

The Commercial Review

Portland, Indiana 47371

www.thecr.com

\$1

City council agrees on 6% raises

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Portland City Council on Monday agreed in principle to a plan for its 2025 salary ordinance.

Council discussed options for raises for city employees Monday, with Dave Golden starting the discussion by referencing data he looked at from an Association of Indiana Municipalities report. He said in studying cities similar to Portland, he found that it almost always fell in the lower half of pay rates.

Increases will require formal approval via ordinance vote

He added that pay levels for the city's superintendents are not close to those in municipalities of a similar size.

Based on that information, he

said he felt a proposed 6% raise for all employees was reasonable. He suggested an additional raise for department heads while also suggesting that elected offi-

cials should not receive longevity pay.

Council member Ron May added his feeling that he and his council colleagues should not receive a raise. Council member Matt Goldsworthy pushed for increases for the mayor and clerk-treasurer as well, saying low salaries can dissuade candidates from running for those offices.

Following the discussion, council members generally agreed on the following:

- 6% raises for all city employ-

- An additional 2% raise for a total of 8% for department heads, including the mayor and clerk-treasurer

- Longevity pay of \$100 per year of service with a cap of \$2,000

The ordinance as proposed also includes increases for car and full-time clothing allowances and a raise to \$16 per hour from \$14.44 for part-time firefighters.

The details discussed Monday will be drafted as an ordinance before council takes a formal vote.

See Council page 5

New signals to start soon

FR lights are in place, will begin by flashing for a week

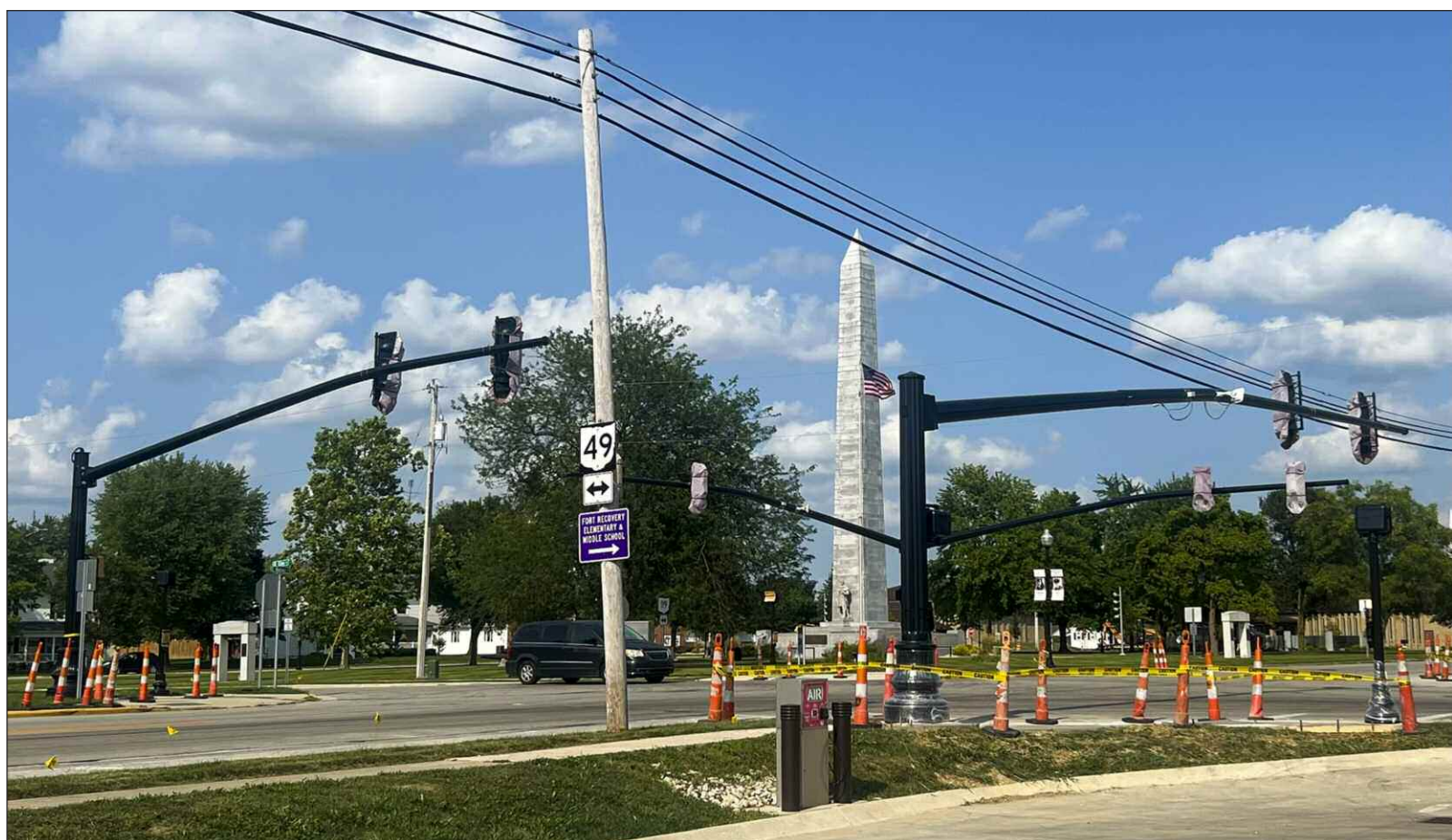
By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Fort Recovery's new traffic signal should be functioning soon.

Other road work is also slated for later this month.

Fort Recovery Village Council approved a \$258,339.37 pay request Monday for installation of the traffic signal at the intersection of Elm and Butler streets. It also heard efforts to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Center and Elm streets could be completed by the end of August.

Fort Recovery officials have been working for months toward installing a traffic signal at the intersection of both Elm and Butler streets — Ohio 49 and Ohio 119, respectively. Mercer County Commissioners awarded \$300,000 in American Rescue



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

New traffic lights are in place in Fort Recovery at the intersection of Elm and Butler streets (Ohio 49 and Ohio 119). The new lights are expected to be activated soon, first four-way flashing red for a week.

Plan Act funds to the village in February for the project.

Choice One Engineering completed preliminary designs for installation of the signal, and Capital Electric Line Builders completed pole

foundations and pedestal foundations, and installed an underground conduit at the intersection earlier this year. Concrete work started in late July, and striping and sign work is scheduled for this week.

Traffic signal lights

will run on a four-way flashing cycle for seven days once activated, per Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) requirements. There will also be warning signs up letting drivers know about the new sig-

nal ahead. After the seven days, the lights will run on a normal two-way cycle.

ODOT will be in the village this week completing additional patch work while paving Ohio 119 (Boundary and But-

ler streets) and Ohio 49 (Broadway and Elm streets) through village limits. The village approved a \$36,530 contract in May with Ohio Department of Transportation for the work.

See Signals page 6

Teaching roles discussed

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Jay School Board had a lengthy discussion about adjunct faculty and other non-licensed teaching roles as well as where a vocational education role should fall on the wage scale.

Ultimately, all new hires were approved as recommended.

The board approved eight new employees during its meeting Monday, including two on emergency licenses and one adjunct teacher.

It also gave business manager Shannon Current permission to advertise the 2025 budget, selected a new health insurance provider and heard an update on facilities with the new school year set to begin Thursday.

Assistant superintendent Trent Paxson reviewed the licensure status of employees being considered for teaching jobs with Jay Schools following a question from board member Marcie Vormohr about whether all were licensed teachers.

Paxson noted Megan Templeton (junior high English) is licensed in her subject matter; Sophia Fugiett (junior high math) is licensed as a physical education teacher and is on an emergency

New staff are approved on adjunct and emergency licenses

license for math; Kendyl Mick (East Jay fifth grade) has completed coursework but is still going through the licensing process and Spencer Tonner (biomedical and exercise science) is a "workplace specialist" being hired as an adjunct teacher.

While Vormohr supported hiring Tonner, she said she has a problem with hiring adjunct teachers and that she feels it cheapens the teaching profession. She questioned bringing in such employees at the same pay levels and benefits as licensed teachers.

Board member Chip Phillips expressed similar feelings, specifically repeatedly asking for the logic for placing Tonner on the fourth tier of the pay scale. He expressed concern about it being disrespectful to other employees.

Jay Schools superintendent

Jeremy Gulley responded that it has been standard practice to give credit for workforce experience in determining salaries, which is what he did in Tonner's case.

Phil Ford, a board member, former teacher and former president of Jay Classroom Teachers Association and former Jay County High School principal, noted his experience that taking teaching-specific coursework does not guarantee being a good teacher. There are a variety of determining factors, he said.

Answering a question from Ford, Gulley noted that without a teacher for the biomedical classes that program would be dissolved. He said that would impact 30 high school students who are on the health career and technical education graduation pathway.

See Roles page 5



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Spirited Trinity

Jay County High School cheerleader Trinity Glassford yells Saturday during the Indiana State Fair competition. The Patriots finished in second place.

Deaths

Larry Louck, 87, Portland
Pamela S. Pfeifer, 74, Bluffton
Barbara McLaughlin, 68, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County's high temperature was 88 degrees Monday. The low was 72.
Tonight's forecast calls for the low to dip into the 50s. Thursday's high will be in the lower 80s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay School Corporation students will return to classes Thursday. Indiana Department of Transportation reminds drivers that they must stop when a school bus is stopped and has its red lights flashing and stop arm extended. For additional details and graphics on bus safety, visit bit.ly/INDOTbussafety.

Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of this week's Portland Park Board meeting.
Friday — Results from the FRHS girls golf team in the Gary Broering Invitational.
Saturday — Coverage of Friday's Portland Redevelopment Commission meeting.



CR almanac

Thursday 8/8	Friday 8/9	Saturday 8/10	Sunday 8/11	Monday 8/12
81/62	81/57	74/55	75/55	78/58
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Thursday when the high will be in the low 80s.	Friday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high around 81 degrees.	Saturday's forecast shows more sunny skies with temperatures in the mid 70s.	More sun is expected Sunday, with the high sitting in the mid to upper 70s.	Another day of sun is on the horizon for Monday.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 29-42-44-51-54 Power Ball: 12 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$185 million	Evening Daily Three: 3-2-6 Daily Four: 0-4-1-0 Cash 5: 15-21-24-30-37 Estimated jackpot: \$272,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$374 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 8-9-3 Pick 4: 9-2-6-3 Pick 5: 7-4-9-5-2 Evening Pick 3: 9-6-5 Pick 4: 5-8-0-9 Pick 5: 0-9-5-6-8 Rolling Cash: 2-18-24-37-39 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 0-5-8 Daily Four: 3-9-7-8 Quick Draw: 4-5-6-13-14-20-28-31-35-37-42-44-53-59-60-62-65-68-69-80	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.74 Sept. corn3.77 Wheat4.71	Sept. beans9.82 Wheat4.93
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....3.76 Sept. corn3.74 Oct. corn3.76	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.61 Sept. corn3.59 Beans10.62 Sept. beans10.27 Wheat5.00
The Andersons Richland Township Corn3.69 Sept. corn3.69 Beans10.57	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....3.69 Sept. corn3.71 Beans10.22 Sept. beans9.67 Wheat4.72

Today in history

In 1742, Nathanael Greene was born at Potowomut in Warwick, Rhode Island. An instrumental part of the Revolutionary War, Greene served as major general under George Washington and participated in battles at Trenton and Princeton and endured the winter of 1777 through 1778 at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. In January 1781, he forced British General Lord Cornwallis to split his troops and defend territory on two fronts at Cowpens, South Carolina, leading the British retreating to Charleston.

In 1782, George Washington created the Purple Heart, then known as the Badge of Military Merit. In 1932, the award was selected to be given to those who are wounded or killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces as a result of enemy action. August 7 is observed as Purple Heart Day in the United States.

In 1912, Teddy Roosevelt was nominated as a Bull Moose Party candidate for president.

In 1959, the unmanned United States spacecraft Explorer 6 was launched to orbit around the earth. Its mission — to transmit a photo of the earth from space. The satellite became the first United States device to snap a photograph of the planet.

In 1960, The Ivory Coast gained independence from France after 67 years under its rule. Felix Houphouet-Boigny became the group's first president. He remained in office for several years until his death in 1993.

In 1974, French high-wire artist Philippe Petit walked between the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center on a high wire approximately 1,350 feet off the ground. The then 24-year-old walked across the wire eight times in 45 minutes.

— The CR

Citizen's calendar

Friday 8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	building, 131 S. Main St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Local Schools, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	7 p.m. — Fort Recovery Park Board, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.	Tuesday 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city	5:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St.

Obituaries

Larry Louck

March 21, 1937-Aug. 4, 2024
Larry R. Louck, 87, of Portland, Indiana, passed away peacefully Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024, while in the company of family members at Albany Health Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Larry was born in Portland, Indiana, on March 21, 1937, a son of the late Mary Beatrice (Butcher) and Ralph "LaVaughn" Louck. He was a 1955 graduate of Gray High School, went on to proudly serve his country and completed his service as a sergeant in the Army National Guard. He was the husband of Carol Frances (McFarland) Louck who he happily married on May 14, 1965.

Larry retired from Louck and Sons Construction in 2001 and was a member of the Dunkirk American Legion Post 227 and Highland Cattle Association. He enjoyed working, raising beef cattle, watching Indiana University, Indiana Pacers and Cincinnati Reds games, and spending time with family.

Larry is survived by his wife Carol Louck; son, Bill Louck (Victoria); two daughters, Teresa Bowler (Tom) and Joretta Post (Jerry); daughter-in-law Kathleen Bousman; one sister, Shelba Chenoweth; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents LaVaughn and Mary Louck; two sons, Ed Bousman and Rich Louck; one sister, Rhea (Louck) Wood; and one brother-in-law, Max Chenoweth.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, from 3 to 7 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel, Redkey, Indiana. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Pastor Joe Hines officiating. Burial and military honors will be held privately

at the convenience of the family in Hillcrest Cemetery.
Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel, Redkey, Indiana.

Pamela Pfeifer

Jan. 24, 1950-Aug. 4, 2024
Pamela S. Pfeifer, 74, of Bluffton, Indiana, passed away at 4:39 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024, at Markle Health & Rehab in Markle, Indiana.

She was born on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1950, in Hartford City, Indiana. Pamela was a 1968 graduate of Pennville High School. She also attended Ball State University and IPFW in Fort Wayne.

Pam worked at Kitco Inc. in Bluffton for 35 years as an administrative assistant in the quality and engineering department. Pam had also worked at Wayne Metal in Markle for 10 years in the quality department. She enjoyed cross stitching, gardening and baking, and especially loved spending time with her nieces and nephews, known affectionately to Auntie Pam as Jake, MB, Ra Dale and P.A. To others, she may have been known too as Senior. During Pam's lifetime, she had the pleasure of enjoying good food and great friendships, and was blessed with a loving family.

Pam will be sadly missed by her brother Gary L. (Ruth) Pfeifer, Dallas, Georgia; niece Mary Beth (Smith) Tallent, Cumming, Georgia; nephew John Richard Jake (Misty) Pfeifer, Acworth, Georgia; niece Rachel (Zach) Botkin, Powder Springs, Georgia; niece Laura (Walker) Powell, Cumming, Georgia; and several great-nieces and

great-nephews. The family would like to say a special thank you to the adopted sisters and caregivers, Beck Bouse and Pam Tuttle.

She was preceded in death by her father Everett E. Pfeifer and mother Rachel W. (Crockett) Pfeifer.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, located at 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, Indiana, on Friday, Aug. 9, 2024, from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to service on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024.

A service to celebrate Pam's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024, with Pastor Mitch Corwin officiating. Interment will follow in the Twin Hill - I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville.

Preferred memorials may be sent to Seth L. Corwin Memorial Scholarship Fund, 107 S. Meridian St., Portland, IN 47371; Riley Children's Foundation, P.O. Box 3356 Indianapolis, IN 46206; or Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

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

Condolences may be expressed at glancyfuneralhomes.com.

Barbara McLaughlin, Portland, July 9, 1956-July 16, 2024. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

.....
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.

Felony arrests

Drunk driving

A Portland man was arrested Friday for drunk driving.

Joshua M. Best, 41, 932 W. High St., is charged with a Level 6 felony in Jay Superior Court for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He was released on a \$5,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

Domestic battery

A Portland man was arrested Sunday for domestic battery.

Chris K. Hare, 32, 1112 N. Franklin St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony. He was being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

One injured

An Ohio man was injured after the vehicle he was riding in went off Indiana 67 and into a ditch about 10 p.m. Friday.

Kevin L. Zizelman, 64, Mendon, was driving his 2024 Kia Niro northeast on the highway with 49-year-old Terry A. Zizelman of Celina, Ohio. Kevin Zizelman lost control of his vehicle after driving across a puddle of water just north of county road 400 West, causing him to go off the west side of the road into a ditch.

Terry Zizelman complained of back pain after the crash.

Kevin Zizelman's vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Vincent K. Berry, 29, was driving his 2014 Hyundai Elantra east on the road when he lost traction with the ground because of standing water on the road. Berry's vehicle went off the south side of the road and struck a mailbox owned by Eddie Royer of rural Bryant.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Pole hit

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000 after an Albany man crashed into a pole along county road 200 South about 2:05 p.m. Monday.

See page 6

Lost control

A Bluffton man lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a mailbox along county road 650 North about 4:33 p.m. Friday.

SERVICES

Thursday
Louck, Larry: 7 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

Saturday
Pfeifer, Pamela: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Monday
Patterson, Margaret: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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

Service listings provided by
PROGRESSIVE DEL TORO OFFICE PRODUCTS
120 N. Meridian St.
Portland, Indiana 47371
(260) 726-9201
progressiveofficeproducts.com

★ **AD SPECIALS** ★
for your
PIZZA BUSINESS



Advertise your pizza business in all of our publications with

- Four** - 3x5 ads in The Commercial Review
- Two** - 3x5 ads in The News-Gazette
- One** - 3x5 ad in The News Times
- One** - 3x5 ad in The News and Sun

all for **\$300**

Or run TWO 3x5 ads for your pizza business in the publication(s) of **your choice** during August for:

- The Commercial Review - **\$156**
- The News-Gazette - **\$145**
- The News Times - **\$120**
- The News and Sun - **\$120**

.....
Ads must run in August.
Rates do not apply to special sections.



Call **(260) 726-8141**
or email **ads@thecr.com**

JANITORIAL POSITION

Taking applications for janitorial position for the Redkey Park Cabin.
Application can be picked up at the Redkey Town Hall.

Even our Adjustable Bed has a Flippable Mattress

Affordable priced everyday!



Made in Muncie for over 70 years

Holder Bedding

1815 N Granville Ave, Muncie
Open M-F 9:00a-5:30p;
Saturdays 10:00a-3:00p
www.holderbedding.net

765-747-8103



Photo provided

Class of 1974

Portland High School's Class of 1974 met recently for its 50th reunion. Pictured in the front row are Tom Chapman, Sue (Blackford) Brandenburg, Evelyn (Ronald) Mong, Marcia Wilcox, Avalyn (Breymer) Swaney, Pennee Carpenter, Lucretia (Grogg) Miller, Patty (Imel) Johnston and Loni (Peterson) Freeman. Second row are Mark Butcher, David Stoner, Susan Schenck, Sandy (Timmons) Mertz, Janice (Gaerke) Pitsenbarger, Cindy (Butcher) Sommers, Gary Sautbine, Susan (Smith) Todd and Barb Sautbine. Third row are Dave Shaver, Tracy (Wherry) Evans, Gena (Bryant) Coers, Bill Bailey, Jim Roush, Randy Gillespie, Jerry Byrum, Randy Gillespie, Jerry Byrum, Rosi (Jones) Kunkle, Doug Shoemaker, Penny (Lare) Byers, Nancy (Jutte) Alig and Teresa (Krieg) Weesner. Fourth row are Steve Barnett, Roger Hartzell, Doug Votaw, Scott Johanning, Hal Daugherty, Art Cheeseman and Terry Schmit. Back row are Kevin McClung, Tom Blalock, Steve Whiteneck, Bob Faught, Reggie Howell, Sam Smith, Mark Arnold, Terry Richards, Terry St. Myers, Bob Joy, Kevin Keller and Greg Wright.

Behavior is a deal-breaker

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: I have been with my live-in boyfriend, "Kyle," for four years. He has many great qualities, the most important of them being he fully accepts my daughter as his own. He doesn't see her as his "girlfriend's kid" or even a "stepchild." She has no contact with her biological father or any of his family and has blossomed as a person since Kyle has been in the picture.

The problem is, he likes to message women online through various dating and hook-up sites and share sexually explicit pictures and messages. He has never met any of them in person. I have confirmed this. He states he just likes the thrill and attention.

I have expressed multiple times that I consider this a betrayal. I honestly thought he had turned over a new leaf, but I have just discovered his behavior is continuing. I'm heartbroken, but I worry about what splitting up would do to my daughter.

When I left her biological father, she had some major behavioral and emotional issues. I can't bear the thought of putting her through that again. She would not only lose her father figure but also his extended family that has fully embraced her. Do I tough it out until she's 18, or do I leave now? — HEARTBROKEN IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: I wish you had mentioned how old your daughter is. If she's in her mid-to-late-teens, she is old enough to understand that you cannot let the romance continue as it is. If she's not yet in her teens, line up a licensed therapist to help you cope with the fallout that happened after your divorce.

Your partner may be a sex addict, which would account for his behavior and his inability to stop. What he has been doing IS a betrayal, and

when to draw the line depends upon your tolerance for pain.

P.S. Are you staying with him only to avoid upheaval for your daughter? You must do what's best for her and YOU. There are resources that address sex addiction. Would he agree to try?

DEAR ABBY: I recently made plans with a friend. A couple days beforehand, when I texted her asking if we were still on, she told me she'd made other plans. She claims she forgot we had plans, but she told the other person there was nothing written in stone, so she opted to hang out with her for a special birthday dinner.

My friend admitted she wanted to spend time with the other person, which is fine, but I don't understand her lying to me about forgetting our plans. Now I no longer trust what she says. Lying does not build relationships, and she doesn't appear to care how I feel. I don't know how to respond to her now because she doesn't see why I am upset, regardless of what I say. — CAST OFF IN MICHIGAN

DEAR CAST OFF: Stop responding to this person, who seems like more of a flake than a friend. If her company is worth it, see her when it's convenient for YOU, and if you get a better offer don't hesitate to jump on it — after telling her what you are doing, of course. To simply stand her up would be rude.

Marilyn Monroe statue moving

By TERRY CASTLEMAN

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — After years of controversy and a protracted legal battle, a fixture of the Palm Springs tourist scene is set to move.

The Forever Marilyn statue, a 26-foot commemoration of Monroe's famous skirt scene from 1955's "The Seven Year Itch," has

drawn the ire of locals and visiting critics alike since it returned to Palm Springs in 2021. It currently stands in the middle of Downtown Park, with Monroe's sculpted back facing the Palm Springs Art Museum. The statue will be resettled in a "location to be determined in the Downtown Park," Palm Springs Mayor Jeffrey Bernstein said in a statement.

The statue will not be moving far: the park spans only 1.5 acres, and the statue will stay within its boundaries. The City Council previously approved the statue's location for three years beginning in 2021, despite protests from those in the community and critics who said it was sexist. It took up residence in a busy section of downtown Palm Springs near the art museum.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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

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

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or

suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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

Thursday

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana

University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 211 — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at 211 W. Walnut St., Portland. All Auxiliary members are welcome.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

Friday

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

Saturday

LOCAL'S MARKET — Will be held from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in June through October in the parking lot at Jay Community Center in Portland. For more information, contact Bill Cook.

Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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

EXCLUSIVE MONEY SAVING OFFER

0% DOWN 0% PAYMENTS 0% INTEREST

FOR 2 YEARS AND BUY 2 WINDOWS GET 2 FREE!

SERVICE 99.5%	SATISFACTION 96%	SELECTION 1500+
<small>of our windows are installed right the first time, requiring no follow-up service.</small>	<small>customer satisfaction on clean up & safety in over 150,000 homes.</small>	<small>locally-made, custom styles and options to choose from.</small>

Call (866) 553-0725

*Offer Valid on Potomac and ComfortSmart Models. 4 Window Minimum. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Excludes labor. Based on 10 Georgetown model. Double hung/sider windows with standard installation. Subject to Credit Approval. Offer Ends 12/31/24

Be prepared before the next power outage.

It's not just a generator. It's a power move.™

Receive a free 5-year warranty with qualifying purchase* - valued at \$535.

Call 866-953-2203 to schedule your free quote!

*Terms and Conditions apply.

GENERAC

NEVER MISS

an opportunity to advertise your business

ads@thecr.com • 260-726-8141

We have a busy schedule of special sections and pages coming up. Mark your calendar NOW.

Engine show
Tuesday, Aug. 20 - UNIV*

FRHS fall sports
Tuesday, Aug. 20 - CR*

JCHS fall sports
Wednesday, Aug. 21 - CR/NS*

Blackford fall sports
Wednesday, Aug. 21 - NT*

Randolph County football
Thursday, Aug. 22 - N-G*

DEADLINES ARE ONE WEEK PRIOR

GRAPHIC PRINTING NEWSPAPERS

*UNIV = appears in all Graphic Printing Newspapers, CR = The Commercial Review, NG = The News-Gazette, NT = The News Times, NS = The News and Sun

Salamonia's Smith rose to occasion

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Aug. 5, 2004. Marvel movies are a fun escape. But real superheroes are around us every day. Bruce Smith of Salamonia more than earned his superhero stripes 20 years ago.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

Everyone, I think, has had the daydream at one time or another.

You're going along, minding your own business when you chance upon the scene of an accident, or maybe a house fire. Then, without a thought for your personal safety, you rise to the occasion. You meet one of life's toughest tests and perform heroically.

It's a great daydream. But if you're Bruce Smith of Salamonia, it's not fiction. It's reality.

Back in the Saddle



Smith, 31, owner operator of Precision Paint and Power Wash, doesn't feel comfortable with the word "hero." But that's what he is.

On the Fourth of July holiday weekend, he and his wife Brooke were on their way back to Jay County from Muncie after dinner at Applebee's with their friend Pat Sheffer.

Bruce is president of the Friends of the Salamonia School, and Pat's the treasurer. When they reached the inter-

section of Ind. 67 and the Muncie Bypass, they found chaos.

A van was on the side of the road. It was ablaze. And the driver was visible inside.

Incredibly, onlookers were standing on the other side of the road, staring, but frozen by the sight in front of them.

They'd failed their test. Bruce Smith didn't fail his.

Immediately he turned the car around. "The first thing I did was jump out and run up to a semi," he said.

He flagged the trucker down, grabbed his fire extinguisher, and went to work on the flames, aiming the extinguisher into the grille and one of the wheel wells.

"Nobody was doing anything," said Smith. "All of them were saying, 'It's gonna explode.' People have seen too many movies... I don't know why they weren't

reacting. I don't understand it. Me, all I did was react."

When Smith took action, it jarred two other Samaritans to life.

The flames were knocked down quickly, and the three found themselves face to face with a new challenge. The driver — Todd Buchanan of Indianapolis — was a quadriplegic. His wheelchair was also the driver's seat, and he was strapped in place three ways — across the chest, at the waist, and at his legs.

Buchanan, with supernatural calm, explained to his rescuers how to get him out. But there was little time. When the flames flared up again, Smith used the last of a second fire extinguisher.

"The windshield was melting out of the van while we were talking," Smith recalled.

Quickly unstrapping Buchanan, Smith reached into the burning van. "I grabbed ahold of him and yanked on him. He was still caught." It took a few precious seconds more to free the driver.

Smith then carried him about 30 yards away and placed him on the ground.

When firefighters arrived on the scene, Smith made sure they knew where to find the driver.

He gave them his name if they had any questions, then he simply turned and left.

"There was no need to stick around," he said. "I'm not big on the spotlight, never have been... I didn't think it was a big deal. It's not something I wouldn't do for somebody else."

Not a big deal? Only about as big as they get.

WSJ played a key role in return

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

The freeing of Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich on Thursday was not first reported in the paper where he works. We first heard the glorious news about his coming home as part of a large prisoner swap between Russia and the U.S. from the British press.

That might sound surprising. The Journal, after all, had been acquainted with the behind-the-scenes negotiations, as the paper has reported. But we assume they wanted to be sure and to do nothing that might compromise their employee's ability to be reunited with his family, as has taken place.

Simply put, a breaking story, a scoop, was not their objective. The facts show they cared more about the well-being of their reporter.

We all hope to be treated decently by our employers and, especially, to count on their support if something goes wrong as part of our work on their behalf. That's hardly an uncommon thing in many professions and such support is not always forthcoming. But in this case, the Journal truly went above and beyond in both public and private-facing ways. Anyone visiting its website saw Gershkovich on the front page every minute of every day. His case stared you in the face every morning, counting down the longevity of Vladimir Putin's injustice.

The Journal is a for-profit business and, as we well know, prime spots on a media outlet's homepage typically are reserved for revenue-drawing stories popular with readers and subscribers. In this case, and despite its typical focus on business and the markets, the Journal gave up plenty of that to keep pounding away on Gershkovich's behalf. And proud it did.

Media institutions, as we already have seen in this extraordinary presidential election cycle, have their agendas and enjoy power and influence over governments. Sometimes disturbingly so. But in this case, the Journal used it on behalf of one of its own.

All in all, 24 prisoners

Guest Editorial

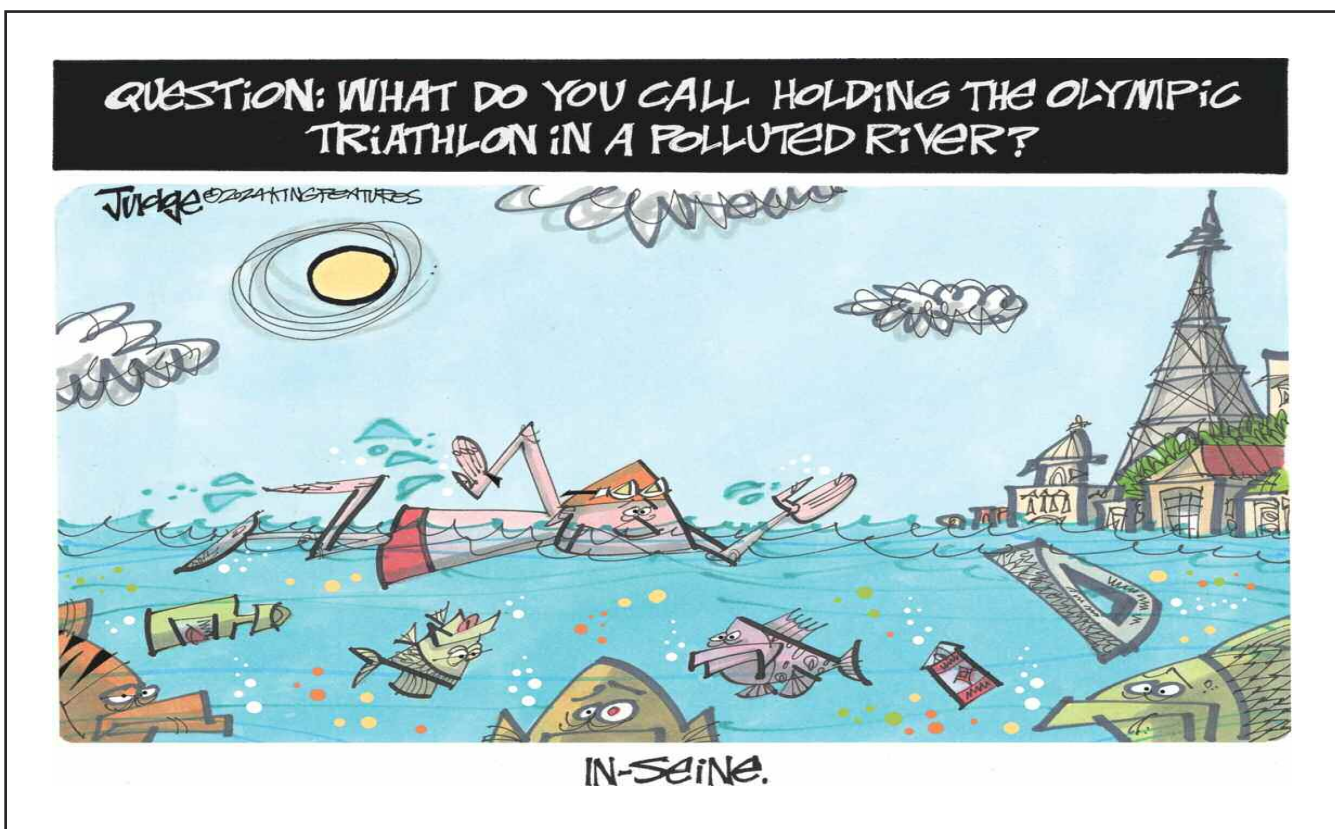
Given what Putin has done to others, we're just glad that our media colleague is home and out of harm's way.

held by one side or the other were released Thursday in Ankara, Turkey, including the former Marine Paul Whelan and the Russian American journalist Alsu Kurmasheva. As we wrote 16 months ago, Gershkovich was an innocent man who had become "a victim of the Kremlin's willingness to resort to hostage-taking as a bludgeon against America." We demanded his immediate release then, and it took all too damn long.

But he's home now, freed from a Russian prison and a sham trial. As you might expect, the release was politicized and accompanied by a not entirely comfortable scene involving President Joe Biden, family members, the Oval Office, cameras and a conversation broadcast to the world. Fair enough. Biden is the chief executive who presided over Gershkovich's release and decided how much had to be given up in return.

We can debate all of that. But whatever else you might say about our president, there is no question that he understands the power and importance of familial bonds.

Given what Putin has done to others, we're just glad that our media colleague is home and out of harm's way. And we commend a newspaper that made sure, day after day after day, that his unjust detention by a cruel man remained top of mind.



Trade says a lot about Putin

By MARC CHAMPION
Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

Take a good look at the lists of prisoners exchanged between Kremlin and the White House. If, after that, you still find yourself admiring President Vladimir Putin for his strength and despising U.S. alliances for their "weak" liberalism, you need help.

Putin went in person to Moscow's Vnukovo airport to hug Vadim Krasikov as he stepped off the plane that brought him home. This is the "patriot" Putin has sought to free ever since he was convicted and jailed in Germany for the 2019 assassination of a Georgian citizen who had fought against Russian forces in Chechnya more than 20 years ago.

Also among those released to Russia were people convicted by independent courts of cybercrimes, insider trading and breaking sanctions. A couple convicted in Slovenia of operating across Europe as deep-cover Russian spies had pled guilty.

What about the other side of the trade? Biden, too, went in person to the airport to greet three Americans released from Russian jails, including Evan Gershkovich, the Wall Street Journal reporter absurdly convicted of espionage. Alsu Kurmasheva, a Prague-based editor for Radio Liberty-Radio Free Europe had been jailed while visiting Russia for allegedly spreading false news. Paul Whelan, who had been dishonorably discharged from the U.S. Marines after a court martial regarding "larceny" in 2008, was convicted of espionage by a Russian court in 2018. Both Whelan and the U.S. government have denied that charge.

The U.S. green card holder and resident Vladimir Kara-Murza was on the initial plane from Moscow to Turkey, too. He had become the most prominent political opponent to Putin after the death in custody earlier this year of Alexei Navalny.

Marc Champion



You don't, of course, expect countries to admit to their spies in public. But the Russian court system so clearly decides such cases at Kremlin direction, rather than in response to evidence, that there's no reason to give weight to its findings. These people were hostages, collected by Putin to trade for an assassin, criminals and actual spies.

In one sense, this is all par for the course. In 2022, the U.S. basketball star Brittney Griner was exchanged for a Russian arms dealer, Viktor Bout. Her "crime" had been to pass through Russian customs with less than a gram of medically prescribed hash oil in a vape. But what makes the latest trade extraordinary is that it required the cooperation of multiple countries and included eight Russian dissidents with no connection to any of them.

According to Christo Grozev, an investigative journalist who has been lobbying for this assassins-for-innocents deal since 2021, the original idea was for Germany to give up Krasikov in exchange for Navalny. The latter had been treated in Germany after being poisoned in Russia with the nerve agent, Novichok. When the 47-year-old later died in an Arctic penal colony, it was Germany that insisted on the release of multiple Russian dissidents if it was still to let go of an assassin.

As Biden has pointed out, this was not obviously in Germany's self-interest; it got no Germans back. Nor did Slovenia get any Slovenes back. They acted to benefit their U.S. ally and a group of particularly selfless Russians. Among the eight dissidents were other Putin opponents, as well as civil rights

activists such as Oleg Orlov, co-chair of the Nobel Prize-winning Memorial organization that for 30 years had been exposing instances of Soviet-era domestic repression.

For sure, this exchange was a political win for Biden. For sure, it was also a win for ex-KGB officer Putin, who again demonstrated to his black-ops agents and spies that they can carry out future work abroad safe in the knowledge that they won't be left to rot in jail if caught. I can't imagine a clearer exposition of the difference, and meaning, of the people and values that each side prioritizes, nor of the worth of alliances.

Democracies, of course, run spy networks, kill people and do bad stuff. There are no angels among states. But unlike Putin's Russia, that does not define them. To live with the rule of law — no matter how imperfect — is a fundamentally different experience than to live without it. Equally, alliances may be awkward and frustrating, but their value is not defined by that frustration, nor solely by what they spend on defense, important as that is.

It's tempting to admire strongmen like Putin, or even wannabe strongmen like Donald Trump. They have more freedom of action, don't have to obey laws and don't have to compromise with their own side before facing foreign competitors. They seem better able to get things done, even if Trump's claim that he could have gotten a better deal sounds ridiculous.

What matters is to recognize what it is that actually gets done by these leaders: arbitrary law, domestic repression, hostage-taking and the prizing of state assassins over individual rights. There is really nothing to admire here, or to wish for.

.....
Champion is a Bloomberg Opinion columnist covering Europe, Russia and the Middle East. He was previously Istanbul bureau chief for the Wall Street Journal.

The Commercial Review



US PS 125820

HUGH N. RONALD (1911-1983), Publisher Emeritus
JOHN C. "JACK" RONALD (1948-2022), Publisher Emeritus

RAY COONEY
President, editor and publisher

LOUISE RONALD
Board chair

TONIA HARDY
Business manager

BRIAN DODD
Production manager

The Commercial Review is published daily except Sundays, Mondays and four holidays (New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas — holidays are observed on Tuesday when they fall on a Monday) by The Graphic Printing Co. Inc., 309 W. Main St., Portland, Indiana 47371. Periodical postage paid (USPS 125820) at Portland, Indiana. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Commercial Review, 309 W. Main St., P.O. Box 1049, Portland, Indiana 47371 or call (260) 726-8141.

We welcome letters to the editor, which are accepted by email only to letters@thecr.com. They should be 700 words or fewer; signed, with city/town of residence and include a phone number for verification purposes. We reserve the right to edit for content and clarity.

VOLUME 151—NUMBER 80
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024

www.thecr.com

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have government without newspapers or newspapers without government I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."
—Thomas Jefferson

Subscription rates
Internet-only: Three days — \$3; Monthly auto-pay — \$10; 13 weeks — \$32; six months — \$60; one year — \$108.
City (walking — where available): Monthly auto-pay — \$11; 13 weeks — \$36; six months — \$68; one year — \$122.
Motor route (where available): Monthly auto-pay — \$12; 13 weeks — \$44; six months — \$74; one year — \$140.
Mail: Monthly auto-pay — \$13; 13 weeks — \$49; six months — \$80; one year — \$151.
Home delivery problems: Call (260) 251-9588

Council ...

Continued from page 1
Council also had various questions about the ongoing Indiana Department of Transportation U.S. 27 (Meridian Street) paving and sidewalk project.
Goldsworthy relayed a question about whether the street can be used for the Jay County High School homecoming parade next month, and May raised concerns about the status of the project following heavy rains last week and street closures with the Tri-State Antique Engine and Tractor Show coming up in a few weeks. There was also a question regarding access to downtown businesses with lanes along the sidewalks now closed.
May's concern regard-

ing rain was in relation to isolated flooding in areas where construction crews had placed mats over catch basins in anticipation of upcoming work. Those mats served to block water from draining and led to problems in front of Pit's Cocktail Lounge and Beauty Bar in the north 200 block of Meridian Street.
Portland Mayor Jeff Westlake said he has talked with construction crews about the issue and that the mats can be removed by city employees if a similar rain event occurs. He added that he would address the questions regarding downtown businesses, the homecoming parade and the Tri-State show with INDOT. (Clerk-treasurer Lori

Phillips said Indiana Department of Transportation is aware of the Tri-State show, which runs Aug. 21 through 24 and original plans had been for no lane restrictions during the event.)
Council members Kent McClung, Michele Brewster, Mike Aker, Ashley Hilfiker, Goldsworthy, Golden and May also approved allocating \$59,023 for repairs to the east wall of The Greazy Pickle. (The city's board of works agreed last week to hire Top Shelf Care of Fort Recovery to handle the work, pending council's approval of the funding.)
The work needed to repair the wall follows the city's demolition of 201

through 207 W. Main St. — The Bailey Building and the former site of Schmit Chiropractic — because of their deteriorating condition.
In other business:
•Council approved the following street closures: Main Street between Meridian and Harrison streets from 2 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, for the Portland Fall Festival from 3 to 7 p.m. and then the Jay County High School Class of 1989 until 11 p.m.; and Hayes Street from Race Street to an alley from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, for a birthday party.
•Arts Place executive director Carolyn Carducci accepted a \$200 donation from May. She gave an

explanation about how Arts Place is funded, noting that its \$575,000 annual budget is made up of about \$145,000 from endowments; \$100,000 in direct donations from individuals; \$100,000 from fees for services; \$75,000 in grants; \$64,000 from businesses; \$30,000 from government units; \$16,000 to \$21,000 from its annual auction; and \$2,500 in donations of supplies.
•May asked a question about the status of the Blaine Pike paving and multi-use trail project. Westlake noted that some fixes need to be done on the project. The city's board of works approved that work last week.
•Council approved the following: A series of

additional appropriations and the codification of ordinances that were approved in 2023.
•Hilfiker raised a question about recreational vehicles being lived in at R&R RV Repair. The mayor said he would look into the issue.
•Heard from Westlake that the early learning center in the former Judge Haynes Elementary School on the west side of the city is nearing completion.
•Briefly discussed stop signs again, with Golden asking about possible removal of the four-way stop at the intersection of Main and Pleasant streets and Hilfiker repeating her request to create a form to suggest such changes.

Roles ...

Continued from page 1
Following a nearly 40-minute discussion, Tonner's hiring as a teacher was approved 5-1 with Ron Laux, Phil Ford, Donna Geesaman, Jason Phillips and Vormohr in favor. Chip Phillips dissented. Vickie Reitz was absent.
The hiring of the other teachers and additional employees was approved 6-0.
The board also voted unanimously to allow Current to advertise the 2025 budget at \$41.5 million, an increase of about \$760,000 (1.8%) over the current year.
The budget includes \$23.5 million in the education fund, \$11.6 million in the operation fund, \$5.6 million in the debt service fund, \$444,475 in the pension debt services fund and \$300,000 in the rainy day fund. (Current noted that the pension debt will be paid off in January.)
The capital projects plan that is included in the budget includes \$514,587 in roof replacement work in 2025, followed by \$457,555 in 2026 and \$38,198 in 2027. Other big-ticket items include \$185,000 for school security in 2025, \$150,000 each for parking lot work and lighting in

2026 and \$330,000 for metal siding in 2027.
The bus replacement plan calls for the purchase of four new buses every year through 2029, all of which will be replacing vehicles that are more than a decade old.
The budget will be advertised in the newspaper and online, with a public hearing to follow on Aug. 19 and a vote for approval on Sept. 16.
The school board also quickly approved a change to PHP as the new health insurance provider for the school corporation. Jay Schools had been with IU Health for the last two years.
PHP offered an increase in overall insurance costs of 9.3% with changes to the school corporation's plan, including an increase in deductibles and out-of-pocket costs for the most popular plan. (That marks the steepest increase in health insurance costs for Jay Schools since a 9.8% hike in 2017.)
IU Health's best offer was 33.4% for coverage at its facilities only. It would have been a 49% increase to keep the current plan in place.
Other health insurance providers refused to provide a

quote to the school corporation. (The school corporation has had several high-cost claims, leading to payouts outpacing premiums. That pattern is expected to continue.)
A survey of school staff regarding the options overwhelmingly favored the change to PHP, with 97.7% of respondents choosing that option.
The corporation's insurance committee thus recommended the shift to PHP, with the board approving 6-0.
The board also heard from consultant Nick Napier of Brown & Brown Insurance regarding pursuing other options for health insurance. He said he is actively talking with two trusts regarding the possibility of Jay School Corporation becoming a member. (Trusts could offer better options because risk is pooled among a larger group, but Gulley also noted that making such a change would involve less local control.) That process will continue, with plans to seek board approval to begin the application process in September.
In other business, the board:
•Heard from Gulley that an HVAC project in the northeast

wing of West Jay Elementary School and the construction of the new lockerroom, concessions and restroom building at the JCHS football field are nearly complete. He said there may be a need to put some West Jay students in the library or music room for a few days as the work is completed at West Jay, but that he doesn't expect such circumstances to last long.
•Approved the following: Its regular meeting schedule for 2024, with meetings generally continuing to be held at 5:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the former General Shanks Elementary School; the school corporation's teacher evaluation policy with no changes from 2023-24; the school corporation's application for the Teacher Appreciation Grant; and the retirement of Bloomfield Elementary School custodian Dawn Maock effective Sept. 6.
•Heard Gulley congratulate the Marching Patriots (fifth place out of 37) and JCHS cheerleaders (second out of three) for their success in competition Friday and Saturday, respectively, at the Indiana State Fair.
•Accepted several resignations, including Ashley LeCount as a

junior high English teacher and Rebecca Hudson as a school nurse, and a contract with One Hundred Percent LLC Career Coaching for job coaching services.
•Heard from Paxson regarding a summer school program for second and third graders who did not pass the iRead3 test. Forty-six students attended summer school classes for a total of eight days in July. Paxson said the program was well-received and plans are to continue to offer it in the future.
•OK'd the hiring of various employees, including current athletic trainer Spencer Tonner to serve also as a biomedical and exercise science adjunct teacher; Sophia Fugiett as a junior high math teacher; Megan Templeton as a junior high English teacher; Noah Arbuckle as a physical education instructor for Redkey and West Jay elementary schools and Kendyl Mick as a fifth grade teacher at East Jay Elementary School. Also approved extracurricular assignments including Donald Gillespie as boys tennis coach, Eric McLaughlin as junior high softball coach and Dusty Pearson as seventh grade boys basketball coach.



EMT Course Registration

Jay County Jr. Sr. High School
Sept 5, 2024 to Apr 15, 2025
Mondays and Thursdays
6pm to 10pm

Cost is \$750.

- Textbook and needed course materials
- Testing and Scheduling Software
- One written NREMT exam session
- Clinical Uniform Shirt.

Flexible payment plans and discounts for those who qualify.



Scan to register

Or go to:
<https://forms.gle/eXj8uNtiu1anCETL8>

Email: jmcfarland@jaycoems.org or Call Us 260-726-2311 x101



Walz joins Dem ticket

By BRIANA BIERSCHBACH
Star Tribune
Tribune News Service

MINNEAPOLIS — Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris has picked Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz to be her running mate, wagering that a former red-district congressman with a progressive streak can help her win over working-class voters in battleground states needed to beat Donald Trump in November.

CNN and the Associated Press reported Tuesday morning that Harris had selected Walz, ending weeks of speculation about who would run alongside her this fall.

In picking Walz, 60, Harris is elevating a relatively unknown second-term governor from a state that hasn't voted for a Republican for president in more than 50 years, passing over swing state contenders such as Arizona U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly and Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro.

Harris and Walz will kick off a tour of battleground states Tuesday evening with a rally in Philadelphia.

Initially seen as a second-tier candidate for the job, Walz vaulted to the top of the list of possible prospects after spending weeks defending Harris on the cable news circuit, going viral in the process for his off-the-cuff messaging style. He's credited with reframing the party's attack



Tribune News Service/Minneapolis Star Tribune/Glen Stubbe

Governor Tim Walz speaks with folks at Farmfest on Aug. 2, 2023, in Morgan, Minnesota. Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris on Tuesday morning announced Walz as her vice presidential running mate.

on Republicans from an existential threat to democracy to these "really weird people" for their positions on abortion and book bans.

A national Democratic audience took to Walz's blunt, fast-talking style and his "Minnesota nice" way of slamming Republicans, gaining supporters for the vice

president job in labor unions, current and former members of Congress, progressive leaders and Gen Z activists like Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting survivor David Hogg.

"The entire country is about to see why their friends from Minnesota can't stop bragging about Governor

Walz," Minnesota DFL Party Chair Ken Martin said in a statement. "By picking a servant leader born and raised in a small town who has dedicated his career to protecting freedoms and lifting up working families, Vice President Harris has chosen the perfect foil for JD Vance and his politics of resentment."

Signals ...

Continued from page 1
Council also approved a resolution Monday declaring it necessary to improve sidewalks and curbs and approved assessments for reconstruction of Butler Street between Fort Site and Main streets. Ohio Public Works Commission awarded the village \$499,000 through the Small Government Program grant in May for the project. Now estimated at \$1.6 million, it includes new and upgraded curbs and sidewalks, replacing the water main, new service taps at adjoining properties, including a tap for fire protection at Fort Recovery Morvilius Opera House, and a new traffic signal, pedestrian crossing equipment and fixtures at the intersection of Butler and Wayne streets.

Fort Recovery village administrator Randy Diller, who was absent from the meeting Monday, received the final design for the project Friday. Plans are to begin accepting bids in mid August, with completion set for July 2025.

Also Monday, village council members Al Post, Cliff Wendel, Scott Pearson, Greg Schmitz and Luke Knapke, absent Erik Fiely:

- Approved an ordinance levying assessments for construction of sidewalks and curbs along Gwendolyn and Wiggs streets, a part of the reconstruction project completed recently along Gwendolyn Street between Milligan and Wiggs streets and Wiggs Street between Gwendolyn and Wayne streets. Levied assessments will be added to the adjoining property owners' real estate taxes, resulting in a one-time 6% fee billed to the taxpayer over a five-year period at 0% interest.

- Established funds for state grant dollars going toward constructing a second water tower in the village. Fort Recovery received a \$1.25 million grant in June 2023 from the Ohio BUILDS water infrastructure program. In June of this year, the village also received a \$600,000 allocation for the project from the One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund, which is a part of the main Ohio capital budget.

Capsule Reports

Continued from page 2
Brandon S. York, 31, was driving a 2000 Toyota Tundra west on the road near U.S. 27 when the truck started having a mechanical issue.

The vehicle left the south side of the road and hit a utility pole owned by American Electric Power. The truck also went through a bean field for

about 25 feet. It was later towed.

Failed to yield

A Fort Recovery man couldn't see while entering the intersection of county roads 400 South and 300 West and drove in front of an oncoming motorcycle, causing an accident about 2:25 p.m. Monday.

Jose Reynaldo, 32, told police he was driving a 2020 Mack Anthem truck south on county road 300 West when he stopped at the intersection.

He told police he couldn't see past the rows of corn around him, and as he entered the intersection he drove in front of an eastbound 2008 Harley Davidson driven by 42-year-old

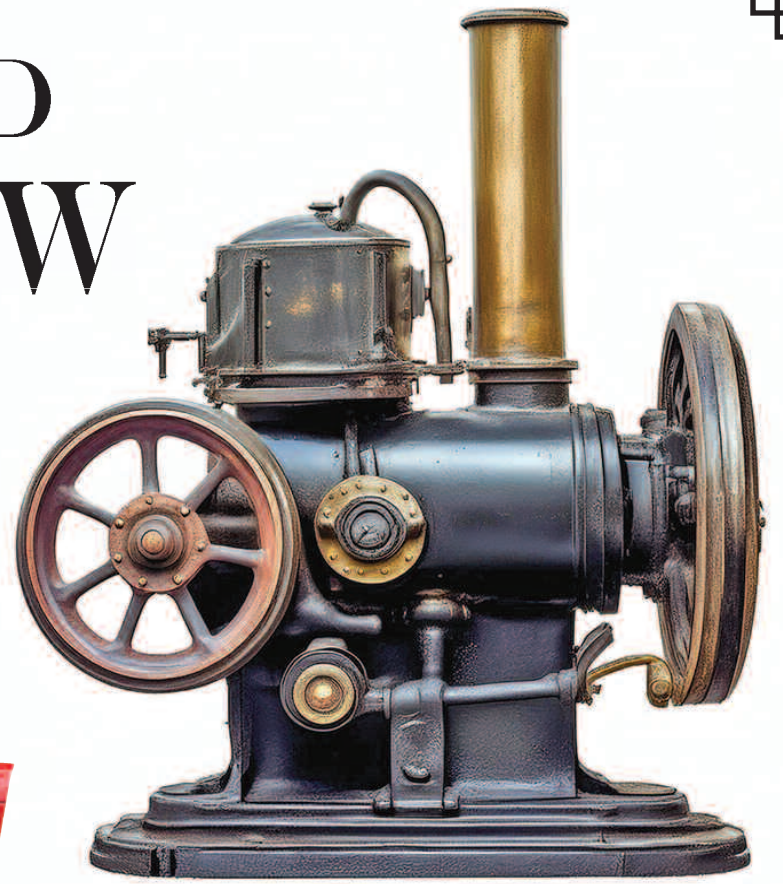
Adam J. Manor of Portland. Manor drove off the road into a ditch to avoid hitting Reynaldo.

Manor told police Reynaldo didn't stop at the intersection.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500. The vehicle Reynaldo was driving is registered to Cooper Farms of Fort Recovery.

TRACTOR AND ENGINE SHOW

SPECIAL SECTION



1/2 page color
\$600

1/2 page B&W
\$300

Big business card (3x3.5)
\$120

Business card (2x2)
\$80

Our special section featuring the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association Show will be distributed in

**The Commercial Review (Portland),
The News-Gazette (Winchester),
The News Times (Hartford City) and
The News and Sun (Dunkirk)**



Contact Lindsey at:
L.Cochran@thecr.com
or (260) 726-8141

SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Even when you lose, you win

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 9 2
♥ 10 8 5 3
♦ K Q 5 3
♣ 8 6 2

WEST
♠ A Q 5 3
♥ A K J
♦ J 9 7 6
♣ Q 10

EAST
♠ K J 8 7 6
♥ Q 9 6 4 2
♦ 8
♣ 5 3

SOUTH
♠ 10 4
♥ 7
♦ A 10 4 2
♣ A K J 9 7 4

West led the king of hearts and continued with the ace. After ruffing, declarer cashed the A-K of trump, felling the queen. Then, aware that the diamonds might be divided unfavorably, South embarked on a line of play designed to hold the doubled contract to down one. He led diamond to the queen, ruffed the eight of hearts, then led a diamond to the king and ruffed dummy's last heart.

These cautious preparations paid off well when South now exited with a spade. Although East-West could cash their two spade tricks, there was no way for West to score his diamond trick.

Thus, if East won the second spade, he would have to yield a ruff-and-discard, eliminating West's natural diamond trick. And if West won the second spade, he would have to yield a ruff-and-discard or lead a diamond from his J-9 into South's A-10. Either way, declarer would go down only one.

Considering that East-West would have scored 620 (or 820) points had they been allowed to play at either major-suit game, South's sacrifice bid proved very effective. South might not have gotten any richer by going minus 100, but he certainly would have wound up much poorer had he decided not to bid again.

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Dble Pass 1 ♠
2 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠
5 ♠ Dble

Opening lead—king of hearts.
Sacrifice bidding certainly does not fatten your bank account, but it can help greatly to slow down depreciation of your assets. Consider this deal where South judged — from both the bidding by East-West and his partner's initial pass — that the enemy could make a game in either four spades or four hearts, each worth 620 points at duplicate scoring and 820 at rubber-bridge scoring. So he bid five clubs at his third turn, and West doubled.

Tomorrow: Think before you leap.
©2024 King Features Syndicate Inc.

8-7

CRYPTOQUIP

E G D D Y E Q H Z J O O Y T
F Q H H Q U - I L U - D Y Y L ' E I U U I L
F U P U I Y T J O O Y G I , Q ' R E J N L U

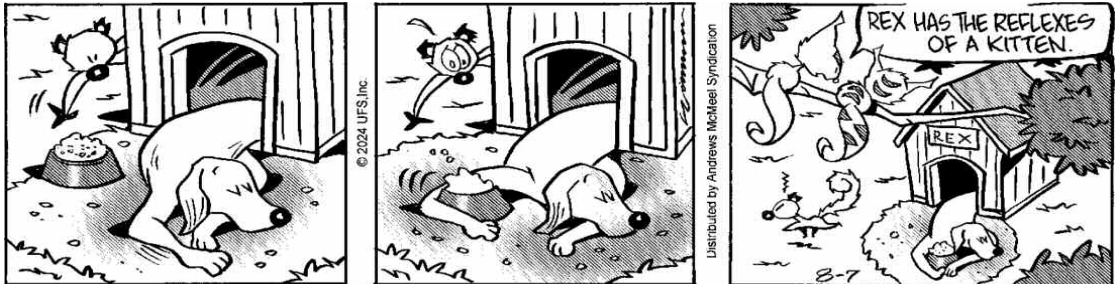
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I BELIEVE THAT WHEN YOU SHRED CHEESE ON A SLANTED CUTTING BOARD, YOU WILL GRATE ON A CURVE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals H

Peanuts



Rose is Rose



Agnes



Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey

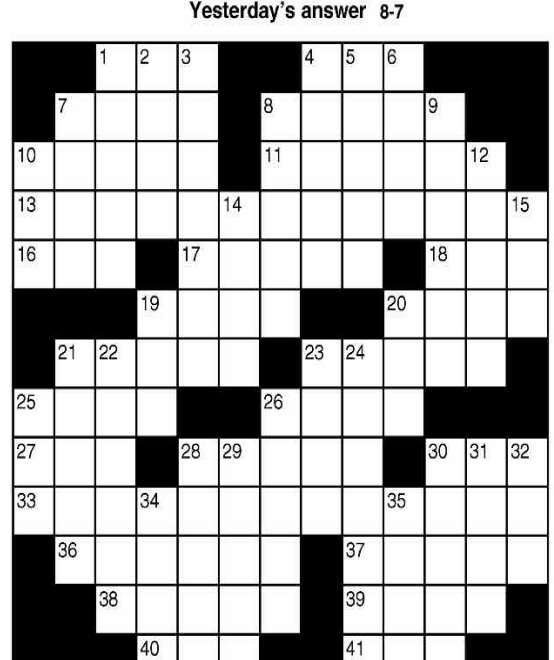


CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	26 "Call on me, please!"	DOWN	14 Actress
1 Rds.	27 Dadaist	1 Garbage barges	15 Youngster
4 Actor Penn	7 Optimist's Jean	2 Body powder	19 Pep
7 Stop-watch	8 Stop-player	28 UCLA	3 Dozed off
10 Skater Ohno	11 Flared skirts	30 Capitol VIP	4 Turkish rug
13 "Amazing, don't you think?"	16 Billboards	33 "Enough said"	5 Out of whack
17 Whizzes (by) -friendly	18 —	36 Beau	6 Fast time
19 Type of diagram	20 Homer's son	37 From Dublin	7 Apple product
21 Mexican artist Kahlo	23 Sudden onrush	38 Coffee bar order	8 Claw
25 Oz creator L. Frank —		39 Speeding penalty	9 Warm up anew
		40 French article	10 "Caught ya!"
		41 Nemesis	12 "—"
			28 Midler of "Beaches"
			29 Mob scenes
			30 Glisten
			31 Lighten
			32 To the — degree
			34 Test tube
			35 Sextet half

Solution time: 23 mins.

C	R	A	M	U	M	P	O	P	E	L
R	O	L	E	N	A	E	M	U	T	E
O	M	A	R	C	A	N	B	E	R	R
C	A	N	C	E	L	S	E	L	L	E
E	V	E	T	A	E					
B	A	S	R	A	C	A	N	T	E	E
C	H	O	J	A	M	A	N	O		
C	A	N	D	I	E	D	B	A	U	E
O	A	T	M	E	R					
S	L	A	N	G	C	A	N	A	S	T
C	A	N	O	D	L	E	B	A	K	U
A	V	E	R	N	O	V	I	R	O	N
M	E	W	S	A	P	E	C	A	S	T



Little JJ's Tree Service
Tree Trimming, Removal, Stump Grinding. Firewood available
765-509-1956

GABBARD FENCE
FARM • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL RESIDENTIAL • VINYL
SINCE 1969
rgfence@yahoo.com
(765) 546-8801

Wendel's
Carpets & Upholstery Cleaning
Von Schrader Dry Foam Cleaning
For Quick Drying, Residential & Commercial
Dave Wendel
Ph. 260-726-4520
Cell 260-729-2797

E and E Construction Amish Crew
BARN RESTORATION
Specializing in metal roofs, decks & more
FREE Estimates
260-301-1777

A & S Building Construction, LLC
All Types of construction New Homes, Remodeling, Roofing, Siding
Garages, Barns, Concrete work, Basement & Foundation Replacement
Leave Message
260-341-3023

MAY FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.
• Life • Health • International Medical Employee Benefits • Dental • Vision • Medicare Supplements • Annuities
MATT FRANKS
your hometown agent
(260) 729-5200
111 W. Main Street, Portland, IN

Bricker's Flowers & More
414 N. Meridian St. Portland
Call or text to order 260-703-0304
Open 9:30-5:00 Monday - Friday
9:30-3:00 Saturday

SUBSCRIBE TO THE COMMERCIAL REVIEW
up to **49% off**
Newsstand prices
Subscribe at **theocr.com**
or call 260-726-8141

Dave's Heating & Cooling
Furnace, Air Conditioner Geothermal Sales & Service
260-726-2138
Now accepting MC/Disc/Visa

BOOLMAN'S
Auto Sales & Service, Inc.
Highway 67 W, Portland, Indiana
260-251-9735

BAIL BONDS
Travis Weaver
260-726-3189
across street from Jail

How timekeepers determined Lyles' win

By DAVID WHARTON
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

PARIS — The instant that Noah Lyles crossed the finish line in Sunday night's heart-stopping 100-meter final at the 2024 Summer Olympics, the clock started on a completely different sort of race.

With the American sprinter and his rivals bunched so tightly at the end, it was impossible to divine a winner with the naked eye.

So, far above the track, a team of officials immediately turned to their computer screens and got to work determining an order of finish.

"All of this happens, obviously, very fast," said Alain Zobrist of Omega, the Swiss company contracted to keep time at the Games. "There is a lot of pressure."

The photo finish process begins with three cameras — main, backup and infield — aimed at the track from different angles. Officials need multi-

Noah Lyles took 100-meter dash gold medal by 0.005 seconds

ple views in case one runner is partially blocking another.

The cameras take 40,000 pictures per second, beaming the images to a temporary, three-level structure built into the stands at Stade de France. Zobrist calls them "the quietest rooms in the stadium. Everyone is extremely focused."

On one level, a main timekeeper, head judge and team leader scrutinize footage from the main camera. On another level, an official studies the infield and backup perspectives.

Using the left and right arrows on their keyboards, they can scroll back-and-forth between images, zooming in and out where necessary. The pictures highlight a critical area within five millimeters of the finish, but humans must decide.

"The head judge is making the call and everyone else is confirming," Zobrist said.

On Sunday night, that meant looking past the jumble of feet, hands and heads because, under international track rules, a runner does not finish

until his or her torso crosses the line.

As the seconds ticked by — about 10 of them — runners on the track and thousands of spectators in the stands watched the stadium's video boards. Lyles did not expect his name to be atop the list.

"I wasn't ready to see it," he recalled. "And that's the first time I've ever said that in my head, like I wasn't ready to see it."

NBC announcer Leigh Diffey — who would later apologize — had made a similar mistake, telling a live television audience in the U.S. that "Jamaica's going to do it. Kishane Thompson is a gold medalist!"

But timekeepers found the clear view they were searching for, along with exact times down to the thousandth of a second stamped on each image. They took an extra moment to double-check.

"As soon as you officialize,"

Zobrist said, "there is no way back."

A roar filled the stadium when the photo finish results finally appeared. Lyles had edged out Thompson of Jamaica, 9.784 seconds to 9.789. Another U.S. sprinter, Fred Kerley, finished third just 0.02 seconds back.

Timing officials still had work to do. On the third level of their temporary facility, they used motion sensors and a positioning system to better understand what had transpired on the track.

With a reaction time of 0.178 seconds, Lyles started relatively slowly out of the blocks. But he reached 26.7 miles per hour at about 65 meters and unlike Thompson, who decelerated toward the end, was able to more or less maintain his peak speed. This allowed him to take the lead at about nine seconds and lean for the line.

The entire race took slightly less time than figuring out who won.

Maddy Snow, a senior on the Jay County High School girls golf team, chips onto the fifth green at Wabash Valley Golf Course on Monday morning. Snow led the Patriots in the season opener with 110 strokes to help the Patriots to an eighth-place finish out of 10 teams at the South Adams Invite.



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Eighth ...

Continued from page 10
An example of that came on the third hole. After finishing with a triple-bogey on hole No. 2, she bounced back to earn par. Her drive on the 132-yard, par-3 hole ended up to the right of the green. Her chip put her 2 feet within the hole for an easy putt.

Jay County's final score came from first-year golfer Emily Aker with a 133.

All four golfers played better in the second half of the match, something Allred said was likely due to nerves of the first meet of the year, especially for the first-year varsity golfers.

While the Patriots weren't able to crack the top five, Allred was pleased with what she's seen so far.

"I definitely agree that there are some things that we need to improve on, but overall with this being my first year (as coach) and having such a small team I really feel good about what they're showing us and the community," she said.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Fort Recovery — Girls golf in Gary Broering meet — 9 a.m.; Middle school volleyball scrimmage at Parkway — 6 p.m.

Thursday
Fort Recovery — Boys golf vs. Mississinawa Valley — 9 a.m.; Volleyball scrimmage at Crestview — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
1:30 a.m. — Olympic track & field (USA)
6:30 a.m. — Olympic skateboarding (USA)
11 a.m. — Olympic beach volleyball (NBC)
11 a.m. — Little League baseball (ESPN)

1 p.m. — Olympic track & field (NBC)
1 p.m. — Olympic water polo (USA)
5 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited softball: Team Blue vs. Team Orange (ESPN2)
6:40 p.m. — MLB: San Diego Padres at Pittsburgh Pirates (FS1); Cincinnati Reds at Miami Marlins (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — Athletes Unlimited softball: Team Gold vs. Team Purple (ESPN2)

Thursday
1:30 a.m. — Olympic swimming (USA)
4 a.m. — Olympic track & field (USA)
8:35 p.m. — Olympic water polo (USA)
10:30 a.m. — Olympic taekwondo (USA)
12 p.m. — Olympic beach volleyball finals (NBC)
1 p.m. — Little League baseball (ESPN2)

1:30 p.m. — Olympic water polo (USA)
1:35 p.m. — Olympic track & field (NBC)
6:10 p.m. — MLB: Cincinnati Reds at Miami Marlins (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — NFL preseason: Carolina Panthers vs. New England Patriots (CBS); Detroit Lions vs. New York Giants (FOX)
8 p.m. — Mixed Olympic coverage (NBC)

Local notes

Next up
The Adams Memorial/Kekionga Greenway Gallop 5K is the next race in the Adams County Challenge Series.
The race will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24. It will begin at Riverside Center in Decatur at 4:30 p.m.
The races costs \$20 if registered by Aug. 11,

and \$25 after that date. Registration can be found at adamscounty5kchallenge.com.
For more information contact Linda Morris at (260) 724-2604.

Season tickets for sale
Jay County High School began selling season tickets Monday, July 22. Tickets can be purchased during office hours from 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
The Patriot Pass and Senior Patriot Pass (for those 65-and-older) cover all high school and junior high events. The former costs \$105 while the latter is \$60.
For just high school events, High School Adult Super Tickets (\$80) and Senior Super Tickets for those 65-and-older (\$45) are available. Junior High Super Tickets are available for \$60.
Also available are a Pre-Paid Sports Pass, good

for 12 games at \$50, boys basketball season passes for \$50 and football season passes for \$25.

Classic set
The 11th Annual Adams Health Foundation Golf Classic is set to be held on Sept. 13 at Wabash Valley Golf Club. Teams of four can participate for \$400, with tee times at either 7:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Included are an 18-hole round of golf, a best, non-alcoholic beverages, a cooler bag and lunch.
All proceeds go to school healthcare scholarships and community health. For more information, contact Kim Trombley by emailing kim.trombley@adamshealthnetwork.org or by calling (260) 724-2145 ext. 13062.
.....
To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@theocr.com.

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION

Located: Woman's Building Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E. Votaw St. Portland, IN
Friday Afternoon
August 9th, 2024
5:00 P.M.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS - COINS - TOOLS.

Frigidaire refrigerator; Kenmore 12cu freezer; drophead secretary cabinet; wood porch swing; pocket knives; Barcelona guitar; Yamaha SJ180 guitar with case; ELVIS ITEMS. Currency & coins; Framed \$2 Bills (1928, 1953, 2013) Framed \$1 bill missed cut; 1963 proof set; steel pennies; foreign coins; Peter Pan production poster, signed; Kennedy for president posters; metal signs; Hot Wheels; Heileman's Old Style Beer sign; Coke sign; #3 crock churn; Carftsman tool box; fishing lures; and other items not listed.

JERRY & DEBI ABBOTT & BEMIS FAMILY

Loy Auction
AC#31600027
Auctioneers
Gary Loy AU01031608
Travis Theurer
AU11200131
Aaron Loy AU11200112

90 SALE CALENDAR

REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
9:00AM

Location 891 W 650 N, Bryant, IN 47326
Real Estate:

*3 +/- acres *2305 sq. ft. building
*1125 sq. ft. basement
*24'x48' pavilion. Personal property to follow;
*Cub Cadet mower*snow blower*picnic table.
Community Christian Ministries, Owners
Sale conducted by Green Auction — 260-589-8474.
See SoldonGreen.com for details and flyers.
Rob Green AU19500011
Bill Liechty AU01048441

100 JOBS WANTED

AMISH CREW LOOKING FOR any work. No job is too big or small. Pole barns, roofing, remodeling. 260-849-2489.

110 HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Experienced Oil Field Pumpjack: Jay Co., IN / Portland Area. Call: Howard @ 248-623-6091 or Office: 248-343-4898

130 MISC. FOR SALE

ALUMINUM SHEETS

23"x30", .007 thick.
Clean and shiny on one side...35 cents each or four for \$1.40, plus tax.
The Commercial Review, 309 W Main, Portland 260-726-8141.

190 FARMERS COLLUMN

AG RENTAL Spreaders: BBI, Artsway Vertical. New Holland 228 skid loaders w/full cab, heat/ac. Fort Recovery 419-852-0309

200 FOR RENT

LEASE SPACE available, Coldwater, OH. Manufacturing, warehousing, assembly, distribution, offices, inside and outdoor storage. Easy access to major highways and railroad access with loading docks and overhead cranes available. Contact Sycamore Group, 419-678-5318, www.sycamoreospace.com

230 AUTOS, TRUCKS

WE PAY CASH for junk autos. We pick up at your location. 1-765-546-2642 or 1-765-857-1071. Slocum's Salvage

250 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE JAY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Notice is hereby given that the Jay County Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), being the governing body of the Jay County Department of Redevelopment (the "Department"), on April 24, 2024, adopted a resolution (the "Declaratory Resolution"), approving an amendment to the resolution creating the Premier Economic Development Area (the "Economic Development Area") pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-14, as amended (the "Act"), designating a portion of the Economic Development Area as an "allocation area" for purposes of Section 39 of the Act (the "Allocation Area"), and approving the Economic Development Plan for the Economic Development Area (the "Original Plan"). The Declaratory Resolution amends the Original Plan to expand the scope of Projects under the Original Plan to conform with the County's Amended Capital Improvement Plan (collectively, the "Amendments"). The Jay County Plan Commission and the Board of Commissioners of Jay County, Indiana, subsequently approved the Declaratory Resolution and the Amendments.
Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, August 28th 2024, at 5:00p.m. in the First Floor Auditorium of the Jay County Courthouse, located at 120 North Court Street, Portland, Indiana, 47371, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the Amendments and the proceedings pertaining thereto. The Commission will determine the public utility and the benefit of the proposed Amendments.
Maps and plats of the Economic Development Area and the boundaries of the Allocation Area have been prepared and, along with the Declaratory Resolution and Amendments, can be inspected at the offices of the County Auditor, located at the Jay County Courthouse, 120 North Court Street, Portland, Indiana, 47371.
JAY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
CR/NS 8-7-2024-HSPAXLP

THE CLASSIFIEDS
Find it - Buy It - Sell It!
(260) 726-8141

260 PUBLIC AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION

LOCATION: 891 W 650 N, Bryant, IN 47326
Saturday, September 14, 2024
9:00 a.m.

OPEN HOUSE: AUGUST 10th, 10:00-1:00pm
SEPTEMBER 10th 4:00-6:00pm

REAL ESTATE has been well maintained and could have multiple uses. 3.4 ACRES with a 2,305 sq. ft. finished 1st floor & 1,125 sq.ft. finished basement with full kitchen. 24' X 48' Pavilion. 3 Restrooms. Well and Septic System. Bloomfield School District. Seller will provide staked survey.
Buyer assumes taxes in Spring 2025. \$7,500 Down Payment Due day of Auction. Closing in 30 days.
PERSONAL PROPERTY to sell after real estate. Lawn Mower, Snow Blower, Chairs, Tables, Picnic Tables.

Community Christian Ministries, Owner

Green Auction
Rob Green AU1 9500011
Bill Liechty AU01048441
656 West Main Street, Berne, IN 46711
260-589-8474
SoldonGreen.com

CR 8-7,9-6-2024

READ THE CR THEN RECYCLE

Sports

Patriots place eighth

Jay girls golf opens season with 478 strokes at South Adams Invite

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

GENEVA — The 2024-25 high school season is officially underway.

It wasn't the smoothest sailing for the Patriots out of the gate, but coach Carissa Allred is pleased with the progress she has seen and will be looking for more as the season continues.

The Jay County High School girls golf team earned an eighth-place finish out of 10 teams at the South Adams Invite on Monday by shooting a 478 at Wabash Valley Golf Club.

Norwell claimed the top spot with a score of 380 strokes. Allen County Athletic Conference foe Bluffton ended as the runner-up with a 396. Jay County trailed Belmont by 22 strokes while beating Heritage (484) and Bishop Luers (607).

"I feel really confident with our progress that we made over the summer," Allred said. "I do feel confident enough that we're going to continue to grow."

"We worked all summer at making sure we have the strength and endurance to go through 18 holes. After today, I could tell that we were physically fit, we just need to work on some of our putting skills so that will be my next big practice."

Overcorrecting proved to be a problem for the Patriots on the greens. Several times early in the match, the JCHS golfers would hit too hard when trying to get on the green, pushing them off the back edge before leaving the ball short on successive putts.

The Patriots' top golfer, Maddy Snow, struggled particu-

larly with that issue on her first hole of the day, the 133-yard, par-3 18th. Off the tee, she was sitting on the left edge of the fairway, about 50 feet away from the flag. Her approach sent the ball nearly 10 yards off the back of the green. Her ensuing chip hit a low-hanging tree branch and bounced to the fringe. She then undercorrected as her first putt was about eight feet short of the hole. Her second putt was also short by a foot before she finished off the hole.

"The greens were really fast and we weren't used to that yet," Allred said. "We saw a lot of three putts, if not more. So we've got to get that under control if we want to be competitive."

Snow wound up with Jay County's best score of 110 strokes with eight bogeys. That's 11 strokes more than what Snow shot last year at the South Adams Invitational.

Bluffton's Emma Schwartz ended as the match medalist with an 82.

The other returning Patriot golfer, Brooklynn Bright, saw improvements from last year. In 2023, it took Bright 130 strokes to get through the course, and only 118 this year. Bright netted a pair of pars — two of three for the Patriots — on holes No. 12 and 15 (both par 3s).

Jay County's second-best score came from freshman Bailey Towell with a 117.

"She had a really good attitude," Allred said. "She did not let you know when she had a bad hole and she did not let that affect her next swing. ... I was really pleased that she was the second lowest score today."

See **Eighth** page 9



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jay County High School freshman Bailey Towell putts while holding her ball marker in her mouth on the fifth hole on Monday at Wabash Valley Golf Course. Towell put up the second-best score for the Patriots at the South Adams Invite by shooting a 117.

The CR
August ad specials
1/2 page B&W ad
to run once from Aug. 1 through 16

\$175 (regular price – \$819)

Run a second time Aug. 27, 28, 29, 30 or 31 for \$100

Advertise in
The CR

Rate does not apply to special sections



GRAPHIC PRINTING
NEWSPAPERS

Contact Lindsey at
L.Cochran@thecr.com
or (260) 726-8141

Indians drop opening match

ARCANUM, Ohio — The Indians didn't quite have the start they were hoping for out of the gate.

The Fort Recovery High School girls golf team dropped its first match of the year 215-223 to Tri-Village at Beechwood Golf Course on Tuesday.

Reagan Brewer earned match medalist honors for the Patriots (1-0) by shooting a 40. Their second-best score came from Taylor Begoon with a 49.

Olivia Knapke put up the best day for FRHS with a 53.

Emma Will finished only one stroke behind the Indians' top golfer to shoot a 54.

In her varsity debut, Malory Evers scored for Fort Recovery (0-1) by contributing a round of 57.

Both Eva Kahlig and Georgia Wenning shot 59s to round out the Indians' score.

Rylee Bubb's 64 did not affect the team score.

Opening victory

CELINA, Ohio — The Fort Recovery junior varsity boys golf team took down the Parkway Pan-

Local roundup

thers 216-242 on Monday at Celina Lynx Golf Club.

Fort Recovery's Will Westgerdes ended as the match medalist after shooting a 46. He got off to a hot start, scoring pars on the first three holes.

Parkway's top golfer, Carson Stauffer, had a 58.

Will Fallner and Hoyt Schmitz both had better scores than Stauffer for Fort Recovery, putting up a pair of 55s. Fallner had a par on the par-4 fifth hole and added a bogey as well. Schmitz finished with a trio of bogeys on the final three holes.

Garrett Diller contributed the final score by shooting a 60. He had a pair of bogeys on holes No. 2 and 4.

Reed Albers' 66 and Carson Fullenkamp's 67 did not affect the team's final.

They're in Good Hands Here

- Vaccines & Preventive Care
- Illness, Injury & Surgical Care
- Flea & Heartworm Prevention
- Allergies & Nutrition

Hours:
Mon - Fri. 8-5 p.m.
call for appt on Saturday



Portland Veterinary Clinic

1407 Votaw St. • Portland • 260-726-7370
http://www.portlandvet.net • Christian Bader DVM