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## Kaup chuckle

Dave and Jerry Kaup laugh at jokes presented by Ed Hosbach at the Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce awards banquet Sunday. Hosbach was inducted into the community's "Hall of Fame" for his many years of health care service.

## Choirs make state, guard falls short

Jay County High School's show choirs are headed to state.

The color guard came up just a bit short.

Thanks to a strong effort in their final regular-season competition Saturday at the Columbia City Cup 2023, Jay County's Patriot Edition and Just Treble earned spots in the Indiana State School Music Association Small School State Finals.

The school's winter guard barely missed a second consecutive state berth as it finished 18th in the Indiana High School Color Guard Association semifinals Saturday at Franklin Central. (The top 16 advance to the state finals Saturday at Center Grove.)

Just Treble, the JCHS all-girl group, closed out its run to the state finals by finishing second in women's division – tier II on Saturday. It finished behind Starlights of Northridge.

Patriot Edition placed fifth in the co-ed division at Columbia City and also won the award for best crew.

The JCHS winter guard scored 72.59 points Saturday in the state semifinals. That was up from its 70.16 at the previous weekend's state preliminaries but left the group 1.36 points short of a state berth.

Pike picked up the final spot in the state finals with a score of 73.95, and Tipton was 17th with 72.62.

State finals berths for the show choirs are determined by scores from across all ISSMA qualifying competitions through the season, with the top nine advancing.

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## Commissioners OK JCDC \$\$\$

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

Two county entities are making steps toward a solution to conflict.

Jay County Commissioners agreed to pay a \$105,000 claim to Jay County Development Corporation for six months of its annual budget during a meeting Monday. Commissioners also agreed Monday to give \$137,500 — it's the second portion of funds previously allocated — toward Jay County Humane Society's new building project.

Jay County Development Corporation executive director Travis Richards noted he submitted a funding application for his organization's budget. He requested \$105,000 Monday and the other half of the budget on July 1. (Typically, JCDC submits budget claims twice a year.)

Commissioner Chad Aker voiced support for the request, noting he would like for both commissioners and JCDC to come to an agreement on matters moving forward.

JCDC is considering changes to its bylaws that would assign per-

### County also provides second half of funding committed to new humane society facility

manent seats on the executive committee to several local government officials and establish a code of conduct. Commissioner Brian McGalliard has also suggested contracting with JCDC, a move he said is required by state statute. (Indiana Code 6-3.6-10-2 says "a county, city, or town may use revenue allocated for economic development purposes" ... for "contract payments to a nonprofit corporation whose primary corporate purpose is to assist government in planning and implementing economic development projects.")

Commissioners agreed to pay the \$105,000 claim.

Aker read from a prepared state-

ment at the end of the meeting.

"Despite the rumors that may be going around, the commissioners are not seeking to do away with JCDC," he said. "The commissioners are committed to working out an agreement with JCDC that best address the county's economic development needs ... Historically, JCDC has submitted two funding requests per year, so approval of their request in this manner is not out of the ordinary and is also a gesture of good faith as we work out an agreement with JCDC."

Richards also asked commissioners about their progress with creating a plan for economic development income tax funds.

(They rescinded a five-year plan last month put together by JCDC.) Aker said he would like to meet with JCDC to put together a plan that would be reviewed every two years.

On a related note, commissioners forwarded a \$2,000 EDIT funding request from Jay County Historical Society to the county's EDIT advisory committee for review. The funding was previously allocated to the group in the former plan.

Also Monday, commissioners agreed to give Jay County Humane Society the remaining portion of funds previously designated for renovating the former Fastenal building on the west side of Portland into an animal control facility.

The organization has been providing animal control to the county since December 2020, when it paired with Midwest Pet Refuge to offer the service following former animal control officers Bill and Kathy Fields' retirement. Its current facility comfortably houses 12 dogs and about 20 cats.

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## Considering clinic

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Jay School Board is continuing to discuss the possibility of establishing on-site behavioral health services via a school-based behavioral health clinic.

Lisa Suttle of Meridian Health Services visited Monday's school board meeting to present information and answer questions regarding the proposed clinic.

Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gulley explained that after the clinic was discussed at the board's February meeting he forwarded questions from board members to Meridian officials. He also reached out to local physicians regarding the agreement and received responses from two individuals. In response to their ideas/concerns, additional

### Jay School Board asks more questions about possible behavioral health initiative

language was added to the agreement including details regarding communication between Meridian and students' healthcare providers.

The memorandum with Meridian calls for establishing a school-based behavioral health clinic to be staffed by three employees — one therapist and one "skill builder" to be based at Jay County Junior-Senior High School and a skill builder to be based at an elementary

school. Suttle explained that Meridian's first such clinic was in Muncie Community Schools three years ago and that it has since opened several others.

Board members Vickie Reitz and Marcie Vormohr both sought clarification regarding parental consent. Suttle responded that consent from parents is required each time a student receives services from Meridian.

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## Ruth's rabbit

Ruth Donson of Muncie pets Stardust, an angora rabbit, Saturday during the Fiber Festival at Jay Community Center.

### Deaths

**Carolyn Adams-Armstrong**, 90, Dunkirk  
**Kayla Halsey**, 31, Dunkirk  
**Kenneth Murphy**, 75, Montpelier  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 37 degrees Monday. The low was 29 and there were periods of snowfall.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 19. Skies will be sunny Wednesday with the high climbing to 46.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

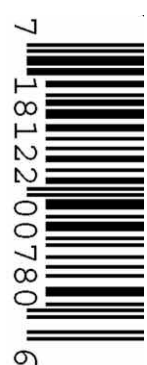
### In review

Fort Recovery Local Schools announced Monday that it has narrowed its superintendent search to three candidates — Fort Recovery High School principal Tony Stahl, Sidney City Schools elementary principal Stephanie Klingshirm and Little Miami High School principal Cathy Trevathan. Final interviews will be held next week.

### Coming up

**Wednesday** — A look at the unemployment rate in Jay County.

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



# Obituaries

## Carolyn Adams-Armstrong

April 19, 1932-March 10, 2023  
Carolyn Joyce Adams-Armstrong, 90, passed away on March 10, 2023.

She was born on April 19, 1932, to James and Mary (Hinton) Gilbert. She married Adrian Adams and raised a family of eight children.

Her family was the focal point of her life. She was a central presence in the lives of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

After Adrian's untimely passing, she married Delmar Armstrong in 1983.

Carolyn worked for a number

of years at Indiana Glass. She also owned the Dairy Yum, which she and Adrian owned and operated as a family business.

In her spare time, she enjoyed traveling, especially to visit family.

Carolyn is survived by her husband Delmar; five daughters, Teresa Sain, Joyce Boggs (husband: Pat), Joella Goen (husband: Steve), Teri Johnk (husband: Steve) and Denna Sumwalt (husband: Larry); her sister-in-law Kay Gilbert; and her special cousin Jan Jameson. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and countless other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Adrian; and three sons, Robert Adams, Danny Adams and Stacy Todd Adams. Also preceding her in death were five siblings, Mary Johnson, Barbara Stapleton, Beverly Gilbert, Larry Gilbert and Terry Gilbert.

A graveside service will take place at 2 p.m. on March 17, 2023, at Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to EverHeart Hospice.

The family wishes to extend its gratitude to the nurses and aides of EverHeart Hospice for the care they provided to Carolyn over the last several weeks.

Time and again throughout her life, she found refuge in her faith. Her favorite Scripture was Psalm 23. She would urge the many people who mourn her passing to remember the words of 2 Corinthians 1:3-4: "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries.

**Kayla M. Halsey**, Dunkirk, Aug. 3, 1991-March 9, 2023. Services

will be private at the convenience of the family.

**Kenneth Murphy**, Montpelier, Nov. 23, 1947-March 11, 2023. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge.

They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

## CR almanac

Wednesday 3/15	Thursday 3/16	Friday 3/17	Saturday 3/18	Sunday 3/19
<b>46/34</b>	<b>52/39</b>	<b>50/23</b>	<b>32/21</b>	<b>38/23</b>
Sunny skies are on the horizon for Wednesday with wind gusts reaching up to 20 mph.	There's a 50% chance of showers Thursday under mostly cloudy skies.	Another chance of rain in the morning. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Partly sunny, with a high near freezing during the day. At night, the low may hit 21.	Sunday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with the high reaching the upper 30s.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Monday 3-10-24-46-63 Powerball: 4 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$63 million	18-21-35-48-49-53-55-57-58-59-61-65-67-76-78 Cash 5: 4-11-15-36-43 Estimated jackpot: \$162,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$229 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 9-0-7 Pick 4: 9-8-9-0 Pick 5: 4-1-3-2-9 Evening Pick 3: 6-1-2 Pick 4: 4-0-8-5 Pick 5: 9-6-6-7-2 Rolling Cash 5: 9-10-30-32-35 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000 Classic Lotto: 5-13-15-23-44-49 Kicker: 3-3-0-6-8-2 Jackpot: \$6.5 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 3-4-5 Daily Four: 1-3-2-1 Quick Draw: 1-9-14-17-20-30-37-39-42-45-47-49-50-51-53-56-63-66-70-79 Evening Daily Three: 6-0-6 Daily Four: 1-3-2-1 Quick Draw: 3-5-8-9-15-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.30 April corn.....6.31 Wheat.....6.68	Wheat.....6.32 July wheat.....6.78
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.30 April corn.....6.36 May corn.....6.38	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.16 Late March corn.....6.16 Beans.....14.83 Late March beans..14.83 Wheat.....6.78
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.18 April corn.....6.18 Beans.....14.78 April beans.....14.78	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....5.92 April corn.....5.92 Beans.....14.63 April beans.....14.63 Wheat.....6.36

## Today in history

In 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for the cotton gin. The invention was revolutionary for its ability to remove seeds from cotton, eliminating the need to accomplish that task by hand.

In 1879, Albert Einstein was born in Ulm, Württemberg, Germany. He developed special and general theories of relativity and won the Noble Prize for Physics in 1921 for his explanation of the photoelectric effect.

In 2018, Jay County High School held a school safety forum in the wake of the school shooting a month earlier that left 17 dead at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

In 2022, Jay County Humane Society reported to Jay County Commissioners that it had turned its focus to the former Fastenal building on the west side of Portland as the site for its planned new animal shelter.

In 2018, Jay County —The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.
<b>Monday</b> 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	
<b>Wednesday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, municipal airport, 661 W. 100 North.	5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 Main St.
<b>Thursday</b> 6 p.m. — Redkey Town	

# Commissioners ...

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(Currently the shelter has 28 dogs in its care. The new facility will have room for roughly 40 dogs and about 150 cats.)

Jay County Humane Society started fundraising in late 2021 to construct a new building. Commissioners agreed to contribute \$275,000 in EDIT funds toward the shelter's project.

The group shifted gears in March 2022 and acquired the former Fastenal building with plans to renovate it for animal control.

Mindy Weaver, co-chair of the fundraising campaign and Jay County Humane Society treasurer, explained Monday they selected Muhlenkamp Building Corporation of Coldwater, Ohio, to complete renovations at a cost of \$837,063. With architect fees, that brings the total cost of the project to roughly \$1.2 million.

She noted the organization is still about \$100,000 short of its goal. It plans to sign a contract with the company soon. Once started, construction will take approximately six months.

In other business, commissioners:

- Reviewed pricing estimates from Five Star Commercial Roofing of Hartford City for putting a seal coat on the roof at the Jay Emergency Medical Service base in Dunkirk, which also houses Dunkirk Fire Department. The estimates included options for 10-year, 15-year and 20-year warrantied roofs, with the latter costing \$21,010. (Jay County and the City of Dunkirk would split the price.) Aker noted the price may come down but that he needs to get that information in writing, and McGalliard suggesting looking into the warranty details. Commissioners agreed to table a decision on the matter.
- Agreed to contribute \$8,000 for a required preliminary study through American Structurepoint of Indianapolis in relation to constructing a heated storage building for equipment at Jay County Highway Department.
- Approved a detour for road work scheduled in the fall by Indiana Department of Transportation along U.S. 27 between county roads

800 North and 900 North. Plans are to redirect local traffic using county road 900 North, county road 250 East, county road 800 North.

- Approved a release form for those utilizing the shooting range operated by Jay County Sheriff's Office.

- Paid several claims, including \$667,609.18 to POET Bioprocessing of Portland — U.S. Bank sent the company's bond payment to Jay County by mistake — \$7,500 for the Mindbase app and \$1,378.75 for participation in the Indiana Bond Bank fuel program.

- Tabled a \$1.16 million claim for the purchase of about 68 acres on the western edge of Portland, with commissioners explaining they had not yet determined closing costs. (The county is buying the property in hopes of creating infrastructure for housing. It has also discussed using the land for new public facilities, such as a multi-faceted building for public safety or a recycling center.)

- Selected Progressive Office Products of Portland as a paper supplier at a cost of \$4,110.

# State ...

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Joining Just Treble in the women's division at the small school state finals — they will be held Saturday at Franklin Central — will be groups from beech Grove, East Noble, Fairfield, New Palestine, Pendleton Heights, Columbia City, Huntington North and Northridge. In the mixed division, Patriot Edition will be up against Pendleton Heights, Roncalli, Beech Grove, Huntington North, New Castle, New Palestine, Northridge and Columbia City.

Just Treble has finished in the top two in each of its

last three competitions, including a win March 4 at East Noble Knight Edition. It was second at Bishop Luers Midwest Show Choir Invitational, also on March 4, and at Columbia City.

Patriot Edition has been in the top three four times, including first place at East Noble. It was second in the season-opening Carroll Classic and the Homestead Classic Showcase on Feb. 18, and finished third and Bishop Luers.

Just Treble was fourth at the ISSMA state finals last season while Patriot Edition finished sixth.

# Felony arrests

### Pornography charge

A Portland man was arrested Friday for possessing child pornography.

Thomas J. Clutter, 76, 238 E. North St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony.

He was being held in Jay County Jail on a \$10,000 bond.

### Probation violation

Two Jay County residents were arrested recently for violating probation.

Ryan A. Markle, 42, 621 E. High St., Portland, was arrested Monday. He pleaded guilty in July 2021 to possession of methampheta-

mine, a Level 5 felony. (Markle was initially charged with neglect of a dependent resulting in death, a Level 1 felony, and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. His charges stem from the death of his son, 3-month-old Hayden Markle, on March 6, 2020.) Markle was sentenced to 54 months in Indiana Department of Correction with 18 months suspended. He's being held on a \$1,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Cody A. Brenner, 32, 317 E. North St., Dunkirk, was arrested Wednesday. He pleaded guilty in May 2022 to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, and was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 36 days suspended and given 36 days credit for time served.

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### SERVICES

**Wednesday**  
**Hart**, Leo: 10:30 a.m., St. Wendelin Catholic Church, 297 Fort Recovery-Minster Road, St. Henry, Ohio.  
**Murphy**, Kenneth: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

**Friday**  
**Adams-Armstrong**, Carolyn: Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

**May 13**  
**Warrick**, Clarice: 11 a.m., West Richmond Friends Meeting, 609 W. Main St., Richmond.

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**Please stop by and join us in celebrating Smitty's Retirement at NAPA in Portland on Wednesday, March 15th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**



Tom Smith, better known as Smitty, has decided to retire after 13 dedicated years of serving our Napa customers. We wish him the best and thank him for his many years of commitment and hard work!

**Portland Motor Parts**  
401 North Meridian St.  
Portland, IN 47371



# Grandchild's birthday is fast approaching

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

Our middle grandchild is having a birthday soon. I am notoriously bad at buying presents. I get something that I think someone will like and invariably they will hold it up with a quizzical expression. They will find a place to put it so that it will never see the light of day again.

Most of the time I rely on my daughter, Beth, for suggestions for her family. That works occasionally. If she gives me a website and code number along with a detailed descrip-

## As I See It



tion of the object wanted, then I have a 50-50 chance of getting something that they like.

The birthday boy, Jacob, likes fishing, snakes and all things creepy crawly. Needless to say, I do not like creepy crawly critters, especially snakes. In my opinion, snakes should live out their lives in

secret. As long as I don't see them, they are welcome to exist however they wish.

For a few years we made the long trip to Texas in March. We would celebrate Jacob's birthday, my husband's birthday and the birthdays of several other members of the family. We haven't done that for a couple of years. The trip seems to get longer and longer every time we make it.

Plus, this year the unpredictable weather makes the trip even worse. So that is not an option we are considering no matter

how much we miss them. Last week when I was cleaning, I found a pile of old comic books. "Archie," "Veronica" and their pals promptly got mailed to the kids. Beth said the kids thought the comics were cool. I wasn't sure how they would react when faced with stories that had been printed years before they were born.

Life was so much simpler when I could grab a Tonka truck or other sturdy toy and they would happily play with it. They are rapidly outgrowing toys of any kind. I do offer them the choice of taking cash

instead, but so far they haven't taken me up on it.

It has been several years since we have been to Texas for a visit. It has been even longer since they have been here. They came up for Mom's funeral. It was the first and only time that the boys and their dad had been here.

It seems that each kid has baseball, football or other school or sports events that keep them busy. Plus, Beth's work schedule changes on a whim, as does her husband's.

In the past, it has been easier for us to change our schedule than for them to

change theirs. Now that traveling such long distances is getting more and more difficult, I don't have a clue as to when we will get to see them in person again.

Thankfully, Facebook gives us a glimpse of their lives. I got a whole pile of pictures of them for my birthday. As much as I like that, it is not the same as being able to give them a hug whenever I want to. It also makes shopping for presents that much more challenging.

One way or another, I will find something that I think he will like.

# Coming out creates tension between friends

DEAR ABBY: A dear friend, "Lorraine," contacted me because her daughter "Gabby" came out to her as bisexual and Lorraine knew I had experience with "this type of thing." My daughter is bisexual.

Lorraine was repulsed by her daughter's revelation and upset that Gabby expected her to be supportive and wear pride stickers, etc. My friend didn't understand why she needed to be proud, and she told Gabby that even if she were a murderer she would still love her, and that was all

## Dear Abby



that was important. I'm mortified and unsure how to handle this.

We fly my daughter's flag outside her window. We wear pride gear and celebrate Pride Month with her. I tried

explaining to Lorraine that we are supporting our daughter's courage to come out and be comfortable and proud of who she is.

When I said it, Lorraine snorted! Although we have been friends for many years, I never realized she felt this way.

I'm struggling with whether to break ties with her or continue trying to help her understand, love and support her daughter. Hearing the hate in her voice is extremely upsetting for me when we talk, but I hang onto a sliver of hope I can

change her mind about this. Am I crazy to think that? — CONFLICTED FRIEND IN FLORIDA

DEAR FRIEND: Whether you should maintain the relationship with Lorraine may depend upon how long she has known about Gabby's sexual orientation. If the news is fresh and Lorraine has led a sheltered life, she may be shocked and dismayed by the revelation. That said, the conversation you had with her can only have been painful and

insulting for you. You must care for the woman a lot, because a lesser person would have hung up on her. If you feel there is hope, keep trying to enlighten your friend. It may have an impact. However, if it doesn't, draw the line.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Community Calendar

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

## Today

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in

Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

## Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

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.

all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

## Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

## Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

## Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

## Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for

# Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

## Saturday's Solution

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# Lawmakers should show us the \$\$

## The Republic (Columbus)

We have to give the Indiana General Assembly credit for trying to do the right thing and eliminate school textbook fees. Doing so would provide a little relief to parents having to stretch their dollars these days, and it also would relieve some bookkeeping and collection headaches for local schools.

But as often happens, lawmakers said they were doing one thing but actually did something else.

As Indiana Capitol Chronicle reported last week, "Indiana House Republicans touted that their budget plan would eliminate textbook and curricular fees for Hoosier kids in K-12 public schools. But a deeper look at the GOP-backed proposal shows that local school dis-

## Hoosier Editorial

tricts will still be on the hook to pay for those materials.

"The House GOP budget that advanced to the Senate last week prohibits individual school districts and charter schools from charging fees for textbooks and instructional materials. Budget writers did not specifically appropriate state dollars to cover the cost, however."

Once upon a time, budget-conscious Republicans would have called this an "unfunded man-

date." Because that's precisely what it is.

Lawmakers have added \$2 billion for K-12 education in the next two-year budget cycle, but so far they have not earmarked a dime for textbook fee elimination. One-third of the new money is allocated to expand school choice vouchers, and for many districts, the rest of the additional money will barely cover rising costs due to inflation.

So, without specific funding dedicated to cover the book fees, local school systems would be forced to raise that money from property taxes. And if they cannot do that, they will have to find the money somewhere else, perhaps by cutting other programs.

The good news is, it doesn't have to come to that. That is, if

lawmakers actually put our money where their mouths are.

Indiana is in an excellent financial position, ending 2022 with a budget surplus of more than \$6 billion. As we have repeatedly pointed out in this space, that money belongs to the people of Indiana, and should either be invested in programs or services or returned to the people.

If that surplus was \$1, eliminating book fees would cost just 2 or 3 cents.

Indiana is one of just seven states that still allow local schools to charge book fees. We submit that our state should join the rest of the country in eliminating these fees that put an undue and unfair burden on families, particularly those of modest means.

Gov. Eric Holcomb called for an end to textbook fees that he called a "hidden tax" imposed on Hoosier students and their families in his State of the State address. "Our state constitution promises a tuition-free education," he said in the January address. "Let's cover the full cost of curriculum fees ... so that starting next school year, no parent receives such a dreadful bill again."

Indiana Capitol Chronicle reported that Holcomb said last month he remains "very optimistic" that he'll get most of his agenda priorities — including funding for textbooks — into the final draft of the budget.

We hope so, too. Because otherwise, the legislature will simply be taking credit for something they didn't do at all.

## Girls in Iran lack knowledge, freedom

By LEILA MILANI  
American Forum

In September 2022, as girls and young women across the globe were heading off to schools and colleges, excited at the prospect of learning new subjects, catching up with old friends, and planning their futures, young women and girls of Iran were fighting for their right to be free.

They marched in the streets protesting the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Kurdish-Iranian woman who died at the hands of Iran's morality police while detained for allegedly wearing her headscarf improperly.

For the past seven months, these young women and girls have made a conscious decision to take off their headscarves, pull their hair back in pony tails, cut off their hair in protest, tear up pictures of government leaders and officials in their classrooms and walk into streets to face batons, beatings and bullets in search of freedom, justice and equality. They made a choice to put themselves in harm's way, so that they could have a future that would allow them to make their own choices about what to wear, what to study, who to be. They knew that for taking such a stance, for their acts of bravery, for their fight to be free, they could pay a heavy price. They would face verbal abuse, physical attacks and beatings, sexual assaults, imprisonment, and even death, all the while knowing who was responsible for the physical and mental assault on their bodies and minds.

When they spoke, sang or danced their truth to power they called out their oppressors, named those in power and came face to face with their aggressors and attackers. But now those who wish them harm, those who are releasing toxic chemicals into their centers of learning are no longer identifiable, at least not in plain sight.

Over seven months into a revolution led by the brave girls and young women of Iran, there is now a veiling of their aggressors, hidden figures launching attacks on girls in schools.

Official news outlets are reporting that somewhere between 830 and 1,200 school girls have been affected by poisoning since November. They are suffering from nausea, dizziness, fatigue and respiratory problems. While a majority of the earlier attacks concentrated in the holy city of Qom, the school poisoning incidents, chain poison-

Leila Milani



ings, have recently spread throughout Iran. Irrespective of the high number of attacks and increasing number of victims, parents' pleas to government officials to find and bring to justice the perpetrators has been met with evasive responses.

Like a real crime story, the perpetrator has yet to be apprehended. The heroines of Iran's 2022 revolution now have an aggressor, and enemy, who is veiled and attacking them in the one place where they should feel safe, in the classroom. During a briefing on March 1, Ned Price, U.S. Department of State Spokesperson, called on "Iranian authorities to thoroughly investigate these reported poisonings and do everything they can to stop them and to hold accountable the perpetrators." But the question remains as to what government officials are actually doing to investigate these horrific crimes.

Reports from news outlets indicate that officials' response to the outcry of parents has been less than satisfactory. None of these responses demonstrate the government's commitment to solve these crimes and apprehend the perpetrators.

Recent videos from Iran also show parents questioning school officials on why the security cameras did not work during the poisoning incidents, or why a school principal was not at school during a recent attack. A recently released video captures a disturbing incident where a concerned parent's plea for answers and actions is met with force from undercover security officers. As the questions mount, concrete responses and actions become illusive and point to a government that is at best complacent and at worst complicit. In the meantime, girls and young women in search of freedom and knowledge can find neither, no freedom in the streets, and no knowledge in the classroom.

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## How has health care gone so wrong?

By DANIEL J. STONE  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

We all have bad weeks. Mine recently made me marvel at the astonishing dysfunction of our health care system. In calling out the system I intend no disrespect to the talented and heroic overachievers in nursing, pharmacy, medicine and the other providers who fight the system every day on behalf of our patients.

Despite such efforts, the sad but undeniable fact is that our health care system — the way the U.S. distributes and pays for health care — makes it the most expensive failed enterprise in the history of human civilization.

Part of what set me off that week was a series of examples of my patients' chronic struggles to access mental health services. After years of poor funding and a deluge of demand since the pandemic began, providers are in short supply. Scarcity is coupled with barriers imposed by insurance networks. Absent reasonable access to services, primary care doctors like me become the psychiatrists of first and last resort, pushing the bounds of our competence. But what else can we do?

A second part of the week's grind was the latest obstacles to drug therapy. The costs are so high for so many medicines that even insured patients struggle. Take Ozempic. There's no generic, and it's a financial stretch at nearly \$900 a month, but it helps my diabetic patients — until last week, when they couldn't find it. Why? Because of its newly recognized use for weight loss. It's suddenly so popular that pharmacies run out. How can a system allow wealthy individuals looking to shed a few pounds to use their cash to elbow aside diabetics who actually need the drug?

A third conspicuous failure of

Daniel J. Stone



our health care system, looming in the background every week for physicians like me, is hospital funding. Hospitals have survived for years by collecting high fees from commercial insurers to subsidize losses from treating Medicaid and Medicare patients. With a rise in the cost of care, and a shift toward patients on government plans and away from private insurance, even the most prestigious and well managed hospitals, both locally and nationally, face an emerging flood of red ink. Many are cutting costs sharply to preserve solvency. In a rational system, the revenue that supports critical institutions like hospitals would not be subject to perennial financial crises.

These are only a few of the ways that the U.S. health care system's failures now weigh on physicians. Here's something else that should be haunting every American: The costs of this failing system challenge comprehension. As a comparison, World War II appropriately set the benchmark for unrestrained public spending, as the U.S. government poured almost \$6 trillion (in current dollars) into the military from 1940 to 1945. We now spend more than \$4 trillion on health care each year. What do we get for that staggering sum? Statistics compiled by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development tell an embarrassing story. On critical rankings such as life expectancy at birth and deaths from avoidable conditions the U.S. ranked near the bottom.

Why has the U.S., the world leader

in drug and health care technology, fallen so far behind? The answer is that the system stopped serving the public long ago. It serves the needs of those profiting from health care. Powerful lobbies representing insurance companies, drug companies, doctor groups and others block meaningful reforms.

The insurance industry poses the greatest obstacle. Its administrative overhead cost is around 17% of revenue, compared with Medicare, which spends only 2% of operating expenditures on administration. If a federal single-payer system — like "Medicare for All" — saved even 10% of what insurers are wasting on administration, the extra billions could revolutionize care. That sum could expand mental health care, subsidize drug access and stabilize hospital funding.

As we pay more and more for substandard care, increased attention inevitably will be drawn to the system's conspicuous weaknesses, especially administrative waste. Overcoming the special interests and solving the problems will prove no small task. The inertia of our political system required the Depression to enact Social Security. Improving insurance access through the Affordable Care Act required an influx of legislative reformers inspired by the financial crisis of 2008.

I'm not sure what national calamity will be required to overcome the status quo this time, but American health care's failures certainly are mounting. When inevitable major reform finally occurs, those like me who make our living in health care deserve input. But the patients who pay the bills and live and die in our system deserve changes that would prioritize compassion over profit.

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♥ 7 5  
♦ 10 5  
♣ A 8 2

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♥ 9  
♦ K 6 2  
♣ K 10 6 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ 6  
♥ K J 8 6 3 2  
♦ Q 4 3  
♣ J 9 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q  
♥ A Q 10 4  
♦ A J 9 8 7  
♣ Q 7

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass  
2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass  
2NT Pass 3NT  
Opening lead — four of clubs.

declarer may intentionally concede a trick he might not have to lose in order to guard against an unfavorable division. Today's hand features a play of this type.

The declarer was Harold Ogust, and he reached three notrump on the bidding shown. West led a club, won by South with the queen, and Ogust shrewdly resisted the temptation to cash the K-Q of spades in the hope of scoring six spade tricks.

Instead, he played the king and then overtook the queen with dummy's ace! Had the opposing spades divided 3-2, he would have played a third round to assure nine tricks.

But East showed out on the ace of spades, and now the wisdom of Ogust's farsighted safety play came to fruition. He led the ten of diamonds from dummy, and the opponents were helpless.

If East covered the ten with the queen, Ogust would win with the ace and continue with the jack to guarantee nine tricks consisting of two spades, one heart, four diamonds and two clubs.

And if East played low on the ten of diamonds, Ogust would make the same nine tricks, after losing the ten to West's king, by later repeating the diamond finesse.

Had Ogust cashed the K-Q of

**Peanuts**

**Rose is Rose**

**Agnes**

**Hi and Lois**

**Between Friends**

**Blondie**

**Snuffy Smith**

**Beetle Bailey**

**CRYPTOQUIP**

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN PEOPLE PLAY TRIAL LAWYERS IN MOVIES, WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO MEMORIZE? LINES OF DEFENSE.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals L

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Baby carriage  
5 Financial pro  
8 Former frosh  
12 Shake-spearean villain  
13 Peanut product  
14 Study all night  
15 Mix up  
17 Gambling city  
18 Alias letters  
19 "— you serious?"  
20 Mojito needs  
21 Span. lady  
22 Spigot  
23 Ball-rolling game  
26 Detroit team  
30 Construction piece  
31 Six-pack muscles  
32 "Nopel!"  
33 Thins down  
35 Penned  
36 Distant

**DOWN**

3 Taj Mahal site  
4 Extinct bird  
5 Hooded snake  
6 Heap  
7 Pub serving  
8 Sacred writings  
9 Utah city  
10 Glazier's sheet  
11 Med. plan options  
16 Stallion's mate  
20 Part of UNLV  
21 More unkempt  
22 Frank McCourt memoir  
23 eBay offer  
24 Kimono closer  
25 Western st.  
26 "Downtown Abbey" channel  
27 "So that's it!"  
28 Fanatic  
29 That girl  
31 — Lingus  
34 Body art, for short  
35 Saga-cious  
37 Sensational  
38 Now, on a memo  
39 Director Wert-muller  
40 Hotel chain  
41 Summit  
42 Shortly  
43 Impudent  
44 Rhyming tributes  
46 Kenny G's instrument  
47 Storm center

**Solution time: 22 mins.**

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CULP	VOW	EDIE								
ARNE	ILE	NEXT								
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# Clinic ...

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Donna Geesaman asked how services will be provided when needed in the corporation's elementary schools. Suttle noted that Meridian has equipment in place to allow staff to hold virtual sessions from their base at the junior-senior high school but staff can also visit the schools, if necessary based on the situation.

Additional questions were raised regarding procedures if a student is suicidal, confidentiality and the cost of services. Suttle explained that a procedure is in place that involves supervision and working with school officials, parents and other authorities in a situation when a student is suicidal, that Meridian must follow the same confidentiality rules as any other health care provider and that cost for services is income-based.

Gulley asked the board to send him any additional questions regarding the clinic. He said he expects to recommend approval of an agreement with Meridian at the board's April 17 meeting. (State law requires school corporations "enter into a memorandum of understanding with a community mental health center ... or a provider certified or licensed by the state.")

He noted that three Jay Schools students have taken their own lives since 2020 and that since January 2019 there have been 28 reports of suicidal ideation in the schools and 38 reports of cutting or self harm.

Junior-senior high school associate principal Alex Griffin and East Jay Elementary School principal Erica Tomano gave the board a presentation regarding bullying, reiterating information that has been discussed several times at meetings already this school year. They again laid out the various ways that are available to report bullying, including the anonymous Say Something app and online forms that are sent directly to principals.

They also explained the school corporation's process for informal and

formal investigations and what steps are taken in terms of both prevention and conflict resolution.

Earlier in the meeting the board heard from Brenda Rowles, who has grandchildren in Jay Schools, regarding bullying. She expressed concern about the issue, saying students are being threatened. She pushed for legal action to be taken. "Enough's enough," she said.

In other business, the board:

- During the Patriot Pride moment, heard a presentation from principal Julie Gregg about East Elementary's school garden. Students take care of the garden, which is funded by a grant from Jay County Solid Waste Management District.

- Approved the following: contract extensions for JCHS football coach Grant Zgunda, girls basketball coach Kirk Comer and boys basketball coach Jerry Bomholt through the 2024-25 school year; leaves of absence for junior/senior high radio/tv media teacher Lori Reece and East Jay special education teacher Jessica Kimmel; extracurricular assignments including Dave Cramer as girls tennis coach, Josh Gibson and Ashlee Champ as junior high track coaches and Marie Bruggeman as junior high yearbook sponsor; course guides for the junior-senior high school; field trips for the JROTC program, Lifeskills students and robotics students; a bus request from Zion Early Learning Center.

- Set preschool fees for the 2023-24 school year at \$340 for two days per week, \$465 for three days and \$615 for five days. Those are up \$15 each from the current year.

- Accepted the retirements of Redkey second grade teacher Shelly Miskinis and Jay Schools facility and maintenance director Mark Myers, and the resignations of Latchkey instructional assistant Emma Swingley and Lifeskills instructional assistant Cheyenne Caldwell.



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## Wading in Pajaro

A man helps Naomi Rodriguez, right, walk through flood waters Saturday in Pajaro, California. Residents were forced to evacuate in the middle of the night after an atmospheric river surge broke the Pajaro Levee and sent flood waters flowing into the community.

# On My Way registration open

By CASEY SMITH  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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Hoosier parents can officially register kids for the state's On My Way Pre-K program for the 2023-24 school year, state officials announced Monday.

The grant-based program provides access to free pre-kindergarten education for Indiana children from low-income families.

Children eligible for the upcoming school year must be 4 years old by August 1 and plan to go to kindergarten in the 2024-2025 academic year. They must live in a household with an income below 127% of the federal poverty level — equivalent to a household income of \$3,175 per month for a family of four.

The child's parents or guardians are also required to be working, going to school, attending job training, or searching for employment.

There will be limited enrollment for children who live in households with incomes up to 185% of the federal poverty level — equivalent to a monthly household income of up to \$4,625 for a family of four. Those children must also have parents or guardians who are working, going to school, attending job training, searching for employment, or receive Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income benefits.

# Felony arrests

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Brenner was being held on a \$750 bond in Jay County Jail.

### Dealing drugs

A Salamonia resident was arrested Monday for dealing drugs and other charges.

Dede R. Bisel, 51, 4031 E. 600 South, was preliminarily charged with a Level 2 felony for dealing methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony for battery against a public safety official, two Level 6 felonies for maintaining a common nuisance

and possession of marijuana and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

She's being held on a \$57,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

### Strangulation

A Portland man was arrested Tuesday for strangulation.

Ryan A. Blount, 50, 1003 W. Water St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, and he was also charged with a Class C misdemeanor for domestic battery.

Blount is being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

### Theft

A Portland resident was arrested Wednesday for theft.

William J. Kelley, 59, 226 E. Elder St., was preliminarily charged with five Level 6 felonies for theft, possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug, possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a syringe and maintaining a common nuisance, as

well as a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Kelley was being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

### Perjury

A Portland resident was arrested Thursday for perjury.

Kala L. Grady, 31, 1320 W. Arch St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime.

She was being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

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This personal representative is authorized to administer said estate without Court supervision.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same 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, on 3/7/2023

Jon Eads  
Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court  
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Vs CHRISTOPHER EUGENE JACKSON, DECEASED; OLIVER JACKSON, MINOR HEIR OF CHRISTOPHER EUGENE JACKSON, DECEASED; A YLA JACKSON, MINOR HEIR OF CHRISTOPHER EUGENE JACKSON, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR DEVICES OF CHRISTOPHER EUGENE JACKSON, DECEASED; ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER EUGENE JACKSON, DECEASED DEFENDANTS

CAUSE NO: 38C01-2211-MF-000026 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Jay Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 02/08/2023, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff, of Jay County, in Jay County, Indiana, located at Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Portland, IN 47371 on April 6, 2023, at 10:00 AM Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Jay County, Indiana, to-wit: Lot Number Eighteen (18) in Thomas Addition to the Town, now City of Dunkirk, Indiana, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Record A, page 63 in the Office of the Recorder of Jay County, Indiana. Commonly known as: 603 South Franklin Street, Dunkirk, IN 47336 State Parcel Number: 38-09-08-402-013.000-014

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

It is further provided by law that there shall be no redemption from such sale, and the purchaser at such sale, upon complying with the terms of his purchase, shall be entitled to immediately receive from the undersigned, Sheriff of Jay County, a deed conveying to him, the purchaser, the fee simple title in and to said real estate. Taken as the property of the Defendant(s) stated above at the suit of CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC. Said sale to be without relief from valuation and/or appraisalment laws.

Larry R. Newton, Jr., Sheriff of Jay County Attorney for Plaintiff Codilis Law, LLC 8050 Cleveland Place Merrillville, IN 46410 15-22-01498

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The meeting will be held in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Jay County Courthouse at 120 N. Court Street, Portland, Indiana, 47371. Emily Franks Jay County Auditor CR 3-14-2023-HSPAXLP

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STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT 2023 TERM IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KEVIN PIERCE ZIMMERMAN, Deceased MARCIA ANN LEE, Personal Representative ESTATE NO.: 38C01-1803-ES-000003

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that Marcia Ann Lee as Personal Representative of the Estate of Kevin Pierce Zimmerman, deceased has filed the Final Account and Petition for Authorization to Make Distribution, and that the same has been set for hearing in the Jay Circuit Court in the City of Portland, on the 4th day of April, 2023, @ 10:30 a.m. Any objections to such final account and petition for distribution must be filed with the Court in writing on or before the 4th day of April, 2023. Dated this 6th day of March, 2023.

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Clerk, Jay Circuit Court  
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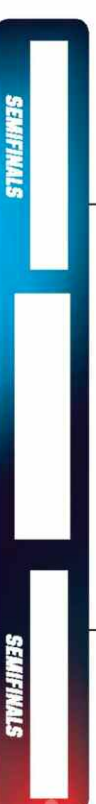
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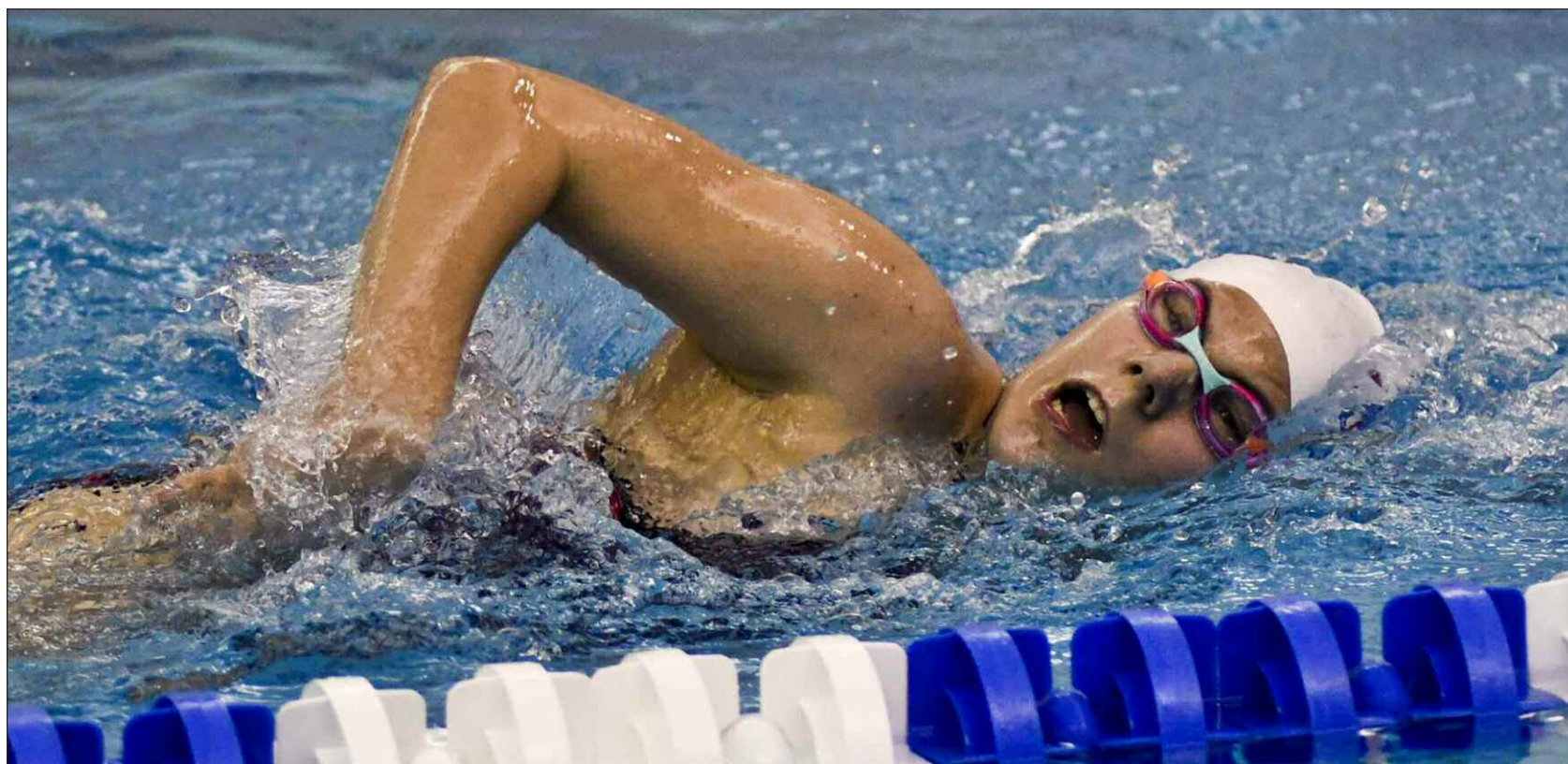


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# Sports



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jay County Junior High School's Brooklynn Byrum swims the freestyle Monday during the Patriots' final meet of the season against the Blackford Bruins. Byrum finished first in the 200-yard freestyle and 400 freestyle.

## Laux, Glentzer push pace

Three days after breaking records in the conference meet, Maria Laux and Cooper Glentzer were even faster.

Laux and Glentzer each won a pair of events and improved on their Allen County Athletic Conference record times from Friday as the Jay County Junior High School swim teams closed their seasons Monday with a split against the visiting Blackford Bruins.

The Byrums — Brooklynn and Elly — and Laux each won a pair of events to lead the Patriot girls to a 167-108 victory. The boys team lost 144-113.

Laux and Ariel Beiswanger gave Jay County a one-two finish in the girls 100-yard freestyle. After breaking the ACAC record Friday with a time of 1 minute, 1.77 sec-

onds, Laux reached the wall in 1:01.59 for Monday's victory.

In the 100 individual medley, Laux placed first in 1:13.78 ahead of teammates Gabby Gibson and Alyvia Muhlenkamp.

Glentzer's victory Friday night broke the previous ACAC record in the 400 freestyle by nearly 18 seconds. He sliced another five seconds from his time to win the race Monday in 4:27.13.

In the 50 freestyle, Glentzer picked up the win in with a time of 27.21.

Brooklynn Byrum was at the front end of a pair of one-two finishes, taking the top spot in 2:30.68 ahead of Kaitlyn Fisher in the 200 freestyle and winning the 400 freestyle in 5:13.6 ahead of Gibson. Elly Byrum led a one-two Patriot effort in the 50 freestyle with Ariel Beiswanger second

and was also first in the 100 breaststroke in 1:29.15.

Fisher added the other individual victory for the girls team in 32.21 in the 50 butterfly.

Carson Westgerdes joined Glentzer as a double winner for the Jay County boys, posting victories in the 200 freestyle in 2:16.87 and the 50 butterfly in 32.38.

The Byrums, Laux and Fisher won the 200 medley relay (2:17.01) and 200 freestyle relay (2:03.54) for the girls team. Beiswanger, Muhlenkamp, Gibson and Wendel took the 300 freestyle relay in 3:53.35.

Alex Frazee, Glentzer and Westgerdes teamed with Grady Warvel to win the boys 200 medley relay (2:20.64) and Jaxson Wendel for first in the 200 freestyle relay (2:02.06).

### Patriot junior high swimmer close by splitting with Blackford

## JCHS strong in field events

ANDERSON — Gabi Bilbrey took one step up to the top of the standings in her second indoor meet of the season.

Molly Muhlenkamp and a boys relay joined her in victory.

Bilbrey, who was second in the season opener at Indiana Wesleyan University, won the shot put Saturday in the Golden Eagle Relays at Anderson University with Muhlenkamp taking the top spot the high jump. The boys finished first in the 4x800-meter relay.

With a toss of 38 feet, 1 inch, Saturday, Bilbrey improved by more than 3.5 feet over her second-place finish eight days earlier. She won the event by more than 4 feet over runner-up Maris Bulger of Guerin Catholic.

Teammates Chelsea Frontz (30 feet, 3 inches) and Jordyn Hutzler (30 feet, 1 inch) followed Bilbrey for the Patriots in fifth and sixth place, respectively.

Muhlenkamp made it over the bar on her first attempt at 4 feet, 10 inches, to give her the victory in the high jump. Teammate Jenna Dues and Guerin Catholic's Kori Dues were runners-up, also at 4 feet, 10 inches.

Jay County's team of Brayden Collins, Dylan Marentes, Tony Wood and Joseph Boggs won the 4x800 relay in 9 minutes, 0.68 seconds. They were nearly 12 seconds faster than the second-place team from Guerin Catholic.

Austyn LeMaster nearly gave the Patriots a sweep of the throwing-event titles at the meet as he finished second in the boys shot put competition. He was just one inch behind champion Hunter Cook of Anderson at 38 feet, 9 inches.

The JCHS girls were in the top three in all four relays, with Natalie Wehrly, Morgan DeHoff, Johanna Anders and Dues (1:53.97) placing second in the 4x200. Maria Hemmelgarn, Anders, DeHoff and Wehrly (4:18.72) were third in the 4x400 while Alexis Sibray, Willow Hardy, Paityn Wendel and Muhlenkamp finished third in both the 4x800 and distance medley in 11:21.74 and 15:11.39, respectively.

Wyatt Kunkler, Marentes, Collins and Boggs (12:38.33) were third in the distance medley for the Patriot boys while Owen Ransom, Trey Nichols, Wood and Kunkler (3:49.65) were third in the 4x400 relay.

DeHoff finished third in the girls 60 hurdles in 10.62 seconds. She also placed fifth in the long jump.

Wehrly was fourth in the 60 dash.

Kunkler placed fourth in the 60 hurdles and fifth in the high jump for the boys team. Darren Fisher was fifth in the 800-meter run.

## Indiana falls to struggling Pistons

By MIKE CURTIS

The Detroit News Tribune News Service

DETROIT — In their second game against each other in three days, the Pacers were unable to keep the Pistons on the skids.

Detroit put an end to an 11-game losing streak, rolling to a 117-97 blowout of Indiana.

The Pacers had won 121-115 when the teams met Saturday.

Indiana trailed by as many as 31 points in the second quarter before cutting the deficit to 12 early in the third. However, Pistons guard Cory Joseph heaved a fallaway 3-pointer as the shot clock buzzer

expired to give the Pistons a 15-point lead. From that point on, the Pistons regained their composure and answered with a 13-0 run to ultimately hold off Indiana's comeback efforts.

Indiana dropped to 31-38 and remains on the outside of the Eastern Conference play-in picture.

Joseph finished with a season-high 22 points, five rebounds and five assists off the bench on 8-of-14 from the field.

The Pacers got 20 points from Jordan Nwora on 7-of-12 shooting including three 3-pointers. Aaron Nesmith and Andrew Nembhard added 15 points apiece.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Thursday**  
Fort Recovery — Baseball scrimmage vs. Van Wert — 5 p.m.; Softball scrimmage vs. Lehman Catholic — 5 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
6:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Southeast Missouri State vs. Texas A&M - Corpus Christi (TRU)  
7 p.m. — World Baseball Classic: Israel vs. Dominican Republic (FS1)  
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Washington Capitals at New York Rangers (ESPN)  
9:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Pittsburgh vs. Mississippi State (TRU)

**Wednesday**  
6:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Fairleigh Dickinson vs. Texas Southern (TRU)  
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Colorado Avalanche at Toronto Maple Leafs (TNT)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Cleveland Cavaliers (ESPN)  
9:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Nevada vs. Arizona State (TRU)  
9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Minnesota Wild at St. Louis Blues (TNT)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN)

**Thursday**  
12:15 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Maryland vs. West Virginia (CBS)  
12:24 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Furman vs. Virginia (TRU)  
1:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Utah State vs. Missouri (TNT)  
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Howard vs. Kansas (TBS)  
2:45 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — TBA vs. Alabama (CBS)  
3:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — College of Charleston vs. San Diego State (CBS)  
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NCAA Tournament — Princeton vs. Arizona (TNT)

4:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Illinois vs. Arkansas (TBS)

6:50 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Auburn vs. Iowa (TNT)

7:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Oral Roberts vs. Duke (CBS)

7:25 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Colgate vs. Texas (TBS)

7:35 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Boise State vs. Northwestern (TRU)

8 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Milwaukee Bucks (Bally Indiana)

8 p.m. — Soccer: CONCACAF Champions League — Tauro on Leon (FS1)

9:20 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Northern Kentucky vs. Houston (TNT)

9:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Louisiana vs. Tennessee (CBS)

### Local notes

**Bowling event scheduled**  
Crown City Lanes in Dunkirk is hosting an event Monday for young bowlers.

Five members of the Pro Bowling Association will visit the bowling alley, 115 Eaton Pike, Dunkirk, to work with members of the facility's junior bowling league. It will include a meet and greet, instructional clinic and hands-on assistance with the fundamentals of bowling.  
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**PJL registration set**  
Portland Junior League baseball and softball leagues are now open for registration.  
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