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Council rules earn approval

Ordinance sets time limits, guidelines for removal

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Guidelines are in place for conduct at Portland City Council meetings.

The council during its meeting Monday approved on second and final reading an ordinance that provides details on how to get on the agenda, time limits for comment and a procedure for removal from meetings.

The ordinance was approved on first reading last month.

The new ordinance lays out the following for public participation in city council meetings:

- Those interested in addressing the council should contact the clerk-treasurer by the Wednesday before the meeting in order to be added to the agenda.

- Individuals speaking in favor or opposition of a matter being presented will be limited to five minutes.

- Those presenting information to the council may be limited to three minutes in situations in which a large number of individuals are in attendance in order to allow everyone a chance to address the council.

- The council reserves the right to deny an individual the ability to comment following a warning from the presiding officer if the individual is behaving in a manner the council deems inappropriate. An individual may also be removed from the meeting on the third warning.

Council members Kent McClung, Michele Brewster, Dave Golden, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Ashley Hilfiker and Ron May unanimously approved the ordinance on second reading without further discussion Monday. See **Rules** page 2



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Courts installed

Portland city employees, from left, Kody Muhlenkamp, Joe Jackson and Justin Detro work on installing new cornhole courts at Haynes Park. The courts took the place of a couple of the horseshoe pits at the park. Street and parks department staff also completed mulch work at the park last week.

Online registration begins July 8

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Registration for school is just a few weeks away.

Jay School Board on Monday received an update on plans for the 2024-25 school year at its meeting Monday.

Online registration for school will open Monday, July 8. In-person registration will be held Monday, July 22, with transportation requests closing the same day.

Class rosters and bus assignments will be released to parents at noon Thursday, Aug. 1. The first day of school for students

will follow a week later on Thursday, Aug. 8.

The calendar for the 2024 school year includes fall break Oct. 16 through 18, winter break Dec. 23 through Jan. 3 and spring break March 21 through 28.

During Monday's meeting, board members Ron Laux, Phil Ford, Jason Phillips, Vickie Reitz, Marcie Vormohr and Chip Phillips, absent Donna Geesaman, approved the school corporation's calendar for planned two-hour

delays for the purpose of professional development. Those delays are set for Wednesdays Sept. 4, Nov. 6, Feb. 5 and April 2.

Also related to the 2024-25 school year, the board approved school meal rates for students at \$3.15 for elementary school lunch and \$3.40 for junior-senior high lunch.

The board also OK'd a \$1 per hour increase for Latchkey care. Registration fees will stay the same at \$20 for the first child in a family and \$10 for each additional child.

The driver's education fee was set at \$400.

See **Registration** page 5

Rosters to be released Aug. 1; first student day will be Aug. 8

Bill includes FR project

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Fort Recovery may be getting additional help paying for its second water tower.

Ohio Senate president Matt Huffman recently introduced legislation to budget \$700 million for community projects across the state, including a \$600,000 contribution toward Fort Recovery's new water tower.

Fort Recovery Village Council heard about the funding and its water tower project during its meeting Monday.

Huffman announced plans to invest in 12th Senate District — it includes Mercer and Auglaize counties and part of Darke County — community projects June 10. According to a press release on the Ohio Senate website, the investment represents the first phase of the capital budget process for the next two years. That includes an

additional \$700 million available for community and organization projects through the One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund, which will be a part of the main Ohio capital budget. (It funds construction, ranging from new school buildings to state park projects, according to the website.)

"This fund was the result of strategic planning while we prepared the operating budget for the next two years," said Huffman in the press release. "This additional investment really makes a difference in our communities, downtowns and neighborhoods that people will recognize."

The One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund is a part of Senate Bill 292. Hearings began Tuesday in the Senate Finance Committee for the bill, which officials hope to send to Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine for approval by the end of June.

Fort Recovery received a \$1.25 million grant in June 2023 from the Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure program to build a new water tower, and the village planned to contribute about \$450,000 from its own water tower improvement and water capital funds for the project.

See **Project** page 5



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Ellie's dream

Olivia Smith chats with 4-year-old Ellie Westgerdes during the Little Mr. and Miss of the Fort Recovery Harvest Jubilee contest Thursday at Ambassador Park. Westgerdes dressed up as a soccer player.

Deaths

Aaron Darr, 42, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County's high temperature was 95 degrees Monday. The low was 75.

Jay County remains under an excessive heat warning through 8 p.m. Friday. Expect mostly sunny skies Thursday with a high in the mid 90s again.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Fair Board announced its ride schedule (July 9 through 13) for this year: Rides from PrimeTime Amusements will be open from noon to close Tuesday, 5 p.m. to close Wednesday through Friday and noon to close Saturday. Presale ride tickets are available for \$20 from the secretary's office or at jaycountyfair.com.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of this week's Jay School Board meeting.

Thursday — Coverage of the Jay County council/commissioners joint session.

Friday — Coverage of this week's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.



FR will review cell phone rules

By BAILEY CLINE
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Ohio school districts are now required to establish cell phone policies and follow certain criteria.

Fort Recovery Local Schools already has such a policy in place, but some revisions could be necessary. Fort Recovery School Board heard about the new state requirement during its meeting Monday.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine signed House Bill 250 in May. The new law stipulates every Ohio school district must establish a policy regarding cell phone usage during school hours by July 2025.

According to a press release from Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, the law "requires that all districts place an emphasis on limiting cellphone use and reducing cellphone-related distractions in classrooms." Exceptions are included for students monitoring health concerns or students using cell phones for learning as determined by school officials.

Ohio Department of Education and Workforce published a model policy earlier this month for districts to use as a guide when crafting their own cell phone policies. It prohibits students from using cell phones or similar devices on school property during school hours and requires students to keep their

New law requires rules to limit use of devices during school hours

devices in a "secure place," such as their locker or backpack.

Ohio Department of Education and Workforce has also published a toolkit with resources for school administrators, teachers, parents and students to review in relation to cell phone usage in schools. (It's available at bit.ly/Ohio-Schools-Cell-Phones.)

Fort Recovery Local Schools superintendent Tony Stahl explained Monday the district already has a policy regarding personal communication devices. He noted plans for administration to review the policy this summer and follow recommendations from educational policy consultant firm Neola in the fall and spring as necessary.

Also Monday, Stahl noted a few projects being completed amid cleaning efforts this summer. Paving work is slated for

portions of the parking lots at both Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School and Fort Recovery High School. Gyms will be resurfaced, and additional slots in the gym floor at the high school will be installed to allow for more volleyball nets to be utilized.

The new bell and intercom system will also be integrated at the high school this summer. Fort Recovery Local Schools received a \$33,562 grant earlier this year to replace its outdated paging equipment with a two-way communication system, allowing the main office and classrooms to engage in conversation. The district's match toward the project being completed by SecurCom of Minster is \$11,187.

The school board also OK'd bumping substitute pay up to \$110 per day and \$120 after 10 consecutive days. (Previously, substitutes made \$100 per day

and \$110 after 10 consecutive days on the job.) Stahl suggested the increase at the board meeting in May, noting other nearby districts have recently raised their rates in similar fashion.

In other business, school board members Sean Kahlig, Don Wendel, Nick Wehrkamp, Greg LeFevre and Mitch Fullenkamp:

- Heard a review from athletics director Aimee Potkotter about the 2023-24 school year. Approximately 255 students participated as athletes, with 46 receiving all Midwest Athletic Conference honors, nine receiving All-District honors and one receiving All-State honors. She noted plans to begin competing in the Southwest District next school year, as well as plans to use a new program, Coaches Tool Chest, for new coaches to become certified.

- Approved the following: an agreement with Rehabilitative Services for athletic trainers, physical therapists and other personnel to be available to Fort Recovery Local Schools from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; a five-year lease beginning July 1 with Fort Recovery Athletic Boosters for the track and football facility at \$1 per year; Rick Kremer as the Fort Recovery Local Schools representative on the Tri Star Advisory Council for a two-year term beginning July 1; middle

school and high school sporting event admission and ticket prices as established by the Midwest Athletic Conference and season ticket prices for the 2024-25 season; the bus driver handbook and athletics handbook for the 2024-25 school year; participating in the federal Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program for the 2024-25 school year; contracts with freshman volleyball coach Dawn Willmann and non-teaching employee Tony Rogers for the 2024-25 school year; changing Susan Pugh's work assignment from part-time elementary/middle school cook to part-time high school cook effective Aug. 1; Fort Recovery High School varsity baseball to attend the state baseball tournament at Canal Park in Akron, Ohio, retroactive to June 8 and 9; employing a list of van drivers and substitute bus drivers as needed.

- Authorized treasurer Deanna Knapke to enter into a \$55,106 agreement with Stolly Insurance for school liability, bus fleet and property insurance for the 2024-25 school year starting July 1 and approved renewing liability insurance for eligible school groups at \$70 each for one year. (School board is reimbursed by the groups.)

- Hired Kasey Vogel as a fifth grade teacher, effective Aug. 1, for the 2024-25 school year.

CR almanac

Thursday 6/20	Friday 6/21	Saturday 6/22	Sunday 6/23	Monday 6/24
95/72	96/73	95/75	90/66	85/63
Mostly sunny on Thursday, when the high temperature may hit a sweltering 95.	Another scorcher expected Friday, with highs in the upper 90s.	Another day of mostly sunny skies on Saturday. The low at night will be in the mid 70s.	There's a chance of rain and thunderstorms. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Monday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high in the mid 80s.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 30-48-53-58-66 Power Ball: 9 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$56 million	Daily Four: 5-7-6-3 Quick Draw: 2-16-25-31-32-33-34-43-44-47-52-53-54-59-62-63-64-73-74-79 Cash 5: 10-13-18-19-21 Estimated jackpot: \$166,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$61 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 8-8-8 Pick 4: 4-3-1-5 Pick 5: 8-1-6-1-1 Evening Pick 3: 0-5-2 Pick 4: 9-7-3-2 Pick 5: 7-5-0-5-3 Rolling Cash: 2-7-25-28-36 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 7-9-5 Daily Four: 3-8-9-9 Quick Draw: 1-2-6-9-10-24-26-30-33-43-46-48-50-52-54-56-61-63-68-70 Evening Daily Three: 5-4-5	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.41 July corn.....4.43 Wheat5.14	July beans11.59 Wheat 5.45
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.42 July corn.....4.45 Aug. corn4.46	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.33 July corn.....4.28 Beans11.66 July beans11.61 Wheat5.44
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Today in history

In 2011, the Portland Rockets swept a double-header from the host South Bend Sultans — 12-0 in five innings and 7-2 — to improve to 10-5. Tyler Reynolds, who returned to the Rockets this year, tossed a no-hitter in the game-one win. — The CR

Citizen's calendar

Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.	Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St., Redkey. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council special meeting, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.
Thursday 5 p.m. — Redkey	

Obituaries

Aaron Darr

Nov. 28, 1981-June 14, 2024
Aaron Michael "Speedy" Darr, age 42, of Portland passed away on Friday, June 14, 2024, in Hendricks Regional Health in Danville, Indiana, after having a seizure.

He was born in Bluffton, Indiana, on Nov. 28, 1981, the son of Loren Rick Denney and Wanda Darr. He had worked for MSSL in Portland. He enjoyed the outdoors, music, family and doing construction work.

Surviving are his father Rick Denney of Mitchell, Indiana; his mother Wanda Darr (husband:

Earl) of Dunkirk; one son, Zane Darr of Dunkirk; companion Melissa Ausland of Portland; three brothers, David Denney of Columbia, Kentucky, Brandon Denney of Portland and Josh Darr of Dunkirk; four sisters, Carisa Coffman of Ridgeville, Harlonda Denney of Glasgow, Kentucky, Courtney Darr and Sarah Denney of Redkey; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jon Jon Darr.



Darr

There will be no funeral services. Arrangements are being handled by Baird-Freeman Funeral Home.

Memorials can be made to the funeral home to help with expenses.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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

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

Rules ...

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The ordinance follows the structure detailed by State Rep. J.D. Prescott's House Bill 1338 that was approved during the 2024 legislative session. It creates guidelines for local units of government to establish rules for public comment during meetings, including restrictions on time. It has a "three strike" procedure — two verbal warnings followed by removal — for enforcing those rules and clarifies that law enforcement officers can't be held liable for removing individuals from those meetings.

Also approved on second and final reading was an ordinance to increase the required deposit for water service to \$150 for meters 1.5 inches or smaller. The deposit was previously \$100. (The change will only affect new customers.)

Following significant discussion, council voted 4-3 to approve adding top signs to make the intersection of Water and Middle streets a four-way stop. McClung, Golden, Aker and Hilfiker were in favor with Goldsworthy, Brewster and May against. Mayor Jeff Westlake brought the proposal to

the council citing safety issues. (The intersection is currently a two-way stop with through traffic on Middle Street.) Golden agreed that the lack of a stop sign is a safety hazard — he noted that his wife was involved in an accident there — with McClung adding that he had difficulty seeing oncoming traffic at that intersection.

Noting that the council has already added stop signs at two other intersections this year, Goldsworthy said he'd prefer to see evidence of accidents or other traffic issues before moving forward with more.

See Rules page 5

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West Jay honors

West Jay Optimist Club selected students from each classroom at West Jay Elementary and Redkey Elementary each semester as honor students for improving their classroom work or citizenship.

Pictured at left top are first semester honor students (first row) Annabell Henson, Kelsey Sisco, Ace Serf, Caunner Bullock, Wesley York, Piper Finnerty and Cora Carpenter, (second row) Brooklyn Burrough, Kaylynn Stanley, Logan Hornbaker, Emma Hammond and Leeah Taylor, and Kathy Nelson. Not pictured are Alivia Stephens, Dahlia Fields and Nathan Eicher.

At left bottom are Kathy Nelson, second semester honor students Draven Bell, Lyli Chapman, Taylor Gaunt, Aizlyn Norris, Casey Carpenter, Emily Towell, Leah Steed, Lyni Brown and Zahra Parker, and West Jay president Kathy Jones. Not pictured are Colton Owens, Jacob Sisco, Paisleigh Goetz, Caydence Robbins, Miley Love and Joann Eicher.

Bikinis make waves at gathering

DEAR ABBY: I have two granddaughters and four grandsons. My granddaughters, ages 19 and 20, wear thong bikinis at family swim events in front of their dad, grandpa, uncles and cousins. I believe this is incredibly inappropriate.

I'm embarrassed and I don't want to attend swim parties with the family anymore. I've told my son my feelings, and he said he leaves the dress code up to his wife. Should I just stay away from family swim parties? — APPALLED IN INDIANA

DEAR APPALLED: Since your son has passed the buck to his wife, explain to her that the bathing attire the "girls" are wearing to the family swim events embarrasses you so much that you are considering no longer attending.

Remember, however, that your granddaughters are both adults,

Dear Abby



and the decision about what they wear is up to them, not their mother. (If this were Europe, there would be no problem.) I hesitate, however, to advise you to skip these family get-togethers entirely because they are opportunities to bond, and I would hate to see you fall further into the generation gap.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married eight years. Three months ago, I made a terrible mis-

take. I pushed her. It was the first time I ever put my hands on her in anger. She called the police, and I was arrested. I still have a no-contact order. I live in my car and cry every day. I just want a chance to apologize, but her family is making sure she stays away. She hasn't filed for divorce. Do you have any advice? — MAN WITH A BROKEN HEART IN WASHINGTON

DEAR MAN: Yes, I do. Because there is a no-contact order in place, consider asking your doctor or insurance company for a referral to a licensed mental health professional who can help you deal with your anger issue.

That your wife hasn't filed for a divorce is hopeful, but for the two of you to reunite may require the assurance to her and her family that what happened will not be repeated in the future.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon

on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient

Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal.

Thursday

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

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

STITCH AND CHATTER QUILT CLUB — Meets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center. Show and teal is at 1 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is for anyone who wants to sew. Bring unfinished projects and a sewing machine. For more information, call Nan Weesner (260) 766-9334.

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.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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Young niece provided a reminder

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from June 16, 2004. It ran just a couple of weeks after Jack's youngest daughter, Sally, graduated from Jay County High School. His older daughters — twins Maggie and Emily — were already five years out of college by that point. It's a quip about that age gap that sparked the idea for this piece.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

It's a standing joke at our house that we had our third child because we'd forgotten how much work the first two were.

Anyone in need of a reminder should have a 2-year-old visit for a couple of days.

Actually, our niece is two-and-a-half. And she probably wasn't any more trouble than any other toddler on earth. It's possible that she was even exemplary.

But she was a convincing reminder of this simple truth: Kids are work.

She and her mother, Connie's sister, arrived on Wednesday, a day later than they had originally planned. (When you're traveling with a child of that age, it's usually good to have flexible

Back in the Saddle



travel arrangements. You never know when you're going to be delayed or when you need to "get out of Dodge" faster than expected.)

We'd been planning for the visit, but I can't say that the house was child-proofed. It was still possible to get to the knife drawer, and the Drano hadn't been moved to the highest shelf.

Instead, we figured we'd make up for the lack of precautions with an abundance of oversight. Most of that was to come from Sally, who was drafted into child-care duty immediately.

Fortunately — or unfortunately, depending on how you look at it — we still have plenty of toys in the house from when our own children were little, so there was an abundance of junk to play with.

In next to no time, a house that had been cleaned within an inch of its life for the previous weekend's graduation party looked like a daycare center without a housekeeping service.

A toddler-sized table and chair that we bought from Quentin and Libby Imel 25 years ago was placed in the family room, along with enough Fisher-Price cooking toys to launch a show on the Food Network. There was a toy blender along with a toy cooktop and countless plates, bowls, pots, and pans.

Also unearthed was a box of something called "Popoids."

I don't know if "Popoids" are manufactured anymore. I doubt it. There's not anything wrong with them, but their appeal is limited.

Essentially, "Popoids" boil down to a bunch of accordion-like tubes which connect to an assortment of odd plastic bits. Put them together and you can create something that looks like, well, like nothing else you've ever seen. Perhaps that's what "Popoids" means in English: Weird stuff.

At any rate, toys were not enough.

They never are, as anyone whose memory of the toddler years has not failed them knows full well.

Soon it was time to roll out the videos.

Yes, I know it's a sad commentary on our times that we stuck kids in front of the TV to watch "Animlympics" for the 8 zillionth time, but sometimes you just do what you have to do.

In our case, that meant far too many videotapes that hadn't been watched in years were soon spread all over the family room floor. It looked as if there had been an explosion at Reels and Rays.

The toddler, discriminating viewer that she is, shuffled through the pile carefully. She liked the sound of "Chicken Run," but soon found that it was far too sophisticated for her tastes.

Finally, she made her pick: "Dumbo."

And so, for the next 48 hours, we watched "Dumbo" continuously.

That's not true, of course. It only felt that way.

Now, I don't know about you, but "Dumbo" has never been my favorite part of the Disney canon. I enjoy the crows singing that they'd never seen an elephant fly, and I wonder about the thinly-masked racial connotations of that whole sequence. But I'm not a big fan of the "pink elephants on parade" sequence.

It gave me nightmares when I was a toddler, and it threatens to give me nightmares now.

Especially after repeated viewings.

In the end, of course, neither toys nor videotapes proved to be enough amusement. There were far too many things to explore in a new house to settle for such boring stuff.

Within no time, we were wondering about the knife drawer and the Drano. And Sally found that she had to watch her little cousin like a hawk.

When she went to bed that last night of her visit, we felt as if it had been a success. She'd been fun. She'd been charming. And she had been a lot of work. But we had kept her amused.

Conviction is how the system works

New York Daily News
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Tuesday, Hunter Biden was convicted by a Delaware federal jury on three felony counts related to his purchase of a firearm in 2018. This trial and conviction is how things are supposed to work.

His guilt hinged on whether Biden was being honest when he answered on the federal gun purchase form that he was not addicted to or using illegal drugs. His lawyers had argued that Biden had completed a rehabilitation program and did not think of himself as an addict at the time he completed the form. The prosecution argued he was lying, and the jury thought this to be a more plausible explanation, which seems fair.

You'll notice who was not part of this sequence of events: Joe Biden, who at the 2018 time of this crime was not in government and not involved in his son's very bad decision-making apart from giving him the support we should all want families to provide those in recovery. This certainly won't matter to the political operatives who will try to paint this as all but the president's direct responsibility, but the repetition doesn't make it true.

Congressional Republicans were unable to find any nexus between the then-vice president and his son's business dealings in Ukraine and elsewhere, collapsing the incredibly flimsy impeachment inquiry they'd been pursuing, but there's no chance they'll let this go.

President Joe Biden, predictably, says he "accept[s] the outcome of this case and will continue to respect the judicial process as Hunter considers an appeal." He also ruled out any presidential pardon for his wayward son. It was the correct reaction for a president.

This is a decidedly different response to a legitimate unanimous jury guilty verdict in a legiti-

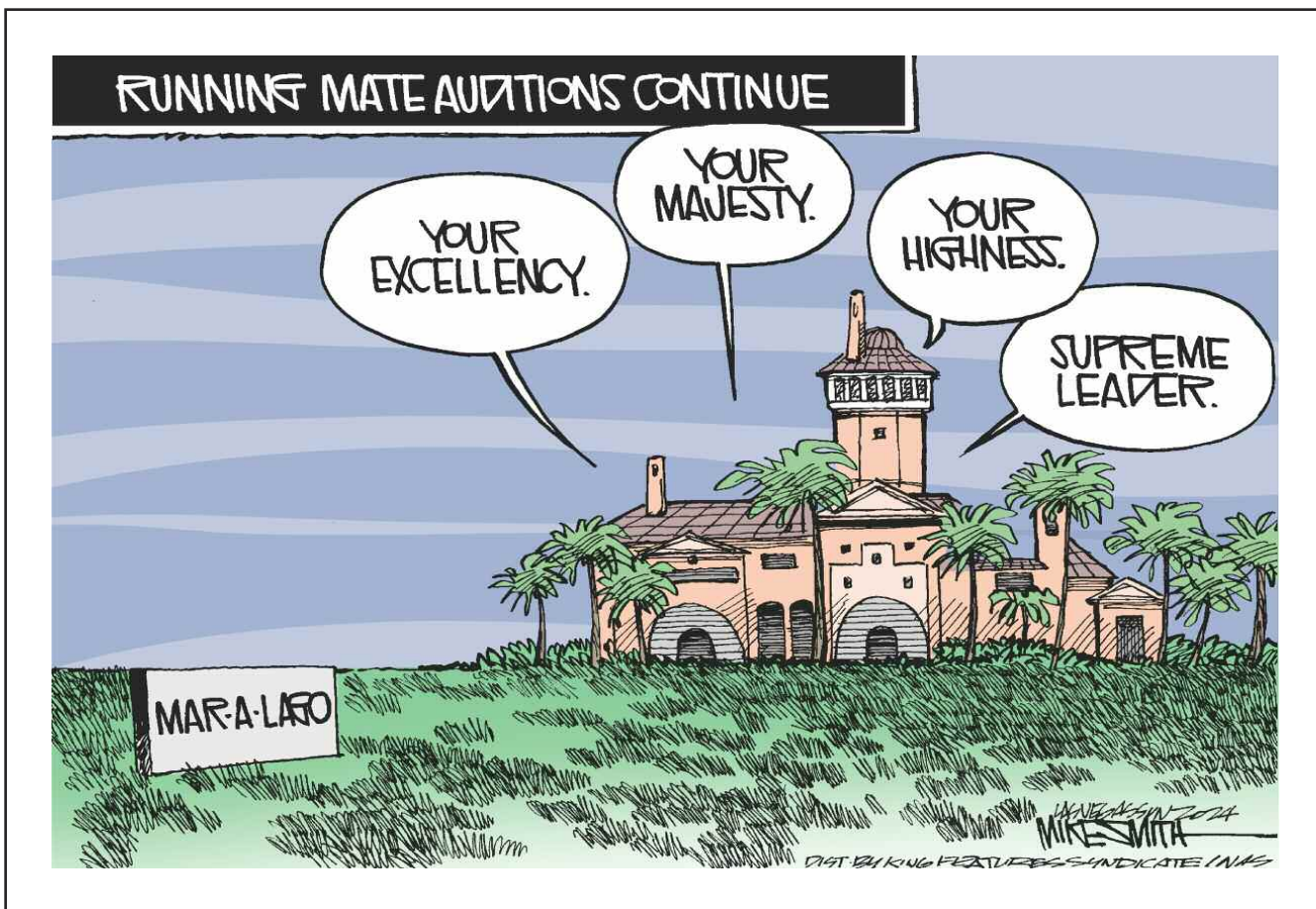
Guest Editorial

mate criminal prosecution than what happened with Donald Trump's reaction to his own trial and verdict in Manhattan.

The Department of Justice is following the rules, as did the judge and the jury of 12 Delawareans. It's all very normal, but for the fact it's the president's son in the dock, which is why there was a special counsel appointed by Attorney General Merrick Garland, to make sure that the prosecution proceeded independently, as it did.

As things move to sentencing, Hunter must receive nothing more and nothing less than the average defendant in his position, which is to say a first-time offender convicted of a few nonviolent felonies. That may well mean that he receives some prison time or none at all. Both would be legitimate, even though no prison may be received in some quarters as the result of some politically-captured judge, ignoring of course that Judge Maryellen Noreika was appointed by Trump. Hunter faces another federal case in California in September as his legal woes mount.

Meanwhile, the House GOP continues its push to hold Garland in contempt for not providing audio recordings that the other special counsel, Robert Hur, made with his interviews with President Biden, despite already having the transcripts of this inquiry that notably did not lead to Hur recommending charges in the mishandled classified documents probe. In that investigation, the process also worked, without fear or favor. That's the American way, to show respect for our principles of law and due process.



The wheel turns for us all

By SUSAN DANIELS

Los Angeles Times
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"Wheel of Fortune" fans everywhere are grieving Pat Sajak's retirement, but I'm excited for him. I know a little something about big life changes. Spinning the wheel on "America's Game" back in 1996 led me to embrace a more authentic version of myself in a terrible year when I almost lost everything.

Pat — I always think of him as Pat — has actually shown up in my life twice.

The first time was in 1985 when he hosted the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. I was a young, struggling actor performing on the Care Bears float with Miss America. As "Bedtime Bear," I had to straddle a fake crescent moon 20 feet above street level. Because it was raining and the moon was slippery, I almost fell off and plunged to my death. NBC cut to Miss America just in time so no one at home saw it and — I checked the tape — Pat didn't mention my near-fatal mishap on the air. Thank you, Pat.

A decade later, the producers of "Wheel of Fortune" called me, years after I had auditioned in New York City to be a contestant. A lot had changed in the time since I was "Bedtime Bear." I'd left New York, moving to Fresno, where my husband had gotten his first job after medical school.

But being dubbed a "wife and mother of three from Fresno" when we taped felt bleak. At the last minute I added "writer" to that title.

Susan Daniels



And Pat was so kind. He asked about my family and then wished me, "Good luck with the writing."

He taught me a lot about luck that day. He helped us ordinary contestants manage our emotions, understanding that when we shouted "Big money! Big money!" at the wheel, what we really meant was, "Change my life! Change my life!" He stood with us as we won and lost, helping us feel that our losses were temporary. When we did win, he acted pleased but not surprised. And he taught us the power of letting go. He showed us how to spin that heavy wheel and warned us that if we didn't let go, it would pull us down into the pit below.

When I made it to the bonus round, Pat offered his arm and helped me down the steps, making me feel like Vanna White. I was so nervous and he was a gentleman. Thank you, Pat.

My bonus round category was "THING" and the studio audience groaned because everything is a thing. Pat groaned, too. Seven letters. He gently reminded me that I had 10 seconds and to just "talk it out."

One second passed before I blurt-

ed "CAPTION!" and Pat said, "That's right!"

I'd won a new Chevy Blazer! The cash and prizes totaled to \$81,743, and that number lit up on TV sets across America.

At the moment I truly believed I had won everything I could possibly need: cash to pay off my husband's medical school debt, vacation prizes for my family and more. It felt like "Wheel of Fortune" had solved all my problems.

What I didn't know at the time was that my husband was having an affair. Every cent of my winnings went to the divorce attorney who helped me end my marriage and win a rare move-away order from the state of California, which allowed me to move back East with my kids. It was a different prize package than I'd thought, but "Wheel of Fortune" gave me the ultimate winnings: my children and my freedom.

My kids are grown now, and I found my calling. I work with students from all over the world, helping them discover their authentic voices and speak out about what matters to them.

On Friday, Pat let go of the game-show wheel to start his own next chapter. I will miss seeing him on television, and will never, ever forget the impact he had on my life. The wheel of fortune turns for us all. Now it's his turn to spin. Thank you, Pat.

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Project ...

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Bids earlier this year came in at \$740,000 or more than original estimates, with the village selecting Caldwell Tanks' low bid of \$2.44 million. (The Louisville, Kentucky, company's bid was at least \$600,000 lower than the other companies — Pittsburg Tank and Tower Group of Henderson, Kentucky, and Phoenix Fabricators of Avon, Indiana — who submitted offers.)
That left Fort Recovery to pay approximately \$1.2 million. The \$600,000 state funding allocation should help alleviate most of the

unexpected increase, with the village contributing the remaining amount.
Similar to the existing tower along Industrial Drive on the southeast side of the village, the new 250,000-gallon elevated tower planned on the north side of Fort Recovery will have an additional 2,600 feet of water line to connect it to the village's distribution system.
Village administrator Randy Diller noted work on the project could begin later this summer.
Also Monday, Diller pointed out the village has been awarded \$36,000 from

Fort Recovery Community Foundation for a few park projects. They include replacing fencing at the baseball park on the west side of the village, coating and striping work in the parking lot at Community Park, installing a park light next to the playground at Community Park and laying out the ground work for the future Sawyer Overman Ninja Park at Community Park.
In other business, council members Al Post, Cliff Wendel, Scott Pearson, Erik Fiely, Greg Schmitz and Luke Knapke:
•Learned a second dose

of sludge reduction product has been administered to the wastewater lagoons. Diller noted plans to hold out on dredging until after the final sonar testing is done on the lagoons later this year. If there is no change in the amount of sludge in the lagoons, he noted, plans will be to move forward with dredging. In related news, Diller also shared plans to adjust the village's wastewater plan with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to include a process conducted by Lemna Environmental Technologies. He said a representative will present

information about the process to council sometime soon.
•Approved legislation naming the village as the responsible party for the new traffic signal being installed at the intersection of Elm and Butler streets. Hopes are for the project to be completed in July.
•Heard additional lighting has been added to crosswalks planned in the multi-use trail project along Ohio 49 and Sharpshurg Road, a 2026 project funded through Ohio Department of Transportation's Systemic Safety Funding grant. Diller

noted ODOT will pay 90% of the additional cost, with the village's estimated portion to cost roughly \$20,000.
•Were reminded Fort Recovery Night Out at Ambassador Pool is slated for 5 to 8 p.m. July 21.
•Heard police chief Jared Laux is holding off on getting price estimates for a new police vehicle until fall when more vehicles are available. He said more and more departments are utilizing sport utility vehicles or pick-up trucks and named options such as a Chevrolet Tahoe or Dodge Durango.

Rules ...

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May expressed concern about the stop signs in relation to the railroad track that runs just south of Water Street.
The ordinance will need to be approved on second reading before going into effect. (Hilfiker said she was torn on the ordinance but voted in favor in order to allow a couple of weeks to seek public opinion.)
In other business:
•May asked that council consider putting up a financial incentive from economic development income tax (EDIT) dollars in an attempt to attract a grocery store to the community. After some discussion, it was decided that the city's EDIT advisory committee will meet to consider the idea.
•Goldsworthy asked about the status of livestreaming equipment to be installed in the council chambers. (In January, Portland Board of Works awarded the contract to install livestreaming and recording equipment to Dynamic Business Solutions of Portland at a cost of \$29,459.98.) Phillips said Dynamic Business Solutions is waiting for equipment to be delivered. Livestreaming and recording of meetings will be required by Indiana Code beginning July 1, 2025.
•Council forwarded a request from Joyce/Dayton Corporation for a one-year tax abatement on about \$220,000 in new equipment to the city's tax abatement advisory committee. The abatement would save the company \$2,644 while the new equipment would generate more than \$20,000 in taxes over a 10-year period.
•During discussion about the

Ordinance for new stops signs passed 4-3 on first reading

abatement, Golden asked about who follows through on making sure the terms of tax abatements and economic development income tax (EDIT) loans are being met. Travis Richards of Jay County Development Corporation noted that compliance forms on tax abatements are reviewed annually and approved by council. City attorney Wes Schemenaur said typically enforcement on EDIT loans would be up to the city government. A question was raised regarding the status of a loan to Rollin' J Lanes. Westlake said he will look into the issue.
•Council briefly discussed safety in the heat with temperatures expected to be in the 90s all week. Cooling centers will be available at Jay Community Center, Jay County Public Library, Dunkirk Public Library and Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition during their regular hours. Fire chief Mike Weitzel said a no-burn order is not yet in place, but that his department is keeping an eye on conditions.
•Golden said he was happy to learn last week that clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips was cleared by the city's board of works regarding complaints of harassment by Portland Police Chief Dustin Mock and other officers.

He complimented Phillips on the job she does for the city.
•Hilfiker thanked Portland Fire Department for Saturday's Fire Ops 101 training session that she, Phillips, McClung and Westlake took part in. The training was designed to give local officials an idea of what is involved in being a firefighter.
•Goldsworthy asked a question about the status of any donations that have come in to the police department following a fundraising letter that was distributed earlier this year. Westlake said he will check on the issue and report back to council.
•Council voted 6-1, with May dissenting, to allocate \$9,000 toward reviewing the police department's standard operating procedures, rules and regulations, making recommendations and creating a new comprehensive document. The city's board of works will be tasked with hiring an attorney or consultant to handle the work.
•Aker provided a reminder that Portland Evening Optimist Club will host its annual fishing derby Saturday at Hudson family Park. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with fishing at 8:30 a.m. Gifts will be provided to the participants and food will be served at 11 a.m.

Registration ...

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Business manager Shannon Current also reviewed the process for the 2025 budget with the board. She said she plans to seek permission to advertise the 2025 budget at the board's Aug. 5 meeting, with the public hearing on the budget to follow during its regular Aug. 19 meeting. She plans to seek budget approval at the board's regular Sept. 16 meeting.
In other business, the board:
•Approved the following: The hiring of new teachers including Bailee Tebbe (East Jay third grade), Jeani Shrack (special education resource), Jenna Winger (junior high business), Lauren Day (high school business), Michael Bracken (high school science) and Jared Owens (junior high social studies); the retirement of East Elementary health clerk Cindy Hudson; a leave of absence for high school math teacher Erika Hess; various extracurricular assignments, including Doug Arbuckle as softball coach; a school resource officer agreement with Jay County with no significant changes; an adjunct teacher agreement for junior high art teacher Kim Anderson; contracts with Abigail Muhlenkamp and Katie Southworth for occupational therapy services; a vehicle request from Jay County Commissioners to pick up donations of furniture and supplies; policy changes in a variety of areas including meetings, extracurricular activities and bullying; increasing the driver's education rate to \$400; writing off \$50,276.19 in food service lunch debt owed by parents; and Jennifer Snow as a reading coach for Bloomfield, Redkey and West Jay elementary schools.
•OK'd a memorandum of understanding with the county for a school health liaison from Jay County Health Department. (The position is being added via additional funding made available to health departments from the state legislature.) The liaison's duties include partnering "with schools and community partners to promote whole child health, including physical, mental and student health and wellbeing and implement wellness poli-

Jessee receives service award

Indiana School Resource Officers Association selected Jay School Corporation school resource officer Cody Jessee as a Regional Exceptional Service Award recipient.
The award is given to a school resource officer who "embodies the qualities of a counselor, teacher, and law enforcement officer." A press release said Jessee shows "outstanding dedication" and "exemplary service" in his role.
"We are incredibly proud of Officer Jessee and his unwavering dedication to our students and staff," said Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gullely. "His ability to serve as a mentor, educator, and protector has made a profound impact on our school community, and this recognition is well-deserved."
Jessee will be honored during the Indiana School Resource Officers Association awards luncheon June 26 at Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City.

Capsule Reports

Guardrail hit
A Bryant man sustained a minor head wound after he drove off the side of county road 550 East and struck a guardrail about 7:16 p.m. Sunday.

Floyd E. Lindsey, 68, was driving his 2000 Chevrolet Blazer north on the road when he drove off the east side of it, crashing into railing just south of 4322 N. 500 East, Bryant.

Lindsey sustained some bleeding on his head. His vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The railing is owned by Jay County Highway Department.

cies, including a comprehensive strategy to address substance use in schools."
•Accepted the resignations of staff members including Gina Brockman (junior high math) and Amber Miller (east Jay third grade).
•Terminated the employment of resource instructional assistant Susan VanMatre.
•Accepted a \$500 donation from Dunkirk Lions Club to the school lunch program at West Jay Elementary.



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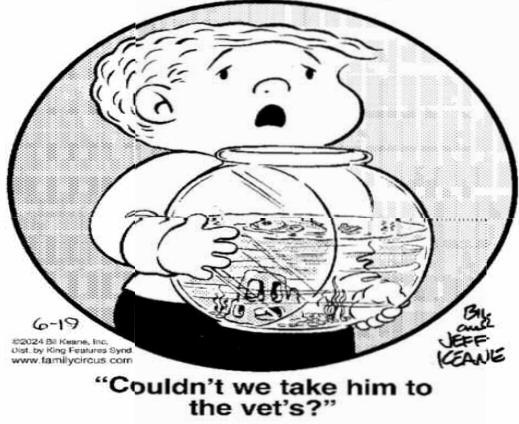
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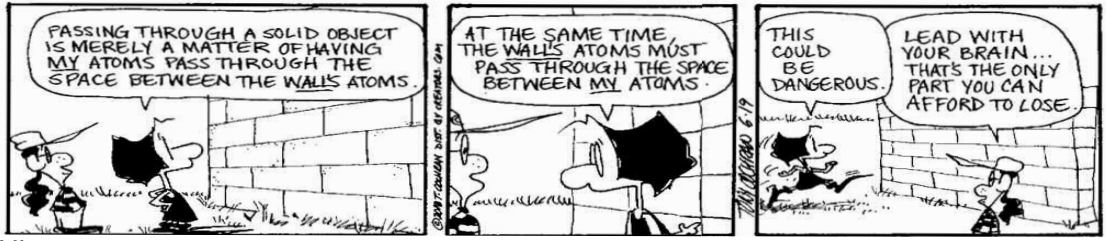
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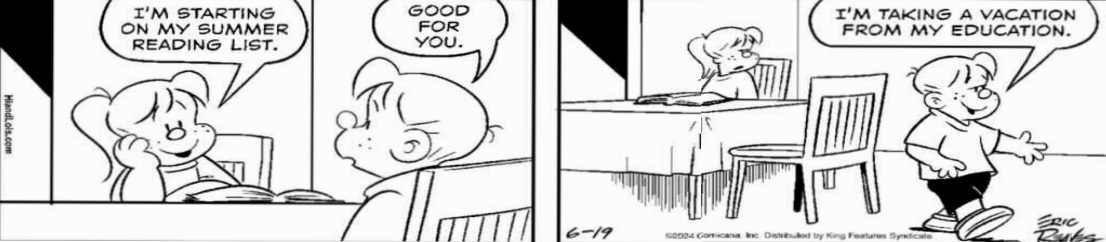
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Bridge is a partnership game

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH ... WEST ... EAST ... SOUTH ... The bidding: South West North East ... Opening lead — four of spades. Assume you're West, defending against four hearts. Choosing which suit to lead is far from clear, but let's say you decide that the best chance of stopping the contract lies in leading your singleton spade, even though South bid the suit. This proves to be a lucky shot — you find partner with four to the A-K. He wins the spade with a singleton. But if, in his exuberance, he continues with the ace and another spade, he undoes all the good done by your opening lead. You would ruff the third spade, but that would be the last trick for your side. Declarer would win whatever you return, draw trump, discard two diamonds from dummy on the Q-10 of spades and so make the contract. But if East is firing on all cylinders, he returns the spade nine, not the ace, at trick two, thereby retaining control of the spades while he gives you your ruff. This allows you to shift to a low diamond at trick three to force out the ace and thereby establish the setting trick. East's return of the nine of spades, rather than the deuce, is a suit-preference signal. By returning the highest card he can spare in a ruffing situation, East is asking you to return the higher-ranking of the two side suits — in this case, diamonds and clubs. It takes excellent defense to set the contract on this deal. West must find the spade lead at trick one, East must give him a spade ruff at trick two, and West must lead a diamond at trick three. If East-West surmount these three hurdles, they have every right to congratulate themselves on a job well done.

Tomorrow: Keep your eye on the ball.

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Betting ...

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Kavanaugh had previously made comments suggesting he saw merit in the case, particularly the idea that West Flagler and other gambling companies may have been treated unfairly because of the monopoly the state granted to the Tribe.

The Seminole Tribe achieved its monopoly on online sports betting in Florida under a gaming deal, called a compact, with Gov. Ron DeSantis in 2021 that hinged on the idea that all online sports betting takes place on tribal lands because the servers are located there, and therefore is not a violation of a federal law which relegates gambling to tribal lands.

West Flagler's attorneys had previously sued the Department of the Interior, arguing before a D.C. district court that the department should not have authorized online sports betting because it does not take place on tribal lands, violating a federal statute known as the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. But an appeals court overturned the ruling last September, ushering in the widespread launch of online sports betting in December.

Now, the U.S. Supreme Court has opted not to consider or reverse that decision. Tribes in other states may soon model Florida's agreement, seeing that it has survived challenges under federal law.

The decision "will have repercussions across the country," Steve Bittenbender, an analyst for FloridaBet.com,

said in a statement, by opening a door for states including New Mexico, Washington and Wisconsin "to expand upon those agreements and let the recognized tribal gaming nations in those states operate online sports betting across the state. This, too, could open the door for iGaming, or online casinos, in a number of states."

The decision may also "accelerate" online sports betting in California, according to Daniel Wallach, a Hallandale Beach-based sports betting attorney.

Other experts agree that the success of the argument that online gambling occurs on Indian lands also opens a door for the Seminole Tribe to launch online gambling in general.

Wallach predicted on X that Florida will legalize iGaming for just the Seminole Tribe by 2026.

Wallach had filed an amicus curae brief asking the Supreme Court to take up the case or reverse it.

It's still possible the Tribe could face other challenges both within Florida and nationally, though none that would stop online betting any time soon. West Flagler may decide to sue again over the issue of equal protection rather than the issue of where the betting takes place.

Meanwhile, the Florida Supreme Court decided not to hear the case earlier this year, but could again, should West Flagler decide to take the case all the way up, beginning in Leon County Circuit Court.

McIlroy withdraws from Travelers Championship

By KELS DAYTON

Hartford Courant
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HARTFORD, Conn. — One day after blowing a two-shot lead with five holes to play and storming off the course at the U.S. Open without congratulating the victorious Bryson DeChambeau, Rory McIlroy announced on social media that he was withdrawing from the Travelers Championship.

"I'm going to take a few weeks away from the game to process everything and build myself back up for my defense of the Genesis Scottish Open and The Open at Royal Troon," McIlroy posted on X. "See you in Scotland."

McIlroy missed a three-foot putt on the 18th hole, and another short putt on the 16th, as part of a late collapse that cost him what would have been his first major victory since 2014. He hadn't missed a putt within three feet in nearly 500 tries this season before those misses. The late meltdown ensured his 11th top-five finish in a major without winning since his last title, at the PGA Championship ten years ago.

"Yesterday was a tough day, probably the toughest I've had in my nearly 17 years as a professional golfer," McIlroy wrote. "Firstly, I'd like to congratulate Bryson. He is a worthy champion and exactly what professional golf

needs right now. I think we can all agree on that.

"As I reflect on my week, I'll rue a few things over the course of the tournament, mostly the 2 missed putts on 16 and 18 on the final day. But as I always do, I'll look at the positives of the week that far outweigh the negatives. As I said at the start of the tournament, I feel closer to winning my next major championship than I ever have. The one word that I would describe my career as is resilient. I've shown my resilience over and over again in the last 17 years and I will again."

The 34-year-old McIlroy has made five career starts at the Travelers, including each of the last two seasons. He finished tied for seventh last year, though he claimed technology had "passed the course by" as low scores filled up the leaderboard. McIlroy finished 18-under on the week, five shots back of champion Keegan Bradley.

McIlroy is currently the No. 2 ranked player in the Official World Golf Rankings.

Despite McIlroy's absence, the Travelers Championship still boasts a loaded field that will now include eight of the top ten golfers in the world and a \$20 million purse. The event begins Thursday, June 20, and runs through Sunday, June 23.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Portland Rockets vs. Grand Lakes Mariners - 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery ACME baseball vs. Coldwater - 6 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County summer swim team vs. Union City - 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery ACME baseball at Parkway - 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
9 a.m. — UEFA European Championship 2024: Albania vs. Croatia (FS1)
12 p.m. — UEFA European Championship 2024: Hungary vs. Germany (FS1)
3 p.m. — UEFA European Championship 2024: Switzerland vs. Scotland (FOX)
7 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited softball: Team orange vs. team gold (ESPN2)
7:45 p.m. — MLS: Philadelphia Union at FC Cincinnati (FS1)

Thursday
9 a.m. — UEFA European Championship 2024: Serbia vs. Slovenia (FS1)
12 p.m. — UEFA European Championship 2024: England vs. Denmark (FS1)
3 p.m. — UEFA European Championship 2024: Italy vs. Spain (FOX)

8 p.m. — Olympic swimming (NBC)
9:30 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited softball: Team blue vs. team gold (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — USL Championship: El Paso Locomotive at Oakland Roots (FOX)

9 a.m. — UEFA European Championship 2024: Albania vs. Croatia (FS1)
12 p.m. — UEFA European Championship 2024: Hungary vs. Germany (FS1)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: San Francisco Giants at St. Louis Cardinals (FOX)
8 p.m. — Olympic swimming (NBC)
8 p.m. — Copa America soccer: Canada at Argentina (FS1)

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Sports



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Celtics beat Mavs for 18th title

Jaylen Brown earns Finals MVP

By **BRIAN ROBB**
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Tribune News Service

BOSTON — The Celtics clinched their 18th title in franchise history on Monday night, pulling away for a 106-88 win over the Mavericks in Game 5 to win the NBA Finals 4-1. It was the first championship for the franchise since 2008 and capping a historic playoff run for the team, going 16-3 overall in the postseason on their way to the crown.

Jayson Tatum (31 points, 8 rebounds and 11 assists) and Jaylen Brown (21 points) led the way for the hosts, soundly outplaying the Mavericks star duo of Kyrie Irving (15 points, 5/16 FG) and Luka Doncic (28 points) to earn their first title. Jrue Holiday also shined on his way to his second career title, scoring the first six points of the game en route to 15 points in a big bounce-back effort from Game 4. Kristaps Porzingis also scored five points in nine minutes off the bench in his return to the court after sitting out two games following a rare leg dislocation.

Boston shook off a dismal Game 4 and came out of the gate with urgency early, building a 9-2 lead that they would never relinquish against a Mavericks team that struggled to score much of the night. The Mavericks hung tough in the first 10 minutes of the game by targeting Porzingis defensively once he entered.

However, Boston separated themselves in this game at the end of each period. They built a double-digit lead with a 9-0 run to close the first quarter. By halftime, a Payton Pritchard buzzer-beater capped a 19-7 outburst to give the hosts a commanding 21-point lead entering halftime.

The Celtics kept their foot on the gas to start the third quarter, extending their lead with a 11-4 run to push their lead as high as 26 points in front of a raucous TD Garden. The hosts struggled offensively for a lengthy stretch, mustering just eight points in a 12-minute stretch lasting into the start of the fourth quarter. However, Boston's lead remained secure thanks to a tenacious defensive performance. The Mavericks failed to make any headway amid a brutal shooting night from 3-point range and being consistently outworked by Boston on the glass. Dallas was unable to trim Boston's lead below 19 points for the entire fourth quarter, giving Boston plenty to celebrate as they raised

With the victory, Boston (18) passes the Los Angeles Lakers (17) for the most franchise titles in NBA history.

Jayden Guggenbiller swims the backstroke as the first leg of the 8-and-younger girls 100-meter medley relay for the Jay County Summer Swim team on Monday at Portland Water Park. Guggenbiller combined with Maddie Theurer, Layne Mann and Annabelle Wiggins for first place in the event to help Jay County to a 744-292 victory over the combined team Blackford and Marion.

Jay swim dominates Blackford and Marion

The swim team looked dominant in its first dual meet of the year.

Its fortunes didn't change come the second meet.

The Jay County Summer Swim team remains undefeated after demolishing the combined Blackford and Marion team 744-292 on Monday at Portland Water Park.

Jay County (2-0) claimed first place in 48 of the 61 events, including 13 of the 18 relay races.

Five girls finished as triple event winners along with two boys.

Layne Mann and Henry Warvel handled the 8-and-younger division as Mann won the girls individual medley, breaststroke and short freestyle, while Warvel took the boys butterfly, breaststroke and short freestyle.

The 13-14-year-old age group also had representation from

Local roundup

both sides. Brooklyn Byrum laid claim to the girls long freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke and Cooper Glentzner was victorious in the boys long freestyle, IM and short freestyle.

The girls dominated the 9-10-year-old girls division with Addisyn Champ winning the long freestyle, butterfly and backstroke, while Carsyn Guggenbiller took care of the IM, breaststroke and short freestyle.

Sophie Warvels first-place finishes in the girls long freestyle, backstroke and short freestyle made her the sole triple event winner in the 11-12-year-old group from Jay County.

First win

FORT RECOVERY — After dropping the first three games of the summer, the Fort Recovery ACME baseball team dominated the Russia Raiders for an 11-1 victory on Monday.

Jacob Foote controlled the game for the Indians (1-3) on the mound by holding Russia scoreless the first three innings to develop a three-run lead to secure the win. He gave up one unearned run in the fourth on a pair of errors by the infield.

Luke Fortkamp took over for Foote, throwing one inning before Fort Recovery exploded for seven runs in the fifth. Runs scored on a single by Reece Wendel, a walk by Caden Grisez, a double by Mason Diller, an error, and a single by Foote that ended the game early.

Diller put together the best day at the plate with a pair of doubles that drove in four runs. He scored both times he reached base.

Walk Off win

Joyce Dayton broke a sixth-inning tie to walk off Wings and Rings 12-11 in Portland Junior League Rookie softball on Monday.

A single by Ivy Trinidad got Joyce Dayton started in the bottom of the sixth before getting moved to third base by Renlee Hummer's double. Payten Twigg played the heroine, delivering her only single of the game to score Trinidad and end the game.

Annabelle Wiggins and Trinidad collected the most hits of the day with four each for Joyce Dayton. Wiggins scored three times while Trinidad crossed the plate twice.

Adalyn Overla, Mackenna Cramer and Hummer all had strong offensive days as well. Overla and Hummer each had three hits, including a triple for both. Cramer put together a pair of doubles. They combined for five runs scored.

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Florida online sports betting case rejected

By **SHIRA MOOLTEN**

South Florida Sun Sentinel
Tribune News Service

The U.S. Supreme Court decided not to hear the Florida online sports betting case Monday, one of the last remaining legal hurdles challenging the Seminole Tribe's monopoly on online gambling in the state.

The rejection was announced after the justices discussed the case during a private conference Thursday. It was the most likely result, as the Supreme Court rejects over 95% of cases put

before it. Still, some experts believed that the court might have taken interest due to the ongoing controversy surrounding the legality of online sports betting and its national implications.

The rejection of the case now paves the way for sports betting to continue unchallenged in Florida for the next several years.

"The Seminole Tribe of Florida applauds today's decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to decline consideration of the case involving the Tribe's

Gaming Compact with the State of Florida," Gary Bitner, a spokesperson for the Tribe, said Monday. "It means members of the Seminole Tribe and all Floridians can count on a bright future made possible by the Compact."

The court wrote that Justice Brett Kavanaugh would have granted the petition for certiorari filed by West Flagler Associates, the group of pari-mutuels that has long sought to bring online sports betting to a halt.

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