy photo log; Carnival Glass; Shambarger bottle; Black Depression bowl and berry set; old children's books; ; foot locker; Navy uniform; Japan flags and officer

badges; German Swatsika arm band: 1922. 1964 and 1965 Indianapolis 500 programs; Kennedy newspapers: Griswold skillet; Wagner skillets; cast iron cat; ;

and other items not listed. HALL FAMILY Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Ben Lyons AU10700085 Travis Theurer

PUBLIC AUCTION Located: 525 N Middle Street Portland, IN Friday afternoon OCTOBER 7, 2022 4:30 P.M.

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REAL ESTATE Single story home with 2 bedrooms, 1 full bathroom and 1229 square feet of living area. This home has a gas forced air furnace and new gas water heater. There is a 2 story detached garage and house sets on a

corner lot. 10% nonrefundable deposit day of sale with balance due at closing. Seller will provide General Warranty Deed and Owners Title Insurance. PERSONAL PROPER-TY will sell immediately following real estate. HALL FAMILY

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90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION Located: 926 West Seventh Street, Portland Indiana (across from Green Park Cemetery) on Saturday Morning OCTOBER 15th, 2022

10:00 AM. **OLD & COLLECTORS** ITEMS - HOUSEHOLD GOODS - TOOLS 4 pc. Mid Century Modern bedroom suit; ; 5 pc.

bedroom suit; Lane cedar chest; Berne sofa; Maple Peninsular cast iron stove: Fostoria glasses; matchbox cars; Goebel figurines; McCoy planter; marbles; glass jars; #2, #6 crown and

#8 crocks; Portland Forge anvils; Boys Scouts and Girls Scout badges and patches;; Dewalt nailer; Black and Decker 14.4 rechargeable drill: Lincoln 225 amp welder; furniture clamps; and other items not listed.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Donna's family owned and operated the Western Auto Store in Portland for many years and this auction offers a nice variety of items. DONNA TYNDALL,

Deceased By Lora Jefferson, Sheila Tyndall and Jeana Clayton Josh Atkinson - Attorney Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers

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PUBLIC AUCTION Located: Womens Building at Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E Votaw Street, Portland IN Sunday Afternoon **OCTOBER 9, 2022** 12:30 P.M

MODERN HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD & COL-**LECTORS ITEMS - GE** washer; Roper dryer; refrigerator; kitchen table with 4 chairs: hutch: buffet: large ceramic elephant; Willow Tree figurines; Carnival glass; Western Germany figurine goblets; BHG stand mixer: large

assortment of decorations to include fall and Christmas; wood step ladder; scoop shovel; patio chairs; and other items not listed.

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260 PUBLIC AUCTION

Public Notice ORDINANCE 2022-09

ORDINANCE AMENDING STOP INTERSECTIONS BE IT ORDAINED by the

Board of Commissioners of Jay County, Indiana that the Jay County Code of Ordinances, Title VII, Chapter 71, Schedule I, Stop Intersections, is amended as follows: 1. County Road 325 W shall

stop at County Road 700 S is hereby deleted. 2. County Road 700 S shall stop at County Road 325 W is hereby added.

3. The penalty for violation of this ordinance is set forth in Title VII, Chapter 70.99 in the Jay County Code of Ordinances. PASSED AND ADOPTED by

the Board of Commissioners of

Jay County, Indiana on this 26th day of September, 2022. Chad Aker, President Jay County Commissioners Attest: Emily Franks, Jay **County Auditor** CR 9-29,10-6,

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Notice to Public of No Significant Impact on the Environment and Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds CITY OF DUNKIRK 131 SOUTH MAIN STREET

DUNKIRK, IN 47336 TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS: On or about October 22, 2022 the above named City of Dunkirk will request the State of Indiana to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the following project:

Dunkirk Stormwater Improvement Project Construction of a 1.29 acre-foot volume (0.35 acre surface area, 7 foot depth) detention basin east of Broad Street with associated earthwork, fine grading, seeding, gravel access drive, and outfall structures. Excavated earth will be mounded near the basin site to direct flow into the basin and protect nearby structures. Construction of a 1.14 acre-foot volume (0.31 acre surface area, 13 foot depth) detention basin south of A Street with associated earthwork, fine grading, seeding, gravel access drive, and outfall structures. Excavated earth will be mounded near the basin site to direct flow into the basin and protect nearby structures. Replacement of 2,185 linear feet of existing 8" and 12" gravity storm sewers and associated structures along 2nd Street. A Street, and Broad Street with 2,655 linear feet of new 12" and 15" storm sewers and nine new storm structures. Structural backfill will be provided where pipes cross under roads and driveways and surface restoration of disturbed paved and unpaved areas is included. Acquisition of a portion of 1 parcel east of Broad Street to construct the Broad Street basin and form earthen mounds. Acquisition of 1 parcel south of A Street to construct the A Street basin.

Dunkirk, Jay County, Indiana

Finding of No Significant Impact It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named City of Dunkirk has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reasons for such

decision not to prepare such statement are as follows: All preliminary environmental reviews by state and county agencies indicated that the proposed project would not endanger the environment under any capacity.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed project has been made by the above named City of Dunkirk which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request to the City of Dunkirk between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of funds

Public Comments of Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Dunkirk to the City of Dunkirk, 131 South Main Street, Dunkirk, Indiana 47336. Such written comments should be received by October 21, 2022. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Dunkirk will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentences. Release of Funds

The City of Dunkirk will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the State of Indiana under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Dunkirk is certifying to the State that the City of Dunkirk and Jack Robbins, in his official capacity as mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Dunkirk may use the Block Grant funds and the State will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objections to State Release of Funds The State will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by the State; or (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to the State of Indiana, Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, Environmental Officer, One North Capitol, Suite 600, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the State. No objections received after November 5, 2022 will be considered by the State.

Jack Robbins, Mayor

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City of Dunkirk

Heart

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The Panthers earned their spot in the sectional final by knocking off the host Eagles 3-2 in the second semifinal game Wednesday.

Trailing 1-0 at halftime, the Patriots started generating more scoring opportunities as they earned setpiece opportunities by putting pressure on Mississinewa's five-man defensive line. In the 59th minute, they finally broke through.

Marentes took a free kick from about 30 yards out on the right side and sent it into the box. It cleared a group of players and bounced, allowing Dowlen to hit it with his chest. As it came down, he planted his left leg, adjusted his body to almost parallel with the ground and took a swing at the ball with his right foot.

At such short range, goalie Micah Sylte was left to guess. He dived toward the right post, but Dowlen's shot went left and into the net to tie the game with 20:53 remaining.

"I was so happy," said Dowlen, who anchors the team's defense but is sometimes brought up to attack on set pieces. "Second goal of the season right there."

Just under eight minutes later it would be Meadows' turn.

While not on a set piece, the mechanics of his score were similar. The ball was sent in from the right side, Sylte was caught in between trying to corral it or prepare for a shot and Meadows delivered what ended up being the game-winner.

"Running up the field, Dylan had a beautiful through ball to Carter (Link)," said Meadows, whose goal came with 12 minutes remaining. "And Carter looked up and saw me and Levi (Muhlenkamp) ... He crossed a beautiful ball right to the center. And Levi knew I was right behind him, so he left it. And I got past that back defender and just snuck a little right kick right into the left side of the goal.'

Mississinewa got a quick opportunity with freshman Seth Yoder pushing up the right side following the ensuing kickoff, but Kaleb Coppock saved his grounder shot. The Indians (12-5-1), who had lived on through balls and sideline attacks in the first half, were unable to mount another threat.

"I think we put our heads down," said MHS coach Jared Reel, whose team was without leading scorer Karsyn Bougher (15 goals) because



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Dylan Marentes, a Jay County sophomore, controls the ball during the first half. Marentes would go on to assist on the gametying goal and send a through ball to Carter Link, who assisted on the game-winner. The Patriots will play Eastbrook for the sectional title at 7 p.m. Saturday at Delta.

much. That's one of our downfalls is ... we want to dribble, we lose the ball. We just don't know how to get rid of the ball. If we make the passes, move the ball like we did in the first half, we get opportunities in the second half. We didn't do that.

Mississinewa's lone goal of the game came with 12:39 on the clock in the first half when junior Elliot Williams pushed deep into the left side and sent a crossing pass back to of an illness. "We were dribbling too the top of the 18-yard box. That left semifinal next week.

Yoder wide open to send a shot past a diving Coppock for a 1-0 lead.

When the Patriots return to Delta on Saturday, they will be looking to end an eight-year sectional championship drought. Their last crown came in 2014 with a 2-1 victory over Yorktown.

Eastbrook's last sectional title came in 2018.

The winner of Saturday's championship game will host a regional



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Lapel Bulldogs

Coach: Tim Miller, 11th year **Conference:** Independent



Last week vs. Heritage Christian: A 19-point third quarter gave Lapel the lead, but the Class 2A No. 8 Eagles scored the only points of the fourth to eke out the win. Senior running back Tyler Dollar carried 30 times for 305 yards and four TDs in the loss.

Season leaders: Passing — Devin Craig – 56of-89 for 679 yards and four TDs. Rushing — Tyler Dollar – 173 carries for 1,413 yards and 16 TDs. Receiving — Nick Witte – 33 receptions for 432 yards and two TDs. Defense — Bruin White - 64 tackles.

Jay County Patriots

Portland, 2-5

Coach: Grant Zgunda, second year (25th overall) Conference: Allen County

Last week vs. South Adams: JCHS was within one score in the third quarter but could not capitalize on a fumble and the Class 1A No. 9 Starfires pulled away for a 49-27 victory. Kadin Ridenour had 142 rushing yards and a TD in the

Season leaders: Passing — Sean Bailey - 54of-90 for 756 yards and seven TDs. Rushing — Kadin Ridenour - 103 carries for 644 yards and eight TDs. Receiving — Patrick Hemmelgarn – 17 receptions for 360 yards and five TDs. Defense Bryce Wenk – 35 tackles.

Last season: The Patriots struggled on offense, losing three key players to first-quarter injuries in a 35-0 defeat. Tyler Dollar powered Lapel, running for 187 yards and four TDs on just seven carries. Jay County was limited to 37 yards of total offense.

Game notes: This will be the fourth meeting between the schools on the gridiron. Jay County is 0-3 in the series and has been outscored 106-21 The Patriots have lost four in a row — two of those games have been against state-ranked squads after a 2-1 start. This will be their sixth consecutive losing regular season ... Lapel must win its last two games in order to finish with an eighth straight winning regular season ... CalPreps.com lists the Bulldogs as 19-point favorites.



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Second-half heart

Patriots keep season alive with two goals in the final 21 minutes

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
MUNCIE — The Patriots did not expect to be here.

Having lost two-thirds of their 2021 starting lineup to graduation, this was supposed to be a rebuilding year.

But staring at a one goal deficit at halftime, coach Bobby Ruiz challenged them. What were they going to do with the 40 minutes

they had left in their season?
"They played their heart out," Ruiz said.

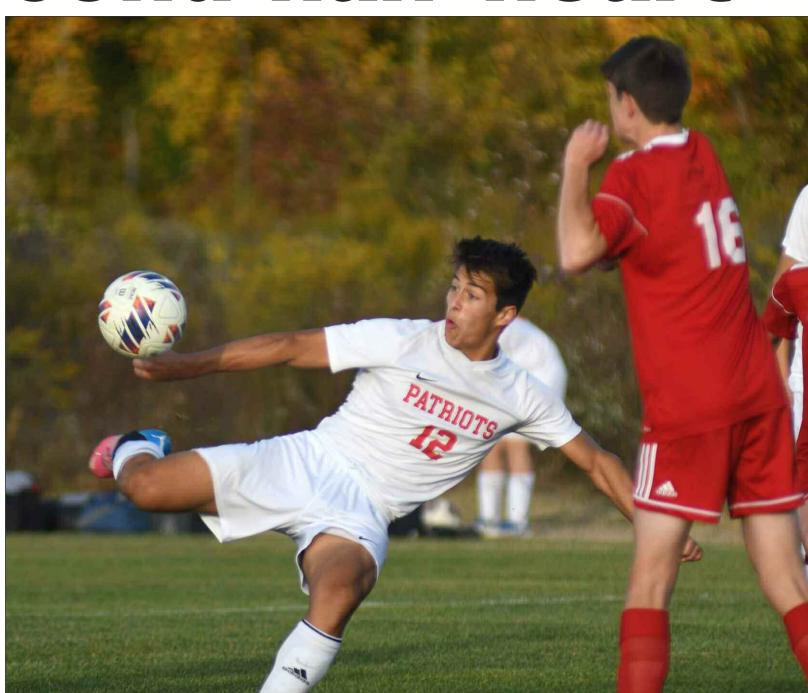
Seniors Josh Dowlen and Kaleb Meadows came through with the game-tying and game-winning goals — both set up by sophomore Dylan Marentes — as Jay County High School rallied for a 2-1 victory over the Mississinewa Indians in Wednesday's semifinal round of the Class 2A Sectional 24 boys soccer tournament at Delta.

This was only in the dreams at the beginning of the season, said Ruiz, who is in his first year leading the team after assisting under Brad Horn for several years. "I never gave up on the hope, but it was way far out for

"It's on them. You see the heart. It's all them. On every single line, even with that goal against us, they never gave up.

The Patriots (8-6-1) advance to play Eastbrook (9-7-1) in the sectional championship game at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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Jay County High School senior Josh Dowlen prepares to send in the game-tying goal during the second half of Wednesday's sectional semifinal game against the Mississinewa Indians at Delta. Dowlen's goal with just under 21 minutes remaining tied the score and fellow senior Kaleb Meadows connected on the game-winner about nine minutes later as the Patriots advanced to Saturday's sectional final with a 2-1 victory.

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Rammel helps lead ETSU

In her freshman season, Whitley Rammel has spent time as both a starter and a

She was back in the starting lineup over the weekend and she made the most of that opportunity

Rammel, a 2022 Fort Recovery High School graduate, racked up 19 kills for the Eastern Tennessee State University women's volleyball team in wins Friday and Saturday over Samford and Mercer.

The freshman was one of three Buccaneers to reach double-digit kills in Saturday's 25-10, 25-22, 20-25, 25-16 victory over Mercer as she finished with 10. She also had a team-high five blocks to go along with two digs and one assist.

Rammel totaled nine kills, two blocks, one dig and one assist in the sweep of Samford on Friday.

For the season, she is fourth on the team with 79 kills. She also has 39 blocks, 17 digs and three assists.

Vivienne Kunkler Jay County - 2019

Recorded two NAIA provisional cut times as the host Bethel University women's swim team opened its season by defeating Aquinas while losing to Davenport and Olivet Nazarene in a four-team event.

Kunkler's best finish at the meet was third place in the 200-yard breaststroke in 2 minutes, 30.51 seconds. She was also fourth in the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.05. Both of those times earned her NAIA provisional cuts.

The senior was also sixth with a time of 26.8 in the 50 freestyle.

Collegiate Check-up

Paige Fortkamp Fort Recovery - 2021

Recorded a dozen kills Saturday to help lead the University of St. Francis women's volleyball team to a 17-25, 25-18, 25-20, 32-30 victory over Huntington.

The Cougars (13-10) fed Fortkamp the ball 36 times as she finished second on the team in kills behind Haidyn Carrico (13). She also had three blocks and two

Fortkamp had eight kills, three blocks, 12 digs and an ace in a five-set loss Friday to Mount Vernon Nazarene. She totaled six kills, three digs and an ace in Wednesday's sweep of Goshen.

Chloe Will Fort Recovery - 2019

Posted the No. 4 time for the Tiffin University women's cross country team as it finished 26 out of 47 teams at Saturday's Louisville Cross Country Classic at E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park.

Will was in 207th place out of 422 runners two kilometers into the race before falling back to 237th with just over 1 kilometer to go. She essentially held that spot the rest of the way, finishing 239th in 20 minutes, 16.2 seconds.

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Arraez takes AL batting crown By MEGAN RYAN

Star Tribune Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — Minnesota Twins designated hitter Luis Arraez clinched the American League batting title Wednesday, recording two walks and a double before leaving in the third inning of a 10-1 win over the Minnesota Twins.

Arraez finished the season hitting .316. He entered the day at .315 with Aaron Judge of the New York Yankees at .311.