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Testimony describes neglect

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Prosecutors say Chelsea Crossland knowingly killed her son.

Her attorneys argue it was neglect resulting in death, not murder.

Crossland's murder trial in Jay Circuit Court started with opening arguments Tuesday morning and a portion of the prosecution's case, which included several witness testimonies, pictures, a call made to 911 and body camera footage.

The Portland woman is charged with murder and a Level 1 felony for neglect of a dependent resulting in death. She's accused of killing her 5-year-old son, Christian Crossland, in March 2022.

Defense argues that 5-year-old's death was not a murder

Zechariah Landers, Jay was malnourished and County's chief deputy prosecutor, told the jury the evidence will show Crossland made the "conscious decision to kill her son" over the course of the last few months of his life by slowly starving him and beating him.

He explained the jury would be shown evidence displaying how Christian

dehydrated and had bruises all over his body. He pointed to Crossland's calm demeanor throughout the 911 call and visit from police after Christian's death, including a response he said she made when officers were on scene: "So I'm guessing this is going to take a while?"

Brandon Murphy, Jay

County chief public defender, agreed Christian was neglected, but he argued Chelsea did not murder him.

"The evidence in this case will show Christian had a short and tragic life,' said Murphy. "In the final days of his life, he desperately needed medical care."

He said Christian had been sick, but Crossland was a "non-vaccination mother" and did not believe in utilizing doctors. Murphy added Crossland wasn't the only person in contact with her son and told the jury she attempted to feed him before his death.

"The worst part about this case is about how preventable this all was," he said.

Prosecutors shared photos taken by James Stevens, a crime scene investigator with Indiana State Police. Stevens had snapped pictures of the refrigerator, freezer and pantry, which were all full of food. They also shared photos of Christian, including one of his body, which lay flat against the

ing but a diaper. The prosecution flipped to a picture of Christian's face, which was pale white, with a skeletal outline of his nose, dark eyes and hair stringing out from his head in all directions. There was also a mark on

ground, covered by noth-

the side of his head. Upon seeing the picture of Christian's face, two women in the courtroom

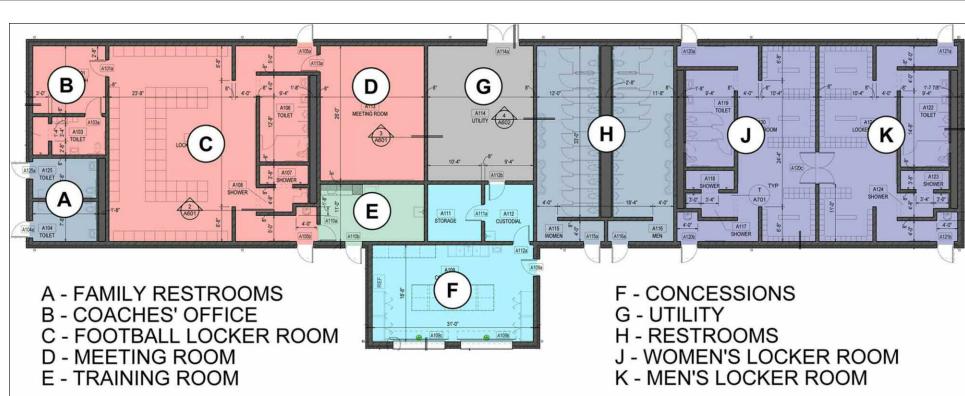
covered their mouths and began sobbing.

"This scene was in Jay County, Indiana?" asked prosecutors, with Stevens confirming.

Murphy asked Stevens if he recalled seeing a spoon next to Christian, and Stevens said he did not remember.

Eric Fields and Brandon Wright, both of Portland Police Department, took the stand Tuesday. Both officers responded to the Crossland home, 689 S. Western Ave., around 11 p.m. March 24. They recalled Christian's body laying in the upstairs bathroom. Fields described him as "very skinny" with multiple bruises on his

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Barton Coe Vilamaa

The above diagram shows the proposed layout of a new locker room, concessions and restroom facility to be constructed at the northeast end of the football field at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Jay School Board expects to review bids for the project, which also includes adding synthetic turf to the football field, at its September meeting.

Plans presented

Info to be available to bidders in August

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

The process of bidding on an improvement project for outdoor athletic facilities at Jav County Junior-Senior begin next month.

Dana Wannemacher of

restroom and concession facil-Harold E. Schutz Memorial Stadium.

The Fort Wayne firm's pro-High School is expected to posed plans call for the construction of a 7,000-squarefoot building locker room, architecture and engineering restroom and concession facilfirm Barton Coe Vilamaa on ity (estimated at \$3.15 million) Monday presented plans to to be constructed on the Jay School Board for projects northeast end of the football

a stone parking lot. Working ily public restrooms, a coach's office, home football locker room, a meeting room, a trainer's room, a concession area, a utility room, public restrooms, a girls locker room and a boys locker room.

A new driveway would be installed to allow buses to

to construct a locker room, stadium in an area that is now load and unload in front of east end of the football stadithe new facility, with a shality and to install turf at from northwest to southeast, low detention basin in the the building would house fam-remainder of the area that is currently the stone lot. (Another detention basin would be located at the east corner of the football stadium.) Wannemacher said the detention basins are intended to be dry most of the time.

New sidewalks would be constructed around the north-

um to provide better access between seating and the con-

cession stand and restrooms. Synthetic turf (estimated at \$1.25 million) would replace the current grass field at the stadium, which would then be used for soccer as well as football and be available for physical education classes, band practice and other activities.

See Plans page 7



Bird

judge

Larry Paxson of with Portland talks with turkey exhibitors while judging the poultry show Saturday at the Randolph County Fair. The fair in Randolph County kicked off Saturday and runs through Friday.

Council reviews two proposals

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

A new state law will require that government units record, and in most cases live-steam, their meetings beginning in 2025.

Portland City Council got its first look at options for handling those requirements Mon-

Representatives from Dynamic Business Solutions and BIS Digital each presented city council with proposals for equipment and service at its meeting meeting Mon-

House Bill 1167 passed during the 2023 requires that state and local governing bodies provide live transmissions of public meetings and archive recordings along with links to agendas, minutes and other documentation for at least 90 days. It will go into effect on July 1, 2025.

See **Proposals** page 7

Deaths

Ruth Koenig, 80, Wood-

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Monday. The low was 64.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the upper 60s with a slight chance of rain after midnight. There is a 50% chance of rain Thursday with a high in the mid 80s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Board of Health has scheduled a meeting for 7 a.m. Tuesday at the health department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland.

Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of the ongoing Chelsea Crossland murder trial.

Saturday — Coverage of Thursday's Redkey Town Council meeting.



Obituaries

Ruth Koenig

Oct. 8, 1942-July 17, 2023

Ruth Lauretta Koenig, 80, of Woodburn, Indiana, formerly of rural Jay County, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 17, 2023, at St. Anne Communities in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1942, in Wapakoneta, Ohio, to the late Henry and Lauretta (Ritchie)

In addition to her parents, Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin F. Koenig, whom she married on Aug. 6,

Henry Klima, Donald (Jean Ann) Klima and James Klima.

Ruth is survived by her children, Mark (Kimberly) Koenig of New Haven, Indi-Karen ana,





Koenig

of Wapakoneta, Robert (Kathy) Klima, Wapakoneta, Michael (Susan) Klima of Wheaton, Illinois, Melvin (Connie) Klima of Lima, Ohio, Tony (Andrea) Klima of Sycamore, Ohio, Ronald (Ginny) Klima of Sidney, Ohio, and Barbara (Mark) Heffner of Lima, Ohio; her sister-in-law Sue Klima of Phoenix, Arizona; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ruth graduated from St. School High Wapakoneta in 1960. She was a life-long homemaker and farm wife. In her free time, Ruth enjoyed playing cards, watching

children. She was a member of the Church of the Most Holy Trinity in Bryant, Indiana, and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Haven, Indiana. She served on the funeral luncheon committee for numerous years and was a member of the Ladies Sodality.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Bryant, Indiana, with Father Peter Logsdon celebrating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Saturday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery.

Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting brockmanboeckmanfh.com.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death datetime/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from Guests may visit with Ruth's funeral homes or mortuary serv-

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Lotteries

Powerball Monday

5-8-9-17-41 Power Ball: 21 Power Play: 4 Estimated jackpot: \$1 billion

Mega Millions

jackpot: Estimated \$640 million

Hoosier

Monday Midday Daily Three: 5-9-2 Daily Four: 8-8-0-6 Quick Draw: 2-7-10-11-18-19-23-25-29-32-35-36-46-49-50-51-52-53-67-77 Evening

Ohio

\$513,000

Monday Midday Pick 3: 4-9-3 Pick 4: 4-3-7-6 Pick 5: 7-6-8-7-6 Evening Pick 3: 1-9-0 Pick 4: 1-6-6-3 Pick 5: 5-7-8-7-7

Daily Four: 6-0-7-2

47-50-53-61-66-76-79

Quick Draw: 5-8-9-14-

15-18-20-30-32-38-39-40-42-

Cash 5: 4-15-24-34-35

Estimated jackpot:

Rolling Cash: 6-21-23-

Estimated jackpot: \$120,000

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Today in history

Stone, a tablet with made their first appearhieroglyphic translations into Greek, was found in Egypt.

Falls Convention, known one double-heat winner as the first such gather- and tied for first in two ing in support of rights other feature harness for American women, launched in New York. About 300 attended the meeting that resulted in the Declaration of Sentiments, which called for granting women the same rights and freedoms as those afforded to

In 1903, French cyclist Maurice Garin won the first Tour de France in Paris.

In 1941, cartoon char-

In 1799, the Rosetta acters Tom and Jerry ance in "The Midnight

Snack." In 1972, Jerry Lan-In 1848, the Seneca dess of Portland drove races at the Clinton County Fair in Frankfort.

> In 2021, Jay School Board approved a return to standard operating procedures after in-person classes were called off for the final two and a half months of 2019-20 school year and various rules, including a state mask mandate, were in place throughout 2020-21.

> > -The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today

4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, courthouse auditorium, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Thursday

6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, courthouse auditorium, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District Board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.

6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city Dunkirk building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Village awards paving project

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — A contract has been awarded for the next street reconstruction project.

Fort Recovery Village Council selected PAB Construction of Coldwater, Ohio, during its meeting Monday to reconstruct portions of Gwendolyn and Wiggs streets.

Reconstruction plans include Gwendolyn Street between Milligan and Wiggs streets and Wiggs Street between Gwendolyn and Wayne streets. Village administrator Randy

February, and it should be completed by June.

Choice One Engineering estimated the project to cost approximately just under \$535,000. The village received the following bids: Toms Construction of St. Henry, Ohio, for \$486,395, Shinn Brothers of Celina, Ohio, for \$530,000 and PAB Construction for \$482,260.

Also Monday, council learned Diller had received a draft of the water plant study conducted by PMG Consulting of Maryland. The company has been Diller explained the work working on recommendatreatment processes since February. Currently, the village uses lime and caustic soda, which had drastically increased in cost prior to the study, leading officials to seek other treatment avenues.

"They're looking at two different processes,' explained Diller. "Both of them take up a lot less (of a) footprint and both of them take up a lot less chemicals."

Either option, he noted, would decrease operating expenses. He plans to review the study and have a representative attend a fall at Fort Site Park

isn't expected to start until tions for the village's water council meeting to differentiate treatment plans.

> Council members also: Authorized Mayor Dave Kaup to sign the annexation of 0.909 acres of land near Fort Recovery Community Park. (Council approved the annexation July 12. The land donated by Buzz and Patt Hull will be utilized for the future

Park.) •Established a fund for \$9,700 received from the H2Ohio Drinking Water Equipment grant

Sawyer Overman Ninja

•Were reminded about paving scheduled for the

Testimony

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In the recording of the 911 call, Crossland told the emergency responder she tried to bathe her son and he got out of the tub and fell. It sounded as if her voice broke a few times in the recording as she repeatedly said, "I tried everything I could." She estimated at the time she placed the call it had been an hour and a half since he last took a breath.

Fields and Wright both testified that Crossland did not cry when they appeared on scene. Wright said she appeared to have a calm demeanor.

Crossland could be heard in the body camera footage trying to explain the situation to officers, including the words, "it was out of nowhere," shortly before officers taped off the front entrance to the house. A crying child could be heard somewhere off screen.

During Tuesday morning's proceedings, Crossland kept her head down most of the time, appearing to be scribbling on a piece of paper.

Kyle Gerlach, now a director at Jay Emergency Medical Service, also responded to the scene. In a video deposition — he was not available for the trial this week — he described how he found Christian, "a very emaciated child," on the bathroom floor

dead. He noted blood around Christian's face and that his face was blue from a lack of oxygen. He pointed out that he could also see the outline of his bones through his skin, having "very little meat on his bones." Gerlach also testified Crossland appeared calm and detached from the situation. Crossland told Gerlach

attempted CPR about half an hour before she placed the 911 call. When Gerlach asked Crossland to sign a form for EMS, "she signed it

with her first name and a smiley face." Rhonda Ballenger and Brittany Easton, both of New Castle, also testified Tuesday morning. Christian had stayed with them for a few years start-

He moved back in with Crossland on Jan. 8, 2022. Ballenger confirmed during his time with them that Christian never

ing in 2018, when he was 2 years old.

seemed sick and had an appetite. "He liked food," she said.

She and Easton visited Crossland's home for a birthday party about a week before Christian's death. When asked where Christian was at the party. Crossland told Ballenger he was being bad, according to her testi-

Easton, who identified herself as a friend of Crossland's, recalled a time Crossland had scolded her son for getting food out of the fridge. She said he had to ask permission. She also remembered when Christian had soiled his clothing and Crossland punished him by bathing him in a cold show-

When asked how Easton knew it was cold, she said, "Because I could hear him crying. She (said) that, 'You gotta learn.'

She also said Crossland at one point called Ballenger, who put the phone on speaker, and she heard Crossland say, "Please pray for me. I did something bad. Don't tell the Murphy suggested Easton's

partner, Trevor, had been in a relationship at one point with Crossland. Ballenger said she'd heard gossip, but that she'd never witnessed a relationship.

In Indiana, murder carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years with an advisory sentence of 55 years. A Level 1 felony for neglect of a dependent resulting in death carries a sentence of 20 to 40 years with an advisory sentence of 30 years.

SERVICES

Today

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

Schoenlein, Robert: 3 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Thursday

Myron, Carol: I p.m., Davids Community Mausoleum Chape, 4600 Mad River Road, Kettering, Ohio.

Friday

Keen-Jenkins, Amber: 3 p.m., The Rock Church, 1605 N.

Saturday

Meridian St., Portland.

Koenig, Ruth: 10:30 a.m., the Church of the Most Holy Trinity 7321 Indiana 67, Bryant.

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Boyfriend demands sex

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 37-year-old stay-at-home mother of two teens. I've been in a relationship with a guy I'll call "Doug" for four years. I feel he only wants me here for sex. If I say no, he either tries to force it or verbally abuses me.

He tells me if I don't give him sex, I need to leave so he can bring another woman to do it. He will destroy my belongings or call me names. He says it's my fault that he does that to me. I'm not sure what to do here. Is it my fault? — BAD SCENE IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR BAD SCENE: When a boyfriend (or husband for that matter) forces their partner to have sex, it isn't foreplay; it is RAPE. That Doug emotionally abuses you or destroys your property if vou refuse to accommodate him is not your "fault." ("You MADE me do it" is something abusers say when they want to avoid taking responsibility for their actions.)

get out of there as safely as you can. Place a confidential call to the National Domestic Violence Hotline (800-799-7233) and ask for help formulating a plan to safely escape your abuser, because that is what this man is.

DEAR ABBY: A casual friend and neighbor started doing the books at the company where I income, which she didn't before. We live in a small town and are **neighbors**. on several committees together outside of work, including a the bag, I hope you will disboard for a local charity and the PTO for our kids' school.

much I make, she's on my case one who approaches you to be "more generous in my donations" to these groups and is spreading misinformation into detail about what you about my financial situation. For example, when the PTO fundraiser fell flat, she told the group I could make up the difference out of my pocket!

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Dear Abby



The thing is, she doesn't have the full picture. I donate to organizations she doesn't know about and help to support my oldest nephew, who has a disability and struggles to get by on his own. For now, I'm doing as much as I feel comfortable with, and I don't want to have to divulge all the details of my financial life to get her off my

Asking her to stop harassing me has led to more (public) statements about my "stinginess." Now other people in town are starting to ask me to donate to their causes, having gotten the impression I'm hiding deep pockets and have no obligations. What you need to do now is How do I get this to stop? I worry about getting the wrong reputation in this community. IN A PICKLE IN THE SOUTH

DEAR IN A PICKLE: Financial information is supposed to be kept private, and for a bookkeeper to leak yours is unforgivable, unethical and perhaps illegal! You should have gone to your employer and reported the woman the first time she hit you up for work. This means she knows my money and discussed your financial status with your

Now that the cat is out of cuss this with an attorney and determine what your Now that she knows how legal options are. As to anyabout contributing to their favorite causes, do not go are funding. Just say no.

most of the wedding. Jessica and her fiance happily accepted the offer. My husband is now insisting that all of HIS aunts, uncles and cousins be invited, which means that Jessica and her fiance will have to eliminate nearly all of their friends from the guest list. Note: None of MY aunts, uncles or cousins are invited, but I am OK with that.

My husband is now threatening not to attend the wedding because Jessica won't add four more people to the list. He said if those additional people don't come, two of his aunts will be unable to be there due to driving issues.

Is it our responsibility to make travel accommodations for all of the guests? It would eliminate four more of our daughter's friends. It's Jessica's day, and I think it should involve people she would like to be there, not who her father wants there. We had our wedding — this should be about her and her fiance. I'm at my wits' end. Please help. — WEDDING WOES IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WEDDING WOES: Your husband is a handful. As it stands, he has hijacked daughter's wedding with his checkbook. Jessica and her fiance should thank her father for his generous offer and refuse it. If she doesn't, the event will no longer be their wedding, but her father's family reunion.

If Dad refuses to go, you definitely should be there standing with the bridal couple. There are worse things than having a small wedding with just a few close friends. One of them is a father as controlling as your husband appears to be.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline DEAR ABBY: My daughter, Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at "Jessica," is getting married. www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box My husband offered to pay for 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Monday

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Nominate a board member

The deadline for a Ball Brothers Foundation award is coming up.

The John W. and Janice B. Fisher Governance Award "highlights the important role board members play in strategic planning and financial oversight to achieve the organization's mission, secure financial stability, and ensure general effectiveness of the organization," according to a press release from the Ball Brothers Foundation. Delaware County nonprofit organizations have until 4 p.m. Aug. 15 to nominate a board member for the award, which allots a \$10,000 grant to the recipient's organization.

The award will be presented at the annual Greater Muncie Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner in October. To learn more about eligibility requirements and to submit a nomination, visit ballfdn.org/fisher- governance-award.

Friends of Arts

Fort Recovery Friends of the Arts is hosting another show this weekend.

Wally and The Beavs will take the stage at 7 p.m. Sun-

Taking Note

day at the Hein Amphitheater in Van Trees Park. The group performs a variety of popular Motown and classic rock music, including cover songs by Steely Dan, The Beatles, Chicago and other respected artists. Wally and The Beavs are known for very strong vocal harmonies complimented by a dynamic horn section.

Minnetrista to host

Minnetrista will be hosting its annual Faeries, Sprites & Lights event from 9 p.m. July 27 through July

Children are encouraged to dress up as a magical faerie and play in the faerie wonderland at the cultural center in Muncie. There will be games, crafts, a theater show, music, dancing and a bubble garden.

Tickets are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. For more information, visit minnetrista.net.



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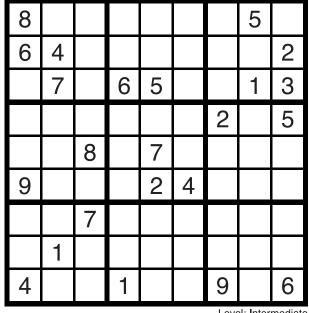
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Sudoku



Level: Intermediate

Monday's Solution

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

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Notices will appear in GROUP — New Begin- Community Center. Show mer W.E. Gaunt Jewelry Community Calendar as nings, a support group for and teal is at 1 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday sew. Bring unfinished in the Zion Lutheran projects and a sewing Church, 218 E. High St., machine. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

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.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 5:30 p.m. July 20 at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Centre, 200 N. Park St., Portland.

COUNTY JAY 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.

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-

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 Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

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Bottles, cups belong in the trash

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from July 18, 2018. It is a classic Jack column about litter. It was a topic he wasn't shy about. He wrote various versions over the years, encouraging folks to clean up after themselves. It's good, simple advice.

By JACK RONALD The Commercial Review

There I was, walking down Main Street on the west side of Portland with a Bud Light bottle in each hand.

It wasn't exactly a moment I'd prefer to have blasted around the internet on Instagram or whatev-

But that's the risk you run when you pick up litter.

I was making my way back to the office after a trip to the bank when I spotted the two bottles perched on the curb in front of the building that used to be the home of Tom and Rod's bar and steakhouse in Portland.

Floodwaters did extensive dam-

Back in the Saddle



age to the building several years ago, closing the business and leaving the eventual fate of the structure still something of a mystery.

Apparently, someone felt it was still a good place to have a drink, even if it meant sitting on the

It was a Monday afternoon. The bottles were remnants from a weekend celebration.

And while the glass might have been crafted by the best darned bottlemakers in the U.S. at Dunkirk's Ardagh plant, by the time I found them they were

empty. The last of the Bud Light was dumped in the gutter, and there I was walking back to the office with a bottle in each hand.

Polar Pop cup, something that seems to be a favorite among the county's litterbugs.

This time around, the cup was on the sidewalk outside the Purdue Extension Office and there was no way I was going to ignore it.

Instead, it was a matter of picking it up, finding a trash container a few feet away, and

putting it where it belonged. Why, I wondered, why is that

so hard? What is it in someone's genetic make-up that makes a person believe the world is his or her dumpster?

Obviously, there's a degree of cluelessness involved. (That's a of the guys had thought it would

To my surprise, they weren't polite way of saying that litter- be cool to smash a pop bottle on ing is an act of stupidity.)

But there are plenty of clueless people who still recognize that lit-

tering is unacceptable. Smoking may be a factor.

That time it was bottles. Smokers — and I was one back About a week later it was a in the day — get into the habit of tossing their cigarette butts everywhere: Out of the car window, onto the ground, you name

> But there are also plenty of smokers who wouldn't think of doing something like that.

Rebellion or assertion of one's individuality may also play a role. Is there any gesture that says "It's all about me" more than tossing trash out a car window? It's like giving the finger to the rest

of humanity. Years ago, while working in the yard, I heard a crash.

Some young people had been going by, walking in the street, three guys and two girls. And one

the payement. Guess he wanted to impress the girls.

I was younger then and a little foolhardy, so I set off down the street after the group, saying, "I

think you dropped something. When I caught up with them, the guys were embarrassed.

They knew instantly they had done something wrong. The girls, however, jeered them when the guys came back down the street to help me clean up the mess. Apparently smashing pop bottles was some sort of display of man-

I told that story to an old friend a few weeks back, and she told me I was crazy. I should have just let it go.

But 30 seconds later she told a story of her own about following a car that was littering around town and calling 911 to report it.

My guess is she picks up Polar Pop cups when she finds them

Fraud could hurt future responses

The Virginian-Pilot Tribune News Service

Three years after the deadly pandemic brought the United States to a screeching halt — shutting down businesses, industries, government offices, schools and much of daily life as we had known it memories of how terrible those days were have begun to fade a little.

Before politicians and the general public become too outraged over reports of the staggering amount of fraud in federal COVID-19 relief programs, we should remember the enormous need in those dark months when businesses were in danger of closing for good and people thrown out of work were scrambling to take care of themselves and their fami-

Yes, recent reports that billions of dollars of federal COVID-19 funds were stolen or misspent are shocking and appalling. A recent report from The Associated Press says that fraudsters may have stolen more than \$280 billion in COVID relief aid, while as much as another \$123 billion was wasted or used wrongly.

come to about 10% of the \$4.2 trillion in COVID relief aid the federal government doled out. There's about another trillion dollars in aid yet to be

Sadly, it's not surprising that some people would take advantage of a devastating pandemic that killed more than 1.13 million Americans, put enormous pressure on hospitals and medical workers, and stressed our economy almost to the breaking point. Some were hardened criminals and gangsters. Others just saw an opportunity and thought it was OK to game the sys-

Unscrupulous crooks used the Social Security numbers of dead people and federal prisoners to get unemployment checks. Fraudsters collected benefits in more than one state. People whose business ventures and finances were in good shape got money intended to keep struggling mom-and-pop shops from folding.

In Washington, more investigations are under way, and politicians are age the thieves and fraudarguing about what went sters have done.

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wrong and who's to blame. Investigations accountability are vitally important. Already, the government has charged more than 2,230 defendants with crimes related to pandemic fraud. Every effort should be made to punish people who profited from the pandemic and to recover fraudulently obtained money. The continuing investigations, criminal charges, convictions and recovered monies should get as much attention as the shocking scope of the fraud.

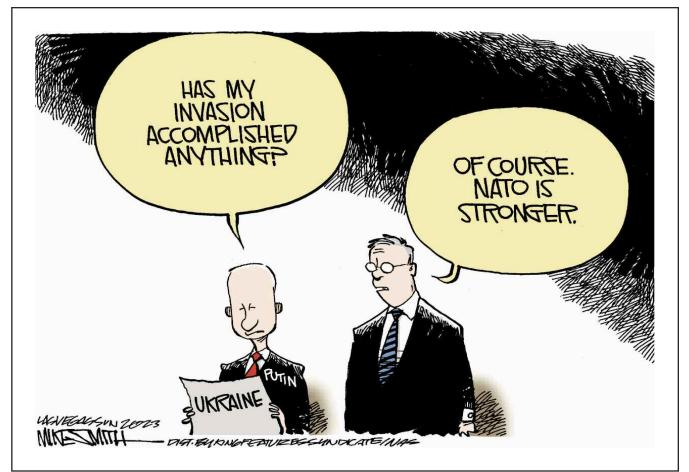
It's also important to learn the right lessons from what happened.

Some mistakes were inevitable. This \$5.3 trillion federal rescue package was unprecedented in size, and the necessary haste made things tougher. The agencies responsible distributing funds, for including the Small Business Administration, the Those losses together Internal Revenue Service and state unemployment agencies, were unprepared and understaffed.

Critics now say that haste was a mistake and that more should have been done to make certain that money reached its intended recipients. Probably some greater care could have been taken.

But overall, the urgency was justified. In such a dire emergency, it was more important to get help to people and businesses who desperately needed it than to make applicants plod through miles of red tape to prove their worthiness. Remember, back then, many frantic people were bemoaning how long it took to get help.

The biggest danger is that as we are disgusted by the enormity of the fraud and waste, we will lose sight of how urgent the need was and how the aid programs shored up the economy and saved desperate people. If wary Americans refuse to step up with relief programs when some future emergency demands them, that would be the greatest dam-



Voters, say 'enough is enough'

By THOMAS SUDDES

cleveland.com Tribune News Service

Ohioans are now voting on State Issue 1, which, if ratified, would make it nearly impossible for the state's voters to amend the Ohio Con-

Voting "no" on Issue 1 is a vote to uphold the public interest. Voting "yes" is a vote for special interests – and the chokehold they have on the Ohio Statehouse.

Issue 1 is so smelly that four former governors — two Republicans and two Democrats — oppose it: Former Govs. Bob Taft, Ted Strickland, John R. Kasich and Richard F. Celeste. Also opposing Issue 1 are five former Ohio attorneys general two Republicans and three Democ-

Issue 1 is a scheme by Statehouse operators and their enablers, who fear that fed-up Ohioans will use their power as citizens to bypass an unresponsive, gerrymandered General Assembly.

That's the same simon-pure legislature that helped enable the \$61 million House Bill 6-FirstEnergy scandal, and the virtuous legislature that has yet to repeal HB 6 altogether, even though the House's former Republican leader has been sentenced to serve 20 years in the jug (he's appealing his conviction) for engineering the HB 6 affair.

Issue 1 would cheat Ohio voters in three ways:

•Since 1912, Ohioans have been able to ratify a proposed state constitutional amendment with a simple majority — 50% plus 1 — of those voting on it. Issue 1 would require an amendment to draw a "yes" vote of at least 60%.

•Issue 1 would make it harder arguably, nearly impossible — for **Thomas** Suddes



posed amendment on the ballot. Now,

backers of a proposed amendment must gather a specified percentage of voter signatures in 44 of Ohio's 88 counties. Issue 1 would require gathering that specified percentage in all 88 counties.

•Then this: Now, if petitioners come up short of the necessary number of signatures — currently, 413,487 (10% of the votes cast in the last governor's election) — petitioners are granted 10 days to gather the needed signatures (the so-called "cure period"). Issue 1 would abolish the cure period altogether.

Of course, there's an agenda here, but the backers of Issue 1 aren't advertising it. Issue 1 was crafted to block an abortion-rights amendment that's being proposed for Ohio's November statewide ballot.

How so?

Well, in four of the states whose voters ratified abortion rights amendments in response to the Supreme Court's 2022 Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization ruling, the "yes" vote on those amendments came in at under 60%: Kansas, 59%; Michigan, 56.7%; Kentucky, 52.4%; and Montana, 52.6%. (The Dobbs decision essentially left decisions about abortion to the states.)

So, no coincidence, Issue 1 would set a 60% floor on "yes" votes when Ohioans consider future constitutional amendments. And as Republican Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Ohioans to petition to place a pro-Ohio's chief elections officer, has con-from Athens, Ohio.

ceded, Issue 1 is "100%" about abor-

If voters approve Issue 1, then a November abortion-rights amendment would require a "yes" vote of at least 60% to become part of the Ohio Constitution.

The 50% requirement has been good enough for more than a century. Not now: Republican legislators owe the anti-abortion lobby big time.

But access to abortion isn't the only target of Issue 1. So is an anti-gerrymandering amendment likely to surface in 2024. "Gerrymandering" means rigging the boundaries of General Assembly and congressional districts to make it easier for one party or the other to capture them.

Republicans have gerrymandered Ohio for that very reason, meaning General manv Assembly and congressional races are decided in GOP primaries, where the zanier the candidate, the better her or his prospects for landing a seat in the Statehouse or U.S. Capitol. (Sure, Democrats could do the same, but the last time they controlled both the state Senate and Ohio's House of Representatives was in 1983-84 — 40 years ago.)

And the Statehouse's GOP leaders couldn't care less what courts say about rigged districts. An effective 2024 anti-gerrymandering amendment would help end Statehouse business-as-usual. That's precisely what insiders fear and why they are so determined to weaken voters' power via Issue 1.

Voting "no" on Issue 1 sends a message to an out-of-control Ohio General Assembly: Enough, ladies and gentlemen, is enough.

Suddes, a member of the cleveland.com editorial board, writes

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Fort Recovery will purchase a new bus

The Commercial Review FORT RECOVERY — Fort Recovery Local Schools will be getting a new bus.

Fort Recovery School Board approved a resolution Monday to participate and authorize Southwestern Ohio Educational Purreceive bids for a new bus.

Treasurer Deanna Knapke Wehrkamp and Don Wendel: explained to school board members the bus will cost between \$123,000 and \$124,000. She noted prices have jumped significantly, with the same bus priced at \$106,000 in 2022, \$93,000 in 2020

Also Monday, school board chasing Council to advertise and members Anne Guggenbiller, Sean Kahlig, Jake Knapke, Nick

•Hired or renewed contracts with employees, including new middle school English language

 Accepted resignations from middle school English teacher Jessica Niekamp and part-time custodian Denise Bruns.

•Set preschool tuition fees,

and elementary and middle food procurement contracts that school student fees.

•OK'd lunch prices for the 2023 to 2024 school year. Lunches will cost \$2.35 for preschoolers through fifth graders, \$2.60 for sixth graders through high school seniors and \$3.70 for adults. Entrees alone cost \$1.60.

•Authorized the superintendent and treasurer to enter into

exceed \$15,000 through the Educational Purchasing Council consortium bid process.

transferring Approved \$400,000 from the general fund to the permanent improvement fund and \$100,000 from the general fund to termination benefits fund.

Accepted \$499 in donations.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SALE Jay County Indiana Beginning 10:00 AM Local Time, September 7, 2023 Commissioners' Room Jay County

Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly, notice is hereby given that the following described property is listed for sale for delinquent taxes and/or special assessments. The county auditor and county treasurer will apply on or after 08/21/2023 for a court judgment against the tracts or real property for an amount that is not less than treasurer advertised date of sale and the court will determine any defenses to the application for judgment at the hearing. The county auditor and the county treasurer are entitled to receive all pleadings, motions, petitions, and other filings related to the defense

Such sale will be held on 09/07/2023 at the Commissioners' Room and that sale will continue until all tracts and real property have been offered for sale. At the discretion of local officials, the tax sale may switch to an online format. If those measures are taking place, the public auction will be conducted electronic sale under IC 6-1.1-24-2(b) 10 www.zeusauction.com commencing on the same date/time listed above. All

www.sriservices.com prior to

Property will not be sold for an amount which is less than (A) the delinquent taxes and

special assessments on each tract or item of real property;

(B) the taxes and special payable in the year of the sale, whether or not they are

delinguent; and (C) all penalties due on the delinquencies, and

the county auditor that equals the sum of:

for postage and publication costs; and

by the county that are

directly attributable to the tax sale; and (E) any unpaid costs due

prior tax sale.

in full. If the real property is sold in the tax sale, the amount required to redeem such property will be 110% of the minimum bid for which the tract or real property was offered at the time of sale, if redeemed not more than six (6) months after the date of sale, or 115% of the minimum bid for which the tract or real property was offered at the time of sale, if redeemed after the date of sale, plus the amount by which the purchase price exceeds the minimum bid on the real property plus five percent (5%) per annum interest on the amount by which the purchase price exceeds the minimum bid on the property. All taxes and special assessments upon the property paid by the purchaser subsequent to the sale, plus five percent (5%) per annum interest on those and special assessments, will also be required to be paid to

redeem such property. In addition, IC 6-1.1-25-2 (e) states the total amount required for redemption may include the following costs incurred and paid by the purchaser or the purchaser's before redemption: (1) The attorney's fees and cost of giving notice under IC 6-1.1 25-4.5; (2) The costs of title search or examining and update the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property. The period of redemption shall expire on Monday, September 09, 2024 for certificates sold in the tax sale. For certificates struck to the county, the period of redemption may

If the tract or item of real property is sold for an amount more than the

minimum bid and the property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus. The Auditor and Treasurer specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to 09/07/2023 or during the duration of the

This notice of real property tax sale, and the tax sale itself are undertaken and will be conducted pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of Indiana which regulate the sale of land for delinquent taxes, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-24-1 et

The County does not warrant the accuracy of the street common address ordescription of the property, and a misstatement in the key number or street address not invalidate an otherwise valid sale.

Minimum bid amounts are prescribed by law and are subject to change prior to the auction date.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may obtained www.sriservices.com or in an

alternative form upon Registration For Bidding On

the Tax Sale: If you are interested in bidding on the tax sale for an Indiana county, you may online https://sriservices.com/. This registration is good for all counties that SRI services. You need to register only once for all counties. Make sure to bring the completed form with you to each sale. This will speed up the registration process for you the morning of the sale. If you do not have access to a computer with internet service you may register the

morning of the sale. Please arrive the morning of the tax sale at least 30 minutes before beginning time to be assured you will receive your bid number before the start of the sale.

registration form and W9 form with you the morning of the tax sale. You will be able to print these forms from the registration web site.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1 a business entity that seeks to register to bid at the Jay County Tax Sale must provide a Certificate of Existence or Foreign Registration Statement in accordance with IC 5-23 from the Secretary of State to the Jay County Treasurer.

Dated: 07/19/2023 38-01-27-403-009 000-011 \$264.24 PENNINGTON JIMMY L JR LOT 17 GRISSELL 3RD ADD VACANT LOT MULBERRY PENNVILLE

382300002 38-01-27-403-010.000 - 011\$2,627.08 PENNINGTON JIMMY L JR LOTS 18-20 GRISSELL 3RD ADD 610 MULBERRY ST

PENNVILLE 47369 38-01-27-404-382300003 054.001-011 \$1,747.33 MYERS JENNIFER PT 'A' 66' X 103' VACANT LAND E MAPLE

ST PENNVILLE 47369 38-01-34-101-382300004 013.000-011 \$2,408.17 WEBBER FRANK N 54 1/2 OF LOT 4 & W 16 3/4' OF N 54 1/2' OF LOT 3 BLK 2 EAST ADD 295 N UNION ST PENNVILLE 47369

38-01-34-101-024.000-011 \$2,274.72 WEBBER FRANK 21 1/2' X 024.000-011 $148\ 1/2'$ PTS OF LOT 3-4 BLK 2 EAST ADD AN INDIANA CORP 255 N UNION ST PENNVILLE 47369

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PHILLIPS SHAMAN D LOT 1 BLK 25 OP 335 W LINCOLN AVE DUNKIRK 47336 38-09-08-102-382300016 078.000-014 \$2,820.39 TRUMBO CHARLES STANLEY LOT 1 DUNKIRK

WASHINGTON DUNKIRK 47336 382300017 38-09-08-103-005.000-014 \$2,986.24 FISHER HOWARD LOT 19 BLK 37 O P VACANT LOT WASHINGTON

REALTY CO ADD 366 W

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157.000-014 \$9,496.17 BERRY JAVIS SCOTT W PT LOT 1 BLK 15 O P 115 W JAY St DUNKIRK 47336 382300023 38-09-08-104-

010.000-014 \$1,022.95 SINGH RAJA S 1/2 S 1/2 LOTS 3 & 4 BLK 28 OP VACANT LOT N INDIANA ST DUNKIRK 382300024 38-09-08-104-016.000-014 \$751.82 BISHOP

MATTHEW 32 X 130 PT LOT 2 BLK 18 VACANT LOT MAIN ST DUNKIRK 47336 38-09-08-104-382300025 083.000-014 \$1,542.54 DUTY DONNA LOT 5 RAILROAD ADD VACANT LOT E RAILROAD ST DUNKIRK

382300026 38-09-08-104-084.000-014 \$1,865.84 DUTY DONNA J & ELLEN KATHLEEN JT W/RGHTS OF SURV LOT 6 & W 1/2 LOT 7 RAILROAD ADD 225 RAILROAD St DUNKIRK 47336

382300027 38-09-08-204-004.000-014 \$967.76 INGLE ALAN R LOTS 3001 3002 & St DUNKIRK 47336

3003 DLC 4TH ADD 611 W "D" 382300028 38-09-08-304-040.000-014 \$1,170.89 SMITH SHIRLEY L 86.2% LARA R

HESS 6.9% CHESTON R SMITH LOT 20 WESTVIEW ADD 511 WALSH CT DUNKIRK 47336 38-09-08-304-382300029 051.000-014 \$852.52 BLUMENHORST TERRY W

PT SW 1/4 SEC 8 LOT 7 WESTVIEW ADD 604 WALSH CT DUNKIRK 47336 382300030 38-09-08-402-038.000-014 \$1,154.91 RENNER KEITH W 10' X 130' SW PTS LOT 3 & NW 1/4 LOT 4 THOMAS ADD 617 S MAIN ST DUNKIRK 47336 382300031 38-09-08-402- $086.000\text{-}014~\$3,\!478.67~\mathrm{RQ}~\mathrm{TAX}$ LIEN INVESTMENT INC RICHARD QUIZON LOT 8 EVANS & WILSON ADD

VACANT LOT E ORANGE AVE DUNKIRK 47336 382300032 38-09-08-402-091.000-014 \$2,066,69 MCCOMBS SCOTT PT LOT 10 EVANS & WILSON ADD 155 E ORANGE AVE DUNKIRK

382300035 38-09-09-202-042.000-014 \$1,026.95 SCOTT IRELAN LOT 78 MT ADD 526 N MELINDA AUBURN INDIANA ST DUNKIRK 47336

382300037 38-09-09-202-122.000-014 \$1,723.49 BEATRICE CHARLES F LOT 5 ST JOHNS SD 301 E NORTH ST DUNKIRK 47336382300038 38-09-09-202-129.000-014 \$1,038.80 MOLES NORMAN JR & JULIA LOT 3 J M SMITH SUB DIV 329 E HIGH ST DUNKIRK 47336 382300039 38-09-09-203-003.000-014 \$5,503,58 MOREHEAD STEVEN

MICHAEL LOT 1 - 2 J M SMITH SUB DIV VACANT ${\tt LOTS} \to {\tt HIGH} \; {\tt ST} \; {\tt DUNKIRK}$ 47336 382300040 38-09-09-203-

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38-09-09-302-382300045 011.000-014 \$709.59 LOWE REBA G LOT 3 CARLES VACANT LOT E WASHINGTON DUNKIRK 47336

382300046 38-09-09-302-017.000-014 \$1,331.62 MAHON RANDY J NEIL LOT 5 PURDOMS ADD VACANT LOT PALACE ST DUNKIRK

382300047 38-09-09-302- $025.000\text{-}014\ \$1,\!476.35\ \mathrm{JONES}$ ELIZABETH LOT 6 CARLES ADD VACANT LOT "A" ST DUNKIRK 47336-0000

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382300049 050.000-014 \$833.05 MAHON RANDY J NEIL LOTS 12 & 13 PURDOMS ADD VACANT LOTS E PALACE ST DUNKIRK 47336

38-03-17-103-382300054 006.000-021 \$1,291.68 NICKEL RONALD E AND SHARON J PT SW 1/4 NE 1/4 .26A S17 T24 R14 305 N MERIDIAN ST BRYANT 47326 38-03-17-204-

382300055 \$451.88 GALLOWAY CAREY W & KIMBERLY L LOT 5 BLK 7 101 N FRANCIS ST BRYANT

382300056 38-03-17-301-015.000-021 \$1,511.78 STEIN MELVIN R E PT LOT 1 BLK 14 117 E MAIN ST BRYANT 38-03-17-301-382300057

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 ${\rm ST~BRYANT~47326}$ 382300059 38-03-17-301-032.000-021 \$752.24 ELZEY CODY LOTS 3 & 4 BLK 13 108 S MERIDIAN ST BRYANT 47326

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47371 382300068 38-10-07-300-009.000-024 \$3.637.25 WEESNER RODNEY K LE ANITA L ORR E 1/2 SW 1/4 S7 T22 R13 80.00A VACANT LAND W 500 S REDKEY

47373 382300069 38-10-07-300-011.000-024 \$2,365.77 WEESNER RODNEY K LE ANITA L ORR PT FRAC SW 1/4 S7 T22 R13 40A VACANT LAND W 500 S REDKEY 47373

382300070 38-10-07-600-001.000-024 \$63,192.11 WEESNER RODNEY K LE ANITA L ORR PT W 1/2 SW 1/4 & PT W 1/2 NW 1/4 63.84A W PT E 1/2 NW 1/4 53A S7 T22 R13 116.84A TOTAL 4023 S 800 W REDKEY 47373

38-10-15-300-021.000-024 \$609.99 GARRINGER BRIAN LEE LOTS 5, 6 & 7 W ADDITION NEW MT PLEASANT S15 T22 R13 4537 W 575 S

PORTLAND 47371 382300072 028.000-024 38-10-15-403-028.000-024 \$293.30 GARRINGER BRIAN LEE LOT 8 W ADD NEW MT PLEASANT S15 T22 R13 VACANT LAND W 575 S

PORTLAND 47371 38-10-23-200-382300073 004.000-024 \$1,587.17 NOLES RANDY D PT SW 1/4 NW 1/4 S23 T22 R13 .69 A 3984 W 650 S PORTLAND 47371 382300075 38-10-33-202-

014.000-024 \$404.55 JEFFRIS JOSEPH JESSICA NEWSOME CASH RAY PINKSTON TENS PT LOT 1 & 44 1/2' OF LOT 1 BLK 3 POWERS STATION S33 T22 VACANT POWERSTATION S 600 W PORTLAND 47371 382300076 38-38-10-33-202- $015.000\text{-}024~\$243.02~\mathrm{JEFFRIS}$ JOSEPH JESSICA JOSEPH JESSICA NEWSOME CASH RAY PINKSTON TENS PT LOT 1

POWERSTATION S 600 W PORTLAND 47371 38-05-28-200-382300077 007.000-025 \$2.967.24 BEESON JAMES & JANET PT E PT NW 1/4 S28 T23 R12 9.775A 11666 W 150 S

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DUNKIRK 47336 38-05-34-400-382300078 012.000-025 \$1,933.07

WILLOUGHBY NICHOLAS PT W 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4 S34 T23 R12 .925 A 10494 W 300 S DUNKIRK 47336 382300079 38-12-04-400-016.000-026 \$2,263.36 MANOR

ADAM J & JAMY M PT W 1/2 SE 1/4 S4 T22 R15 5 A 6570 E 400 S PORTLAND 47371 38-12-05-404-38-2300084 38-12-05-404-041.000-027 \$1,130.90 SMITH BRUCE LOT 11 BLK 3 SALAMONIA 5768 E 400 S

SALAMONIA 47381 382300085 38-12-05-404-042.000-027 \$641.75 SMITH BRUCE W BROOKE E ADRIANNE E JT TENS WR OF SURVIV LOT 12 BLOCK 3 SALAMONIA

47381 382300086 38-12-09-202-004.000-027 BONIFIELD KEVIN E & KATHLEEN D LOTS 5-6 BLK EAST ADD SALAMONIA 6053 E 400 S SALAMONIA

47381 382300087 38-12-09-202-005.000-027 \$2,265.42 BONIFIELD KEVIN E & KATHLEEN D LOTS 7-8 BLK 2 EAST ADD SALAMONIA

382300088 010.000-027 BONIFIELD KEVIN E & KATHLEEN D LOT 9 BLK 2 EAST ADD SALAMONIA LOT LOCATED SOUTH/ BEHIND 6071 E 400 S

PORTLAND 47371 38-08-21-203-382300092

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3 & 4 BLK 5 BOUNDARY LOT E 1/2 FRAC SE 1/4 S23 T22 R14 .50 A VACANT LAND E TREATY LINE RD PORTLAND 47371 38-09-08-102-382300095 002.000-030 \$228.16 LEIST

DUNKIRK 47336 382300096 38-09-11-201 \$589.33 005.000-030 WEESNER RODNEY K LE ANITA L ORR PT NW 1/4 OR LOTS 17, 21 & 22 S11 T22 R12

S DUNKIRK 47336 382300097 38-09-11-202-002.000-030 \$1.189.76 WEESNER RODNEY K LE ANITA L ORR TRACTS 11, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28 ELKHORN ACRES PT NW

REDKEY 47373 38-09-25-100-382300098 004.000-030 \$1,362.50 PERPETUAL REAL ESTATE INVESTING INC PT NW 1/4 NE 1/4 S25

38-09-13-303-KRISTY L LOTS 51, 52, 53, 55 & 56 JAMES BOYCE 1ST ADD VACANT LOTS PLUM

38-09-13-303-382300100 063.000-031 \$746.92 FIERS MOLLY E & CHRISTOPHER DAVID W/RGHTS SURV LOT 26-28 JAMES BOYCE 1ST ADD 26 E MAIN ST REDKEY 47373

38-09-14-404-

38-09-14-404 062.000-031 \$780.77 BRACKMAN MARK LINDA A LOT 18 SPAHR FIRST ADD 31 N OAK St REDKEY 47373

063.000-031 \$2,122.32 ORDINARIO WILMA LOTS 12 & 13 SPAHRS FIRST ADD 32 N UNION ST REDKEY 382300105 38-09-14-404 095.000-031 \$825.80 ADKINS

DERICK S 40' OF LOTS 1-2 & 3 BLK 1 R A ANDREWS 7 W MAIN St REDKEY 47373 382300106 38-09-23-101-011.000-031 \$776.21 HOUGH TONY & LISA LOT 7 O P 7 S ASH ST REDKEY 47373 38-09-23-101

BECKY SUE CUSTODIAN JADEN K FIELDS UND 1/4 INT LOTS 17 & 24 OP (19 S ASH ST) ON CONTRACT DOC 0504282 19 S ASH ST REDKEY 47373 38-09-23-101-382300108

JAMES ANTHONY N 1/2 LOT 7 BLK 2 MT VERNON ADD CONTRACT DOC# 201601320 201 S UNION ST REDKEY 47373 382300110 38-09-23-101-114.000-031 \$1,917.85 APPENZELLER HARRY H

LOTS UNION ST REDKEY 47373

LOT 31-32 MARIETTA GLASS CO ADD 235 E DELAWARE ST REDKEY

382300115 38-09-24-201-038.000-031 \$866.87 NOLES RANDY D & ELIZABETH A LOT 29-30 MARIETTA GLASS CO ADD LOTS LOCATED EAST OF 235 E DELAWARE ST REDKEY 47373

382300116 38-09-24-202-021.000-031 \$1,143.16 ROBBINS MICHAEL E LOT CADWALLADEREDGER ADD 26 S GEORGE

382300117 38-09-24-202-112 000-031 \$988.21 WILLIAM BENNETT DOUGLAS & AUTUMN DAWN LOTS 26 & 27 CADWALLADER & EDGER ADD 39 E DELAWARE REDKEY 47373

122.000-031 \$438.71 WISENER PATRICK T LOT C&EDELAWARE ST REDKEY 47373

007.000-031 \$428.34 FORRESTER JOHN D LOT 11 CURRENT S SD ADD VACANT LOT GRANDVIEW AVE REDKEY

FORRESTER JOHN D LOT 12 CURRENTS SOUTH SIDE ADD 120 E GRANDVIEW AVE REDKEY 47373 382300122 020.000-031 \$896.29 COCHRAN MATT LOT 58-60 CURENTS S SD ADD 113 E

GRANDVIEW AVE REDKEY 47373 382300123 38-07-28-201-013.000-033 HAMILTON RONALD ALLAN PT NE 1/4 NW 1/4 TRIANGLE 116' X 54' S28 T23

38-07-28-201-382300124 014.000-033 \$401.22 HAMILTON RONALD ALLAN PT NE 1/4 NW 1/4 RONALD S28 T23 R14 583 E 100 S

 $016.000-033 \$1,007.78 \, \mathrm{MUMBY}$ JEFFREY O & CHARLOTTE L PT E 1/2 SE 1/4 S31 T23 R14 $9.597 \; \mathrm{A} \; 2573 \; \mathrm{S} \; \mathrm{BLAINE} \; \mathrm{PIKE}$ PORTLAND 47371 382300126 38-38-07-31-400-

JEFFREY O & CHARLOTTE L PT E 1/2 SE 1/4 S31 T23 R14 1.042A VACANT LAND S BLAINE PK PORTLAND 38230012738-07-31-400-

019.000-033 \$328.79 MUMBY JEFFREY O & CHARLOTTE L PT NE 1/4 SE 1/4 S31 T23 R14 1.7 A VACANT LAND S BLAINE PK PORTLAND

001.002-034 \$247.95 TLA LLC PT NW 1/4 16-23-14 1 A VACANT LAND E 100 N

38-07-16-303-382300130 382300130 38-07-16-303-040.000-034 \$999.53 STEIN

MELVIN R LOTS 163 & 164 VOTAWS 3RD ADD S16 T23 R14 VACANT LOTS ADAMS ST PORTLAND 47371

VOTAWS 3RD ADD S16 T23 R14 803 N MERIDIAN ST

NUCKOLS MACK AS TRUSTEES OF THE MA PT E 1/2 SW 1/4 17 23 14 24.82A VACANT LAND INDUSTRIAL PARK DR PORTLAND 47371 38-07-17-401-382300133

044.000-034 \$1,230.50 CHAVARRIA MARENTES ROMAN JUAN E PT 40' 11" X 165' OF PT O L 29 BAKERS O CONTRACT DOC# 206 202100244 LAFAYETTE PORTLAND 47371

061.000-034 \$7,066.06 MARUTI ESTATE LLC LOT 2 & 3 HUTZLER SUB DIV OF BAKERS OL 27 1226 N MERIDIAN ST PORTLAND 47371

RDS W PT E PT BAKERS SUB DIV OL 14 1208 & 1210 N HAWKINS BEN HAWKIN PORTLAND 47371 382300136 103.000-034 \$544.18 RINKER CARLA 120' X 43 1/2' PT LOT 25 HOUCKS SD OF O L 15 TO

BAKERS ADD MOODY AVE PORTLAND 47371 382300137 38-07-17-404-002.000-034 \$397.18 LEMASTER PAUL W & BETTY E 32' X 150' N PT

003.000 - 034 $\begin{array}{cccc} 003.000\text{-}034 & & \$508.88 \\ \text{LEMASTER} & \text{PAUL} & \text{W} & \& \end{array}$ BETTY E PT N PT LOT 24 46'

LEMASTER PAUL W & BETTY E LOT 5A HOUCKS SD OF OL 15-19 BAKERS ADD & LOT 4A & 8' X 100'NE PT 24 101 MOODY Ave PORTLAND 47371

38-07-17-404-044.000-034 \$392.78 HUDSON JOSEPH DANIEL LOT 1 GEBHARTS SUB DIV OF OL 5 BAKERS ADD 818 N FRANKLIN

065.000-034 \$657.17 PRICE CARL LOT 5 GEBHARTS SUB DIV O L 5 BAKERS ADD .1974A 808 N FRANKLIN ST PORTLAND

382300142 PORTLAND 47371

382300146 38-07-20-202-045.000-034 \$975.47 CORLE DONNA J LOT INTERCITYS AMENDED PLAT GRAYS S/D 1310 MEADOW LN PORTLAND 47371 382300147 38-07-20-202-

069.000-034 WEAVER LISA G & DAVID H ENGLAND LOT INTERCITYS AM ADD GRAYS SUB 1131 MEADOW LN PORTLAND 47371 38-07-20-203-382300148

2.712A S20 T23 R14 VACANT LAND W MAIN ST PORTLAND 47371 38-07-20-204 382300150 141.000-034 \$2,203.05 LOYD GEORGE W & MARILYN S 4 X 10.5 RDS SE 1/4 NW 1/4 ADAIRS ADD 932 W WATER

ST PORTLAND 47371 382300152 38-07-20-401-034.000-034 \$834.68 HEARN CHRIS C "G" PT NE 1/4 SE 1/4 S20 T23 R14 .12A VACANT LAND SHIP ST PORTLAND

382300153 055.000-034 NEWLIN JUDY J 8' W PT OF LOT 108 & 40 ' E PT OF LOT 109 SOUTH PORTLAND PORTLAND 47371

PIERCE St PORTLAND 47371 382300155 38-07-21-204-

107.000-034 \$886.88 ELDEEB AHMED LOT 2 MEEKERS 1ST ADD CONTRACT TO STANT PAUL W & JENNIE L 603 E MAIN ST PORTLAND 38-07-21-301-

38-07-21-303-\$6,189.85 FLEMINGS 1ST ADD 501 S

MERIDIAN ST PORTLAND

47371 382300158 38-07-28-204-060.000-034 \$1,212.18 ASHMAN CARL E & LINDA K LOTS 21 & 30' OFF ENTIRE N SIDE OL LOT 20 & 1/2 VAC ALLEY E SD HAGINS .2553A CONTRACT DOC# 201800294 PITTSBURG

382300159 38-07-29-201-017.000-034 \$481.96 HERNANDEZ DUENEZ LATCIA LOT 23 BLAINE PIKE ADD 109 GREEN PARK

382300201 38-09-09-302-010.000-014 \$1,176.45 JONES LYDIA, FREEMAN ELIZABETH & MILLER NAOMI ESTHER LOT 4 CARLES ADD VACANT LOT WASHINGTON DUNKIRK 47336

Total Properties: 127

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true list of lots and land returned for the delinquent nonpayment of taxes and special assessments for the time periods set forth, also subsequent delinquent taxes, current taxes and costs due thereon and the same are chargeable with the amount of tax, etc., with which they are charged on

Emily Franks, Auditor, Jav County Indiana.

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the amount set out below and for an order to sell the tracts or real property at public auction to the highest bidder, subject to the right of redemption. Any defense to the application for judgment must be filed with the Jay County Superior Court and served on the county auditor 08/21/2023. The court will set a date for a hearing at least seven (7) days before the

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arts teacher Breana Madaj.

which stayed at the same rate,

3938 HARRISON SALAMONIA \$2,011.33 382300118

6071 E 400 S SALAMONIA 47381 38-12-09-202-\$472.82

SALAMONIA 47381 38-08-11-600-382300091 009.002-028 \$1,407.34 RANLY JEFFREY D PT S 1/2 NW 1/4 1.24 A S11 T23 R15 PARCEL LOCATED ON N 800 E

HUTZLER JOHN R LOT 16 BELLEFOUNTAINE S21 T23 R15 483 S 600 E PORTLAND 382300094 38-11-23-400 020.000-029 \$241.02 SONGER FRANK H & ROSALIE LOTS

TERRY W PT O L 3 100' X 133.9' S8 T22 R12 .25A CONTRACT DOC # 2003671 12317 W BLACKFORD AVE

8.144A VACANT LAND W 400

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T22 R12 .756A 8377 W 700 S REDKEY 47373 382300099 044.000-031

ST REDKEY 47373

382300102 018.002-031 \$683.50 HOWARD SANDRA PT A & S 34' PT B SPAHR & ANDREWS LOT BEHIND OR EAST OF 45 N SYCAMORE ST REDKEY 382300103

38-09-14-404-382300104

382300107 023.000-031 \$996.46 ASHLEY

093.000-031 \$1,294.17 LODEN

037.000-031 \$821.25 NOLES RANDY D & ELIZABETH A

JR N PT LOT 46 O P VACANT

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38-09-24-202-382300120 38-09-24-302-

382300121 38-09-24-302-008.000-031 \$823.51 38-09-24-302-

R14 VACANT LAND E SEVENTH ST / E 100 S PORTLAND 47371

PORTLAND 47371 382300125 38-38-07-31-400-

016.001-033 \$297.47 MUMBY

382300128 38-07-16-200-

PORTLAND 47371 382300129 38-07-16-200-004.000-034 \$88,561.63 TLA LLC PT N 1/4 NW 1/4 16 23 14 15.057A 1619 N MERIDIAN St PORTLAND 47371

382300131 38-07-16-303-056.000-034 \$4,673.89 TELL AVENUE LLC LOT 147

PORTLAND 47371 382300132 38-07-17-300-029.000-034 \$1,383.34 PAINTER MICHAEL M &

382300134 38-07-17-401-

382300135 38-07-17-401-068.000-034 \$1.447.76 HICKS CHRISTINA A "B" PT 9 X 10 38-07-17-401-

LOT 24 HOUCKS S/D O L 15 TO 19 INC BAKERS ADD VACANT LOT MOODY AVE PORTLAND 47371 382300138 38-38-07-17-404-

X 150' HOUCKS SD 15 TO 19 VACANT LOT MOODY AVE PORTLAND 47371 382300139 38-07-17-404-004.000-034

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PORTLAND 382300141 38-07-17-404-

47371 38-07-20-101-062.000-034 \$1,917.14 SNOW MATT W END 40' OF LOTS 5 & 8 OL 6 HAYNES SUB DIV O P 206 W RACE ST

\$2,176,66 35

028.000-034 \$982.54 PATRIOT ${\rm JLR} \quad {\rm LLC} \quad {\rm PT} \quad {\rm OL} \quad 2$ WOODLAWN PARK ADD

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ADD 210 W SECOND ST 38-07-21-103-382300154 \$2,056.49 025.000-034 ASHCRAFT BARBARA PT $(50^{\circ}~{\rm X}~104^{\circ})~{\rm W}~1/2~{\rm NE}~1/4~{\rm S}21$

47371 382300156 026.000-034 \$1,421.42 MAY RONALD W & GEORGE O

LOPEZ LOT 27 WILSONS ADD ON CONTRACT DOC# 0802415 221 S MUNSON AVE PORTLAND 47371 382300157 013.000-034 MARUTI ESTATE LLC VAC ALLEY & LOTS 291 292

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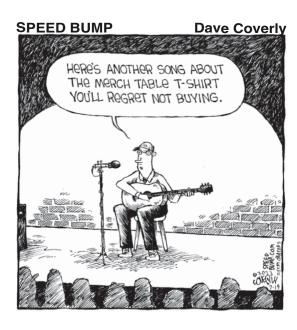
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A sophisticated play But if East plays the queen of spades at trick one, declarer will almost surely go down. South wins the queen with the king because he would naturally be afraid that West might hold the A-J-x-x-x, in which case the defenders would collect the first five spade tricks after a spade return by East. Once South wins the opening lead with the king, he is fighting a losing battle. Sooner or later, he has to North-South vulnerable. NORTH

WEST EAST ♦J9762 ♥953 AQ4 ♥8742

East dealer.

East Pass

7-19

SOUTH♠ K 10 5

♥ K J 10 **♣**A Q 6 4 The bidding: West Pass

Opening lead — six of spades. Point count can frequently prove very useful to the defenders. For example, consider East's play to the first trick in this deal. East would take the ace on the opening lead. This would be in keeping with the general principle of third-hand high. He would then continue with the queen of spades, ducked by declarer, and the four which South would win with the

1 NT

Observe the effect of these plays. Declarer — after losing a diamond finesse to East's queen — winds up making three notrump, scoring one spade, three hearts, four diamonds

battle. Sooner or later, he has to lead diamonds, and when East gains the lead, he plays the ace and

another spade to sink the contract.

Why should East vary from the usual procedure of third-hand high? Because he knows declarer has the king of spades and wants to encourage him to win the trick. South's opening notrump bid showed 15 to 17 points. Since East sees 11 points in dummy and 12 more in his own hand, there are

only 17 points left for South and West to hold. It is therefore impossible for West to have the king of spades, since this would mean that South had less than 15 points. But note that even if South had somehow lacked the king of spades, East's queen would win the first trick, and nothing would be lost.

Indeed, even in those cases where declarer's point count is not as precisely known, the queen would still be the play of choice for the very

Tomorrow: The proper order of plays. ©2023 King Features Syndicate Inc

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A BUNCH OF FOLKS ARE STANDING SINGLE-FILE WAITING TO BOARD A BUS, IS THAT A PICKUP LINE?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals G

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Plans

Continued from page 1 The existing long jump runway along the northeast end zone would be replaced with two parallel runways and long jump pits. The adjacent high jump area would be reversed so competitors will run toward the end zone to jump rather than toward the track.

The discus area would remain in its current location — it would be leveled and upgraded — southwest of the stadium. The shot put area, which is currently adjacent to the southwest end zone, would be relocated and placed to the southeast of the discus outside of the stadium. A new double-sided pole vault runway would run parallel to the southwest end zone.

The turf portion of the

bids, with Wannemacher Phillips approved \$79,590 in adding that specifications for the rest of the project are expected to be made available to potential bidders Aug. 15. He hopes to have turf quotes and bids for earthwork, drainage and the locker room, restroom and concession facility to be considered at the board's Sept. 18 meeting. (Current plans call for construction to begin May 1 and be completed by July 24, 2024.)

The new building and synthetic turf represent a bulk of a \$6.1 million capital improvement project the school board approved in January.

Also Monday, board members Ron Laux, Phil Ford, Donna Geesaman. Vickie Reitz, Jason Phillips, project is already out for Marcie Vormohr and Chip

playground improvements at East Elementary School.

Assistant superintendent Trent Paxson noted that some of the playground equipment at the school for kindergarten through second graders dates back to when the school was opened. The new equipment from Serendipity Playsystems of Chesterinclude will 'playstructure" with multiple slides and areas to climb and play. New swings will also be installed.

In other business, the board:

multiple Accepted grants and donations. A Digital Learning Grant of \$49,982 will be used to support new teachers with professional development for blended and virtual learn-

ing, with an additional \$2,867.06 Digital Learning Coach Grant for professional development for director of e-learning Katie Clark, who plans to attend the Future of Education Technology Conference. \$35,000 donation from the Don Wood Foundation will be used to purchase a laser engraver, two 3D printers, a Glowforge and other materials for Jay County Alternative School.

 Reviewed a proposed update to the high school's weighted scale for dual credit/AP classes. It proposes weighting by 0.25 points for dual credit classwithout admission requirements, 0.5 points for 100 level classes with an requirement admission and one point for 200-plus level courses or AP classes.

•Approved the following: The hiring of several new employees including Emily Muhlenkamp as a junior high science teacher; leaves of absence for junior-senior high special ed resource teacher Michelle Bennett East Elementary and speech/language pathologist Lindsey Peterson; contracts with Anointed Hands for sign language interpreting and Community Development Institute Head for services for preschool students with disabilities; a contract with McGuff Roofing of Muncie to replace a section of roof above the weight room at the juniorsenior high school at a cost of \$62,875; and a contract with Blazer Works for certified occupational therapy assistants

·Accepted the resigna-

tions of several employees, including Bloomfield Elementary second grade teacher Amy Fullenkamp junior-senior high assistant principal Alex Griffin.

 Learned from Gulley that about 40% of Jay School students had been registered online prior to Monday's in-person session. The corporation will review updated numbers week and send this reminders to those who have not registered.

 Accepted the retirement of bus driver Jeffrey Kerrigan.

 Reviewed a proposed board meeting schedule for the next 18 months with meetings, generally, continuing to be held on the third Monday of each

Proposals

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Craig Frazee of Dynamic Business Solutions of Portland presented plans that would include an omni-directional recording device — a single camera that would rotate to the individual speaking — to cover the council chambers at Portland Fire Station. The device could send the recorded information to a cloud server for streaming or storing.

His plan calls for upgrades to the audio system in the room with the use of 16 hand-held microphones.

Frazee's quote also offered a service for streaming and storage of recordings that would allow for 35,000 minutes of viewing per month.

Eric Young of BIS Digital, based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and owned by Portland native Steve Coldren, presented a proposal for a two-camera recording system with one camera facing the council members and the other facing the audience. It would have "gooseneck" microphones for council members with additional microphones at the podium and a desk that sits at the rear of the council chambers.

The proposal also included two laptop computers, hardware, mixes and amps. He noted that

from

the system integrates well with Microsoft Word to help streamline meeting minutes and offers closed captioning and an assisted listening device.

The system would send recordings to the device(s) of the city's choice, but the proposal does not include cloud storage.

The Dynamic Business Solutions system was quoted at \$16,000 for installation plus an annual service fee of \$1,200. The BIS Digital system came in at \$43,543 for installation with a contract for annual mainte-

Council members had various questions, including regarding warranties and technical support. Portland assistant police chief Michael Brewster, who was in attendance at the meeting, asked about the timeline for installation, with clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips estimating January 2024.

"You probably don't want your first meeting in July of 2025 to be the first day you've ever used it," said city attorney Wes Scheme-"When it's actually naur. required, you probably want to have a few months under your

Phillips also noted that the city would need to consider moving

all city meetings, including board of works and aviation board, to the site rather than paying to equip multiple facilities with equipment for recording and live-streaming.

Council members Janet Powers, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker and Dave Golden took the quotes under advisement. (Kent McClung and Don Gillespie were absent from the meeting.)

Council also approved an ordinance that updates speed zones around local schools.

Assistant police chief Michael Brewster explained that some zones have not been updated since the 1970s and that some are unenforceable because of a lack of signs. The main changes in the ordinance result in changing a zone of Meridian Street to run from Water Street to Second Street — it currently is set for between Main and Second streets – and to adjust zones around the former Judge Haynes Elementary School building. (That site is planned for an early education center being developed by The Portland Foundation, and Brewster said he consulted with foundation executive director Doug Inman about the changes.) Speed zones will be set within a two-to-

three-block radius around the former school.

Brewster also noted that new signs have been ordered to make sure all speed zones are properly marked.

Powers, Goldsworthy, Aker and Michele Brewster OK'd the ordinance. (Golden had not yet joined the meeting when the vote was taken.)

In other business, council:

•Approved a request from Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association president Chris Englehardt for a waiver of golf cart rules from Aug. 12 through 27 for the organization's annual show at Jay County Fairgrounds. (Golf carts are still not allowed on U.S. and state highways, which include Meridian Street, Votaw Street west of Meridian Street and Water Street east of Meridian Street). Golf cart rules approved last year had previously been a point of contention between the city and Tri-State.

•Heard from Phillips, after a question from Powers, that the closure of Meridian Street (U.S. 27) for part of a storm sewer project is likely still a month away. Brewster noted that city and school officials have met and agreed upon temporarily making the alley just east of Jay

Community Center one-way during construction to improve traffic flow at East Jay Elementary School. Also regarding the project, Aker asked if any pavement on streets branching off of Meridian will be disrupted during the work. Portland Mayor John Boggs acknowledged that it would, but added that the contract for the work requires that those streets be repaved to their current condition.

•Following a question from Powers, learned from Schemenaur that a new bid notice is being developed for demolishing the Bailey Building at the southwest corner of Main and Commerce streets. He noted that the Phase I environmental study on the building was clear but that a study found some asbestos that will need to be properly disposed of by the company that handles the demolition.

 Heard Boggs compliment Jay County Fair Board for its efforts on this year's fair, which concluded Saturday.

 Learned from Boggs that Jay County Humane Society is hoping to have its new facility — the former Fastenal building on the west side of the city is currently being renovated — open in mid-October.

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2023 to change the name of Kyn-

leigh Maine Folkerth to Kyn-

leigh Maine Shepherd. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Jay Circuit Court on August 24, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objec-

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CHRISTOPHER HUNT (Defendant)) TO: CHRISTOPHER HUNT

CHRISTOPHER HUNT is notified that a Verified Civil Complaint for Breach of Lease. Evic tion, and Damages was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Jay Superior Court, Jay County Courthouse, 120 N. Court St., #11, Portland, IN 47371. The Complaint alleges CHRISTOPHER HUNT has breached the lease between parties by failure to pay rent. Plaintiff is represented by Gina M. Eisenhut, 105 N. Main St., Bluffton, IN 46714.

CHRISTOPHER HUNT must respond within thirty (30) days after the last notice date of this publication to file a responsive pleading upon the Plaintiff; otherwise, upon application by the Plaintiff a judgment by default can be entered against you for the entire demand of the Plaintiff. CHRISTOPHER HUNT shall appear at the Jay Superior Court, in person or by counsel, for an eviction hearing on September 11, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Dated: July 11, 2023.

Clerk, Jay Superior Court Gina M. Eisenhut Attorney #36307-35 105 N. Main Street $Bluffton, IN\,46714$ Telephone: (260) 846-6788 Attorney for Petitioner ${\rm CR}\ 7\text{-}19,\!26,\!8\text{-}2\text{-}2023\text{-}\,{\rm HSPAXLP}$

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High point winners

The Jay County Summer Swim Team awarded monogrammed towels to the swimmer from each age group that earned the most points throughout the season on Sunday's banquet. Pictured are those awarded. In the back from left are Elly Byrum, Grady Warvel, Mara Bader, Carson Westgerdes and Brooklyn Byrum. Front row from left to right are Cora Arnold, Henry Warvel, Sam Benirschke and Addisyn Champ. Not pictured is David Keen.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Portland Rockets vs. Fort Wayne Jackers - 7:15 p.m.

TV sports

Today 9 a.m. — Soccer: Olympique Lyonnais at Manchester United (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — MLB: San Francisco Giants at

Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana) 7 p.m. — Golf: Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational (Golf Channel)

7:30 p.m. — Soccer: Wrexham at New Mexico United (ESPN2)

3 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Norway vs. New Zealand (FOX)

6 a.m. — Women's World Cup: Ireland vs. Australia (FOX)

12:35 p.m. — MLB: San Francisco Giants at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana) 9 p.m. — Motorsports: Camping World SRX Series (ESPN)

10:30 p.m. — Women's World Cup: Canada vs. Nigeria (FOX)

Local notes

reserved hunts.

Hunt applications open The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications for

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To apply, visit on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

The deadline is Aug. 6.

Flag football registration open

ter's Boomer Fall Flag Football is now

The league is for children ages 3 through 12. Games will be played on Saturdays from Aug. 26 through Oct. 7 at Jay County Recreation Complex, 5363 W. 450 South, Portland.

Registration is \$30 for those who sign up by July 31. For more information,

Swiss Days race set Registration is open for the 50th

annual Swiss Days Race.

The event is scheduled for July 29 with a 5K at 8:15 a.m. and a 1-mile race for children 11 and younger at 9:15 a.m.

10 in each age group and there will be refreshments for all participants. To register, search for "Swiss Days Race" at runsignup.com.

Awards will be presented to the top

5K circuit continues July 22

The next race in the Jay County 5K Circuit is scheduled for July 22. The Bonus 5K is scheduled for 8 a.m. July 22. The race will be at the IU Health

Jay trail. Registration is \$20.

The circuit features eight races running from April through August. Awards are presented in nine divisions.

For more information, visit runjaycoun-

Chamber outing scheduledJay County Chamber of Commerce

will hold its golf outing July 21. The event will begin with registration at 9 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Registration is \$250 per team and is open now by emailing tabby@jay-

chamber office at 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. The event is limited to 20 teams and the deadline is July 10.

For more information, call (260)

Soccer sign-ups available now

Registration for Jay Community Center's Boomer Fall Soccer league is now

The league is for children ages 3 through 14. Games will be played on Saturdays from Aug. 26 through Oct. 7 at Jay County Recreation Complex, 5363 W. 450 South, Portland.

Registration is \$60 for those who sign up by July 31. For more information, visit jaycc.org.

JC season tickets

Season tickets are available for the 2023-24 Jay County high school sea-

son. Tickets may be purchased during the school's office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Patriots Passes and Senior Patriot Passes that provide admission to all high school and junior high events will be available. They cost \$105 and \$60 respectively.

Also available are super tickets. High school adult super tickets cost \$80, junior high super tickets come out to \$60 and senior super tickets are

\$45. A pre-paid sports pass that is good for 12 regular season events may be

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