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Projects OK'd



The graphic at left shows the sections of Jay County Junior-Senior High School the area over the band choir auditorium adjacent classrooms (bottom) and the area classrooms including the vocational agriculture area (top) — that are planned for a roof replacement project. The school corporation will go through a bidding process with plans to award the project at its February meeting. Jay School Board on Monday also approved a project to install lighting at the juniorsenior high baseball and softball diamonds.

Board OKs lighting for baseball, softball fields, approves seeking bids for roof replacement work

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review will be able to play under the

Jay School Board on Monday approved the installation of lights for the baseball and softball diamonds at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

It also approved repairs to several awnings at the school, seeking bids for the replacement of two sections of the roof and hiring a new assistant principal.

Previous plans had called for installing baseball lights in 2024

and softball lights later, but Jay vided at the Jan. 8 board meet- 10 feet to reduce the number of Schools superintendent Jeremy ing showed the operations fund lights needed from eight to six.) By 2025, junior-senior high Gulley in November suggested with a year-end balance of \$4.68 baseball and softball athletes doing both projects at the same million.) time. His suggestion stemmed from the fact that Mid-States Construction of Redkey is already on site working on the new locker room, restroom and concession facility for the football field and is available to run the electrical service needed from that area to the baseball and softball fields. He recommended that the board wait until this month to decide after hearing year-end financial numbers. (Those reports pro-

Board members Ron Laux, Donna Geesaman, Phil Ford, Vickie Reitz, Jason Phillips, Marcie Vormohr and Chip Phillips unanimously approved the project at a total cost of \$836,583 — \$795,525 for the installation of lights by Musco Sports Lighting of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and \$41,058 for fencing from Gabbard Fence of Winchester. (The baseball field's outfield fence, which needs to be replaced, will be moved in about

The lighting project will be

completed prior to the 2025 baseball and softball seasons. The board also approved

advertising for bids for roof replacement at the junior-senior high school. Sections to be replaced include about 37,026 square feet at the east corner of the building over the band and choir rooms, auditorium and adjacent classrooms and 21,879 square feet at the west corner of the building including the vocational and agriculture area.

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Howell to lead county highway

Road foreman will take over after Butcher's departure

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

Jay County Highway Department will be shifting to different leadership next month.

Jay County Commissioners agreed to hire Bob Howell as the next highway superintendent at their regular meeting Monday. His appointment, effective Feb. 23, comes a few days after news of highway superintendent Eric Butcher's resignation.

Butcher, who worked for the department for approximately 15 months, has accepted a position at Performance Tool in Portland. His last day with the highway department will be Feb. 22.

"My gut's just been telling me it was time to move on," explained Butcher on Tuesday morning. "It wasn't an easy decision, but one that I felt was best for me at this point in time.'

Chad Aker noted commissioners met in executive session Friday to discuss the county's next steps for highway department leadership. Per that discussion, Commissioner Rex Journay recommended Monday hiring Howell as the next superintend-

This isn't Howell's first time in the position, having served as interim superintendent during the five-month period between the death of former superintendent Donnie Corn and the hiring of Butcher. A Portland native and 1998 graduate of Jay County High School, worked as a heavy equipment operator for 14 years before shifting to road foreman. He returned to the road foreman position after Butcher took over as superintendent.

See County page 2

Dunkirk adjusts police OT

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review
DUNKIRK — One ordinance change earned quick approval. Another will take some time to consider.

Dunkirk City Council on Monday approved an ordinance amending the city's personnel policy for police overtime and received a copy of a potential ordinance to regulate utilities that seek to make cuts in city streets.

The police overtime change came as a result of updates to the city's handbook last year. The handbook updates indicated police do not get overtime until they have worked 43 hours. Mayor Jack Robbins said New Focus, which worked with the city on the handbook, explained that 43 is the standard set for police officers by federal law.

Council members at that time continue to have overtime start ty agreement.

Council amends ordinance to begin overtime at 40 hours

at 40 hours. Monday's ordinance approval formalized that policy, with council members Jesse Bivens, Christy Curts, Dan Watson, Donna Revolt and Randy Murphy unanimously in

City attorney Wes Schemenaur also presented council with a draft of an ordinance that would require a permit for anyone altering the street's surface or installing/repairing above-ground or below-ground utilities in the right of way. It lays out a permit application process, fees, fines, bond agreed they would prefer to requirements and an indemni-

The topic was discussed multiple times last year as gas lines

were being replaced in the city. Schemenaur said the proposed ordinance is modeled after similar requirements that are in place in Albany and Muncie. He encouraged council members to review the document and suggest potential changes to adjust the ordinance to best fit Dunkirk's needs.

Also Monday, Mayor Jack Robbins laid out some goals for the year. He said he'd like to see all ordinances, including the city's zoning codes, updated by the end of 2024.

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Cheering Emery

Kendall Farr, Kendall Schemenaur and Makenzie Farr cheer on their friend Emery Forthofer during a game of knockout during halftime of the Jay County High School boys basketball game on Friday. Forthofer was knocked out by Daisy Muhlenkamp, who won and will get to play knockout at the NBA All-Star game at Gainbridge Fieldhouse on Feb. 18.

Deaths

Francis Hall, 73, Bryant

Tab Liechty, 66, Decatur

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 37 degrees Monday. The low early in the day was 18.

More rain is expected tonight with steady temperatures in the mid 40s and wind gusting to 20 miles per hour. More rain is in Thursday's forecast with a high in the lower 50s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council will meet in a joint session for 6 p.m. Thursday to discuss broadband internet access in the county. The meeting will be held in the auditorium on the first floor of Jay County Courthouse.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from tonight's JCHS swim meet against Blackford.

Friday — Coverage of tonight's forum about a sober living facility in Jay County.



IDOH to withhold individual reports

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) will no longer release individual terminated pregnancy reports following the state's near-total abortion ban, which sharply curtailed reproductive health care access. It will still release aggregated reports.

For the third quarter of 2023, which covers July through September, IDOH reported 764 abortions but only 17 of those occurred after the abortion ban went into effect in late August.

Due to the small number and increased reporting requirements, the agency had concerns about violating patient confidentiality by releasing full individual records — government agencies frequently suppress reporting on small groups to ensure that impacted people can't be identified. Following the ban's cluded.

passage in 2022, terminated pregnancy reports must include demographic data and patient medical history.

Counselor Luke Britt about releasing the information. Britt, who first took the position under former Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, makes rulings related to public access laws for state departments and advises on open door violations for the public.

"Given that the report is populated with information that could be reverse engineered to identify patients — especially in smaller communities — (IDOH argues) that the required quarterly reports should suffice in terms of satisfying any disclosure and transparency considerations," the December informal opinion said.

"This office agrees," it con-

tors, fall under the providerpatient relationship, Britt ruled.

"It follows that IDOH should IDOH sought an informal treat the form with the same conother patient medical record," Britt said.

> Britt said that even the law seemed to allow this by specifying that IDOH "compile a public report" and "implicitly ... (suggesting) the individual forms are non-public."

This aligns with a recent ruling from the Indiana Medical Licensing Board that disclosing "even partial and seemingly nonidentifiable information by medical providers can lead to legal consequences."

He cites the case of Dr. Caitlin Bernard, who provided an abortion to a 10-year-old rape victim. She revealed the age and home state of the victim to a reporter from the IndyStar and the licens-

The records, created by doc- ing board found she had violated patient privacy laws. She received a reprimand and a \$3,000 fine.

That case was pushed by Attoropinion from Public Access fidentiality considerations as ney General Todd Rokita, who is facing his own battle with the Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission related to his public comments about Bernard.

> But Rokita's predecessor and gubernatorial candidate Curtis Hill disagrees, saying "records providing non-identifying patient information, provider details and reasons" should be public. Most of the Hoosiers seeking abortions following the ban get an abortion under the ban's exception for a fatal fetal anomaly, according to previous terminated pregnancy reports (TPRs).

Anti-abortion groups have used the reports in the past to identify doctors and file com-

Obituaries

Francis Hall

June 2, 1950-Jan, 21, 2024 Francis Hall, 73, Bryant, died Sunday at Paoli Health and Living.

Arrangements are pending at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Tab Liechty, Decatur, Nov. 22, 1957-Jan. 21, 2024. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Bridge Community Church South Campus in Berne.

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 serv-

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

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Thursday 1/25	Friday 1/26	Saturday 1/27	Sunday 1/28	Monday 1/29
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52/38	45/36	44/34	38/30	39/30
Thursday has a 60% chance of rain throughout the day, with 5 to 10 mph expected.	Friday's forecast shows cloudy skies and a high of 45 degrees.	Temperatures will continue in the 40s on Saturday, when there's a slight chance of rain.	Another slight chance of rain mixed with snow on Sunday, when the high will be 38 degrees.	Mostly cloudy on Monday. The low may dip to around 30 degrees at night.

Lotteries

Powerball

Monday 24-25-43-52-63 Power Ball: 21 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$145 million

Mega Millions

jackpot: Estimated \$262 million

Hoosier

Monday Midday Daily Three: 7-2-3 Daily Four: 7-0-1-7 Quick Draw: 6-16-17-18-20-23-25-28-30-37-40-41-42-45-46-50-54-59-65-72

Evening Daily Three: 4-9-5

Daily Four: 0-8-0-5 Quick Draw: 2-3-10-12-15-16-21-25-29-37-38-41-52-53-54-55-67-69-71-76

Cash 5: 1-15-16-30-38 Estimated jackpot: \$147,500

Ohio

Monday Midday Pick 3: 7-9-7 Pick 4: 7-1-4-7 Pick 5: 7-0-7-0-4 **Evening** Pick 3: 2-4-5 Pick 4: 6-5-9-5 Pick 5: 6-9-0-4-3 Rolling Cash: 10-11-21-

Estimated jackpot: \$140,000

Markets

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Today in history

Caligula was murdered by Cassius Chaerea, Cornelius Sabinus and others at the Palatine Games.

In 1556, an earthquake killed 830,000 in initiatives. central China.

"The Grapes of Wrath" premiered. It was an an education manageadaptation of the classic John Steinbeck novel.

Solid Waste District ers during a nationwide hired Bettie Jacobs as its shortage. educator. Jacobs, who

In 41, Roman emperor also served as the educator for Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, was contracted to work 20 hours a month promoting recycling and other waste reduction

In 2022, Jay School In 1940, the movie Board approved a oneyear contract with ESS, ment and staffing firm, in an effort to help In 2011, Jay County recruit substitute teach-

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Citizen's calendar

Today

ing, 131 S. Main St.

Thursday

6 p.m. — Jay County Board of Commissioners and Jay County Council joint 321 N. Meridian St.

auditorium. session, 6 p.m. — Dunkirk courthouse, 120 N. Court Park Board, city build- St., Portland.

Thursday, Feb. 1

4 p.m. — Portland Works, mayor's office, city hall,

County

Continued from page 1

Butcher thanked the commissioners, county attorney, county auditor and others in the room for their help during his time in charge. He wished the county well as it shifted to Howell's responsibility.

"My main focus right now is just to get him trained as much as possible," explained Butcher. "A lot of stuff, he's just not been involved with, because he's more of the nuts and bolts stuff. So that's going to be my main focus over the next few weeks, is just getting him educated as much as possible.

Also Monday, commissioners approved committing a \$393,932.96 match toward the January round of Indiana Department of Transportation's Community Crossings grant cycle, which requires a 25% match from the county.

Plans are to apply for funding to reconstruct about 5 miles of road along portions of county roads 100 South, 150 South and Knox Road just west of Indiana 1. (Originally, hopes were to apply for funding to replace the Seventh Street bridge over the Salamonie River between Blaine Pike and Meridian Street in Portland, but an adjoining property

owner has refused granting right-ofway access for the project, leading to a delay.)

In related news, commissioners suggested Butcher utilize an \$8,000 In-Lieu Fee Program through Indi-Department of Resources for tree mitigation near the Seventh Street bridge. The program allows the county to remove trees as required — the scope of upcoming bridge work requires 0.1 acres of tree clearing - and in turn, IDNR will buy land and plant trees in another location.

Commissioners also discussed plans for the owner-occupied rehabilitation program, a \$1 million project aimed at helping low-income local residents make essential repairs to their homes. Mainly funded through dollars from Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs — the county is contributing \$90,000 in American Rescue Plan Act dollars — the county is currently waiting to hear back from OCRA about its final application. Community coordinator Nate Kimball pointed out commissioners could sign a contract with OCRA as early as the end of February, meaning the funding would be available 30 days

after the signing date. Commissioner Rex Journay voiced support for moving swiftly once approved, noting contractors' schedules will be filling up quickly.

In other business, commissioners: •Paid a \$7,500 invoice from Mindbase, a mental health wellness application for first responders. Sheriff Ray Newton noted he had not heard of the application — it was approved prior to him becoming sheriff in 2023 — and expressed hopes to look into if it has been utilized by first responders.

•Received the 2023 activity report from Jay County Sheriff's Office. Last year, county officers marked more than 330,000 miles on the road and made 220 criminal citations. In addition to other statistics, county officers conducted 881 traffic stops, made 182 criminal arrests and investigated 381 accidents. Jay County Jail had just under 97 inmates on average daily, rounding out to 846 males and 295 females total processed through the jail.

•Heard Jay Emergency Medical Service's financial breakdown from December, which came \$170,239.41 in expenses \$78,704.70 in income.

Dunkirk

recording equipment in operation by the end of the year. (State law will require that all meetings be livestreamed and recorded beginning July 1, 2025.)

In other business,

council: the city's fire department will host a chili supper and gun raffle from 4 to 7

p.m. Feb. 3. The charge

for the supper is \$6. ·Learned from Curts that new self-contained breathing apparatus units have been delivered to the fire department. All of the county's fire departments partnered to receive an \$815,545 Assistance to Firefighters Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to purchase

chase of a new tanker truck. •Heard compliments

the equipment. Curts

added that a goal for 2024

is to work toward the pur-

Continued from page 1 from Robbins as all five He added that he'd like council members attendto see livestreaming and ed training last week through Accelerate Indiana Municipalities.

·Approved the following: payment to Peerless Midwest for rehabilitation work on pump No. 1 at the water treatment plant at a cost of \$19,872; the purchase of chlorine •Heard from Curts that monitors from BL Anderson for the water treatment plant at a cost of \$8,536; payment of claims total \$219,448.16.

SERVICES

Bridge Community Church South Campus, 406 E. Parr Road.

Sunday Liechty, Tab: 2:30 p.m.

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60th anniversary

Robert and **Bonnie** Kuhn

Bonnie and Robert Kuhn are celebrating 60 years of marriage today.

Bonnie Snyder and Robert Kuhn wed Jan. 24, 1964, in Oak Hill, Ohio. Robert Kuhn retired from factory work, and Bonnie Snyder retired from being a homemaker.

The Ridgeville couple have four children, Robin (Tom) Sisk of Parker City, Tammy (Lea) Chapman of Redkey, Kathy (Don) Miskinis of Dunkirk and the late Robert (Punkin) Kuhn. They also have two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and four step great-grandchildren.



Bonnie and Robert Kuhn

Wife in unhappy marriage fantasizes

DEAR ABBY: I am an unhappily married woman with young children. I am attracted to a friend of mine and my husband's, but he is also married. He's a bit older, and I can't tell for sure if he has feelings for me, but sometimes I suspect it. He has made me jewelry and gifts, and I've caught him looking at me a few times.

We have exchanged messages on social media and he often asks me questions about myself — what I like, etc. He's just so quiet that I can't tell if it all means anything. I could never leave my husband and break up my family, and I could never break up someone else's family. But I'm starting to wonder and sometimes think I really am falling in love with him. What should I do? — CRUSHING IN THE MID-WEST

CRUSHING: DEAR Face it: You're TAKEN. Because you could "never leave" your hus-band or break up someone else's marriage, figure out what's gone wrong in your relationship with your husband and resolve to fix it. Some sessions with a licensed marriage and family therapist would be the place to start. Do it NOW.

to eat at a fancy Manhat- Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, tan restaurant with some Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Abby

of my siblings. One of them over-ordered and ran up a huge bill. When it came time to pay, he said, "Let's charge it to Daddy's credit card." Our father is well-off and probably would have been OK with it, but I objected on princi-

We ended up splitting the bill, which irritated me since my wife and I ordered much less. I can't talk to them about it because they'll accuse me of being cheap. What should I have done and what should I do in the future when it crops up, because it will? — MONEY-CONSCIOUS IN **NEW YORK**

DEAR M-C: The next time you go to a fancy restaurant with your siblings, before order is taken, tell the server you would like separate checks.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. DEAR ABBY: I went out Contact Dear Abby at Dear-

Community Calendar

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

Today

WEDNESDAY MORN-ING 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 West Jay Community Center.

noon each Wednesday in ter 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 $\,$ ERY - A 12-step Chris-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 Church, 218 E. High St., p.m. each Thursday at A Portland. For more infor-

Notices will appear in mation, call (260) 726-

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each 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

LAWYERS noon on Wednesdays at LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations able from 10 a.m. to noon CLUB — Will meet at at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., the cafe at John Jay Cen- Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenantlandlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

CELEBRATE RECOVtian recovery program 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.

GRIEF SHARE — Meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays from Jan. 4 to March 28 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. Grief Share is a weekly grief support group for those needing to find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. To register, call (260) 726-8832 or email zionwith a lawyer are avail- lutheranportland@gmail.

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

Friday

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

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical

Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

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

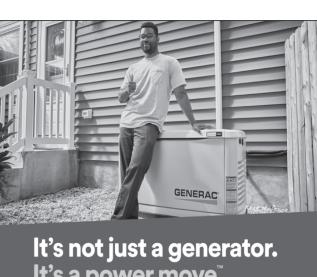
TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information. call (260) 726-5924.

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

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY FAMILY MEAL Will be served from 251-8792.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome. NARCOTICS ANONY-

MOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday 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)



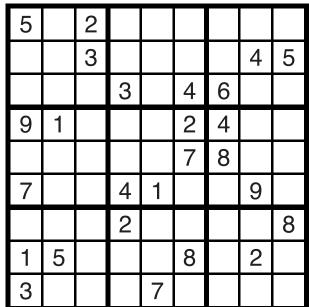
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Battery wasn't ready for the cold

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Jan. 21, 2009. A couple of weeks ago, we shared Jack's column about the 2005 ice storm. Once again in 2019, he was on adventures in the cold.

By JACK RONALD

The News and Sun It only took a second before I knew I was in trouble.

The key turned in the ignition, and there was a sound like a low

Then it stopped and clicked. I tried again. Same growl.

Same click. No ignition.

I looked at the odometer and

read 92,020 miles. And at that moment, I realized

that the battery under the hood was original equipment.

Not what you want to have if you're trying to start your car on a morning when it's 15 below

There had been warning signs on a couple of other cold mornings. The car started, but it started grudgingly, not enthusiastically. (I've had mornings when my

Back in the Saddle



start to the day could be described the same way.)

Back inside, grumbling but blaming myself not the battery, I

prepared to bundle up.

If you live in the Midwest long enough, you develop a serious outdoor winter wardrobe.

I was already wearing long johns, jeans, a turtleneck, and a cotton sweater. A second pair of socks under my old boots would have been a good idea, but I was going to be late for work if I didn't get started.

From the closet came my down parka. I bought it more than 20 years ago, and in a normal winter I'll only wear it about a dozen need it. And I figure that by wearing it only a dozen days a year, it has at least another 20 years of service ahead of it.

The parka has a series of string ties to cinch it up and keep out the cold. I tied the one at the waist, zipped up, snapped a few snaps, and tied up another string to cinch up the coat right around the hips.

Then it was time to address my head and face. The myth about 40 percent of your body heat escaping through your head has been effectively busted, but when it's 15 below zero and the wind is blowing, you want to keep as warm as possible.

I pulled a black silk balaclava over my head, making me look a bit like an aging ninja in the mirror. Then I put on a wool hat that's lined with an insulating material. Then the hood came up and more snaps were snapped.

By now I looked more like a turtle than a ninja. If I'd had a mask, I suppose I could have passed as a days. But when you need it, you ninja turtle, now that I think of it.

was time to be out the door.

It was about 7:30 a.m. when I set

out, late, to walk to the office. There was no traffic to be seen.

No cars or trucks, let alone pedes-Within a half a block, the cold

had asserted itself on my legs. Blue jeans and longjohns weren't enough to keep it out.

As I turned down Pleasant Street, I was aware of a few vehicles moving up and down U.S. 27, a few blocks away. Apparently I wasn't the only one crazy enough to be out. Just the only one crazy enough to be out on foot.

I walked in the street because too few of the sidewalks were clear. The last thing I wanted to do was cover my feet with snow.

By Race Street, I was feeling pretty good. My eyes were cold, and for some reason I thought about the desert and the strange feeling one gets when the heat starts to dry your eyes.

By Arch Street, I started to wonder if I had made it halfway

Gloves were pulled on, and it yet. I hadn't. But by High Street, I figured I'd crossed the midpoint.

> About then I wondered if anyone else at the newspaper had had similar car trouble.

> Would there be anybody there? Would the boiler be functioning? Would I be able to warm up?

By Walnut Street, I was getting a little nervous. I could see steam rising from chimneys all around me, but I didn't see any coming from the newspaper building. Could I type with my gloves on? I wondered.

At Main Street, I could see that there were plenty of cars in the parking lot.

Apparently I was the only person who was foolish enough to go into winter with an aging battery in a car that is routinely parked outside.

The good news is, the building's boiler was working.

The better news is, a new battery has the car starting enthusiastically these days. I'm doing my best to follow its example.

Court threatens to eliminate oversight

New York Daily News

Tribune News Service In a case challenging requirements for fishing companies to absorb certain monitoring costs, the

Supreme Court seems poised to go well beyond the regulations at issue and do away completely with decades-old precedent known as Chevron deference. Very basically, the 1984 doctrine holds that courts should defer to expert federal agency interpretations of laws in cases where the type and focus of regulations are not clearly laid out.

If you're wondering why we're writing about what seems like an arcane legal rule, that's exactly the problem; this doesn't have the same immediate resonance and clear outcome as, say, overturning Roe or eliminating gun Yet tossing controls. Chevron overboard might have more wide-ranging implications, and not just for one type of policy but for agencies across the federal government and, consequently, the lives of letter-of-the-law enforcepractically all Americans.

will often couch it as a whittling its power down. simple matter of reining in a federal administration that will stretch laws well beyond congressionceaselessly expand its authority, and there will always be examples of this. Without looking too far, federal courts allowed a number of Trump-era immigration restrictions at least in part based on deference to supposed administrative expertise, which was really just the president's political preferences.

Even without getting into the egregious stuff, there are plenty of smaller-scale regulations that munications could certainly be argued exceed statutory authority or otherwise be specifically to oversee ill-considered or overly burdensome.

But there's already a remedy for that in the federal courts; this case itself is a challenge to a specific regulation, and there's an entire area of motion, the high court law — the Administrative could all but take apart Procedure Act— that is the administrative state intended to ensure that on which we all rely, and federal regulations are concentrate even more not made capriciously or power on itself. Let's hope without considering their we're wrong.

Guest **Editorial**

impact or the authority to promulgate them. To use the example of Trump's anti-immigration push, policies other struck down precisely because they violated the APA, and Chevron didn't stop that.

What detractors will rarely mention is that this type of agency deference has become built-in to the government's ability to regulate increasingcomplex industries and economies, not just in the abstract but in ways that matter day to day. If you were rattled the recent incident with an Alaska Airlines' Boeing 737 MAX 9 blowing out a door plug mid-flight, think about what happens when the Federal Aviation Administration is restricted to ment and constantly bat-Opponents of Chevron tling industry lawsuits

Had food poisoning lately? Get used to much more of it if the extent to which the FDA and USDA al intent and use them to can inspect your produce and meat can be dictated by a district court judge technical with zero expertise and aiming to narrowly define the government's role to strict congressional intent.

And then there the issues and industries around which Congress legislates change constantly, and it can't be expected to update the laws as rapidly as technology in particular shifts. The Federal Com-Commission, established in 1934, certainly wasn't set up internet giants Meta/Facebook and Alphabet/Google, but it's imperative that it can adapt to changing circumstances.

With one sweeping



So WHAT ARE THE ODDS WE'RE GOING TO USE A.I. RESPONSIBLY?

Bring back child tax credit

By CLARA MOORE

From childhood on, I've spent my A myth exists in America that

financial well-being follows if we just work hard and make good choices. But it's not that simple. At some point, most of us face unforeseen obstacles — from physical or mental health challenges to lost jobs, economic downturns, and natural disasters.

Along with low wages and other structural causes of poverty, that puts financial well-being out of reach for about 140 million people in this country, the Poor People's Campaign estimates.

The reality of poverty isn't even close to the stereotype propagated by politicians who want only to fund the military and subsidize the rich while cutting everything else. This isn't a lifestyle one chooses by being lazy and getting fat off some mythical government largesse.

For many of us, poverty means working multiple low-wage jobs and still being short on rent, child care, food, or the energy bill. Poverty means you don't have stable transportation and live in fear of anyone in your family needing health care.

It means your children go without good winter boots or new clothes because you need the lights to stay on. It means there's no time or money for anything beyond the scrape of daily life — no waterparks, no road trips, no relief.

People don't choose this lifestyle. It's created by policymakers who profit prioritize corporate and bloated military spending over investing in families in this country.

Clara Moore



Yet they expect poor people to be the ones who feel ashamed.

At one point I was living the American Dream. I'd been a successful chef, even bought a house at 23. But the 2008 collapse flipped my mortgage upside down, and the single investment I'd been able to make for my future crumbled.

A few years later, after the birth of my child, I was cast back into the same poverty I'd grown up with. Programs like Medicaid, SNAP, and WIČ — the program to support women, infants, and children kept our heads above water while I returned to university to complete an unfinished Bachelor's degree. But our heads dipped under a few times. It was exhausting.

By the time I'd completed a graduate program and we'd eked out some stability, the pandemic hit. But this time, the help was different.

The expanded and enhanced Child Tax Credit in President Biden's American Rescue Plan not only helped me pay my rent and monthly bills — it helped me be a better mom. Relieved of some financial anxiety, I could spend more time with my daughter and commit to the post-graduate job search, ultimately getting the good job that I have today.

Now I'm financially stable for the *icy Studies*.

first time in my life. But tens of millions of others won't get that same chance unless lawmakers act. Conress let the expanded Child Tax Credit expire at the end of 2021, even though it had cut child poverty in half. Subsequently, child poverty immediately skyrocketed — a disaster.

But now, Congress again has a chance to expand the Child Tax Credit in a tax package that may pass soon. Frustratingly, the package gives more tax breaks to corporations that already pay little to no taxes, even as it modestly expands the Child Tax Credit again - although by less than before and improves the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the new credit would lift 400,000 children out of poverty, make 3 million children less poor, and help a substantial number of the remaining 19 million poor children currently excluded from the full benefit.

It's necessary, but not enough too much money in the bill goes to corporations that don't need it. Again, investment priorities are skewed in favor of the wealthy and corporations.

It's only when we prioritize the well-being of families that we will see families thrive.

Moore is a researcher and mom who lives in Newark, New Jersey. She shares her experiences in poverty as an advocate with RESULTS Educational Fund.

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Israeli troops carry the coffin of fellow soldier Captain Elkana Vizel during his funeral in the Mount Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem on Tuesday, a day after he was killed in combat in the Gaza Strip amid ongoing battles between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas.

Attack leaves 24 dead

By MARISSA NEWMAN

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

Israel said 24 of its soldiers were killed in Gaza on Monday, marking the worst single-day death toll for the military since the war against Hamas began in October.

At around 4 p.m. local time in central Gaza, militants fired on an Israeli tank and, at the same time, there were massive explosions at two nearby buildings, a spokesman for the Israel Defense Forces said on Tuesday.

The resulting blasts near the border fence with Israel killed 21 ser-

The buildings collapsed as a result of this explosion, while most of the soldiers were inside and around the buildings," the spokesman said. "The buildings likely exploded from ordblow up the buildings and the terror area, the military said. infrastructure in the area.'

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday represented "one of the most difficult days since the start of the war.'

"The IDF has opened an investigation into the disaster," he said in a statement. "We must draw the necessarv lessons and do everything to preserve the lives of our soldiers.

Israeli forces are advancing deeper into the southern and central parts Gaza and fighting remains intense. Around 200 Israeli soldiers had been killed in the territory before the latest incident, according to the military.

Also on Tuesday, the army said troops encircled the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis as it expands its offensive. Dozens of Hamas militants

nance that our forces set up there to were killed in heavy fighting in the

Israel is facing mounting international pressure to wind down the fighting and reach a diplomatic agreement with Hamas — designated a terrorist organization by the U.S. and European Union — to release more than 100 hostages still held by

Netanyahu has said the war will continue until Hamas is destroyed and all of the captives are freed. He's said the best way to achieve the latter goal is to keep putting military pressure on Hamas.

The group killed around 1,200 people when its militants invaded southern Israel from Gaza on Oct. 7. Israel's retaliatory bombardment and ground assault have left more than 25,000 dead, according to the Hamasrun health ministry in Gaza.

Supreme Court rules for Biden in border case

By DAVID G. SAVAGE Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Ruling for the Biden administration, the Supreme Court said Monday that the U.S. Border Patrol may remove barbed installed by Texas authorities that prevents the federal agents from monitoring areas along the Rio Grande.

By a 5 to 4 vote, the justices set aside order handed down by the 5th Circuit Court that prohibited Border Patrol agents from "damaging, destroying, or otherwise interfering with Texas's concertina wire fence in the vicinity of Eagle Pass, Texas.'

The court did not explain its decision, issuing a one-line order granting an emergency appeal filed by the Biden administration's solicitor general.

But the ruling decided an important issue: The narrow majority held that federal agents, not Texas authorities, have the power to patrol along the border.

Justice Amy Coney Barrett cast a key vote, joining Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson to rule for the administration.

Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel A. Alito Jr., Neil M. Gorsuch and Brett M. Kavanaugh dissented and said they would have denied the appeal.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott initiated the dispute by the wire in some circumdeclaring "an invasion at stances," Prelogar said.

our border" and installing wire to block razor migrants from entering the state. Texas officials on several occasions refused to remove or set aside the razor wire, as requested by U.S. Border Patrol agents.

After Texas sued and won in the 5th Circuit Court, Solicitor Gen. Elizabeth Prelogar filed an emergency appeal at the Supreme Court on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security and argued that the Constitution gives federal agents, not state officials, the power to enforce the law along the border.

"Federal law unambiguously grants Border Patrol agents the authority, without a warrant, to access private land within 25 miles of the international border," she said in Department of Homeland Security vs. Texas.

Prelogar said Texas has responded to "increased border crossings" by placing "rolls of concertina wire (a type of coiled razor wire) in numerous locations, including as relevant here along a 29-mile stretch of the riverbank in Eagle Pass, much of which is private land." The wire coils "stand between Border Patrol agents and the border and the noncitizens along the border they are charged with inspecting and apprehending — thus physically obstructing agents from fulfilling their responsibilities under federal law."

That in turn prompted "agents (to) cut or move

Projects

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meeting. (Bids are required because the project is expected to cost more than \$150,000.)

Board members approved new roofing and drainage systems for canopies over doors 1 and 2 (the main entrance area) auditorium and gym entrances) to prevent leaks. McGuff Roofing of Muncie will handle the project at a cost of \$65,653.

Also approved Monday was the hiring of Cole Leavitt as junior high assistant principal and assistant athletics director. He will begin work with Jay Schools within 30 days.

He replaces Chris Brown, who is leaving the school corporation after about a year and a half to become assistant principal at Maple Ridge Elementary School. Prior to coming to Jay County, Brown had worked at Maple Ridge for 20 years.

Leavitt, a Gas City resident, is

currently a junior high teacher Bids will be accepted until 10 at Blackford Junior-Senior a.m. Feb. 9, with the board to High School. He is in the consider them at their Feb. 12 process of working toward receiving his administrator's license, with completion expected in May. He is being hired with the stipulation that he must become fully licensed before July 1.

Gulley also told The Commerand doors 8, 9, 10 and 11 (the cial Review last week that he is temporarily assigning director of e-learning Katie Clark to the junior-senior high school for administrative support.

In addition to the gap between Brown's departure and Leavitt joining the staff, the juniorsenior high is short-staffed with assistant principal/dean Brad Milleman on administrative leave. Milleman was placed on leave last week after the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana filed lawsuits on behalf of two students alleging invasive searches were violations of their Fourth Amendment rights.

Assistant principal for cur- school corporation in exchange

riculum and instruction James for exclusive marketing and and Leasing for \$196,399 and Myers is handling dean duties on an interim basis.

In other business, the board: •During the Patriot Pride moment heard a thank you from Allison Keen of Jay County's Purdue Extension office for the school corporation's partnership on programs including East Jay Elementary School, an after-school STEM club at Jay County Public Library and a career fair that was held in the fall.

•Congratulated the corporation's Chartwells cafeteria team on being honored as the company's Midwest Region 2023 Account of the Year. The school corporation was selected from more than 120 Chartwells schools in the Midwest for the

•Reviewed a proposed "exclusive sports medicine agreement" with IU Health. The agreement would provide a \$15,000 sponsorship to the

advertising rights as the "official sports medicine provider." The proposal will be considered

at a future meeting. •Approved the following: sev-

eral hirings, including Ashlynn May as a sixth grade teacher at East Jay Elementary School, Caliandra Elking as a an after-school cooking club at Lifeskills instructional assistant at East Jay and Rodney Reynolds as JCHS boys soccer coach: leaves of absence for teachers Katie Loy, Taylor Schwarck, Kim Hyatt and Angelana Carter; field trip requests for the Business Professionals of America club to the state conference March 10 through 12 in Indianapolis and the PVE club from April 22 through 26 to Myrtle Beach; bus requests from Campus Life/Youth for Christ and Fellowship Baptist Church youth group; year-end transfers that were made to avoid having negative balances in any funds; purchasing two new mini busses from Kerlin Bus Sales

selling the current buses via an online auction through Bricker Auction Company of Portland; and an update to the memorandum of understanding for the JROTC program.

•OK'd a resolution to allow

using a planned two-hour delay

schedule four times a year for staff professional development. The resolution will also need to receive approval from the Indiana State Board of Education.

·Accepted a \$20,821.05 Early Literacy Grant.
•Heard a presentation regard-

ing the literacy program at Bloomfield Elementary School. Accepted donations of \$2,250

to West Jay Elementary School and \$1,875 to Redkey Elementary School from Dunkirk Appointed Michael Brewster

to Portland Park Board.

•Was presented with policy updates for first reading on topics including mandatory curriculum, adjunct teachers and



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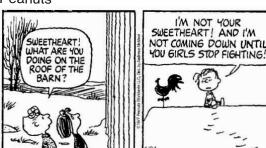
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master of your own fate.

Take this case where West leads a heart against three notrump, and East plays the king. It is only the first trick, but the outcome rests largely on South's play at this point. If he plays the right card, he can considerably improve his chances

succeed as the cards actually lie. But if he plays the wrong card, he must guess right later to get home safely.

First, let's see what happens if
South takes the king of hearts with the ace. He can cash four diamonds, but then must guess whether to next play a spade or a club.

If he guesses wrong by leading a

of making the contract, and will

spade, East takes the ace and returns a heart. West's hearts thus become established, and, because West has the ace of clubs as an entry, declarer finishes down one. Of course, if South guesses right by attacking clubs before spades, he makes the contract, but the fact remains that at trick one he placed his fate in the laps of the gods.

Now let's see what happens if South allows East's king of hearts to hold the first trick, as he should. Declarer wins East's heart return and no longer has to guess whether to attack spades or clubs first. He is on safe ground either way.

Let's say he tackles spades first East takes the ace but has no heart to return, and South makes four notrump.

The same result accrues if South tackles clubs first. West can take the ace and establish his suit, but has no way to regain the lead later, and again South finishes with 10 tricks

Tomorrow: A case for the defense.

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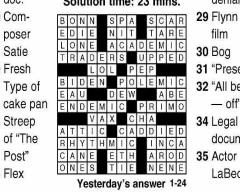
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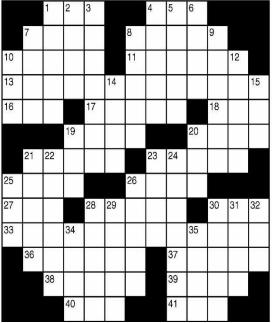
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Lions

Continued from page 8 The Lions are in the Bay. minority in that regard. As of Monday morning, was favored by 6½ points.

Goff is 3-6 in his starts against the 49ers, the Rams. San Francisco advanced to the confer-

21 victory over Green draft. The AFC matchup road playoff game, not Mahomes said. "I love

After facing former No. 1 overall selections in the top-seeded San Francisco first two rounds — Baker Mayfield — the Lions will address the first eight of those com- other end of the specing in his years with the trum, as San Francisco quarterback Brock Purdy, a most-valuableence championship game player candidate this sea-Saturday night with a son, was the last player

two-time MVP pits Patrick Mahomes and quarterback Ravens Lamar Jackson, in line Stafford and Tampa Bay's for his second MVP honors.

The Chiefs have advanced to the AFC championship game for the sixth consecutive time, meaning Mahomes has played in one every season as a starter. But closer-than-expected, 24- chosen in the 2022 NFL Sunday was his first true

counting three neutralsite Super Bowls. (One of those was in Tampa against the Buccaneers, but only 22,000 fans were allowed to attend because of COVID-19 restrictions.)

He said Sunday that the hostile crowd in Buffalo bonded him and his teammates.

"I think it's that guys come together,"

being at Arrowhead and playing in front of that crowd. But when you're on the road, it's you versus them, it's you versus everybody in the stadium, and you have to come together as a team, and the guys do that."

As for the Lions, they're relishing how far they've come to reach the NFL's version of the Final Four.

"You think about the dark times there early on in 2021," Goff said, referring to the season Detroit finished 3-13-1. "A lot of people calling for [Campbell's] head, a lot of people in this room calling for his head. And it's pretty good to be able to sit up here and be able to play in the NFC championship. And yeah, it feels

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday Jay County — Swimming vs. Marion – 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball ACAC tournament at winner of Adams Central and South Adams-5:30p.m.; Junior high girls basketball ACAC tournament at home-6p.m.

Fort Recovery $\stackrel{\cdot}{-}$ Girls basketball vs. Marion Local - 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball vs. Marion Local - 5 p.m.

TV sports Today

3 a.m. — Australian Open tennis (ESPN2) 6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Providence at Seton Hall (FS1)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Miami at Notre Dame (ESPN2); Maryland at Iowa (BTN); Davidson at Saint Louis (Bally Indiana) 7:30 p.m. - NHL: Carolina Hurricanes at

Boston Bruins (TNT) 7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Auburn at Alabama (ESPN)

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Carolina at LSU (ESPN); Penn State at Northwestern (BTN)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: San Francisco at Gonzaga (ESPN2) 10 p.m. — NBA: Sacramento Kings at Golden

State Warriors (TNT) 10:30 p.m. — Australian Open tennis (ESPN)

Local notes

Tryouts scheduled Tryouts for A League of Our Own Independent

Baseball League is hosting a tryout at the Mojo-Up Sports indoor Complex in Noblesville on Jan. 30.

Anyone 19-years-old or older that is looking for the opportunity to continue playing baseball can try out.

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struction documents prepared by Barton-Coe-Vilamaa, Architect and Engineers, Inc., which can be obtained from the office of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa. Call 260/489-9079 (office of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa) to request an invitation to receive digital access to the bidding docu-

Bidders will be required to file, with their bids, a certified check made payable to The Jay School Corporation or a Bid Bond for an $\,$ amount not less than five percent (5%) of their maximum bid or bids Should a successful bidder withdraw its bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract, The Jay School Corporation may then declare the bid deposit or bid bond to be forfeited as liquidated damages. Each successful bidder shall be required to furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond which cover faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder. A Maintenance Bond shall also be required. Said bonds shall remain in full force and effect for twelve months from the substantial completion of the Work.

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Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly and by resolution of the Jay County Commissioners, notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or items of real property are listed for sale for delinquent taxes and/or special assessments.

The minimum sale prices listed below are less than the minimum sale prices when offered in the im $mediately \ preceding \ county \ tax$ sale held under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 and include all fees and expenses of the county directly attributable to the Commissioners' Certificate Sale. The Jay County Commissioners will accept bids for the certificates of sale, for the price referred to in IC 6-1.1-24-6.1(a)(3), by public auction on 03/13/2024 at 10:00 AM Courthouse Time at Commissioners' Room, 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 as an electronic sale under IC 6-1.1-24-2(b)10 at www.zeusauction.com commencing on the same date / time listed above. All location updates will be posted at www.sriservices.com

prior to the tax sale. Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1, a business entity that seeks to register to bid in an Indiana Commissioners' Certificate Sale must provide to the county treasurer, a Certificate of Existence or Foreign Registration Statement in accordance with IC 5-23 from the Secretary of

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 be obtained at www.sriservices.com or in an alternative form upon request.

A person redeeming each tract or item of real property after the sale of the certificate must pay: (A) the amount of the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale; (B) ten percent (10%) of the amount for which the certificate is sold: (C) the attorney's fees and costs of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (D) the costs of a title search or of examining and updating the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property; (E) all taxes and special assessments on the tract or item of real property paid by the purchaser after the sale of the certificate plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the amount of taxes and special assessments paid by the purchaser on the redeemed property; and (F), all costs of sale, advertising costs, and other expenses of the county directly attributable to the sale of the certificate.

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Indiana law prohibits a person who owes delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, or costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, from purchasing tracts or items of real property at a tax sale. Prior to bidding at a tax

sale, each bidder must affirm under the penalties for perjury that he or she does not owe delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, amounts from a final adjudication in favor of a political subdivision in this county, any civil penalties imposed for the violation of a building code or ordinance of this county, or any civil penalties imposed by a health department in this county. Further, each bidder must acknowledge that any successful bid made in violation of the above statement is subject to forfeiture. In the event of forfeiture, the bid amount shall be applied to the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs, judgments, or civil penalties of the ineligible bidder, and a certificate will be issued to the county executive. The Commissioners specifically

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382300024 38-09-08-104-016.000-014 \$291.18 BISHOP MATTHEW 32 X 130 PT LOT 2 BLK 18 VACANT LOT MAIN ST DUNKIRK 47336 $382300025\ 38-09-08-104-083.000-014$ \$692.15 DUTY DONNA LOT 5 RAILROAD ADD VACANT LOT E RAILROAD ST DUNKIRK 47336 382300026 38-09-08-104-084.000-014 \$510.58 DUTY DONNA J & ELLEN KATHLEEN JT W/RGHTS OF SURV LOT 6 & W 1/2 LOT 7 RAIL-ROAD ADD 225 RAILROAD St

 $382300027\ \, 38\text{-}09\text{-}08\text{-}204\text{-}004.000\text{-}014$ \$312.78 INGLE ALAN R LOTS 3001 3002 & 3003 DLC 4TH ADD 611 W "D" St DUNKIRK 47336

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382300031 38-09-08-402-086.000-014 \$671.87 RQ TAX LIEN INVEST-MENT INC RICHARD QUIZON LOT 8 EVANS & WILSON ADD VA-CANT LOT E ORANGE AVE DUNKIRK 47336

382300039 38-09-09-203-003.000-014 \$910.36 MOREHEAD STEVEN MICHAEL LOT 1 - 2 J M SMITH SUB DIV VACANT LOTS E HIGH ${\rm ST~DUNKIRK~47336}$

382300042 38-09-09-203-093.000-014 \$1,699.27 NORRIS LOGAN JAMES & CASEY RAE BROCK LOT 8-10 SNIFF & JOHNSON SD 509 E NORTH St DUNKIRK 47336 382300043 38-09-09-203-101.000-014

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382300048 38-09-09-302-049.000-014 \$8,362.85 MAHON RANDY J NEIL INLOT 1466 DUNKIRK LAND CO ADD VACANT LOT PALACE ST DUNKIRK 47336

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382300049 38-09-09-302-050.000-014 \$299.31 MAHON RANDY J NEIL LOTS 12 & 13 PURDOMS ADD VA-CANT LOTS E PALACE ST ${\tt DUNKIRK\,47336}$

382300058 38-03-17-301-018.000-021 \$2,222.67 ROBINSON AMANDA CRYSTAL 65' S END OF LOT 4 BLK 14 103 S HENDRICKS ST BRYANT 47326 $382300072\ \, 38\text{-}10\text{-}15\text{-}403\text{-}028.000\text{-}024$

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382300110 38-09-23-101-114.000-031 \$191.79 APPENZELLER HARRY H JR N PT LOT 46 O P VACANT LOTS UNION ST REDKEY 47373 382300118 38-09-24-202-122.000-031 \$43.87 WISENER PATRICK T LOT 109 C&E ADD 145 E DELAWARE

ST REDKEY 47373 382300152 38-07-20-401-034.000-034 \$83.47 HEARN CHRIS C "G" PT NE 1/4 SE 1/4 S20 T23 R14 .12A VA-CANT LAND SHIP ST PORTLAND

382300201 38-09-09-302-010 000-014 \$333.65 JONES LYDIA, FREEMAN ELIZABETH & MILLER NAOMI ESTHER LOT 4 CARLES ADD VACANT LOT E WASHINGTON ST DUNKIRK 47336 Total Number of Properties: 32

I hereby certify that the above real properties have been offered in one tax sale, have not received a bid for at least the amount required under I.C. 6-1.1-24-5 and have been identified in a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for Jay County, Indiana, to be offered for sale.

Emily Franks, Auditor, Jay County Indiana. CR/NS 1-17,24,31-2024 - HSPAXLP

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Three Indians earn MAC titles



Recovery High School swims the butterfly during the Midwest Athletic Conference Invite hosted by Coldwater at Jay County High School on Saturday. Kaup finished second behind Ava Shardo of Versailles by four seconds.

Joelle Kaup of Fort

Teigen Fortkamp and Sage Wendel have been the leaders of their teams all season long.

After Saturday, they can also say they are the leaders of the conference as well.

Fortkamp and Wendel both earned a pair of titles at the Midwest Athletic Conference Invite on Saturday for the Fort Recovery High School swim teams hosted by Coldwater at Jay County High School.

The girls team placed fourth at the meet while the boys placed fifth.

Fortkamp and Wendel were the only swimmers to place first, but Thresea Hipple also earned a MAC title as the lone diver to compete in the meet.

Fortkamp captured the victories for the girls team in the 100-yard freestyle (55.11 seconds) and the 100 backstroke (1 minute, 2.59 seconds).

Wendel's top-place finishes time.

Local roundup

came in the 100 backstroke (1:00.53) and the 200 freestyle (1:57.53). The FRHS senior broke his school record for the third meet in a row in the 200 freestyle.

Overtime defeat

LEWISTOWN, Ohio — The Indians held a 4-point lead going into the fourth quarter.

Despite not holding the lead, they held on enough to force the Lakers into overtime.

The Indians just couldn't finish off the Lakers, who caught fire in the second half and over-

The Indian Lake Lakers scored 15 points in the overtime period to supplement a 27-point second half to beat the Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team on Monday 54-45.

Carly Straver hit two shots and two free throws in overtime to score six of her 10 points. Savannah Hill had the only other basket for the Lakers (7-10) in the extra period, as 9-of-15 points came from free throws.

Makenna Huelskamp hit a triple, Karlie Niekamp drained a pair of free throws and Cameron Muhlenkamp split a pair to make up Fort Recovery's six overtime points.

Niekamp powered the Indians (5-10) with 19 points. She scored all six of the Indians' points in the third with two 3point plays.

Huelskamp added 13 points to the total as well including a pair of threes.

Four players scored in double helped her to an all-around digits for Indian Lake. Kenzie Dixon put in a team-high 13, while Stayer, Hill and Kaite Roby all added 10.

The Indians started hot, outscoring Indian Lake by six points in the first quarter and four in the second.

The Lakers doubled up Fort Recovery 12-6 in the third period, and outscored the Indians by four in the final period to force overtime.

Runkle is grand champ

INDIANAPOLIS — Carlie Runkle had a big weekend for the JC Flipsters, earning the overall grand champion at the Meet Me Under the Sea at Rev Sports Academy in Indianapo-

Runkle earned first-place finishes in both the vault with a ond on the Silver level bars score of 9.4 and on the bars with a 9.65. Those finishes finish of 37.

score of 37.8 to and earned the top spot in the Bronze level.

A score of 9.35 points on the floor earned the runner-up spot and a third-place finish on the beam (9.4) supported her score enough to make her the overallgrand champion, which is the highest all-around score out of every competitor in all age groups.

Scores of 9.5 and 9.4 pushed Kendall Evans to a pair of victories on the beam and the floor as she earned sixth all-around with 37.2 points.

Bella Sarver's 9.3 on the floor and 9.15 on the beam was good enough for third in both events. She ended third in the Gold level with an all-around score of 36.4.

Charli Stephens placed sec-(9.65) en route to a fourth-place



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Campbell has Lions on brink of first Super Bowl

By SAM FARMER

Los Angeles Times

Happy anniversary, Detroit Lions.

Precisely three years after newly hired coach Dan Campbell delivered his introductory press conference — widely dismissed as just another deluded dreamer thinking he could fix a hopelessly fractured franchise — the reborn Lions barged into the NFC championship

Whereas the other three teams in this weekend's conference championship games have a combined 10 Super Bowl wins — San Francisco (five), Kansas City (three) and Baltimore (two) — Detroit is one of four NFL franchises that has yet to reach football's biggest stage.

who These Lions, knocked off Tampa Bay on Sunday after beating the Rams a week early, are the gritty, feel-good team of the postseason.

In the aftermath of a 31-23 victory over the Buccaneers, Campbell said life's a little tougher in Detroit than other parts of the country, and that helps forge the football commu- played collegiately at Cal.

you think of if you go to L.A., or just in general," said the coach, a onetime NFL tight end. "You've got the sun, you've got the beach, you've got plenty of other things going on. And here, man, it's harsh winters, auto industry, blue collar, things always here. And I just think that's what we're about.

'You want something the city can be proud of. You can look at these guys and say, `Man, I can back that guy. I can back that team. I can resonate with those group of guys. They're kind of salty. They don't quit. They play hard.' And so, I feel like we've done that.'

The next round, to determine who plays in the Super Bowl, features Sunday games: Kansas City at Baltimore at noon PST, followed by Detroit at San Francisco

For Lions quarterback Jared Goff, the NFC title game is a homecoming. He grew up in the Bay Area, rooted for the 49ers and

The Rams made him the then made a swap with Detroit after the 2020 seafor quarterback Matthew Stafford.

Goff got to the Super Bowl with the Rams in the 2018 season, with Los Angeles winning the conference championship game at New Orleans — a game that included a controversial pass interference by the Rams that was not flagged.

Campbell and other members of the current Lions — linebacker Alex Anzalone and defensive coordinator Aaron Glenn were part of that New Orleans team. Goff said they all joked about that coincidence after Sunday's game, easy to do now that they're pulling in the

same direction. "I don't want to say this arrogantly," Goff said, "but we expected to win the first [playoff] game, we expected to win this game, and now we expected to be in against a really good team at their place, and we're going to come into it expecting to win.

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Portland makes statistical history in win over Pacers

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Tribune News Service

Just how improbable was the Portland Trail Blazers' win Friday night over the **Indiana Pacers?**

Well, statistically, it was a one of one.

The Blazers became the first team in NBA history — regular season or postseason — to win a game while making four or fewer three-pointers and the opponent making 20 or more, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

During the 118-115 win, the Blazers made just 4 of 12 threes while the Pacers hit 20 of 47. That's a 48-point difference in

one category. The Blazers largely made up for it by scoring 66 points in the paint, compared to

26 for the Pacers. Portland also made 30

free throws on 35 attempts, compared to 17 of 25 for the Pacers.

"It's crazy," Blazers coach Chauncey Billups said of the three-point disparity. "I looked at that and said, 'If you told me we would go 4 for 12 in this game and they would make 20 threes and shoot 47, shoot, we may get beat by 30.' But if you look at the points in the paint, we have 66. And I also kind of count free throws as points in the paint. Thirty, that's 96. That's a way of

slowing that down.' The Blazers rank 15th in the NBA threepoint attempts per game (34.3) and 26th in

three-point shooting percentage (35.4%). The Pacers rank ninth in three-point attempts per game (37.3) and fourth in three-point shooting percentage (38.3%).

The Blazers start a four-game trip at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Los Angeles Lakers.