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County looks at funding options

By BAILEY CLINE
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County officials have multiple avenues for funding projects.

They looked at a few of those options Monday.

Jay County Commissioners heard about possible financing options for projects on their new capital improvement plan. One Jay County Council member, Randy May, was also present for the meeting that was scheduled as a joint session of commissioners and council.

The plan approved Aug. 14 lists seven projects the county would like to work toward completing. They include: creating an initial loop for broadband, or

Commissioners, May look at TIF, EDIT and solar as sources

approximately 233 miles of fiber internet, for \$10 million with Mainstream Fiber (the county's match would be \$2 million); adding a new garage extension to Jay County Highway Department for \$2.2 million; building a new facility for Jay County Solid Waste Management District for \$1.6 million; construct-

ing a public safety building for use by Jay Emergency Medical Service, Jay County Health Department and Jay County Coroner's Office for \$3 million; planning development of the 68 acres owned by the county within western Portland city limits along Indiana 67 for \$200,000; purchasing new body cameras

for law enforcement for \$102,000; and investing in new radios for Jay Emergency Medical Service and Jay County Sheriff's Office for \$475,000.

Jason Semler of accounting and consulting firm Baker Tilly shared information about possibly utilizing funding from Jay County's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district, economic development income tax (EDIT) dollars and economic development payments from prospective solar farms, such as setting up bonds to be payable from one of those sources.

Semler noted there are about 13 years remaining on the current TIF district. It generates

about \$584,000 annually.

The county receives approximately \$636,000 in EDIT dollars annually, with about \$216,000 of that amount already allocated.

The three solar farms on the horizon — Sun Chief Solar, Rose Gold Solar and Skycrest Solar — will make economic development payments totaling \$5 million by 2031, according to agreements signed with officials. (Sun Chief Solar will pay \$1.3 million, Rose Gold Solar will pay \$1.95 million and Skycrest Solar will pay \$1.75 million. All payments will be divided over a four-year period from the facility's first day of operation.)

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PH Design

The above graphic from PH Design shows what the commons at Jay County Junior/Senior High School will look like following a renovation project that Jay School Board awarded Monday to C&T Design and Equipment of Fort Wayne. The \$738,000 project is expected to be completed during the school's winter break.

Jay School Board hires C&T Design and Equipment for commons renovation at junior/senior high school

By RAY COONEY
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Renovations are coming to the commons.

Jay School Board on Monday awarded the contract for improvements to the commons area at Jay County Junior/Senior High School to C&T Design and Equipment of Fort Wayne at a cost of \$738,015.12.

The board also held its public hearing on the budget and heard a back-to-school update from superintendent Jeremy Gulley.

Improvements to the commons area have been discussed since late last year, with the board giving Gulley permission to solicit bids for the project in May. The upgrades include a new design with a focus on a

more collegiate/retail look. It will include more variety in types of seating, including booths and bar-height tables of various shapes and individual seating. Some will also have "power reload units" to allow students and visitors to charge devices. Serving and trash units are also incorporated into the design.

The various furnishings,

which will mostly be on wheels and all be movable, are designed in school colors red and blue as well as neutral shades of gray, brown and white.

Most of the money — \$701,888.38 — for the project will come from the corporation's food service fund, which must be used for improvements in food service areas.

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Portland council to mull alcohol measure

Members express concern about proposal

By RAY COONEY
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An ordinance that would create an area where approved establishments could sell alcohol that could be taken outdoors in an open container was presented Monday.

City council members will take more time to consider the measure.

Portland City Council discussed but took no action on an ordinance proposed by Portland Mayor John Boggs that would create a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas in the city.

New state legislation that went into effect July 1 allows cities to have Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas where bar/restaurant patrons can purchase alcohol, leave the establishment and walk with their drink in an open container. The beverages would need to be in a designated container, such as a plastic cup approved by the city.

City attorney Wes Schemenaur noted that beverages purchased at bars/restaurants currently cannot be taken outdoors, with the exception of some areas designated as patios. (Drinks allowed to be taken outside in open containers would be limited to two 16-ounce beers, two glasses of wine or two mixed drinks via the ordinance.)

Council member Janet Powers expressed concern, saying she's OK with making exceptions for festivals and other events but doesn't feel it is prudent to have such an open alcohol policy on a regular basis. Council president Kent McClung asked where the idea for the ordinance came from, with Boggs responding that several cities have implemented similar legislation since the new law went into effect July 1.

Council member Dave Golden asked if local vendors had expressed interest in such a rule.

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Butler project chosen for grant

By BAILEY CLINE
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FORT RECOVERY — The village has selected a new potential project if it is awarded another grant.

Fort Recovery is applying for a \$500,000 grant through the Small Government Program offered by Ohio Public Works Commission. Fort Recovery Village Council decided Monday to use the money, if selected, for total reconstruction of Butler Street from Fort Site Street to Main Street.

The project would cost an estimated \$1.5 million and include repaving as well as replacing the street's traffic signal, street lights, curbs, sidewalks and water line. Vil-

lage administrator Randy Diller explained the program also allows applicants to apply for a 0% interest rate loan.

According to fiscal officer Roberta Staugler, the

village also has about \$2.3 million in unappropriated dollars in its general fund. Diller explained Fort Recovery started saving back some funding after the coronavirus

pandemic hit the community.

"We have been very conservative in our approach ... we were worried about some of the after effects of that affecting our employment and other things, so we have been building our general fund the last few years," he said. "We're sitting in a position we've never sat in before, and as you can see, we're going to start spending it too, but we have some money there."

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Section of street will be reconstructed if Ohio public works funding is approved

Deaths

Nina Votaw, 93, Portland
Larry Phillips, 87, rural Ridgeville
Lawrence Davis, 80, Geneva
Scott Miller, 55, Indianapolis
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 86 degrees Monday. The low was 66.
Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the mid 70s. Conditions are expected to be humid Thursday with sunny skies, a high in the mid 80s and heat index values up to 110.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The first of Arts Place's two summer concerts at the Hudson Family Park amphitheater is scheduled for Thursday. Motown Sounds of Touch will perform at 7 p.m. There will also be food trucks and children's activities at both performances.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from tonight's JCHS volleyball match against Winchester.

Saturday — Feature story from the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show.



Obituaries

Nina Votaw

Jan. 14, 1930-Aug. 21, 2023
Nina V. Votaw, age 93, of Portland passed away Monday, Aug. 21, 2023 in Persimmon Ridge Healthcare.

She was born in Randolph County on Jan. 14, 1930, the daughter of Orla and Marie (Ables) Stewart. She was married on Dec. 20, 1952, to James W. Votaw and he passed away on Feb. 9, 2019. She was a homemaker, member of American Legion Auxiliary and 1948 Gray High School graduate.

Surviving are two sons, Mike Votaw (wife: Barb) of Biloxi, Mississippi, and Doug Votaw (wife: Glenda) of Portland; sister-in-law Joyce Stewart of Ridgeville; four grandchildren; and several great and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Steve Votaw.

Private funeral services will be held in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Joe

Hines presiding. Burial will be in the Green Park Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com

Larry Phillips

Aug. 24, 1935-Aug. 20, 2023
Larry E. Phillips, 87, of rural Ridgeville, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, at his home in Ridgeville, Indiana.

He was born on Saturday, Aug. 24, 1935, in Moores, Tennessee. He married Nellie Harris Phillips on Saturday, Dec. 26, 1992, in Portland, Indiana.

Larry graduated in 1953 from Redkey High School. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany from 1958 to 1960. Larry retired from Chevrolet of Muncie in 1999. He formerly worked at Armstrong Cork and The Ford Motor Company in Kansas City.

Larry attended the Mississinewa Congregational Christian Church in Ridgeville, Indiana. He played church league softball and was a Little League coach for boys and girls for 20 years. He was a member of the Portland Moose Lodge and was involved with Jay County 4-H. Larry enjoyed living on the farm, writing poems, camping, horses, carpentry and cutting firewood, and going to his granddaughter's horse shows. After retiring in 1999, Larry worked at the Pennville Feed and Grain Company for six years.

Larry will be sadly missed by his wife Nellie L Phillips, Ridgeville, Indiana; son Larry Eugene (Marsha) Phillips, Angola, Indiana; daughter Penny Jean Jordan, Noblesville, Indiana; son Troy Douglas (Avis) Phillips, Marion, Indiana; stepdaughter Angela R. (Matthew) Moeller, Portland, Indiana; stepson Duane P. (Rhonda) Monroe, Portland, Indiana; stepdaughter Amy R. (Jason) Lawrence, Portland, Indiana; sisters Lula "Evalee" Garrison, Montpelier,

Indiana; five grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard L. and Artensie (Anderson) Phillips; brothers Robert Phillips, Herbert Phillips, Haskiel Phillips, Thomas Phillips, Roland Phillips, Richard Glen Phillips and Chester Phillips; and sisters Louise Garrison and Eileen Stanley.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at the Mississinewa Congregational Christian Church, 7708 W. 700 North, Ridgeville, Indiana, on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, from 4 to 8 p.m. and also one hour prior to the service on Friday, Aug. 25, 2023.

A service to celebrate his life will be at the Mississinewa Congregational Christian Church at 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25, 2023, with Pastor Alan Bracken and Pastor Mike Harris officiating. Interment will follow in the Hopewell Cemetery in Randolph County. Military rites will be conducted by the U.S. Army.

Memorials may be sent to Mississinewa Congregational Christian Church, 7708 W. 700 North, Ridgeville, IN 47380.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneralhomes.com.

Lawrence Wayne Davis, Geneva, Oct. 28, 1942-July 26, 2023. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Gravel Hill Cemetery.

Scott Allen Miller, Indianapolis, a Portland native and former Geneva resident. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. at West Missionary Church, 4295 W. Indiana 218, Berne.

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

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

CR almanac

Thursday 8/24	Friday 8/25	Saturday 8/26	Sunday 8/27	Monday 8/28
94/72	86/64	78/56	76/53	77/54
Mostly sunny on Thursday, when the high will reach a scorching 94.	Another day of mostly sunny skies with the forecast showing a high of 86 degrees.	Saturday looks to be mostly sunny with a high of 78 degrees.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Sunday, when the high may dip to 76 degrees.	Sunny skies and moderate temperatures Monday. The high will be 78.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 3-4-12-22-28 Power Ball: 16 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$313 million	Daily Four: 0-9-2-6 Quick Draw: 1-2-6-10-11-17-19-20-27-33-34-35-49-52-59-65-69-70-73-80 Cash 5: 16-24-26-29-33 Estimated jackpot: \$115,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$33 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 5-9-2 Pick 4: 4-5-9-7 Pick 5: 8-8-9-5-1 Evening Pick 3: 2-9-9 Pick 4: 3-7-1-7 Pick 5: 2-5-5-4-2 Rolling Cash: 4-7-15-26-36 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 7-6-1 Daily Four: 8-3-8-2 Quick Draw: 1-6-13-14-17-18-19-21-29-32-33-37-42-48-58-67-68-74-79 Evening Daily Three: 6-6-0	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.36 Oct. corn.....4.56 Wheat.....5.57	Sept. beans12.96 Wheat 5.38
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.62 Sept. corn5.62 Mid Sept. corn5.26	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.18 Sept. corn4.98 Beans13.81 Sept. beans13.76 Wheat5.22
The Andersons Richland Township Corn5.13 Sept. corn4.51 Beans13.81	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....5.03 Sept. corn4.76 Beans13.57 Sept. beans12.92 Wheat5.32

Today in history

In 1972, 100 visitors attended Farm Power Day at Haynes Park in Portland. Sponsored by the Jay County Co-op petroleum department, it featured the presentation of new tractors by local equipment vendors.

In 2021, Jay School Board approved a resolution stating that any local public health orders "should originate" from Jay County Health Board, but that the board reserved the right to vote on any such orders before they were implemented in schools. (The Commercial Review reviewed Indiana Code and found no indication that the school board would have the authority to override or ignore any such orders.) The resolution was in reference to any future mask, contact tracing or quarantine orders related to the coronavirus pandemic.

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Citizen's calendar

Wednesday 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.	St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Thursday 3 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

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"I don't believe we would have the funds to do this had it not been for our partnership with Chartwells," said Gulley.

"We're just very excited to see it come to final fruition and have the kids enjoy it," said Siobhan Carey, who now oversees all of Indiana for the Chartwells. (She also introduced Nick Koenig, her replacement as area director for the company, at the meeting.)

The work is planned to be completed over Jay Schools' winter break.

The board also held its public hearing on the school corporation's 2024 budget, which is proposed at 40.7 million. It includes \$21.9 million in the education fund and \$11 million in the operations fund. Those numbers are up from \$20.1 million and \$10.3 million, respectively, this year. Also included in the budget are the debt service fund (\$5.85 million), the rainy day fund (\$1 million) and the pension debt service fund (\$893,902).

There were no comments from the public on the budget during Monday's meeting.

The board is scheduled to vote on budget adoption Sept. 18.

Also Monday, Gulley provided the board with an update on the start of the school year, which began Aug. 10. He said it was a good start to the school year, though there were some challenges.

One such challenge, he noted, is the teacher shortage.

Board will vote on budget in September

"I think this notion of a teacher shortage is a real thing," he said, noting that he is seeing fewer applications for open positions than in previous years. "It's tight. ... It's not just us. I'm hearing it from a lot of places."

He also shared the results of a back-to-school parent survey, with 84% of respondents rating their overall opinion of the first day a 4 or a 5 on a five-point scale.

Gulley also noted that school was closed Monday because of fog. With that cancellation, the school corporation will use the first of its two built-in makeup days on Jan. 15. The next closure will be covered by the second built-in makeup day, with the corporation to use e-learning for the next three cancellations after that.

In other business, the board: •During the Patriot pride moment, honored the high school marching band and cheerleaders for their efforts at the Indiana State Fair competitions earlier this month. The

Marching Patriots placed third out of 37 bands Aug. 4 and the cheerleaders were second in their division of four squads in their competition the next day.

•Approved the following: Policy updates in a variety of areas including staff-student relations, tobacco use prevention and bullying; the corporation's teacher appreciation grant policy; a series of hirings including Cherie Walter as high school English teacher, Joel Bowers as a junior high social studies teacher, Michael Schlechty as a seventh grade physical education and health teacher and Maggie Pryor as a physical education teacher and technology instructor at Redkey and Westlawn elementary schools; leaves of absence for Bloomfield Elementary language teacher Julie Kable and East Elementary kindergarten teacher Kristy Blalock; a contract with One Hundred Percent Career Coaching; awarding a \$106,900 contract with McGuff Roofing for replacement of a section of the roof at East Jay Elementary School; the purchase of high school science textbooks from McGraw Hill and junior/senior high health textbooks from Goodheart-Willcox; and the school corporation's updated RISE teacher evaluation plan.

•Accepted the resignations of seventh grade physical education and health teacher Brian Carr and instructional assistant Sharon Refitt.

Funding ...

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Per Baker Tilly's estimates, commissioners could set up bonds totaling \$4.59 million with the TIF district for 13 years, generating about \$3.925 million net proceeds; they could set up 10-, 15- or 20-year bonds — \$1.755 million, \$2.375 million or \$2.815 million, respectively — with EDIT dollars, netting \$1.585 million, \$2.2 million or \$2.67 million, respectively; or they could utilize economic development payments with an eight-year bond of \$2.565 million, netting approximately \$2.64 million.

Commissioner Brian McGalliard pointed out the county also has about 300 acres of farm ground and about \$2.7 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds available. He noted ongoing regional workshops for the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0, another potential funding source. (Approximately \$500 million was allocated for the first round of READI, with the same amount expected for READI 2.0. The East Central Region, which covers eight counties including Jay, received \$15 million.)

McGalliard suggested the county could set up another TIF district, with Semler

pointing out the process would include approval from the redevelopment commission.

Bill Walters of East Central Indiana Regional Planning and Nate Kimball, the new community development coordinator for Jay County employed by Walter's organization, noted they'll begin looking into grants that would be available for projects on the capital improvement plan.

American Rescue Plan Act funding must be allocated by the end of 2024. Commissioner Rex Journey asked if that timeline would align with potential grants, and Walters noted commissioners should have answers by the end of April.

Jay County Sheriff Ray Newton also asked county officials to make replacing the sheriff's office radios a priority, noting he'll probably make a formal funding request soon. He has been in discussion with Motorola about radios — several employees at the sheriff's office had a meeting with the company last week — and explained the current radios are failing. It may take up to nine months for the radios to arrive once purchased, he added.

"We need to do something and we need to do it quick," he said.

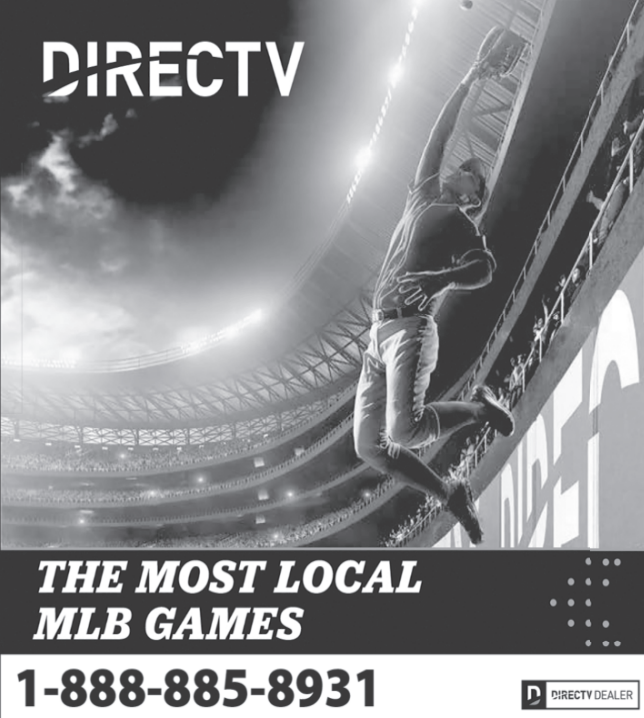
SERVICES

Thursday
Rines, John: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Friday
Phillips, Larry: 1 p.m., Mississinewa Congregational Christian Church, 7708 W. 700 North, Ridgeville.

Saturday
Miller, Scott: 10:30 a.m., West Missionary Church, 4295 W. Indiana 218, Berne.
Davis, Lawrence: 11 a.m., Gravel Hill Cemetery.

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Don McLean performing in Muncie

Don McLean will be playing at a free Muncie performance next month.

The show set for Sept. 2 at the new Brown Family Amphitheater at Ball State University is a part of McLean's 2023 American Pie

50th Anniversary Tour, which is traveling through the United States and Canada. McLean, 77, will be performing "American Pie," as well as other renowned pieces from his decades-long career, including "Vincent (Starry Starry

Night)," "Castles in the Air," "And I Love You So," and "Cryin'," as well as some of his more recent songs.

Jerry Barker, a 2019 graduate of Blackford High School, will kick off the show starting at 7 p.m. Sept. 2. Country band

Mike Martin and The Peaceful Revolution will take the stage from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., with McLean to follow.

McLean has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and was inducted into the National Academy of Popular Music Songwriters' Hall Of Fame in 2004. The city of Muncie used \$45,000 in economic development income tax (EDIT) funds to bring the musician to the area.

Tickets are not required. For more information, visit donmclean.com.

Talk about bullying before it happens

By LAUREL KELLY
Mayo Clinic News Network
Tribune News Service

For many families, the start of school is a busy, exciting time of year. For some students, though, returning to school also means bullying and the feelings of anxiety, sadness, and loneliness bullying can cause.

Up to 20% of students 12 to 18 years old experience bullying in the U.S. each

year, and only 46% notify an adult at school about the bullying, according to StopBullying.gov, which is a resource managed by the Department of Health and Human Resources dedicated to providing information about bullying.

What is bullying?

Bullying is a form of aggression in which one or more children repeatedly and intentionally

intimidate, harass or harm a victim perceived to be less powerful. While bullying once was considered a childhood rite of passage, it is now recognized as a serious problem that can affect a child's physical health, emotional well-being and academic performance. Children who are bullied are at increased risk of depression, anxiety, sleep problems, self-harm,

poor academic performance and, in rare cases, suicide.

Bullying can take many forms, including:

— Physical: This type of bullying includes hitting, tripping and kicking, as well as destruction of a child's property.

— Verbal: Verbal bullying includes teasing, name-calling, taunting and making inappropriate sexual comments.

— Psychological or social: This type of bullying involves spreading rumors about a child, embarrassing the child in public or excluding the child from a group.

— Electronic: Cyberbullying involves threatening or harming others through the use of email, websites, social media platforms, text messages, or videos and photos shared electronically.

What can you do?

Talking about bullying before it happens sets the stage for preventing and addressing the problem. Children who are bullied might remain quiet out of fear, shame or embarrassment. Warning signs may be vague, and some may mimic mental health issues. If you suspect or know your child is being bullied, it's important to be proactive.

Husband's comments are not appropriate

DEAR ABBY: My husband has, for years, felt the need to talk filthy and ask sexual questions of other women. It bothers me something terrible. He's upset that I ruin his "fun," and insists he isn't hurting anyone and that he likes being the life of the party. We have fought over this for years, and I'm exhausted from it.

I told him I don't see the need for him to do this, and he continues to tell me I need to quit being so unreasonable. I don't know what to do, and I'm ready to just give up. It doesn't make me love or respect him. I actually loathe him when he does it. Please help. — REPELLED IN IOWA

DEAR REPELLED: It's sad that your husband would continue to do something he knows embarrasses you. You can't change him, so it's time to change the way you react to his outrageous behavior. Try ignoring him and distancing yourself when it happens.

It would be interesting to know how his questions

Dear Abby



affect the women he's asking. Do THEY consider him to be the life of the party or just a (possibly) drunken boor? Because you have already talked to him until you're blue in the face, start talking to THEM. Perhaps, if you present a united front, he will stop.

DEAR ABBY: I am getting married in a few months, and half of my bridesmaids recently colored their hair unnatural colors. Their new hair colors clash with the color of the dresses we've chosen as well as the overall theme of my wedding.

At first, it didn't bother me because I used to have wild hair, too. I get it. However, I was once

in a wedding where the bride asked me to keep my hair a natural color for her big day, and I didn't have any issue with her asking. Now I'm wondering if that is the norm. I also know it costs an arm and a leg to color a full head of hair, so I'm afraid it would be awful of me to ask them to undo what they just did.

Because I'm new to the wedding scene, I feel like my bridesmaids should have run this by me first, since we have only a couple months left before my big day. Would it be inappropriate to talk to my ladies about their new hair colors? — HAIR IN THE WEST

DEAR HAIR: I don't think it would be inappropriate to talk to your bridesmaids about your concerns. However, if they are unwilling to change, try to remember the reason you chose these friends. I sincerely hope it was for attributes other than their looks.

DEAR ABBY: How do I con-

vince my liberal parents that my bisexuality is not a phase? I'm 16, and I just came out. My mom told me she'd "had a gay phase, too." I don't want conflict, but I'm also pretty hurt. How do I convince them to take me seriously? — BI GIRL IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR GIRL: Your mother was not trying to hurt or diminish what you told her. In fact, she told you something important about herself — that she, too, has been attracted to both men and women. Don't waste your time trying to "convince" her of anything. Live your life authentically and you will be just fine.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Randall," was a widower when we met. His wife, "Sylvia," had passed away in November 2010. We got married in October 2015. I recently was shocked to discover that Randall has kept Sylvia's Facebook page open, supposedly so his grandchildren can send her messages on her birthday or anytime they feel like it.

Last September, he posted a message that read: "Happy Anniversary. Love you and miss you. 52 years today." (If she were still living, that day would have marked 52 years of marriage.) When I read it, I realized that, in his heart, he still feels married to her. Am I wrong for feeling that way? — ONE OF TWO WIVES

DEAR ONE: I don't think you are wrong, but please understand that some people don't completely get over the death of a loved one, and your husband may be one of them. It's not that unusual, if my Facebook is any example. People post about their departed parents, grandparents and even their pets, and memorial pages on Facebook after a person's demise are not unusual. If you and Randall have a good marriage, I suggest you develop a sense of humor about it. Sylvia is not a threat to you unless you make her one. Knowing that may lighten your load.

Sudoku

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9			6	7				
4	7					8		
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7		4						
	8						3	
	5			6	2			4

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

2	7	8	9	5	1	3	6	4
9	3	5	6	2	4	8	7	1
4	6	1	7	3	8	2	5	9
3	1	2	5	4	9	7	8	6
6	5	4	2	8	7	1	9	3
8	9	7	1	6	3	4	2	5
5	8	3	4	7	6	9	1	2
7	2	9	3	1	5	6	4	8
1	4	6	8	9	2	5	3	7

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

Community Calendar

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

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

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

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

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

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

more information, call (260) 726-8229.

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

Thursday
CELEBRATE 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.

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

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

Friday
PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addic-

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A simple walk could be effective

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Aug. 22, 2007. It's funny to read past pieces about technology. What seemed like "the coolest" function on our new computers in 2007 is something that is commonplace on our phones today.

Back in the Saddle



By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

Economists insist that new technology results in productivity gains.

And that's probably true in the long run.

But as anyone who has ever opened the box for a new computer can tell you, sometimes the short run can be pretty frustrating.

And sometimes, it seems, the folks developing new technology

are more interested in the bells and whistles than in a little thing called productivity.

As you've probably guessed by now, we installed new computers at the newspaper last week.

It was long overdue and was the first step in what we hope will be a wise long-term strategy, but it wasn't without its struggles.

For starters, there's the fact

that we've been using variations of a couple of the same software for about 16 years now. That's an eon in computer terms, roughly equivalent to saying that we've been using stone tools and are finally ready to upgrade to iron.

The reason we didn't change is that the system was working, and when it comes to computers you don't want to mess with things when they're working smoothly.

But, at the same time, while we were content with our version of word processing software and pagination software and the way the two interacted, that old devil innovation was marching along, changing things so quickly that the parade was running away from us.

So, it was time to catch up. And right now I feel a little like a caveman staring at his first iron axe. There are so many functions on the computer in my office now that I don't know where to begin.

At this point, I don't even know which ones I'll need and which ones to idle.

With a press of a little button in the middle of the mouse, I can access a bunch of things called "Widgets." They pop up instantly and give me a calendar, clock, calculator, six-day local weather forecast, and live reports on the stock market.

Click another icon and I can start to work on creating my own Web page, though I've never really fathomed the level

of self-absorption that would involve.

Undoubtedly the coolest — and silliest — function comes with the computer's built-in Webcam. It's a little square at the top of the monitor, and if I fire it up, it will start streaming video of me, sitting at the computer, on the computer screen. I can then contact Mike Snyder or Ray Cooney and their images and mine will simultaneously appear on both my computer and theirs while we chat.

It's a pretty amazing function.

But I've figured something out: I can accomplish the same thing by walking downstairs from my office to the newsroom. It's not very high-tech, but I can use the exercise.

Kansas raid set a scary standard

The News Courier
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The raid of a Kansas newspaper is unnerving in so many ways.

It is an attack on the fundamental right of a news-gathering organization to exercise its First Amendment rights, and it sends a dangerous message that if authorities don't like what is being reported, they can just shut you down.

That happens in other countries with repressed citizens. It should never happen here in the USA, a nation that extolls democracy and our freedoms with the utmost passion.

Not surprising, the newspaper industry and leaders in the media across the nation condemned the raid.

Here is a sampling of what some shared with Editor & Publisher:

News/Media Alliance

Danielle Coffey, president of the News/Media Alliance: "The police raids on the Marion County newspaper not only threaten to chill the important work of these journalists, but also represents an attack on the independence of the free press which our democracy so heavily relies upon. The News/Media Alliance stands in support of the journalists of the Marion County newspaper and calls for immediate accountability for this injustice."

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press

Letter signed by Reporters Committee and 34 news media and press freedom organizations: "On August 11, 2023, law enforcement officers with the Marion Police Department executed a search warrant at the Marion County Record's newsroom and at its publisher's home, and seized the Record's electronic newsgathering equipment, work product, and documentary material. "The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press (the "Reporters Committee") and the undersigned 34 news media and press freedom organizations write to condemn that raid. Newsroom searches and seizures are among the most intrusive actions law enforcement can take with respect to the free press, and the most potentially suppressive of free speech by the press and the public."

America's Newspapers

Dean Ridings, CEO

Guest Editorial

of America's Newspapers: "The raid on The Marion County Record goes directly against the First Amendment rights that our country holds in esteem. Newspapers must be able to do their jobs without fear of reprisal or interference. We stand in support of the Marion County Record."

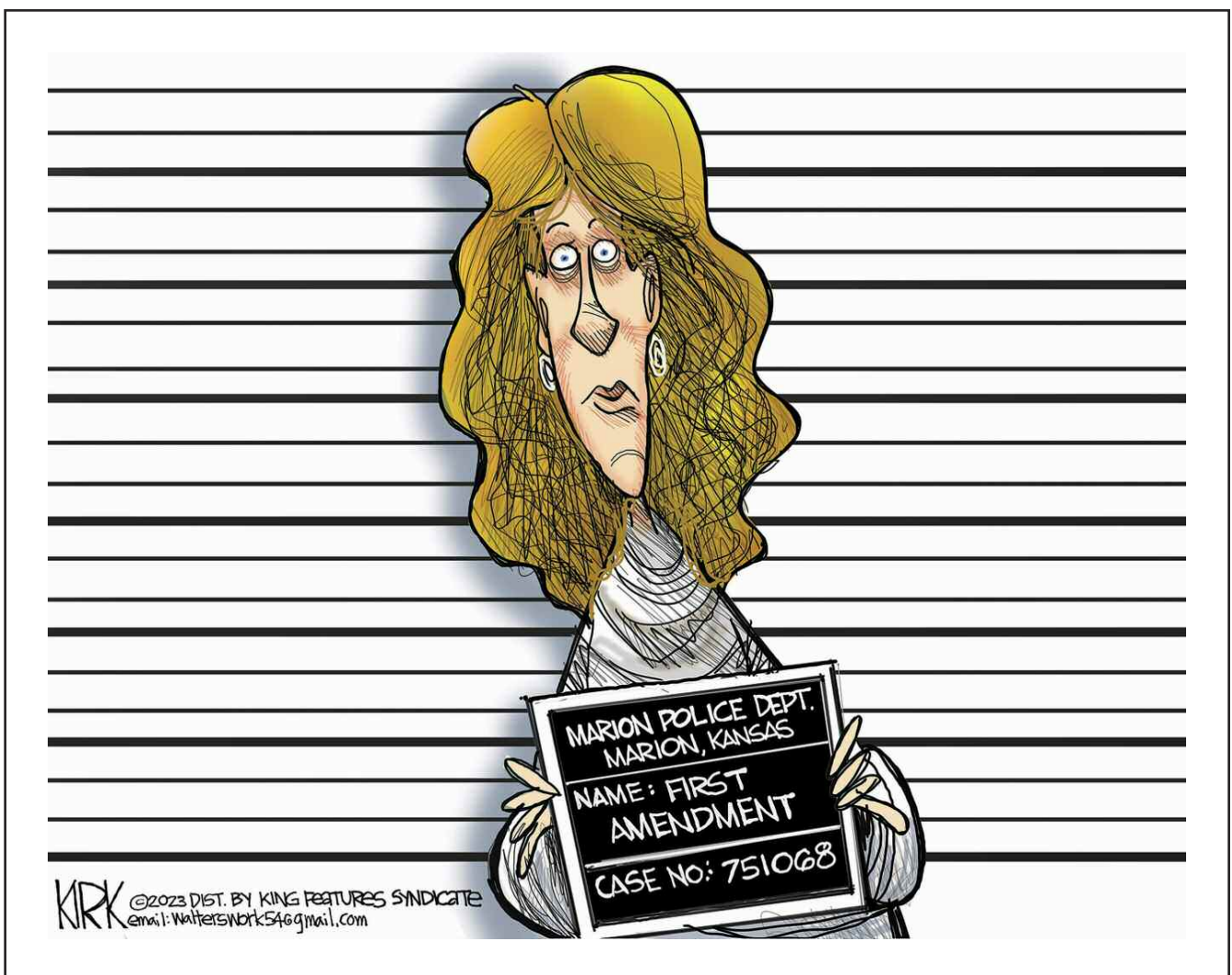
National Press Club and National Journalism Institute

Eileen O'Reilly, president of the National Press Club, and Gil Klein, president of the National Press Club Journalism Institute: "We are shocked and outraged by this brazen violation of press freedom by authorities in Marion County, Kansas. Local law enforcement agencies reportedly searched the offices of the Marion County Record and the home of its publisher, and seized reporting materials including computers and cell phones, injuring a reporter's finger in the process.

"We are deeply concerned that a Kansas judge issued a search warrant authorizing this search even though the federal law clearly requires authorities to use subpoenas rather than search warrants if they seek to access records of a news organization in the course of an investigation.

"A law enforcement raid of a newspaper office is deeply upsetting anywhere in the world. It is especially concerning in the United States, where we have strong and well-established legal protections guaranteeing the freedom of the press.

"This search violated the rights of the journalists at the Marion County Record to serve their community by gathering and reporting the news. We stand by the Marion County Record in its efforts to continue publishing despite the seizure of important reporting material and equipment. We demand local authorities return the reporting equipment to the Marion County Record immediately, and we expect a full investigation by appropriate state and federal authorities into why this search warrant was requested, authorized and executed."



Banning, reshelving is out of control

By NIKI KELLY
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For several years I have heard ridiculous allegations that school and public libraries' shelves are brimming with pornography and obscenity. But I think it's clear now the censorship goes much further than that — to the detriment of society as a whole.

Concerned parents are pushing the issue too far under the guise of protecting kids from smut.

Indianapolis author John Green last week brought national attention to an ongoing attempt by the Hamilton East Public Library to move young adult books to adult sections. And while he got a reversal, hundreds of other books have been similarly mislabeled — the issue is far from over.

The turnover of four appointments last year at the Hamilton East Public Library introduced new members — including conservative hardliner and pastor Micah Beckwith — who set their sights on limiting access to books, especially in the children's and young adult section.

The board passed a new policy that focused on profanity, violence and crime — even listing specific crimes and curse words that are unacceptable for younger readers.

The Indianapolis Star reported that the shelves of the Teen Zone were gutted as librarians and staff conducted a review of thousands of books expected to cost the library system serving Fishers and Noblesville around \$300,000.

And make no mistake, reshelving materials in ill-suited library sections is censorship all on its own.

Green learned on social media that his bestseller, "The Fault in

Niki Kelly



Our Stars," had been moved to the adult section. The coming-of-age book chronicles the lives of two teens living with terminal cancer diagnoses.

Yes, there are a few curse words and the teens have sex but it is not explicit — and it's likely milder than anything teens could easily find online today.

Green called the move "ridiculous" and wrote a scathing letter to the board. Hamilton East Public Library Board President Laura Alerding blamed the removal on the library staff, whom she said misinterpreted the board's new book relocation policy. (Alerding has since been replaced as a library board member.)

First off, the decision was made due to a policy the board passed. Blaming the librarian is a farce.

And second, what about the hundreds of other books that were moved at that location?

Another example? Judy Blume's "Forever," which has been on teen shelves for decades, is the story of a young woman's first love. It depicts teen sexuality in an honest and open way.

Beckwith — who is also running for Lieutenant Governor as a Republican — was asked why the book was moved to the adult section during a recent live Facebook show called Mouthwash.

"That's the policy of the library director who put that in action,"

he said, sidestepping the question. "If we moved a book accidentally, we'll get it back in the teen section. We're not saying move every book. We're saying put a standard in place so that it doesn't fall in through the cracks."

And how about the non-fiction, young adult book "Attucks" by Phillip Hoose? It tells the true story of the all-black Indianapolis high school basketball team that broke the color barrier in segregated 1950s Indiana.

But at the Hamilton East library, teens will have to go to the adult section to find it. That's because all young adult non-fiction was moved last year to general non-fiction after complaints from parents.

Now is the time for the library board to review its policies, which are clearly overly broad and unclear — as demonstrated by the above. And I hope other libraries in the state are watching carefully and avoid similar missteps trying to please a vocal minority.

I have no patience for any limitations on speech, and that includes books. Yes, teens have sex. Yes, racism happens. Yes, crimes occur. If parents want to hide those truths from their own children then, fine, monitor the books they check out; use parental controls on phones and televisions.

But stop taking it to the public library, where books of all stripes should be available for the general public.

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Alcohol ...

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Boggs said they had not, but that the ordinance is the first step in a process to have a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Areas approved by the state.

After some discussion, Boggs agreed to return to council with more information regarding the ordinance before asking for a vote.

Also Monday, McClung expressed concern about downtown buildings following Portland Board of Works' decision last month to affirm Jay/Portland Building and Planning's unsafe building order for 208 and 210 N. Meridian St. The order requires that the building be torn down within 30 days. (Schemenaur noted Monday that owner Juan Marentes still has the opportunity to fix the building, but he would have to come up with an engineer or architect's plan and timeline for the work to be completed quickly.)

If Marentes doesn't meet the 30-day deadline, the city can pay for the demolition and place a lien on the property.

McClung said he doesn't like the idea of losing buildings in the downtown area and asked if council needs to be more aggressive regarding buildings that fall into disrepair, including moving more quickly to acquire buildings and repair them rather than waiting and spending money to tear them down.

"It's going to cost money either way, but what do we want to have at the end?" asked McClung.

Rob Weaver of WPGW Radio suggested consulting with Limberlost Construction's Mike

Council discusses downtown buildings, Boggs says large trash items will be collected

Schwartz, who has been involved with rehabilitating similar structures in other communities.

Following up on a discussion from the Aug. 7 council meeting, Boggs said he and street department superintendent Tom Leonhard have formulated a plan to pick up large trash items that have been left out around the city. They will be picked up over the course of the next two months.

Boggs warned that once the pick-up is complete, the city's code enforcement officer will be writing citations for those who are not in compliance.

Via an update to the city's trash collection ordinance that was approved by council in March 2022, large items are accepted at the street department four times a year. Those who need to have such items disposed of outside of those days can purchase a permit to do so at city hall. (For example, a permit for disposal of a mattress is \$15.)

George McGinnis, director of Jay County Solid Waste Management District, had visited the previous council meeting to express concern that large trash items have been getting dumped in or near the district's recycling trailers.

Council briefly discussed

amending its ordinance, but both Boggs and council member Matt Goldsworthy indicated their feeling that any such changes should be addressed by the new mayor and council in 2024.

In other business: •Kyle Teeter made a presentation to council regarding "The Clubhouse," a planned indoor sports facility Jay County Baseball Club is working toward on county road 300 West. Teeter asked council to consider providing funding to assist with the project, for which the club has set a fundraising goal of \$900,000. He emphasized that the facility is intended to be for use by the entire community, not just the baseball club, and that fees will be dependent on how much money the club can raise during its campaign.

•Jim Waechter shared information regarding the 9/11 Never Forget mobile exhibit that will be at Jay County Fairgrounds next month in conjunction with the Indiana Military Preservation Association Rally and Swap Meet. The exhibit will be escorted into the community from the north along U.S. 27 on Sept. 14 and will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 16 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sept. 17 at the fairgrounds.

•Answering a question from Powers, Boggs noted that paving and sidewalk installation on Blaine Pike between the railroad near Water Street and county road 150 South is scheduled for 2024. Work to prepare for the installation has been ongoing for several weeks. (Boggs also noted that a new water main is being installed on Blaine Pike after a recent break led to near-constant patching.)

•Council approved the closure of Main Street between Meridian and Harrison streets from noon to 8 p.m. Sept. 30 for the Main Street Fall Festival.

•Jay County Commissioner Chad Aker introduced Nate Kimball, who commissioners recently hired as the county's new community development coordinator. (The position replaces the previous Jay County Community Development position that was employed through Jay County Development Corporation.)

•Golden commented that he has heard from residents about concern that drivers are not stopping at the Walnut Street stop sign at its intersection with Pleasant Street. He suggested installing signs with flashing lights at that intersection.

•Aker informed council that county commissioners, who oversee bridges, plan to apply for a Community Crossings grant to replace the Seventh Street bridge over the Salamonie River in Portland. Plans for the \$1.5 million project include adding a sidewalk on the north side of the bridge. He said commissioners may return to ask for financial help on the project.

•Answering a question from Powers, Schemenaur said the city is currently advertising for bids to tear down the Bailey Building on the southwest corner of Main and Commerce streets.

•Boggs reported the following: —The route for the Jay County High School Homecoming parade will begin at Jay County Fairgrounds and run west on Votaw Street, southwest on Depot Street, south on Meridian Street, east on Main Street and then south on Wayne Street to Weiler-Wilson Park.

—Environmental testing is ongoing at the former Sheller-Globe properties on Bridge Street toward completing the sale of the south building to Chad Fifer.

•Powers noted that her request to consider making the half-block in front of Wendy's along Meridian Street a no-parking area is not a city issue. Because Meridian Street is U.S. 27, such decisions are handled by Indiana Department of Transportation.

•Boggs welcomed visitors to the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show to the community. The show runs today through Saturday at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Butler ...

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As alternatives, Diller also suggested two other Butler Street projects: reconstructing Butler Street from George Street to the village's west corporation limit for about \$1 million or replacing the water line on Butler Street from Fort Site Street to Williams Street for about \$744,000.

Council member Scott Pearson asked about the village's wastewater plant, with Diller responding that options are still being considered.

Poggemeyer Design Group conducted a wastewater study for the village and shared its results with council last year. Its suggested plan for wastewater treatment presented a few options, including the construction of a mechanical

wastewater treatment plant.

Kainos Ag has been treating the wastewater lagoons since September. Although it has yet to prove sludge reduction — per the contract, the company is paid per inch of sludge removed — Diller noted the lack of strong odors. He added that the lagoons have not been treated with Kainos Ag's product for a few weeks in order for the officials to see what changes occur, especially in relation to smell. Plans are to meet with Melvin Stein of Kainos Ag soon to come up with a plan moving forward.

Council also approved a \$82,950 engineering agreement with Choice One Engineering for its water tower project.

The village is planning to construct a 205,000-gallon ele-

vated tower similar to the existing tower along the southeastern side of the village on Industrial Drive, which was installed in 2001. In June, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine announced the village would receive a \$1.25 million grant from the Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure program for a second water tower.

Fort Recovery's daily water consumption has increased in the last five years, proving a need for a second water tower. The village will contribute about \$400,000 toward the \$1.65 million project, which includes the cost to install an additional 2,600 feet of 12-inch water line to create a loop, helping with water flow.

Diller noted the village has been OK'd to build the tower

on a portion of J. & M. Manufacturing's property at 284 Railroad St. He also suggested the village could consider a spot on Ohio 49 near the Cooper Farms facility, but noted he has not spoken with the company yet. (Officials are looking into placing the water tower on the north side of town because of the higher elevation, meaning it will not need to be as tall as the existing tower.)

Plans should be completed by the end of the year.

Also Monday, police chief Jared Laux noted problems with stray cats in the village. Council debated looking into an ordinance related to the matter, with Diller voicing opposition, pointing out the most they could do would be

to prevent residents from feeding strays. (Currently, village residents may trap, spay or neuter and release feral cats back into the village.)

They discussed looking into ordinances set by other municipalities but took no formal action Monday.

In other business, council members Cliff Wendel, Al Post, Luke Knapke, Erik Fiely, Greg Schmitz and Pearson:

•Approved an encroachment easement for the house 502 S. Wayne St. (A portion of the structure — it has been there for years — sits on the street's right-of-way. The easement allows the house to stay in place.)

•Canceled council's Sept. 4 meeting, which falls on Labor Day.

Trump booking set for Thursday

By ERIK LARSON and ZOE TILLMAN
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WASHINGTON — Donald Trump said he'd surrender to authorities in Atlanta on Thursday to be booked on state charges that he led a criminal conspiracy to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election.

The former president announced the booking in a post on social media Monday evening, hours after he agreed to a \$200,000 bond in the case brought against him by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis. It will be the fourth time this year that Trump has been booked on criminal charges.

"Can you believe it?" Trump wrote on Truth Social. "I'll be going to Atlanta, Georgia, on Thursday to be ARRESTED by a Radical Left District Attorney, Fani Willis."

Trump and 18 alleged co-conspirators were indicted Aug. 14, accused of participating in a vast criminal enterprise to keep the Republican in office after he lost the 2020 election to Joe Biden. Trump faces a related election-fraud case in federal court in Washington, D.C., brought by special counsel Jack Smith, as well as two unrelated criminal cases in New York and Florida.

The Fulton County district attorney has given all the defendants in the Georgia case until Aug. 25 to voluntarily surrender or face arrest. The group — including some of Trump's former top

administration officials and allies — will then be arraigned the week of Sept. 5, she said. Trump is expected to enter a plea of not guilty.

John Eastman, a conservative attorney who is among the alleged co-conspirators, will surrender Wednesday, according to court records in an unrelated case. Eastman became a close adviser to Trump in the weeks after the election and drafted two memos laying out options for then-Vice President Mike Pence to declare Trump the victor or delay Congress certifying the 2020 results. Earlier in the day he agreed to a \$100,000 bond.

It wasn't immediately clear if Trump would have his mug shot taken or be placed in handcuffs at any time during his booking. Fulton County Sheriff Patrick "Pat" Labat said at an Aug. 1 news conference that he didn't expect to show Trump special treatment, signaling that a mug shot would be expected "unless someone tells me differently."

After Trump was indicted in the earlier cases, he was processed before his arraignments but wasn't placed in handcuffs and didn't have his mug shot taken. Authorities in those three jurisdictions had said that a mug shot wasn't necessary because Trump's photo was already widely available. Mug shots typically are used to help law enforcement agencies track down defendants who try to flee. He was fingerprinted in those earlier cases.

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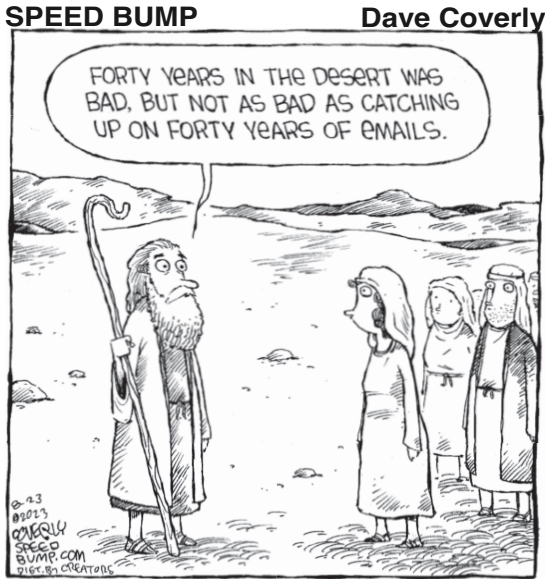
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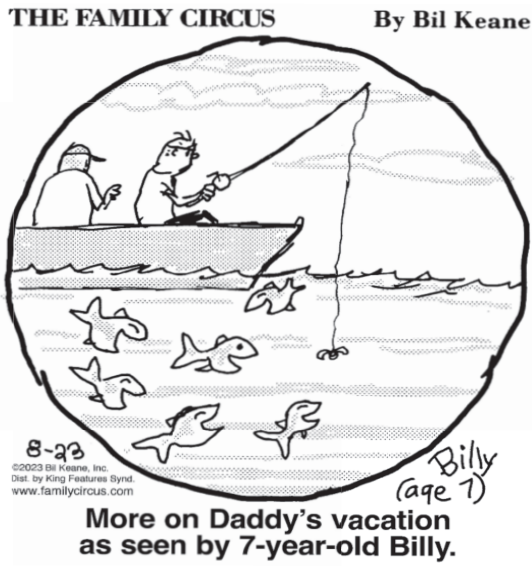
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♦ K 4
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The bidding:
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Opening lead — three of hearts.

Partscore hands may lack the dramatic appeal of game or slam hands, but they can be highly instructive nevertheless.

Consider this deal where East wins the opening heart lead with the king and continues with the ace, on which West discards a club. What should East do next?

It might seem automatic for East to return a heart for his partner to ruff, but if he does this, South makes the contract because his only remaining losers are a spade and a club.

The heart return at trick three is not as automatic as it might seem. In fact, East should work out that a heart return might well hand South the contract.

He knows that his side needs six tricks and can see that an immediate heart ruff will account for only five. He should therefore look for a means of acquiring another trick and should conclude that his best chance by far would be to negotiate a club ruff for himself. So, after cashing the K-A of hearts, East should next play the A-8 of clubs.

Declarer is helpless against this maneuver. As soon as he leads a trump, East takes the ace and gives his partner a heart ruff. West then returns the compliment by giving East a club ruff, and South goes down one.

It is, of course, tempting for East to continue with a heart at trick three, but when the matter is examined in the cold light of day, it becomes obvious that there is no real need to give West an immediate heart ruff. Since East has the ace of spades, he knows West's trumps cannot be drawn before the ace of trump is dislodged. The heart ruff can therefore wait until East has laid the groundwork for the club ruff that defeats the contract.

Tomorrow: A question of probabilities.
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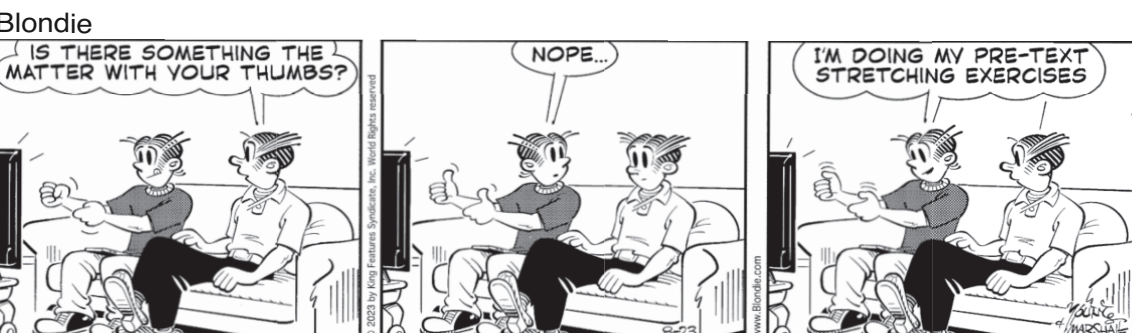


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Snow ...

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“I focused on straightening out my drives and that helped,” Snow said. “I think all the shots just came together and they all worked. I didn’t have a bad shot on any of those holes right there in that strip.”
She parred the next two holes and bogeyed the following three.

The highlight of her match came on hole No. 5.

She had a solid drive on the 349-yard, par-4, and her second shot left her near the green with a chance to birdie. She had another good chip that left her ball next to the hole before she tapped in for par.

Snow edged out Bluffton’s Emma Schwartz by one stroke to finish as the match medalist.

“(Snow) didn’t hurry herself,” Buckner said. “Plus, she’s determined to play well. She really has the mindset to be a great golfer.”

Freshman Brooklyn Zimmerman found herself in the scoring column for the first time this season. She had the Patriots’ second-best score of 64. Her two best holes were the fourth and sixth, where she had double bogeys.

Brooklynn Bright and Meah Devoe both shot 65s to round out the team score. Bright was the only Patriot other than Snow to have a par when she finished off the 113-yard second hole in only three strokes.

Whitney McIntire’s score of 69 did not contribute to the team score.

During the match, the golfers had to deal with temperatures as high as 90 degrees, creating playing conditions many of the Patriots’ newer golfers haven’t seen before.

“The other girls are still learning. I think the heat got to them,” Buckner said. “For the conditions we played in today, the heat, I think your girls handled it real.”



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Sophomore Olivia Knapke hits her iron on hole No. 14 at Portland Golf Club during the Fort Recovery High School’s match against St. John’s. The Indians took down the Blue Jays for their first win of the season.

Victory ...

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The other Indian to shoot 58 was Ella Schoen. After a couple of matches in the upper-60s, she was able to lower her score.

“Ella Schoen bounced back,” Vaughn said. “She struggled a couple of matches and I sat her one and she shot a 58, which isn’t the greatest, but she had a couple of high-60s the last two times out. I’m happy for her. She improved tonight quite a bit from her last two matches.”

All three of Fort Recovery’s remaining golfers shot 60s to wrap up the team score.

Emma Will struggled to begin the match. By the end, she began to figure things out and pumped out three straight bogeys to finish the match.

Also with three bogeys was Marissa Schoen, shooting them on the 11th, 13th and 15th holes.

Ella Westgerdes was the other golfer to shoot a 60. She finished with a pair of bogeys on the 11th and 15th.

There were cheers com-

Kahlig lifts FRHS over St. John's

ing from Indians surrounding Vaughn as he tallied up the scores. While not all of the golfers were happy with their individual performances, they were relieved to have gotten the win, going to El Camino Real to celebrate.

“We got the win,” Vaughn said with a smile. “I mean, that’s a big thing. It’s the first single-match that we’ve won. So I’m happy about that.”

“It’s good. We never want to be at the bottom of (the MAC). We’ve got a big week this week ... We have some gettable matches coming up here. We always like to get a big ‘W’ there.”

Roundup ...

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Matthew Romer rounded out the team score with 45 strokes. Romer shot pars on seventh and ninth.

Reece LeFevre’s 47 didn’t count toward the Indians’ score.

Comeback win

HARTFORD CITY — After dropping the first set, the Jay County Junior High 8th grade volleyball team stormed back to take the next two sets to defeat

the Blackford Bruins 19-25, 15-13 on Monday.

Kenady Lyons had a big day for the Patriots, leading the team in both aces (2) and assists (3).

Emalyn Homan tied Lyons with three assists

while adding a block as well, while Peyton Schoenlein matched Lyons in aces.

The Patriots’ leading attacker in the match was Brenna Ruble with three kills.

Amelia Heath filled a handful of statistical categories for Jay County, including leading the team in blocks. She tallied two in the match and added two kills and one ace.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Jay County — Boys soccer at Delta — 5 p.m.; JV boys soccer at Delta — 6:30 p.m.; Junior High cross country at Belmont — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys golf vs. Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.; Girls golf at Coldwater at Mercer County Elks — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball at National Trail — 5:30 p.m.; Middle School football at St. Henry — 5 p.m.

TV sports

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Local notes

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Snow day



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JCHS junior Maddy Snow hits her ball on the first hole at Portland Golf Club during the Patriots' three-way match with Bluffton and Monroe Central on Monday. Snow finished with 45 strokes to lead the Patriots to second in the match and earn match medalist honors.

Maddy Snow powers Patriots to second place in tri-match against Monroe Central and Bluffton

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

Maddy Snow has the most experience among the Patriots on the golf course.

Her play proved it, as she earned match medalist honors and lifted the Patriots to second place.

Snow's match-low of 45

strokes led Jay County High School's girls golf team to second place with a team score of 239 in a tri-match against Monroe Central and Allen County Athletic Conference-rival Bluffton on Monday at Portland Golf Club.

The Bluffton Tigers won

the match with 211 strokes while Monroe Central finished with 245 for third place.

The Patriots got their first win of the season by finishing ahead of the Golden Bears and are now 1-4 overall 0-4 ACAC.

"I'm really happy with that

because the girls were happy when they found out we took second," coach Marvin Buckner said. "Second is better than third."

Snow built her score by staying consistent, slowing down her pace, and getting better chips than she had seen earlier in the season.

She recorded a par or bogey on seven of nine holes. On the third hole, she hit her ball too far left resulting in a penalty stroke, costing her to finish with a double bogey.

The next few holes she focused on hitting straighter off the tee.

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FR breaks through for its first victory

By ANDREW BALKO
The Commercial Review

Eva Kahlig has struggled with her driver at times this season.

A suggestion from Fort Recovery assistant coach Jeff Vaughn led her to using her irons more, including teeing off.

It paid off for her, as she shot her best score of the season and led the Indians to a win.

Kahlig's 55 led the Fort Recovery High School girls golf team to its first win of the season, trumping the Midwest Athletic Conference-rival St. John's Blue Jays 231-239 Monday at Portland Golf Club.

Kahlig's previous low (56) came on Aug. 14

against Parkway, the first match after Vaughn suggested her irons.

"She was having a real hard time with her driver and I said, 'You don't have to hit a driver off the tee,'" Vaughn said. "Ever since she's switched, she's been mid-50s ... I noticed today she was back to her irons. Whatever gets you around the course ... I give her credit because a lot of kids won't do that."

Kahlig struggled a little bit out of the gate on Monday, recording 8s on holes No. 10 and 11. After the struggles, she strung together a pair of pars on the 420-yard, par-5 12th hole and the 101-yard, par-3 13th.

"The par-5, I had three

good shots and then got a lucky putt," Kahlig said. "And then the par-3, I hit it on the green and then I two-putted it."

Elle Gable of St. John's was the match medalist, shooting a 51. She had the only par of the match for either team, on the par-5 14th hole.

Two Indians (1-5, 1-2 MAC) finished with 58 strokes to take up two spots on the score sheet. Olivia Knapke didn't have her strongest performance, but still pulled out tying for second among her teammates. Back-to-back bogeys on holes No. 15 and 16 were the high point of the match for Knapke.

See Victory page 7

Doubles duo powers Patriots over UCHS

UNION CITY — Abraham Dirksen has been steady to begin the year.

The doubles teams added some support to lift the Patriots (1-4) to their first win.

The Jay County High School boys tennis team broke through for their first victory of the season on Monday, taking down sectional-rival Union City Indians 3-2.

No. 2 doubles duo Liam Garringer and Luke Muhlenkamp breezed to their first win of the season. They took down Kolton Mills and Caleb Lutz 6-4, 6-0.

It took Sam Myers and Gage Sims three sets to pick up their first win of the season at the No. 1 doubles. The pair took down Union City's Breanna Hoggatt and Jacob Thomburg 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Dirksen won his fourth match at the No. 1 singles

Local roundup

position, topping Owen Dowler 6-1, 6-4.

Eli Dirksen was in a 2.5 hour battle with Zach Fulk in the No. 2 singles. They split the first two sets with Eli Dirksen taking the first 6-4 and Fulk winning the second 7-6 (7-4). In place of the third set, they played a 10-point tiebreaker, with Fulk coming out on top 10-8.

Isaac Miller fell to Corbin Richards 7-6 (7-4), 6-3.

Gabe Pinkerton and the duo of Jacob Monroe and Blake Kahlig picked up wins for the JV.

Indians outplayed

DELPHOS — The Fort Recovery boys golf team

was outplayed by the St. John's Blue Jays on Monday at Delphos Country Club 152-170.

Collins Feathers and Tyce McClain both shot one-under par for the Blue Jays, finishing with 34s.

The Indians' low score came from Eli Lennartz with a 41. Lennartz parred four holes and bogeyed another four, while suffering only one double bogey.

Keegan Muhlenkamp and Alex Dues both finished with 42s for Fort Recovery (2-3, 2-1 Midwest Athletic Conference). On the sixth hole, Muhlenkamp shot one of two birdies for the Indians in the match. The other came on the ninth from Nate Jutte, whose score of 50 did not count toward the team's final.

While Dues didn't have a birdie, he did record four pars all on par-4s.

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