

A Trusty sign



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Polanco Mexican Kitchen opened recently in Fort Recovery. Located at 101 W. Butler St., the former site of The Trusty Woods, It offers a variety of items include street tacos, tortas, fajitas and specialties such as the Polanco Bowl, which includes rice, chicken, lettuce, corn, black beans, tomato, shredded cheese and sour cream.

Mariachis owners took calls about former restaurant as push to pursue new FR venture

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

After the former home of Trusty Woods in downtown Fort Recovery appeared on the market, Mariachis Mexican Restaurant co-owner Jaime Cervantes said he received several calls assuming he had bought the property.

He took it as a sign. "A couple farmers in the area called me up because they knew me from Mariachis, and they heard that I bought the place, but it wasn't true," Jaime Cervantes said with a chuckle. "After, you know, a few times of hearing the

same thing, it just kind of grabbed my attention to come look at the place." In August, nearly two years after Jaime and Ana Cervantes purchased the building at 101 W. Butler St., Polanco Mexican Kitchen opened for business. Polanco offers a variety of authentic Mexican meals, including street tacos, which are corn tortillas filled with a choice of meat and topped with cilantro, onions and lime. Other items on the menu include tortas — they're defined as Mexican sub sandwiches — fajitas, burritos and quesadillas. From

seafood to steak, Polanco offers various authentic Mexican and Mexican-inspired options for customers to choose from. Jaime Cervantes talked about the importance of using good quality ingredients. He said Polanco uses higher quality ingredients to stand out among its competitors. "You can eat a taco in five different places, and a taco's a taco, but it's really not, because the way you cook it and the quality of the meat makes a difference," he said. "So you're going to remember where you actually had the best taco."

Other creations of the Fort Recovery restaurant include the Polanco Bowl, a bed of rice served with grilled chicken, lettuce, corn, black beans, tomato, shredded cheese and sour cream, and Pollo Polanco, a chicken breast topped with poblano peppers, onions, mushrooms and cheese dip and served with rice and beans. Ana Cervantes mentioned support from the Hispanic and Latino community, with customers returning to eat more of their Mexican fare. See Sign page 5

Credit agencies flag the property tax bill

Legislation creates "uncertainty" for local bonds

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
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Experts warn that Indiana's cities, towns and counties could take a hit to their credit rating through no fault of their own, but rather due to continued fallout from the state's effort to curb property tax growth. S&P Global Ratings, which provides independent credit ratings and research, warned that the new law enacted earlier this year "creates uncertainty" for local income tax-backed debt, according to a recent story in industry publication The Bond Buyer. "At this point, we believe it's too soon to assess how these changes will influence our ratings," S&P Associate Director John Sauter told The Bond Buyer.

But a report co-authored by Sauter flags concerns with new provisions of the wide-ranging bill, which limited local tax growth and has left some municipalities scrambling to continue providing government services. Rep. Ed DeLaney, an Indianapolis Democrat, said the news confirmed his concern that Senate Enrolled Act 1 "was not well thought out." "There is good reason for local governments to be concerned about their fiscal situation and for our citizens to be concerned about both local services and a threatened increase to local income taxes," DeLaney told the Indiana Capital Chronicle. "As often happens, the super-majority was so focused on sending a message about property taxes that it pretty much forgot every other consideration, including the question of what the total implication is for our voters. See Flags page 2

Shutdown looming

By JENNIFER A. DLOUHY
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The U.S. is hurtling toward a government shutdown, with Democrats and Republicans seemingly no closer to agreeing on a plan and President Donald Trump threatening that scores of federal workers could lose their jobs. Trump on Tuesday morning said "maybe a lot" of government employees could be dismissed during any shutdown. The White House last week directed agencies to draw up plans for mass firings if the government closed down. So far, no agencies have explicitly called for layoffs in their shutdown plans. With just hours to go until a midnight deadline, the impasse over spending threatens to paralyze many U.S. government operations for only the 14th time in modern history, causing the sus-

Sides were far apart on reaching an agreement on a new spending deal pension of services for Americans and paychecks for federal workers. Political fallout could be widespread for both Trump and Democrats ahead of next year's critical midterm elections. Although last-minute spending deals have averted several other threatened shutdowns in recent years, the stakes are especially high now, with the White House threatening to fire employees rather than furlough them, and Democratic leaders under intense pressure from progressives in the party to stand up to Trump. "I'm an optimist, but I'm a little skeptical this morning," House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Louisiana Republican, told CNBC Tuesday. Johnson accused Democrats of playing politics with their effort to renew health care tax credits, saying it's an issue that doesn't have to be resolved until the end of the year when the tax credits expire. See Shutdown page 5

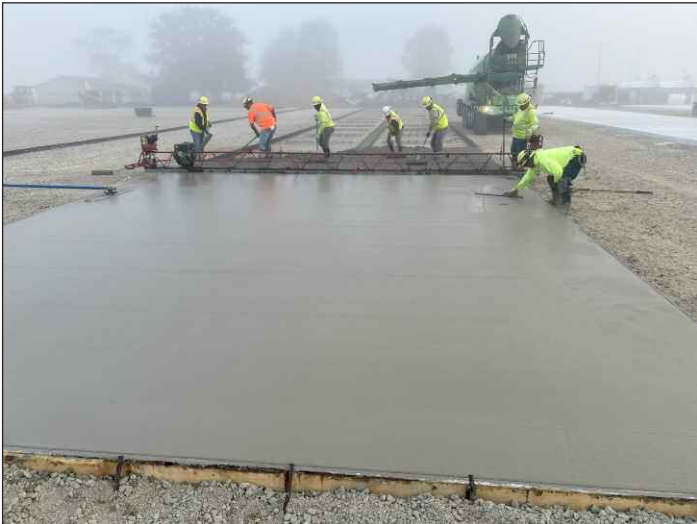


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Expanding apron

Work is underway to expand the apron at Portland Municipal Airport. Kwest Group of Perrysburg, Ohio, is leading the job \$965,497 project, which will add more than 55,000 square feet.

Deaths

June Smith, 93, Bryant Berna Derrickson, 85, Portland David Carlson, 80, Portland Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature Monday in Jay County was 87 degrees. The low was 57. Expect a low in the upper 40s tonight. Skies will be partly cloudy Thursday with a high in the upper 70s. Highs will be back in the 80s through the weekend. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Second Harvest Food Bank will host tailgate food distributions. •Today at Jay County Fairgrounds •Thursday, Oct. 2, at Blackford County Fairgrounds, •Saturday, Oct. 4, at Second Harvest Food Bank, 6621 N. Old State Route 3, Muncie

Coming up

Thursday — Results from the Jay County boys soccer game against Blackford. Friday — Coverage of the boys tennis sectional semifinal at Jay County. Saturday — Details from this week's Portland Board of Works meeting.

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It seems that total taxes will increase for many.”

He said that revisiting the property tax law would be a “useful topic” for a special session, “unlike eliminating Democratic representation in our congressional delegation.” Republicans are currently weighing a November special session to redraw boundary lines for congressional districts at President Donald Trump’s behest.

Senate Bill 1 went through several versions before landing on a compromise that would save homeowners a collective

\$1.2 billion in property taxes over three calendar years — money that would come out of the pockets of local units of government, including libraries and schools.

And while S&P previously worried about smaller tax bases and falling revenues, both of which would impact a locality’s final rating, experts flagged concerns about another provision.

In an effort to grant counties and cities a reprieve, state lawmakers opted to revisit local income taxes. Previously, such levies were an option only available to counties and capped at

3.75%. The new law lowers the cap to 2.9% but allows municipalities to impose their own rate up to 1.2% within that tax.

However, those taxes must be recertified annually, which S&P says creates uncertainty for debt tied to those taxes. Much like how people use their credit rating to borrow against their future income, local units of government rely on these bonds to finance capital projects and operations.

Due to the changes under the law, these municipalities could see their ratings take a hit. But the top credit rating agency said

it wouldn’t take any action until 2028 when those requirements start.

That gives state lawmakers some time to act.

At a tax panel earlier this month, top Republicans confirmed that a follow-up bill to the law would be their first fiscal priority going into the next session.

“Chairman (Jeff) Thompson and I have had a number of conversations even before session was over earlier this year (about) changes we would need to make,” said Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle.

Moving out some effective dates for implementing changes, for example, would “give us time to start to process some of the changes,” said Holdman, who authored the first version of the bill.

He said the results have been all over the board.

“We’ve had some financial advisors who lit the hair on fire of some local mayors and county commissioners and county council members with some bad information to be honest with you, and so we’re just trying to get a handle on (that),’ Holdman continued.

CR almanac

Thursday 10/2	Friday 10/3	Saturday 10/4	Sunday 10/5	Monday 10/6
 82/51 Thursday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a high in the low 80s.	 86/55 Sunny skies are expected Friday, when the high will hit the mid 80s.	 87/55 Another day of sun is expected Saturday, with the low at night hitting the mid 50s.	 87/58 Sunday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high around 87.	 87/57 Monday's weather looks like mostly sunny skies with highs around 87 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 1-3-27-60-65 Power Ball: 16 Power Play: 5 Estimated jackpot: \$174 million	Daily Four: 9-1-7-0 Quick Draw: 1-6-7-11-13-14-17-21-33-34-35-46-49-52-54-58-66-68-71-77 Cash 5: 2-10-14-27-36 Estimated jackpot: \$321,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$497 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 2-9-9 Pick 4: 6-0-3-3 Pick 5: 9-1-0-8-0 Evening Pick 3: 4-1-2 Pick 4: 8-4-4-4 Pick 5: 4-4-2-2-4 Rolling Cash: 7-16-17-23-26 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 5-7-2 Daily Four: 7-0-7-9 Quick Draw: 2-5-18-19-21-29-31-32-33-35-38-39-45-46-49-61-63-64-65-75 Evening Daily Three: 3-9-6	

Markets

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Today in history

In 1903, the Boston Americans, who would become the Red Sox, played the Pittsburgh Pirates in the first game of the World Series. Pittsburgh on 7-3 but went on to lose the best-of-nine series 5-3.

In 1949, the People's Republic of China was established by Mao Zedong, leader of the communist People's Liberation Army that at that point held most of the Chinese mainland.

In 1960, Nigeria gained its independence from Britain.

In 1971, Walt Disney World Resort opened in Florida.

In 1975, Muhammad Ali beat Joe Frazier after Frazier's corner called for the bout to be stopped after 14 rounds. The fight became known as the "Thrilla in Manila."

In 1987, the Jay County High School volleyball team swept host Marion and Eastbrook as it played a rare week-night doubleheader. Anita Lea recorded eight kills against Marion and seven versus Eastbrook to lead the Patriots.

In 2016, U.S. Senate candidate and former Indiana governor Evan Bayh visited the Jay County Democrats' Jefferson-Jackson Dinner during his election campaign against Republican Todd Young.

In 2022, the inaugural Portland Main Street Festival, a partnership between Bizy Dips, John Jay Center for Learning, Portland Main Street Connect and Arts Place, was held on Main Street in Portland.

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Citizen's calendar

Thursday 5:15 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St., Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
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Obituaries

June Smith

Dec. 12, 1931-Sept. 27, 2025

June Lanning Smith, age 93, of Bryant passed away on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, in Persimmon Ridge Healthcare in Portland.

She was born to Woodrow Merle and Edith Pearl (Brown) Bertram on Dec. 12, 1931, in Cartwright, Kentucky. In 1934, Alonzo Lanning married Edith and adopted June. She went by his surname the rest of her life.

She was married to Cobra L. Smith of Boatland, Tennessee, in May 1952 and he passed away on May 4, 2003.

June graduated from Portland High School in 1949 and she was quite proud of the fact that she ranked fourth in her senior class for academics. She worked for United Telephone from 1949 until her retirement in 1987. She was the district traffic supervisor in Portland for many years. June was a member of the Lenape Cherokee Tribe and carried the name "Drifting Snow."


Survivors include daughter Bonita; two grandchildren, Ian and Jeni (Jeff); great-grandchildren Gehrig, Kallisto and Rysin; half-siblings Bob Vance, Larry Vance, Gayla Sue and Linda; as well as many cousins and extended family members.

June was preceded in death by her parents; adopted father; son Jonathan; half-siblings Mary Elizabeth and Harold Gordon; and stepsister Anna Christine.

Funeral services will be Monday, Oct. 6, at 11 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Fr. Marty Sandhage presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.

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Smith

land, Indiana, age 85, passed away on Sept. 26, 2025, in Portland.

She was born in Decatur, Indiana, to Glen and Grace McBride.

She graduated from Portland High School in 1958. She married Willard Lavon Derrickson on April 11, 1959.

She was preceded in death by both parents, Glen and Grace McBride; along with her husband Willard Derrickson.

She is survived by four children, Sheri Stigall (spouse: Kelvin) of South Santa Ana, California, Les Derrickson (spouse: Sandi Rodgers) of Portland, Indiana, Jim Derrickson (spouse: April) of Portland, Indiana, and Willi Derrickson of Summerville, South Carolina; stepdaughter Mary Woods, of Marion, Indiana; one sister, Jo Weiland; and two brothers, Marvin and Charles McBride. She has eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was a stay-at-home wife and mother. She was a caretaker of her family. She enjoyed the time she spent with her grandchildren. She had a special interest in genealogy to keep track of her family history. She volunteered at Jay County Hospital for 16 years.

Visitation will be on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at 10 a.m. in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant, Indiana.

Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.

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David Carlson

June 22, 1945-Sept. 24, 2025

David R. Carlson, AKA Carly, Deacon, Deac, age 80, of Portland passed away Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025, in Northwestern Hospital in Chicago.

He was born in Cincinnati on June 22, 1945, the son of Richard and Bertha (Bohl) Carlson. He married Sally Beard on Nov. 5, 1967, and she survives.

David helped run Western Auto with his family and was in sales and management. He was a 1963 Portland High School graduate. He attended University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. He was in the Komets Drum and Bugle Corp and played Taps for numerous funerals.

He was in the United States Marine Corp and had a Tour of Duty in Vietnam. He was a sergeant and was honorably discharged. He helped countless homeless people in need whenever it occurred.

Surviving are his wife Sally Carlson of Portland; three nieces, Lora Jefferson, Jeana Clayton (husband: David) and Sheila Tyndall; and one great-niece, Kenzie Clayton.

He was preceded in death by sisters and brothers-in-laws Donna and Jim Tyndall and Judith and Rick Knight.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, at 1 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Hugh Kelly presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery with military honors by American Legion Post #211. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Northwestern Memorial Foundation, Jay County Humane Society, Museum of the Soldier and Jay County Historical Society.

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SERVICES

Today

Dues, Joseph: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.

Saturday

Derrickson, Berna: 10 a.m., Gravel Hill Cemetery, Bryant.
Carlson, David: 1 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday

Smith, June: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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New freezers

Alpha Delta Gamma Nu Sorority of Portland recently received new ice cream freezers. The equipment was purchased using a grant from The Portland Foundation.

Jokes make wife target of punchline

DEAR ABBY: I've been married for 49 years. Of course, we've had our ups and downs. My husband, "Sid," said he was joking at the store the other day. When I talk, I gesture with my hands. A woman was coming down the aisle while I was talking, and Sid warned her, "Watch out! She's mean! She's violent!"

At another store, he told the cashier, "Watch out! She's dangerous! She'll steal something! She's a shoplifter!" When we got back in the car he said, "Man, why did you buy more cookies? You've eaten that whole pack already!"

When I bring this up to him, he says, "You're just like your mother," and I cry all the way home. In the car the next day, I told him how this hurts my feelings. His answer was, "You've always been too sensitive. You need to just get over it." I don't know how to respond to all this "poking" at me. — NO FUN IN FLORIDA

DEAR NO FUN: Your husband has a cruel streak and seems to get his kicks by embarrassing you in public. Dry those tears, and the next time it happens, smile and CALMLY tell the cashier your husband is off his meds and delusional, and to pay no attention to him. I don't know why your husband is being passive-aggressive and neither will you unless you talk with a marriage and family therapist about it. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: I am a mid-30s woman with a moderately successful career. I'm well known and respected by my supervisors

Dear Abby



and co-workers. I try hard to maintain a level of respect, professionalism and integrity every day. However, there is one co-worker whom I cannot stand. Just the sight of her makes my blood boil. I don't know why her existence drives me crazy. Any advice on how to deal with this without destroying my career? — DILIGENT WORKER IN N.Y.

DEAR DILIGENT: I wish you had mentioned how closely you must work with this co-worker. Keep in mind that the relationship you have with the people in that office is a professional one rather than social. You don't have to LIKE her. Interact with her as often as you must and keep your distance the rest of the time, and it shouldn't have a negative impact on your career.

TO MY READERS: Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, begins at sundown. During this 24-hour period, observant Jewish people fast, engage in reflection and prayer and formally repent for any sin that might have been committed during the previous Hebrew year. To all of you who observe — may your fast be a meaningful one. — LOVE, ABBY

Community Calendar

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

Today

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 in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAM-

ILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and

living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Jay County Cancer Society's office, 227 N. Meridian St., Portland. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

PORTLAND LIONS 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 begin at 7 p.m.

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.

Friday
PAST RECOVERY

SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. To learn more information, please call (260) 251-3259.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will hold its next meeting at noon Friday, Oct. 3, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

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.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

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.



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3	5	9	2	8	7	4	1	6
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It was a difficult week for pottery

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Oct. 4, 2005. Jack's affinity for art extended to pottery, rather purchased locally or in the form of a gift from an old college buddy. As his column indicates, the items are fragile, especially in the wrong hands (or paws).

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

It's been a tough time for crockery at our house. The trouble started a couple of Thursdays ago. That's the night Connie has her latest classes at Ball State University, so the dog and I were on our own. Trying to take my mind off her commute and hoping to score some brownie points in

Back in the Saddle



the husband department, I was doing some dishes. I also had some music going loudly enough that the dog was giving me reproachful looks. Working my way through things by the sink, I picked up an old salad bowl we've had for decades. It dates back to our college years and was made by a friend of ours. (There was some sort of

rule in the 1960s that if you were a college student you had to have at least one friend who wanted to be a potter.) I scrubbed the bowl in hot, soapy water and had just turned it over to read on the bottom, "Beck '72." That would be Larry Beck, whom we probably haven't seen since 1972. Just as I was getting nostalgic, wondering what had happened to old Larry and whether he had followed his bohemian dream of being a potter living the rustic life or had opted for a career in investment banking and suburbia instead, the bowl slipped from my soapy fingers, hit the edge of the sink, and broke cleanly in two. I felt terrible about it, but

about a week later the dog got me out of the doghouse. It was a Monday night that time, and I was covering a Jay School Board meeting as a series of thunderstorms moved through the county. Rain could be heard pounding against the windows, and lightning flashed in the night sky. At home, Connie did her best to keep our Lab from freaking out. The dog has never liked thunderstorms, and as she moves into old age — she's 12 — she gets crazy whenever a storm front moves through. This time, she out-did herself. As my wife talked on the phone, the dog first got tangled up with a floor lamp and sent it pitching forward to the floor.

Then, while Connie was dealing with crisis number one, the dog upended a small table. And on the table? You got it. Another pot. This one was by Alan Patrick, who lives and works over west of Albany. And after its encounter with the radiator, we now have two glue-repair projects ahead. The good news is that both are fixable. The bad news is when our great-grandchildren take them to "Antiques Roadshow," the appraisers will frown, make some clucking sounds, and announce that they'd be worth a fortune if they hadn't run into a klutzy dishwasher and a storm-scared dog.

There's a chance to save Ukraine

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service
Now that Donald Trump has finally come around to publicly stating that besieged Ukraine could use military support from the U.S. and the European Union to fully recover all of the territory taken over by Russia, the world should lock in the president's U-turn, which stunned policymakers everywhere.

Trump has clearly had enough with his old pal Vladimir Putin over his grueling invasion and is praising Ukraine's fighting spirit under President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. This from the same man who mere months ago berated Zelenskyy in an Oval Office meeting where he minimized the global threat of Russia's war machine and sat by as Vice President JD Vance whined about Zelenskyy's supposed lack of gratitude.

Going into peace negotiations led by envoy Steve Witkoff, Trump himself had suggested that Ukraine should be ready to part with some of its sovereign territory to reach a deal.

We wish we could freeze this current opinion in time and have it now be Trump's controlling view, but unfortunately, we are all aware that that's not how it works. It's hard to say what exactly led Trump to adopt this position now, or more accurately who he spoke to lately that swayed him, but we know that there will be something or someone else who will come in and probably steer him back in the Russia-friendly direction, if not his own personal admiration for Putin.

That means it's the right time now for a couple of practical steps: one, Ukraine and its allies in the United States, including lawmakers, should capitalize on this moment of Trump foreign policy clarity to secure concrete results like weapons shipments and specific commitments on factors like the security guarantees that Trump had at some point raised.

Two, Trump should take the next logical steps and formally make clear to Putin that the U.S., as the facilitator of the peace process, will not accept an outcome that involves Ukraine giving up its territorial integrity.

It also means, unfortunately but inevitably, that European leaders should treat this as a reprieve, not

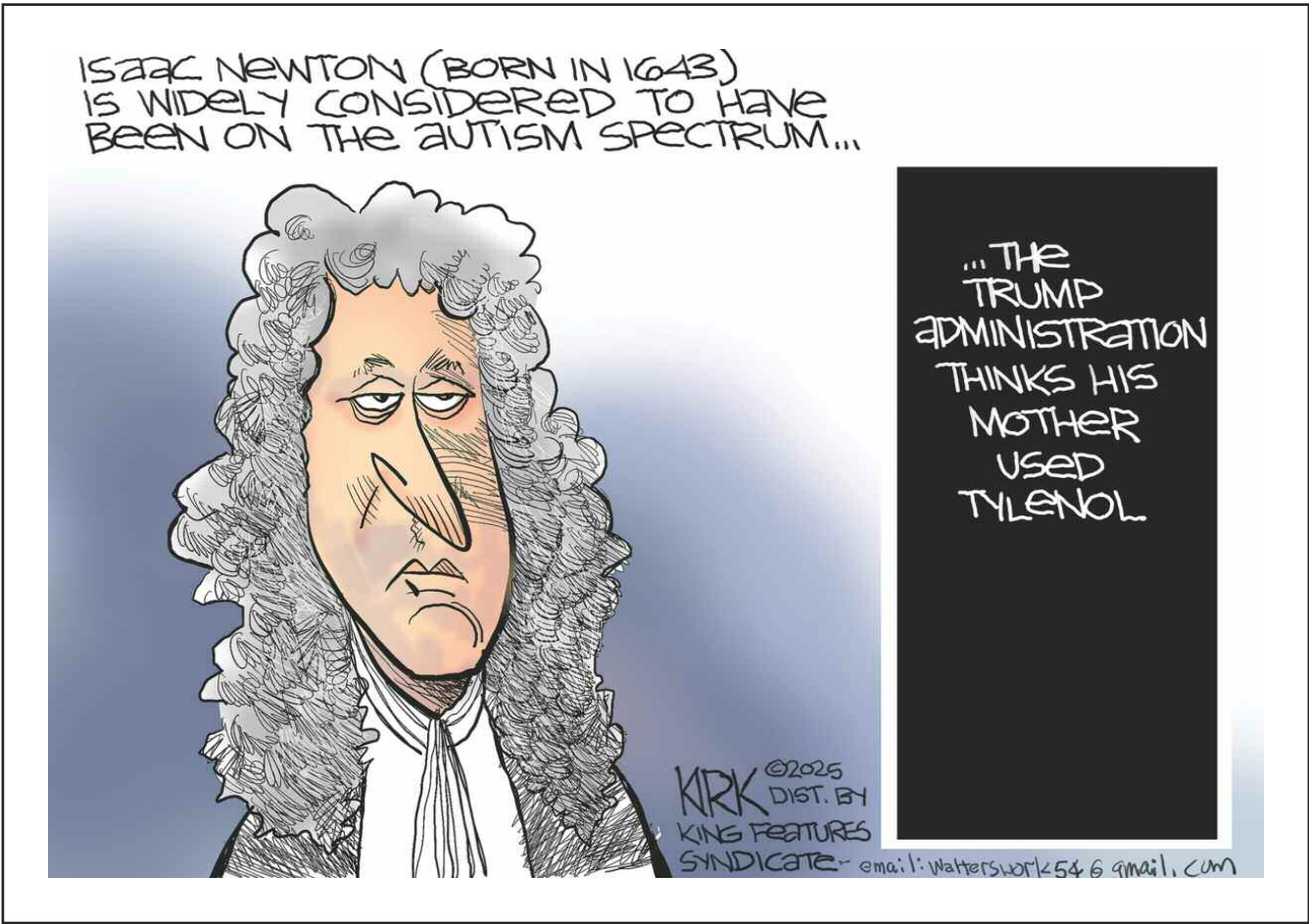
Guest Editorial

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a final declaration of the United States' commitment to a joint front against Russian aggression. There are already some high-level European officials that understand this, tragic as it is that after eight decades of a relatively stable post-war consensus the U.S. is no longer a reliable partner and ally.

Might that change in four years, or eight? It's possible, but the continent does not have that long to wait for credible reassurances, which means that European leaders and allies must stay on the path of trying to develop the continent's own security capabilities, with steps ranging from building up hardware to beefing up their militaries, as the Danes have done with the expansion of the draft to women.

Trump is undeniably right about one thing, and that is that the Ukrainian people have shown incredible force of will in this long conflict to avoid being subsumed into Putin's imperial designs. Even after nearly four years of grueling warfare, including Putin's intentional attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure, that will remains unbroken, with the Ukrainian public no less committed to retaining their liberty and sovereignty even if they have to win it on the battlefield. Their victory will be a victory for everyone's security.



Let's have an argument!

By SOLOMON D. STEVENS
Tribune News Service

Whenever someone said to my father, "Let's have a conversation," he would reply, "No, let's have an argument." Today, that would sound aggressive, but it wasn't at all. We need more people today who are willing to engage in this way.

My father explained to people what he meant by "having an argument." He did not mean that we should shout or get angry with each other. And he absolutely rejected violence as a way of resolving disagreements. What he meant was that when two people genuinely argue, they are trying to understand each other's perspectives and opinions in the hope of learning from the other. In a mere conversation, all we do is proclaim what we believe and hold back from challenging others.

Most people today want to spout their views, rather than engage in a spirited argument. They believe they are absolutely right and that anyone who disagrees with them is evil and dangerous. And, to be fair, they are also a little afraid. It is scary to have to defend your beliefs with words. What if you can't defend them? What then? Would you have to look at things differently? Change your mind? Abandon previous thoughts and positions?

Arguing is risky. You have to allow yourself to be vulnerable. It is never about "defending your positions." When you really argue, you set your ego aside and set aside the safety of your views. Arguing demands that you are willing to discover that your opinions are weak, misguided or woefully insufficient. For many people, this is more than they can handle because their primary goal is to cling to their views, regardless

Solomon D. Stevens



of the evidence.

My father's love of argument was based on classical Greek philosophy, which championed the idea of dialogue. Socrates taught that no opinion is ever wholly right or wholly wrong. Opinions are just glimpses of a fuller truth that we do not grasp. When we argue with another, we are seeking a more comprehensive understanding, which involves revising or rejecting some or all of what we currently believe. An argument is about making an ascent from opinion to knowledge.

For my father, an argument was not what we would call a "debate." Mere debate is a game of trying to "win" a verbal contest. In ancient Greece, there were professional debaters. They were called sophists. Debate is vacuous. The goal of an argument is to enhance understanding, to discover weaknesses in your opinions. Debates are about winning. Arguments are about learning.

I am, of course, saying these things as the country tries to come to terms with the murder of conservative activist Charlie Kirk. I don't know enough about him to tell if he encouraged real argument or if his life's work was limited to debate. I leave that to others. However, I can join his supporters in saying that violence is no answer to dealing with opinions with which we disagree. When people embrace violence to oppose those with whom they disagree, they harm themselves as

well as those they target. When you silence others, you condemn yourself to ignorance.

And now Vice President JD Vance has declared war on "leftist ideology," which he identifies as the motivation for Kirk's murder. Going to war with an ideology — especially one as amorphous and undefined as "leftist" — is no answer either. All opinions are flawed, those on the left and those on the right. What our society needs more than anything right now is for different views (what some call ideologies) to be taken seriously and engaged in actual argument. It is always dangerous when the government goes to war with any ideology. We need more argument and less war.

Right now, we need to be cautious as a country in deciding how to respond to Kirk's death. While it might be tempting to seek to crush his opponents, to seek retribution for his murder, our country needs more engagement, not more division.

We can, if we choose, all be a part of the solution, rather than part of the problem. I challenge you to respond like my father next time you encounter someone who says something with which you disagree. Don't dismiss what you hear. Don't get angry with someone who expresses an opinion you find distasteful or even repulsive. Take a deep breath and engage in an argument with that person. Don't debate with the hope of winning. Argue in the hope of learning. As a country, we have never needed authentic learning more than we do now.

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She also talked about watching folks try authentic meals like street tacos for the first time.

"It makes me really happy to see that, that people really like to step out of their comfort meals, and try (something) different," she said. "And they fell in love with them."

Another menu item special to Polanco is the Quesadilla Azteca, a quesadilla stuffed with pork, vegetables and cheese and served with rice and beans. Its name ties into

one of the decorations adorning the walls at Polanco — a reproduction of a stone Aztec calendar. Other paintings replicating cultural scenes are scattered around the building.

“I’ve heard a lot of people say that it has a modern vibe,” co-owner Ana Cervantes said. “A lot of Mexican restaurants, they’re popular for their colorful environment and (are) somehow loud, and I wanted to do something different.”

The Cervanteses wanted to create a different atmosphere from their

restaurant in Coldwater, which opened in 2019. They began looking at a different perspective on Mexican culture.

“Some Mexican, but modern, that was our purpose,” Ana Cervantes said. “Change up a little bit of the style of a Mexican restaurant.”

The Cervanteses purchased the building in September 2023. Jaime Cervantes talked about the opportunity he saw in the building, pointing to the benefits of owning property. He also noted the building had been in good shape and came

equipped with access to a liquor license.

"That was really, you know, what made us make the decision, that we would own that building, and a building right in the middle of town with a lot of history behind it," recalled Jaime Cervantes.

The Cervanteses stripped the building down to its bare walls amid renovations, installing new electrical and plumbing fixtures and putting in new ceilings and floors. While the building's antique bar didn't align with their vision, Jaime Cervantes

noted it has since migrated across the street to Fort Recovery Morvilius Opera House. (Plans are to fix it up and put it on display in the future.)

"It's very nice to hear the customers, when they come in for the first time, their expression is like, 'Wow. This is a different place.'" he said. "And it's very fulfilling that, we enjoy those reactions from customers, and when they come and give a little bit of history, that some of them worked here in 1960s, 1970s, you know, and how it has gone from one owner to another but we

actually did the major change to the building.”

Pointing to the short list of eateries in Fort Recovery, Jaime Cervantes noted local residents don’t need to travel for a sit-down restaurant experience. He said he’s seen several Mariachis regulars from Fort Recovery now becoming Polanco regulars.

Jaime Cervantes talked about the warm reception from Fort Recovery.

“Our plan is to be here for a long, long time, and for customers to come here many, many times, and build memories with their families,” he said.

Shutdown ...

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“Open the government and then we’ll have all the discussions,” he said. “But right now that is a red herring.”

Democratic leaders, similarly, accused Republicans of ignoring repeated pleas for bipartisan negotiation. “Their bill has not one iota of Democratic input,” Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said, adding: “It’s up to the Republicans whether they want a shutdown or not.”

Trump told Politico that he didn’t think the country would blame him if the government closed down “because people that are smart see what’s happening. The Democrats are deranged.”

Deep divide

Lawmakers appeared no closer to a deal Monday after a meeting at the White House only served to underscore their deep divide. Democrats have sought an extension of health-care subsidies and a reversal of Medicaid funding cuts that were part of Trump's signature tax legislation enacted earlier this year. Republicans are insisting on what they call a clean continuing resolution — without an array of controversial policy measures — that would extend government funding until Nov. 21.

Senate Republican Majority Leader John Thune told reporters the Democrats' push amounted to a "hostage taking." While there is an opportunity to discuss potential health care premium tax credit changes with Democrats, Thune said, "we can't even have that discussion until we keep the government open."

If the president was seeking to curry Democratic votes, it wasn't immediately apparent. Trump, who last week canceled a



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U.S. Sens. Markwayne Mullin (R-Oklahoma) (center) and Marsha Blackburn (R-Tennessee) leave Senate Majority Leader John Thune's office following a meeting at the Capitol on Monday in Washington, D.C. Congressional Republican and Democratic leaders met with President Donald Trump earlier in the day at the White House to try and avoid a government shutdown at midnight Tuesday.

planned sit-down with Democratic leaders, on Monday evening posted a poorly-dubbed video on social media of Schumer and House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries, set to mariachi music, suggesting the pair wanted to import voters who “can’t even speak English.”

Trump ally Sean Hannity, on Fox News, suggested to Johnson that there was no chance Trump would give into any of the Democrats’ demands, and Johnson agreed. Meanwhile, on Capitol Hill, Democrats cheered party leaders in a closed-door meeting

Monday evening that appeared to rally the troops.

Exit ramps

A shutdown would be the first since 2018-2019, when funding for the government lapsed for five weeks, including over New Year's Day, during Trump's first term. Although Republicans control both chambers of Congress — as well as the White House — they appear to need the support of at least seven more Senate Democrats to clear procedural hurdles and pass a funding bill. One possible path being dis-

cussed late Monday involves a potential compromise that would extend health care tax credits but phase down the amounts in the second and third year.

Still, GOP lawmakers expressed confidence that, even if the government shut down briefly, Democrats would eventually yield.

"A 600-pound man is more likely to pass up a donut than the Democrats are to shut down the government for any length of time, because they love the government as much as a 600-pound man loves a donut," said Sena-

for Lindsey Graham, a Republican from South Carolina.

Graham said he expected a “brief” shutdown while Republicans and Democrats find “common ground.” He pointed out that Republicans have previously tried to use shutdowns to extract policy concessions, only to eventually give up and fund the government without getting anything in return.

“It may be popular, but shutting the government down is not the answer to popular legislation,” Graham said. “I’ve learned that the hard way.”

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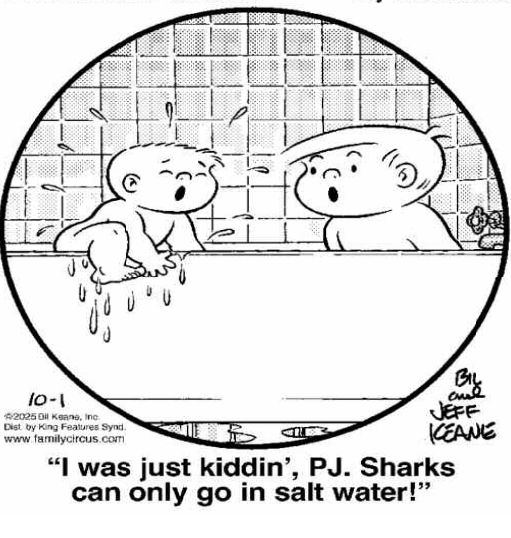
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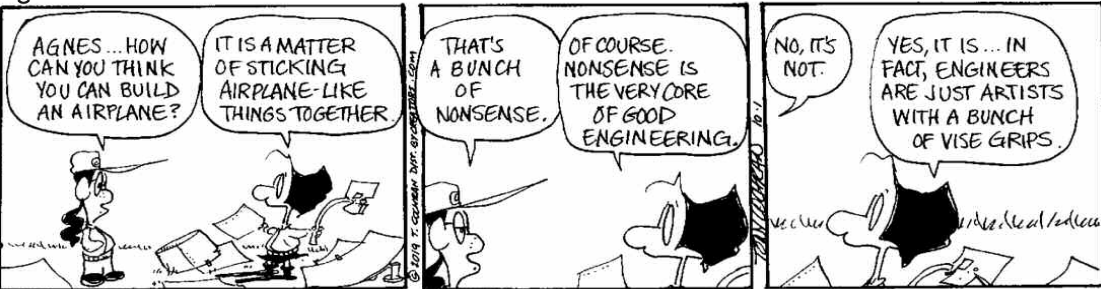
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NORTH			
♠ 7	♥ A 10 8 4	♦ J 3	♣ J 10 9 5 4 3
WEST			
♠ 5 3	♥ J 9 5 2	♦ A Q 9 7 6 4	♣ Q
EAST			
♠ A 10 6 4	♥ —	♦ K 10 8 5 2	♣ 8 7 6 2
SOUTH			
♠ K Q J 9 8 2	♥ K Q 7 6 3	♦ —	♣ A K

The bidding:
South 1♠ 2♦ 3♥ 4♠
West 2♣ 3♦ 4♥ 5♣
North Pass 6♥
East 5♦ Pass
Pass Dble
Opening lead—ace of diamonds.
This hand was reported by Dr. James Parrack in the British Bridge Magazine many years ago. As usual, the doctor casts his favorite character, Ffred, in the role of hero. Ffred was the dealer and opened one spade. It is true that most players would have opened with a stronger bid, but Ffred was seldom inclined to do what most players would do.
West overcalled with two diamonds, and East raised the ante to

five. This development did not faze Ffred, who bid five hearts in what can best be described as a forcing voice.
North thereupon came to life and raised Ffred to six hearts, which West doubled after two passes. West then led the ace of diamonds. Ffred ruffed, of course, and played the king of hearts, on which East showed out. Most declarers at this point would probably have shifted their attention to spades, but this thought did not cross Ffred's mind.
Instead, he cashed the ace of clubs. When West's queen fell on it, Ffred's face lit up like a Christmas tree. Situations of this type were a great source of joy to him, and Ffred proceeded to bring home the slam in his customary slam-bang style.
He led the heart six to dummy's eight, ruffed the jack of diamonds with the queen of hearts and led the seven of hearts to dummy's ten. Ffred then cashed the ace of hearts and discarded the king of clubs on it, allowing him to run dummy's five remaining clubs and so score 12 tricks.
During the post-mortem, when Ffred was asked why he had not tried to establish the spades instead of the clubs, he replied, "What spades?"

Tomorrow: Shifting defense.
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1 Eastern path	Margaret	1 Fussess	2 Scrambled wd.
4 Paris pal	33 Asian dish	3 Bay Area	19 Feeling down
7 Barrett or Jaffe served	36 Moga-dishu resident	4 Big foil maker	20 Jazz lover
8 Spills the beans	37 Black, in Bor-	5 Mighty sharks	21 Impales
10 Big camera brand	38 Gibbs or Maples	6 Footnote abbr.	22 Mel Gibson film
11 More gross	39 Convent dwellers	7 Source	23 Roundish do
13 Search engine	40 USN officers	8 Bathroom fixture	24 "Vogue" singer
16 "Butter" K-pop band	41 CIA employee	9 Individu-als	25 Astronaut
17 Locales		10 USSR spy org.	26 Ancient Greek region
18 Itinerary word		12 Jockey's handful	28 Brainy
19 Tizzy			29 Oil sources
20 Penny			30 Actor/director
21 Test score			31 Possessive pronoun
23 Gather			32 Sugary suffix
25 Incite			34 Lawyer
26 "— first you ..."			35 Football's
27 Samovar			Flutie
28 Duel tool			

Solution time: 23 mins.

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5160. RITA LEGGETT, DECEASED Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112 Kaden Khayyata AU12400069 PUBLIC AUCTION Located: Jay County Fairgrounds Women's Building Monday evening OCTOBER 6, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. REAL ESTATE Parcel is located on 50 E just south of 200 S. Property consists of 8.48 acres of woods and has a driveway that runs from 50E back to the woods. This would be a good recreational site. 20% nonrefundable deposit day of sale with balance due at closing. Owner will provide Owners Title Insurance and General Warranty Deed. Buyer will assume taxes due and payable in May 2026 and thereafter. Any statements made day of sale take precedence over previously written or oral matter. Owner confirmation day of sale. For more information contact Loy Real Estate 260-726-2700 or Gary Loy Auctioneer 260-726-5160. RON & DELAYNE MYERS Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131 PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY OCTOBER 11th, 2025 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 3430 W SR 67. Portland, IN VEHICLES-TRAILERS-MOTORCYCLE 2008 Buick Lacrosse CX 99,200 miles. 2003 Chevrolet Impala 120,000 miles. (2) 45' Semi Van Storage Trailers. (2) 40' Semi Van Storage Trailers. Kawasaki KZ 200 Motorcycle.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL BONDS

Upon not less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice given by telephone or E-Mail by Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC (the "Municipal Advisor"), as designee for the Building Corporation of Jay Schools ("Issuer"), the Issuer will receive by mail at the offices of the Municipal Advisor, 9229 Delegates Row, Suite 400, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240, and consider bids for the purchase of the following described bonds (or in the alternative, bids may be submitted via "PARITY" or via E-Mail at bids@bakertilly.com).

Any person interested in submitting a bid for the bonds must furnish in writing to the Issuer, c/o its Municipal Advisor, at the aforementioned address or email address, on or before 11:30 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) on October 20, 2025, the person's name, address, and telephone number and if desired, EMail address. The Issuer's representative or its designee will notify (or cause to be notified) each person so registered of the date and time bids will be received not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the date and time of sale. The notification shall be made by telephone at the number furnished by such person and also by e-mail, if an E-Mail has been received. The sale is expected to take place on or about 11:30 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) on October 21, 2025. At the time designated for the sale, the Issuer will receive and consider bids for the purchase of the bonds of the Issuer designated as "Building Corporation of Jay Schools First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2025", in the principal amount of \$18,285,000* (the "Bonds"). Each bid must be for not less than all of the Bonds described herein. Bidders must bid a minimum purchase price of 99.5% of the face amount of the Bonds.

The Bonds will bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed 5.5% per annum (the exact interest rate or rates will be determined by bidding). All Bonds maturing on the same date shall bear the same rate. Interest will be calculated on a 30/360-day basis and will be payable on July 15, 2026, and semiannually thereafter on January 15 and July 15 of each year. Said Bonds will be dated the date of delivery, will be in the denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof and will mature semiannually on January 15 and July 15 on the dates and in the amounts* as follows:

Date*	Amount*	Date*	Amount*
July 15, 2028	\$15,000	January 15, 2037	\$630,000
January 15, 2029	15,000	July 15, 2037	645,000
July 15, 2029	30,000	January 15, 2038	665,000
January 15, 2030	35,000	July 15, 2038	680,000
July 15, 2030	35,000	January 15, 2039	695,000
January 15, 2031	35,000	July 15, 2039	710,000
July 15, 2031	200,000	January 15, 2040	735,000
January 15, 2032	205,000	July 15, 2040	750,000
July 15, 2032	275,000	January 15, 2041	765,000
January 15, 2033	280,000	July 15, 2041	790,000
July 15, 2033	530,000	January 15, 2042	805,000
January 15, 2034	545,000	July 15, 2042	825,000
July 15, 2034	560,000	January 15, 2043	850,000
January 15, 2035	570,000	July 15, 2043	870,000
July 15, 2035	585,000	January 15, 2044	890,000
January 15, 2036	600,000	July 15, 2044	915,000
July 15, 2036	615,000	January 15, 2045	935,000

* Preliminary, subject to change. The Issuer reserves the right to modify the amounts above following the sale of the Bonds to achieve the financial objectives of the Issuer.

All or a portion of the Bonds may be issued as one or more term bonds, upon election of the successful bidder. Such term bonds shall have a stated maturity or maturities as determined by the successful bidder. The term bonds shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption and final payment(s) at maturity at 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, on dates consistent with the above schedule.

At the request of the successful bidder, the Bonds may be issued as fully registered Bonds in book entry only form, registered in the name of CEDE & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). In such case, the successful bidder is expected to apply to DTC to make such Bonds depository eligible.

The Bonds maturing on or after January 15, 2036 are redeemable prior to maturity at the option of the Issuer in whole or in part in any order of maturity as determined by the Issuer and by lot within maturities, on any date not earlier than July 15, 2035, at face value plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption and without any redemption premium.

Principal is payable at the office of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as registrar and paying agent. Interest shall be paid by check mailed to the registered owners or by wire transfer to depositories. Each bid must be for all of said Bonds and must state the rate or rates of interest in multiples of 1/8 or 1/100 of 1%. Any bids specifying two or more interest rates shall also specify the amount and maturities of the Bonds bearing each rate, but all Bonds maturing on the same date shall bear the same single interest rate. The award will be made to the bidder complying with the terms of sale and offering the lowest true interest cost to the Issuer. The true interest cost rate is the rate which when used to compute the total present value as of the date of delivery of the Bonds of all debt service payments on the Bonds on the basis of semiannual compounding, produces an amount equal to the sum of the par value of the Bonds minus any premium bid plus any discount. No conditional bid or bid for less than 99.5% of the face value of said Bonds will be considered. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. If no satisfactory bids are received at the time and on the date fixed for the sale, the sale may be continued from day to day thereafter without further advertisement for a period of thirty (30) days, during which time no bid which provides a higher net interest cost to the Issuer than the best bid received at the time of the advertised sale will be considered.

Each bid must be on a customary bid form addressed to the Issuer's representative and marked "Building Corporation of Jay Schools First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2025." The winning bidder must submit a good faith deposit equal to one percent (1%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds issued in the form of a certified or cashier's check, financial surety bond or wire transfer no later than 3:30 p.m. (E.D.T.) on the business day following the award. If a check is submitted, the check shall be drawn on a bank or trust company which is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. In either case, the deposit shall be payable to the "Building Corporation of Jay Schools" and shall be held as a guaranty of the performance of the bid if the same be accepted, or immediately returned if the bid is not accepted. If a financial surety bond is used, it must be from an insurance company licensed to issue such bond in the State

of Indiana, and such bond must be submitted to the Issuer prior to the opening of the bids. The financial surety bond must identify each bidder whose good faith deposit is guaranteed by such financial surety bond.

No interest on the deposit will accrue to the purchaser. The deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds. The successful bidder will be required to make payment for such Bonds in Federal Reserve funds

or other immediately available funds and accept delivery of the Bonds through the facility of DTC within five (5) days after being notified that the Bonds are ready for delivery. It is anticipated that the Bonds will be ready for delivery within thirty (30) days of the sale date, and if not ready for delivery within forty-five (45) days after the sale date, the purchaser shall be entitled to rescind the sale and obtain the return of the good faith deposit. The successful bidder will be required to assist the Issuer in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the Issuer at closing an "issue price" or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public or the sales price or prices of the Bonds, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgement of the successful bidder, the Issuer and Bond Counsel. Additional information regarding the establishment of the issue price is set forth in the hereinbefore described Official Statement relating to the Bonds. The opinion of Krieg DeVault LLP, Bond Counsel, of Indianapolis, Indiana, approving the legality of said Bonds, together with a transcript of the bond proceedings, and closing certificates in the usual form showing no litigation, will be furnished to the successful bidder at the expense of the Issuer.

Bids may be submitted electronically via PARITY in accordance with this notice until the time fixed for the sale, but no bid will be received after such time. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY conflict with this notice, the terms of this notice shall control. For further information about PARITY, potential bidders may contact the Municipal Advisor at the address set forth herein, or may contact i-Deal LLC at 1539 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, New York 10018 (phone: 212-849-5021).

If a potential bidder has questions related to the Issuer, the financing or submission of bids, questions should be submitted by email to the addresses above no later than 11:00 a.m. (Indianapolis Time) on October 17, 2025. To the best of the Issuer's ability, all questions will be addressed by or on behalf of the Issuer and sent to potential bidders, including any bidders requesting 24 hours' notice of sale, no later than 5:00 p.m. (Indianapolis Time) on October 20, 2025. Additionally, upon request, the written responses will be emailed to any other interested bidder. Bidders should review this notice as well as the Preliminary Official Statement and submit any questions in advance of this deadline to submit questions.

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for failure or refusal by the successful bidder therefor to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of its bid. No CUSIP identification number shall be deemed to be a part of any Bond or a part of the contract evidenced thereby, and no liability shall hereafter attach to the Issuer or any of its officers or agents because of or on account of such numbers. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP identification numbers on the Bonds shall be paid for by the Issuer; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the successful bidder. The successful bidder will also be responsible for any other fees or expenses it incurs in connection with the resale of the Bonds, including any charges in connection with DTC.

The Bonds are being issued under the provisions of Indiana Code 20-47-3 for the purpose of providing funds for (a) various proposed improvements to the Jay County Jr-Sr High School building and athletic grounds, including, but not limited to, the following: (i) certain architectural and school safety improvements including, but not limited to, roofing, security upgrades, sidewalk and masonry repairs; (ii) certain functional improvements including, but not limited to, updating the former TV studio, band and choir rooms, wrestling rooms and kitchen; (iii) certain mechanical improvements including, but not limited to, replacing the pool dehumidification unit, water mains and building HVAC controls; (iv) certain electrical improvements including, but not limited to, the replacement of the main electrical switchgear and related panels; (v) certain outdoor athletic improvements including, but not limited to, a rebuilt tennis court, a rebuilt track, and upgrades to extend the useful life of the football stadium and baseball dugouts; and (vi) other related acquisitions (including real property if desired), improvements, upgrades, equipping, and renovations in connection therewith ((i) through (vi) collectively, the "Project"); and (b) costs of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds will be secured pursuant to the terms of a Trust Indenture dated as of July 8, 2015, as supplemented by a First Supplemental Trust Indenture dated as of September 1, 2019, as further supplemented by a Second Supplemental Trust Indenture dated as of March 1, 2021, as further supplemented by a Third Supplemental Trust Indenture dated as of May 1, 2023, and as further supplemented by a Fourth Supplemental Trust Indenture to be dated the first day of the month in which the Bonds are delivered, between the Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (as supplemented, the "Indenture"), and are payable from lease rental payments under a Lease Agreement dated as of November 15, 2005, as amended by an Amendment to Lease dated as of April 10, 2006, as further amended by an Amendment to Lease dated as of July 8, 2015, as further amended by an Amendment to Lease date as of April 24, 2018, as further amended by an Amendment of Lease dated as of February 13, 2023, as further amended by an Amendment to Lease dated as of July 29, 2025 (as amended to date, the "Lease"), between the Issuer and the Jay School Corporation (the "School Corporation"). Lease rental payments under the Lease are payable by the School Corporation to the Issuer from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected on all taxable property within the School Corporation. The Bonds are additionally secured by a first mortgage lien on the leased premises described in the Lease. The Bonds are secured under the Indenture on a parity with the Issuer's (i) Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, (ii) Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2021A, and (iii) Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2023.

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under the federal statutes, decisions, regulations and rulings existing on this date, the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation, and is exempt from all taxation in the State of Indiana, except for estate and franchise taxes.

If necessary in order to assist bidders in complying with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), as in effect on the date of delivery of the Bonds, the School Corporation will enter into a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking Agreement. A form of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking Agreement is available upon request from the Municipal Advisor.

The Issuer has prepared a Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds which it deems to be nearly final. A copy of the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from the Municipal Advisor. Information concerning the Issuer may be obtained from the Municipal Advisor.

Within seven (7) business days of the sale, the Issuer will provide the successful bidder with up to 10 copies of the final Official Statement at the Issuer's expense and such additional copies as may be requested, within five (5) business days of the sale, by the successful bidder at the expense of the successful bidder. Inquiries concerning matters contained in the Preliminary Official Statement must be made and pricing and other information necessary to complete the final Official Statement must be submitted by the successful bidder within two (2) business days following the sale to be included in the final Official Statement.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2025.

/s/ Philip Frantz
Secretary, Board of Directors
Building Corporation of Jay Schools

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Reece LeFevre came two strokes short at district, see story at thecr.com

Patriot boys tennis opens sectional today against UC, see Sports on tap

Patriots enter postseason on high note

The Patriots are gearing up for what they hope will be their fourth consecutive sectional title. But before that, they took some time to blast the Braves. Jay County High School's boys tennis team closed the regular season on Monday with a 4-1 victory over the Belmont Braves. Gabe Overton and Brock Wasson had the most convincing win at the No. 2 doubles position. The duo swept Grayden Kable and Kasey Teeter 6-0, 6-0. Alex Miller was without his regular partner in the No. 1

Local Roundup

doubles match, but Nick Snow filled in for Kadyr Carpenter just fine. In their first match together, they beat Raiden Knittle and Kaden Ramsey 6-4, 6-1. Both Paul Dirksen and Henry Dirksen took care of business at the No. 1 and 2 singles positions. The former picked up a 6-4, 6-2 victory over

Larry Knous, while the latter defeated James Miller 6-4, 6-4. Clark Wellman suffered the only loss for JCHS as he fell to Belmont's Caleb Coats 6-3, 3-6, 10-8. The 14-7 regular season record is the best the Patriots have earned under Donald Gillespie. They will look to expand upon it tonight as they face Union City in the opening round of the IHSAA Sectional 53 at 5 p.m. on Jay County's home courts. Ranly powers SPENCERVILLE, Ohio — The Fort Recovery volleyball

team picked up its third win in four matches by defeating the Spencerville Bearcats 25-16, 25-17, 25-12 on Monday. Bridget Homan led the offense with 10 kills. Kayden Ranly — who had 20 assists — also often looked to Cameron Muhlenkamp (seven kills) and Kenna Dues (five) while she added five herself. The Indians (6-10) dropped in 13 serves on Spencerville (8-12). Brynn Willmann led with four aces, while Dues added three. Ranly and Homan each had two aces as well. Tribe defenders sent back six Bearcat shots at the net.

Alexis Grisez and Ranly both put up team-highs in blocks with four apiece. (All four of Grisez's blocks were assists, while Ranly had one solo block.) The defensive effort on the back row got spread out at Kayla Gaerke and Dues both had nine digs while Ranly contributed eight. Homan dug out six balls as well, while Muhlenkamp finished off the day with five. FRHS will be back in Midwest Athletic Conference action on Thursday when it hosts Versailles before visiting Ansonia over the weekend.



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Torn ACL ends Nabers' season

By PAT LEONARD New York Daily News Tribune News Service NEW YORK — Malik Nabers' season is over.

An MRI confirmed Monday that the Giants' top receiver tore the ACL in his right knee during the second quarter of Sunday's win over the Los Angeles Chargers. ESPN first reported the news. His loss is a devastating blow for the Giants (1-3) and for rookie quarterback Jaxson Dart, who now must play his first NFL season without the team's best weapon. "Malik's one-of-one," Dart said after Sunday's win. "So when you have a guy like that on the field, you have all the confidence in the world that he can just be a dominant game-changer."

MRI confirmed the injury to Giants' wide receiver from Sunday's 21-18 win over Los Angeles Chargers

NFL season now crashes to an early end with 18 catches for 271 yards and two touchdowns. He made nine catches for 167 yards and two touchdowns in a narrow Week 2 overtime loss to the Dallas Cowboys. Now the Giants must pivot and find solutions without him. Right now that means giving 2023 third-round pick Jalin Hyatt an opportunity to fill the void alongside veteran Darius Slayton and 2022 second-round pick Wan'Dale Robinson. Veteran Lil' Jordan Humphrey also could be an option off the practice squad. He played plenty with Dart during the preseason and even caught a touchdown pass from Dart in the quarterback's preseason debut against the Buffalo Bills. If Joe Schoen and Brian Daboll want to go outside the building and trade for a receiver, there are also some names to keep an eye on, starting with one they will face this weekend in New Orleans: Saints wideout Chris Olave.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today Jay County — Boys tennis hosts sectional semifinal vs. Union City — 5 p.m. Fort Recovery — Girls golf at district tournament — 10 a.m. Thursday Jay County — Girls soccer at Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Heritage — 6 p.m.; Junior high cross country at Driver/Centerville — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high football vs. Eastern Hancock — 6 p.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. Heritage — 6 p.m. Fort Recovery — Volleyball (including freshmen) vs. Versailles — 4:30 p.m.; Middle school football at Marion Local — 5 p.m.; Middle school volleyball at St. John's — 5:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today 1:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Detroit Tigers at Cleveland Guardians (ESPN) 2 p.m. — MLS: El Paso Locomotive at Oakland Roots (FOX) 3:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: San Diego Padres at Chicago Cubs (ABC) 6:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees (ESPN) 7 p.m. — U20 World Cup soccer: Brazil at Morocco (FS1) 9:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Cincinnati Reds at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN) Thursday 1:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Detroit Tigers at Cleveland Guardians (ESPN)

Local notes Cooper to host Cooper Farms will host its 18th Annual Turkey Trot 5K benefiting EverHeart Hospice on Nov. 1. The race will begin at Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant at 1 Cooper Farms Drive, St. Henry, OH. Registration is at 9 a.m. with the race beginning at 10 a.m. There will be age groups from 9-and-younger to 60-and-older. Awards will be handed out to the top female and male from each age group. Refreshments and a to-go turkey meal will be provided for all runners. For more information on registering, visit speedy-feet.com and search "Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5K" or email Tonya Huber at tonyah@cooperfarms.com. To have an event listed in "Sports on tap", email details to sports@thecr.com

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