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Council hears report on lead lines

Rule would require replacement within the next 10 years

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

New rules may be coming regarding lead water service lines.

The cost for the city to replace the lead service lines that remain is currently estimated between \$1.6 million and \$2.1 million.

Portland City Council on Monday heard a report from Kurt Wanninger of Wessler Engineering regarding a pre-published rule from the federal government regarding the replacement of water lines.

Wanninger explained that new lead and copper rules were signed by former president and now President-elect Donald Trump in 2020 but have been on hold since then. He added that the Joe Biden administration last month released “pre-published rules” — the president has not yet signed them — that would require that any lead service lines be replaced within the next 10 years.

An inventory of water service lines — those extending from the city’s mains users — that was due to the federal government recently showed that more than 82% of those in the city are non-lead. It showed that 243 are lead while another 366 are undetermined and will require additional investigation.

Wanninger said line replacement currently costs between \$6,200 and \$8,700 per location. He added that he expects costs to go up as the new rule will increase the demand for such work.

He also noted that it’s possible the rules could be changed again under the second Trump administration.

Council president Kent McClung asked if the work could be done by city employees or if it would require an outside contractor. Wanninger said the scope of the project would likely require it to be sub-contracted.

“The great thing is, (water department superintendent Doug Jackson) and his department do a great job operating the water treatment plant,” he added. “They haven’t had any violations in regard to the lead rule. So the water that is being drunk at customers’ homes is safe, reliable water that you guys are producing in your drinking water system.”

Via the regular claims docket, council members Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Dave Golden, Ashley Hilfiker and McClung, absent Ron May, also approved the release of \$50,000 in 2024 funding for Jay County Development Corporation.

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Headed back to statehouse

State Representative J.D. Prescott (R-Union City) laughs while chatting with Jonelle Foreman on Tuesday during a gathering of local Republicans to follow election results at John Jay Center for Learning. Prescott was elected to a fourth term representing District 33, which includes all of Jay, Randolph and Blackford counties and part of Delaware and Henry counties. Foreman was elected as Jay County’s next treasurer.

County will switch insurance brokers

By **BAILEY CLINE**
The Commercial Review

It’s time for a change. Jay County Commissioners decided to switch insurance brokers Wednesday.

Commissioners agreed on a split vote to switch from OneDigital of Fort Wayne to Understand, Service and Innovate (USI) Insurance Services of Carmel.

Tom Schweisthal of USI Insurance Services noted the group looked at three health insurance methods for the county. One of those options would involve using an Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangement,

Commissioners vote 2-1 to make change while sticking with the current provider

which involves employers reimbursing employees for health insurance premiums. With the option, employees could sign up for individual plans through HealthCare.gov. Schweisthal noted the option would “take (the county) out of the claims game,”

saving the county an estimated \$245,000 compared to a proposed renewal plan with provider Physicians Health Plan.

Pointing to recent claims history, Schweisthal said the county joining a partially self-funded plan does not seem to be a viable option

at this time. However, he proposed the county could begin using his company as a broker and, come renewal time next year, look into a partially self-funded route again. He proposed USI Insurance Services take over the county’s current plan and finish out the process for a fully insured plan for next year.

Commissioners have been exploring partially self-funded options through a few different brokers in recent months. USI Insurance Services came to commissioners in August with a partially self-funded insurance proposal.

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Braun names transition team

Governor-elect says he’ll take entrepreneurial approach

By **WHITNEY DOWNARD**
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Just over 12 hours after claiming victory on Election Night, Governor-elect Mike Braun announced the team of Hoosiers that will guide the transition of power, relying on several well-known politicians to oversee the changeover.

Such a team, as well as the future appointments for state agency heads, “will be people that understand that

it’s going to be my vision of being an entrepreneurial governor. That’s going to be conservative on the financial side but very entrepreneurial on the problem-fixing side,” Braun told reporters in Indianapolis on Wednesday.

Braun didn’t rule out keeping some department heads from fellow Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb’s administration, though he has previously singled out both the Family and Social Services Administration and the Department of Child Services as agencies in need of improvement.

Victor Smith, who previously worked as commerce secretary under former Gov. Mike Pence, will chair Braun’s transition team. Josh Kelley, Braun’s chief of staff in the U.S. Senate, will be transition director.

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Indiana Capital Chronicle/Whitney Downard

Indiana GOP Chair Randy Head takes a selfie with Governor-elect Mike Braun on Tuesday in Indianapolis. Head will be one of the members of Braun’s transition team. Victor Smith, who previously worked as commerce secretary under former Gov. Mike Pence, will chair the team.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 68 degrees Wednesday. The low was 52. Tonight’s forecast calls for a low in the mid 30s. Expect mostly sunny skies

Saturday with the high topping out in the upper 50s. Rain is expected Saturday night and Sunday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Coverage of this week’s Portland Board of Works meeting.

Tuesday — Photos from weekend events, including the Delta Theta Tau craft show.

Wednesday — Coverage of Tuesday’s Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Council ...

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Golden asked if the funding was on the docket, which it was. Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips said she wasn't sure if the council would want to discuss releasing the funds following the announcement last week that executive director Travis Richards will be leaving the organization for a new job. "Well, the contract is with JCDC, not with Travis Richards," said Golden. "And my thinking is absolutely release that money."
Council members discussed the issue further, with McClung pointing out that the payment is for work in 2024. (The contract the city signed with JCDC includes another \$50,000 for 2025.) Goldsworthy raised concern about the direction of the organization moving forward, saying he does not want the work to be outsourced. (Jay County Commissioners have contracted with East Central Regional Planning Dis-

trict for a community coordinator in replacement of the previous community development position that was a part of JCDC.) "I think if anybody would oppose outsourcing the job, it would be the 25 directors," said Richards, who has agreed to work for JCDC on an as-needed basis through the end of the year in order to follow through on existing projects. McClung expressed a desire to send a message to potential applicants for the JCDC executive director position that the city is in support of the organization. Council members voted unanimously to approve the claims docket, with the JCDC funding included. "I want to take a moment to give a lot of praise to Travis and Jodi and people from the board of directors of JCDC," Golden said later in the meeting. "I think as a city we're very blessed to have you. ...
"As a citizen, I appreciate all

that you've done to create opportunities for our city."
In other business, council: •Received an update from Arts Place executive director Carolyn Carducci regarding the Hudson Family Park Amphitheater Concert Series, for which the city contributed \$15,000. She said all four free concerts had at least 700 attendees, with a high of 757 for Whoa, Man! Band in July. She also noted that there is a community planning session to create a regional arts master plan from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at John Jay Center for Learning. •Tabled a request from rural Portland resident Kyle Love for sewer bill relief after his house was severely damaged in the Sept. 22 tornado that also hit Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Council had a lengthy discussion about the issue, which was previously tabled by the city's board of works because city ordinance states that a sewer bill must be paid for any location

that is connected. Council members agreed to look at ordinances from other municipalities and consider making a change to allow fees to be waived for a period of time following a natural disaster. •Forwarded a tax abatement request from Joyce-Dayton to the city's tax abatement advisory committee. The company is seeking a one-year abatement on \$229,000 in manufacturing equipment. It is projected to save the company \$2,748 in taxes while resulting in \$21,296 in tax payments over a 10-year period. •Approved \$58,762 in economic development income tax (EDIT) money as matching funds for the apron expansion project at Portland Municipal Airport. The Federal Aviation Administration will provide 90% of the funding for the project, with the city and Indiana Department of Transportation each responsible for 5%. •Expressed support for poten-

tially expanding the city's riverfront district as requested by Emily Goodrich of Good-Rich Brewery and Taproom. She shared the idea of adding a commercial kitchen to the brewery, 128 E. McNeil St., in order to provide space for start-up restaurants on a short-term basis. In order to expand the riverfront district, the city council would have to make the area a designated economic development area, redevelopment project area, urban renewal area or redevelopment area, an economic development project district or a community revitalization enhancement district. •Following a question from Hilliker, received confirmation from Mayor Jeff Westlake that there are plans for a Goodwill store in the former Walgreens on Votaw Street just west of Meridian Street. He said he asked about a timeline and was told the store could open within the next six months.

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Saturday 11/9	Sunday 11/10	Monday 11/11	Tuesday 11/12	Wednesday 11/13
60/50	65/45	56/41	57/40	63/43
Mostly sunny on Saturday with the chance of rain increasing throughout the day.	Sunday has a 90% chance of showers throughout the day with a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Mostly sunny skies on Veterans Day when the low will be in the low 40s.	Mostly sunny skies on Tuesday, when the high will be in the mid 60s.	There's a 50% chance of rain on Wednesday when the high will be in the 60s.

Lotteries

Powerball 12-17-37-58-62 Power Ball: 4 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$92 million	Daily Four: 8-4-7-1 Quick Draw: 1-10-16-17-24-30-35-38-41-46-48-49-51-57-58-60-62-64-73-79 Cash 5: 1-18-22-24-43 Estimated jackpot: \$95,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$334 million	Ohio Wednesday Midday Pick 3: 5-6-8 Pick 4: 7-8-2-4 Pick 5: 4-8-4-9-2 Evening Pick 3: 7-1-3 Pick 4: 2-7-9-4 Pick 5: 5-2-6-9-7 Rolling Cash: 5-17-19-38-39 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Wednesday Midday Daily Three: 6-3-5 Daily Four: 1-8-0-2 Quick Draw: 3-4-6-7-11-18-22-26-29-40-48-56-59-64-66-70-72-76-79-80 Evening Daily Three: 2-9-1	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.24 Dec. corn.....4.27 Wheat4.70	Dec. beans9.89 Wheat 5.20
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.31 Dec. corn4.26 Jan. corn4.34	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.21 Dec. corn4.24 Beans.....9.85 Dec. beans9.85 Wheat5.14
The Andersons Richland Township Corn4.29 Dec. corn4.29 Beans.....9.89	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....4.16 Dec. corn4.21 Beans.....9.67 Dec. beans9.72 Wheat5.05

Today in history

In 2003, Portland native Jack Imel was the featured speaker at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Jay County Boys Club (now Jay Community Center). Imel was a longtime featured performer on the Lawrence Welk Show.
In 2013, Super Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines, resulting in more than 6,000 deaths and leaving more than 4.1 million displaced from their homes. Damage was estimated at \$5.8 billion.
In 2021, Jay County Commissioners allocated \$400,000 in economic development funds from Scout Clean Energy's Bitter Ridge Wind Farm to local municipalities, including \$100,000 each for Portland and Dunkirk and \$50,000 each for Redkey, Pennington, Salamonia and Bryant.
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Citizen's calendar

Monday 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City	Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. Tuesday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St. Wednesday 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St.
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Insurance ...

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OneDigital senior benefit consultant Jessica Clayton and a representative of captive manager Pareto-Health shared options with commissioners Oct. 8, and Steve Stockton of Bixler Insurance of Portland and representatives of Unified Group Services met with commissioners Oct. 11.
At their meeting Oct. 28, commissioners heard from Clayton about the county's renewal offer with its current provider, Physicians Health Plan. The offer includes an 8% increase with a total annual premium of \$1.536 million, along with a 40% refund agreement mirroring the current year. Health insurance provider Anthem also offered a plan, which would include a 4% increase from the current year and a \$1.48 million annual premium along with a 25% refund agreement. United Healthcare also offered a plan with a 19% increase. Clayton advised against switching to a partially self-funded route Oct. 28, noting a claimant marked as a \$2 million "laser" — a higher individual deductible for a single claimant within a stop-loss insurance policy. Forrest Williamson of Unified Group Services pointed to the same issue Oct. 28 and suggested if the county were to move forward with partially self-funding, it should help the claimant find another healthcare plan. Its plan came in at a projected \$1.5 million. Alex Dickman of USI Insurance Services said Wednesday his company believes a partially self-funding plan could be beneficial for the county in the future, but is not viable at this time. Answering a question from Journay, Dickman said if the county were to continue on a fully

insured plan next year, his company could continue gathering claims data to be used in determining a partially self-funded plan later.
Jay County has used the services of OneDigital — formerly Platinum Benefit Consulting Group — for nearly a decade, with Clayton serving the county for at least seven years. Aker said they needed to make a decision Wednesday on how to move forward. McGalliard asked employees in attendance for their opinions. County auditor Emily Franks spoke in favor of staying with OneDigital and Clayton. "I will say, personally, from my experience, I feel like as an employee our current broker is working for me as an employee," she said. "I've never felt like we weren't heard or helped, and customer service is just something so precious anymore that I would hate to lose her."
Franks pointed out Clayton has worked with the county for years and knows its history. McGalliard pointed to conversations with others, including Stockton, who have indicated the county should have started a partially self-funded plan in years past. He asked why Clayton hadn't offered a partially self-funded plan previously. Former county auditor Nancy Culy — she now works as an employee in the auditor's office — said she has worked with various insurance brokers over the years and said OneDigital has been the best to work with. Highway assistant superintendent Stephanie Klarer noted her concerns are how much the employees would pay with each plan. Journay voiced support in sticking with OneDigital. Aker noted

he's been in contact with USI Insurance Services for six months and said he feels comfortable switching to them as a broker. McGalliard made a motion to switch brokers, and Aker seconded the motion. Commissioners then voted 2-1, with Journay dissenting, to make the switch. Commissioners then discussed renewing the current plan with Physicians Health Plan. They asked USI Insurance Services to look into the renewal and share thoughts before moving forward. Franks noted the process needs to be done by the end of the month. Also Monday, commissioners OK'd Jay County Highway Department superintendent Bob Howell to move forward with getting quotes for replacing the timber bridge on county road 600 West just north of Indiana 26. Plans are to replace the bridge with a box culvert, an estimated \$365,000 project. Highway department officials have been looking into cost-effective solutions to the county's deteriorating timber bridges. Box culverts won't work for replacing all timber bridges in the county — some bridges are too wide to be replaced with a culvert — but it is one option in some instances, such as the bridge on county road 600 West. In other business, commissioners agreed to add Stacey Johnson and remove Melissa Blankley from Jay County Country Living's bank account and credit card. Johnson started as the facility's new director Oct. 28. Also, Aker noted that because of Veterans Day, commissioners will hold their next meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

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Braun ...

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Former GOP Chair Anne Hathaway will lead the inaugural committee while Emily Daniels Spaulding will be the inaugural director. Three of the members tapped for Braun's transition team are alums of former Gov. Mitch Daniels' administration: Betsy Wiley, a pro-school choice advocate who was Daniels'

deputy chief of staff, Ryan Kitchell, who previously oversaw the Office of Management and Budget; and Brad Rateike, who was Daniels' deputy press secretary. A handful are members of the Braun campaign's foundation arm, including Wiley, conservative attorney Jim Bopp and lobbyist James Purucker. Remaining members include GOP Chair Randy Head, lobbyist and former Indiana Rep. Matt Bell and former Indiana Rep. Dan Dumezich. On the campaign trail, Braun and his opponents fought bitterly over rivaling property tax relief plans, with the Republican favoring a proposal that some said would trigger local cuts to public services like law enforcement.

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Capsule Reports

Domestic battery
A Hartford City resident was arrested Monday for domestic battery. Jamey Clark, 50, 503 E. Van Cleve St., is charged in Jay Superior Court

with a Level 6 felony for domestic battery resulting in moderate bodily injury. Clark was being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

Saturday
Mast, Edward: 1 p.m., Countryside Christian Church, 1212 E. 100 South, Winchester.
Groves, JoAnn: 1:30 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.
Arnold, John: 5 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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FFA degrees

Fort Recovery FFA members attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis Oct. 22 through Oct. 25. Pictured above are members who received their American FFA Degree. From left are Miranda Metzger, Emma Keller, Elizabeth Alig, Ethan Evers, Megan Metzger and Alayna Laux.

Marriage licenses

Yadira Betanzos, 48, Dunkirk, and Donald J. Chandler, 49, Dunkirk
 Cynthia J. Serna, 33, Portland, and Ashley E. Retz, 40, Portland
 Amanda M. Burton, 19, Bryant, and Matthew D. Wolfcale, 19, Bryant
 Mary D. Coblentz, 20, Bryant, and Jacob L. Schwartz, 26, Bryant
 Miranda G. Anthrop, 42, Dunkirk, and Corey M. Sain, 40, Dunkirk
 Cassandra R. Harrington, 41, Portland, and George O. Miller, 54, Portland
 Andrea S. Bump, 44, Celina, Ohio, and Christopher B. Hammons, 45, Celina, Ohio
 Robert E. Fields, 52, Dunkirk, and Lyndsey N. Jarvis, 42, Dunkirk
 Duane A. Marcum, 43, Dunkirk, and Autumn L. Shepherd, 36, Dunkirk

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early

for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E Walnut St, Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

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

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY

SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

Wednesday

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

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

Student recalls bitter feelings

DEAR ABBY: My elementary school teacher passed away recently. I hadn't seen her in more than 20 years because of how she made me feel. I remember her as manipulative and having a negative attitude toward the less fortunate. Because I didn't come from a rich or prominent family, I was subjected to humiliation, fear and intimidation. I remember her as money-driven, judgmental and favoring the privileged, who she believed to be smarter.

Because I had dyslexia, I had difficulties reading and interpreting words, so she made me stand and face shame for hours. Now that she is dead, I realize I never had the chance to tell her how wrong she was, and that in middle school my negative attitude toward education changed for the better because I had excellent teachers and great classmates.

Those individuals who are eulogizing her now are the same ones she promoted and favored. I just wish I could speak my piece because many were mistreated. — SCARRED IN TEXAS

DEAR SCARRED: I think you have stated your feelings very well. This teacher may not have recognized she had a student with a learning disability and punished you when she should have realized instead that what you needed to succeed was extra help. Consider her inability to deal with it properly HER learning disability, and try to forgive her. You have turned out very well despite her, and it is time to evict her from your head.

DEAR ABBY: My son and his

Dear Abby



wife have been married for three years and have an 8-month-old son. She stays home to care for the baby. My son works from home as well. He has now taken a second job to make ends meet, so three days a week he works 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and then leaves from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and returns home at 11 p.m.

His wife believes in co-sleeping, which means she sleeps in the bed with the baby, while my son sleeps on a mattress on the floor. This has been going on since the child was born. My son also does 80% of the cooking. They live a thousand miles away, so I can't help. He is almost her slave. I don't want to say anything, but I would like their marriage to last. What should I do? — CONCERNED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONCERNED: The last thing you need to do is interfere. Unless your son complains to you about the arrangement, stay out of it. If the situation becomes intolerable, your son will deal with it.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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Before I left for the airport to attend a conference in Washington, D.C., I double checked with my wife that she was OK with me leaving while a hurricane was brewing in the Gulf of Mexico. We had been in Miami for a little more than a year at that point, and it doesn't take long to become acutely attentive to storms when you live in Florida. Storms nowadays form faster, hit harder and stay longer.

Ignorance of the weather is not an option. It's tiring.

I arrived in Washington and incessantly checked the weather. Each hour introduced a new wrinkle in the forecast. And, as a result, another text to my wife — asking how hurricane prep was going, pledging I'd make my way home and nudging her to cross her fingers for a little longer. I carried on in hopes that it would be another

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instance of a storm shifting direction — subjecting some other community to its wrath (a horrible thought that you just can't think too long about).

The storm didn't shift. My schedule had to change. Twelve hours after landing in D.C., I found myself again going through TSA, finding a quick meal and praying my flight would take off (and land) smoothly. I arrived home around 12:30 a.m. and slept on the couch to avoid waking up the dog (and, by extension, my wife). We woke up and continued the storm prep. Our friends and family called to check in. Our coworkers asked if we'd be

on time to various meetings. The storm shifted. Well, at least a little. Miami didn't experience nearly as much devastation, flooding and harm as its neighbors to the north. We breathed an odd and awkward sigh of relief. What a terrible feeling. The two of us were exhausted. But home. Safe. Warm. Many couldn't say the same.

It's going to be hard to keep this up when more storms head our way. The local weatherman who cried "Category 5!" becomes a little less reputable after even one storm dives in a new direction. The email from the landlord encouraging you to stockpile supplies seems a little over the top. It's all emotionally, physically and, in some cases, monetarily expensive. For all those reasons it's not surprising why some people become numb to emergency warnings.

Disaster fatigue is a real thing. We need a cure.

Our interconnected, chaotic and turbulent world is going to continue to test us. Storms will keep coming. Political turmoil won't just disappear. Economic swings will continue. Tranquility is officially a scarce commodity. Individually, we must remain vigilant and resist the temptation to hope that the latest storm, stock market drop or otherwise crisis isn't going to take us out. Societally, we need to make it easier to transition from the status quo to prepped for the worst-case scenario.

The solution is raising our collective level of preparedness across every dimension. With respect to natural disasters, periods of smooth seas and clear skies should be used to spread emergency kits. Storms like Helene show that even so-called climate havens like Asheville, North Carolina, need to be ready for the worst.

When it comes to political stability, we ought to continue

to explore ways to decrease the partisan temperature. This may include greater investment in local news outlets that can make sure folks have alternatives to social media for essential information.

And, in light of financial uncertainty, we should develop and encourage novel means to bolster the size of the average savings account. This may take the form of traditional tax incentives to reward wise financial decisions to more creative approaches like savings lotteries in which each dollar saved increases the odds of earning a jackpot of sorts.

Disasters aren't going away. Our policies should reflect the reality that preparedness must become our new normal. It's not fun. It won't be easy. But it's necessary.

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Our veterans are deserving of thanks

Journal-Advocate

(Sterling, Colorado)

Tribune News Service

There are over 18 million veterans living in the United States. On Monday, Americans will take time to honor our military veterans for their patriotism, braveness, willingness to serve and the sacrifices they've made to ensure our freedom.

Veterans Day was originally known as Armistice Day. World War I — known as the time of "The Great War" — officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations in Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday — a day to be dedicated to the cause of the world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans."

With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

We know these people. They are our family members, our friends and our neighbors and whether it was during times of war or in times of peace, they took a stand and served the United States with honor. It's only fitting that we honor them for their service.

Many confuse this holiday with Memorial Day when we honor those

Guest Editorial

They are our family members, our friends and our neighbors and whether it was during times of war or in times of peace, they took a stand and served the United States with honor.

who sacrificed their lives for their country. But this month's recognition is for all who have served, from generals all the way to grunts, every man and woman who has enlisted knowing that doing so may result in them going into battle. The millions who have served through the years, so that millions more do not have to.

Sterling's American Legion Post 20 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3541 will host their annual Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, beginning at 11 a.m. at Columbine Park. We encourage all who are able to do so to attend. Veterans are also invited to a number of celebrations that area schools will be hosting.

Additionally, in this week's Sentinel, you will find our annual Veterans Day salute, listing local men and women who have served. We thank these individuals for their service and if you happen to see one of them we encourage you to thank them, and any other veterans you may know, for their service, not just on Veterans Day but every day.



Something has been lost

By JOHN KRULL

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For years, bittersweet feelings accompanied the end of an election cycle.

I've covered politics for more than 40 years.

I've seen, up close, what it takes to seek office. The demands on the candidates, their families, their friends and the people who work with or volunteer for their campaigns are overwhelming, almost soul-sapping. Running for office requires candidates and the people who care about them to devote their entire lives for a year or two and sometimes more to that one goal.

By the end of a campaign—particularly a hard-fought one—the candidates stumble through their paces, pushed forward more by sheer force of will than any conscious decision. They continue to the end because something deep inside just won't let them quit.

They run this gauntlet—they put themselves and those they love through this ordeal—even though there often isn't a guarantee of success.

The math of politics is and always has been cruel.

It asks that two people give everything they have for weeks, months and years.

In the end, though, only one of them can win, while the other walks away with little more than emotional bruises and regrets.

To do that—to put oneself through that—takes fortitude.

This is why, until recently, I've almost always respected people who run for elected office, even when I disagree with them.

Most made the sacrifices they did—the family meals and children's after-school activities missed, the sleep lost, the stress incurred—because they wanted to and thought they could help people. They ran because

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they sought to serve their communities, their state and their country.

Such a motivation merits admiration, even if it might be in service of goals that are wrong-headed or misguided.

Our system of self-government cannot work if well-meaning people don't put themselves forward to serve. They are as essential to the workings of democracy as legs are to a chair.

Without them, the whole thing cannot stand.

This is why, in years past, I've often written columns as campaigns wound down that were elegiac in tone paying tribute to those who ran for office, even when they had no realistic chance of success.

Especially for those who ran when they knew it would be a miracle if they won.

It was important, I thought, to tip a cap in salute to those who make great sacrifices simply to give voice to ideas and people that otherwise might not be heard.

I also thought that honoring the commitment, hard work and concerns of those with whom one has differences of opinion was an essential democratic—with a small "d"—act. It was a recognition of the fact that, while we may disagree on the paths to take, we were striving toward the same end.

I wanted to write a similar piece this year.

But I can't.

I lack the faith not only that we're all working toward the same goal,

but also that the motives of many people running for office are worthy of such respect.

The truth is that there are too many people running for office now not because they want to serve, but because they seek to rule. They see elected office as a perch from which they can prey upon those with whom they disagree or who lack power to push back.

For example, when an elected official in this state makes it his mission to persecute a doctor for performing a legal abortion for a 10-year-old girl who has been raped, it's difficult—no, it's impossible—to say that official is attempting to serve anyone but himself and his own agenda.

Whatever one's feelings might be about abortion, just consideration of the little girl's trauma alone called for everyone involved to act with humility, charity and sensitivity, not vengeance and vaulting ambition.

That no one of weight in the officeholder's party stepped up to say "this is wrong and needlessly cruel to a child who already has suffered too much" only compounds the wrong done.

If we can agree on nothing else, shouldn't we be able to say that we can suspend arguing long enough to make sure that a child who has been ravaged is OK first?

I want to respect the people who run for office, even when I disagree with them.

And I pray there will be a time when, once more, I can.

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Pellet approach

Scientists try something new on farm nutrient pollution

By LAUREN QUINN
University of Illinois

What if farmers could not only prevent excess phosphorus from polluting downstream waterways, but also recycle that nutrient as a slow-release fertilizer, all without spending a lot of money?

In a first-of-its-kind field study, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign researchers show it's possible and economical.

"Phosphorus removal structures have been developed to capture dissolved phosphorus from tile drainage systems, but current phosphorus sorption materials are either inefficient or they are industrial waste products that aren't easy to dispose of. This motivated us to develop an eco-friendly and acceptable material to remove phosphorus from tile drainage systems," said study author Hongxu Zhou, who completed the study as a doctoral student in the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE), part of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and The Grainger College of Engineering at the University of Illinois.

Zhou and his co-authors used sawdust and lime sludge, byproducts from milling and drinking water treatment plants, respectively. They mixed the two ingredients, formed the mixture into pellets, and slow-burned them under low-oxygen conditions to create a "designer" biochar with significantly higher phosphorus-binding capacity compared to lime sludge or biochar alone. Importantly, once these pellets bind all the phosphorus they can hold, they can be spread onto fields where the captured nutrient is slowly released over time.

Leveraging designer biochar's many sustainable properties, the team tested pellets in working field conditions



University of Illinois

Wei Zheng (right) and Rabin Bhattarai (center) speak about biochar at a field day. "At the moment, there's no regulation that requires farmers to remove phosphorus from drainage water. But we know there are many conservation conscious farmers who want to reduce nitrate and phosphorus losses from their fields," said Bhattarai.

for the first time, monitoring phosphorus removal in Fulton County, Illinois, fields for two years. Like the majority of Midwestern corn and soybean fields, the experimental fields were fitted with subsurface drainage pipes. This drainage water flowed through phosphorus removal structures filled with designer biochar pellets of two different sizes. The team tested 2-to-3 centimeter biochar pellets during the first year of the experiment, then replaced them with 1 centimeter pellets for the second year.

Both pellet sizes removed phosphorus, but the 1-centimeter pellets performed much better, reaching 38% to 41% phosphorus removal efficiency, com-

pared with 1.3% to 12% efficiency for the larger pellets.

The result was not a surprise for study co-author Wei Zheng, who said smaller particle sizes allow more contact time for phosphorus to stick on designer biochar. Zheng, a principal research scientist at the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (ISTC), part of the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois, has done previous laboratory studies showing a powdered form of designer biochar is highly efficient for phosphorus removal. But powdered materials wouldn't work in the field.

"If we put powder-form biochar in the field, it would

easily wash away," Zhou said. "This is why we have to make pellets. We have to sacrifice some efficiency to ensure the system will work under field conditions."

After showing the pellets are effective in real-world scenarios, the research team performed techno-economic and life-cycle analyses to evaluate the economic breakdown for farmers and the overall sustainability of the system.

The cost to produce designer biochar pellets was estimated at \$413 per ton, less than half the market cost of alternatives such as granular activated carbon (\$800 to \$2,500 per ton). The team also estimated the total cost of phosphorus removal

using the system, arriving at an average cost of \$359 per kilogram removed. This figure varied according to inflation and depending on the frequency of replacing pellets — two years appeared to be the most cost-effective scenario.

The life cycle analysis showed the system — including returning spent biochar pellets to crop fields and avoiding additional phosphorus and other inputs — could save 12 to 200 kilograms of carbon dioxide-equivalent per kilogram of phosphorus removed. Zhou says the benefits go beyond nutrient loss reduction and carbon sequestration to include energy production, reduction of eutrophication, and improving soils.

"At the moment, there's no regulation that requires farmers to remove phosphorus from drainage water. But we know there are many conservation conscious farmers who want to reduce nitrate and phosphorus losses from their fields," said co-author Rabin Bhattarai, associate professor in ABE. "If they're already installing a woodchip bioreactor to remove nitrate, all they'd have to do is add the pellets to the control structure to remove the phosphorus at the same time. And there's something very attractive about being able to reuse the pellets on the fields."

The study, "Exploring the engineering-scale potential of designer biochar pellets for phosphorus loss reduction from tile-drained agroecosystems," is published in Water Research. The research was supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Nutrient Research and Education Council.

This work earned Zhou first place (Ph.D. category) in the 2024 Boyd-Scott Graduate Research Award from the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers.

Heroes to Hives connects vets, bees

By LINDA GEIST
University of Missouri

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo. — Military veterans like beekeeper Kit Smith find comfort and knowledge through the Heroes to Hives program offered by University of Missouri Extension.

The U.S. Navy veteran, who is legally blind, began attending Heroes to Hives field days and online training sessions when MU Extension started offering the program in 2021.

MU Extension agronomist Travis Harper leads Missouri's Heroes to Hives (H2) group, which has trained more than 1,200 veterans since 2021. H2H began at Michigan State University in 2015 and is the nation's largest agricultural training program for U.S. military service members.

Smith joined H2H to learn more about beekeeping, but he found that the program was about much more than that. He found comfort in camaraderie with other veterans who shared stories of post-traumatic stress disorder after serving their country. He learned he was not alone in experiencing mental illness after leaving the military.

"Being with others showed me that I was not alone. Before, I felt like I was in the middle of the ocean and in a rowboat by myself," he says. Even for someone who was part of the nuclear weapons security alert team on a Navy destroyer, that's a lonely place.

H2H and therapy from the Veterans Administration helped him overcome some of those feelings. "With PTSD, idle time is bad time. That's when stinkin' thinkin' creeps in. That's when suicidal ideas creep in," he says. Harper says 77% of sur-

veyed program participants say that beekeeping benefits their mental health.

H2H helps veterans several ways, including hands-on instruction at teaching apiaries in and monthly Zoom meetings. Participants also can participate in an MU Extension tai chi program, which teaches stress-relief and strength practices.

In addition to mental well-being, H2H helps disabled veterans with their physical well-being. At least 50% of participants have a service-connected disability that can make beekeeping with traditional equipment difficult, says Harper.

H2H exposes beekeepers to alternative equipment and methods to ease their pain. Missouri H2H teaches how to use the AZ, also called Slovenian hives, and Layens methods. These use horizontal hives that provide easier access to the bees and honey, require less lifting and result in less bee mortality.

Smith is receiving some of these AZ hives and honey straw machines from Missouri Rehabilitation Services for the Blind through referrals from the Missouri AgrAbility Project, which is headed by MU Extension health and safety specialist Karen Funkenbusch.

"The amount of pain saved by using the Slovenian hives is astronomical," says Smith, who suffers from hand spasms. He also hopes to receive a lifting machine like one that Harper demonstrated in a H2H meeting. These lighten the load in lifting hives that can weigh from 60 to 300 pounds.

Now 65, Smith spent years as an amateur bodybuilder, flooring installer and mechanic

before becoming a successful consultant for litigation cases involving construction defects.

He now lacks the physical strength he had being injured in a vehicle accident. Following that, he suffered lung damage caused by improperly installed insulation. His vision started to fade when he was in his 30s due to a genetic disorder, Stargardt disease, that caused him to become legally blind in 2022.

He says Rehabilitation Services for the Blind referred him to a center where he received adaptive devices such as special magnified and lit glasses and tools to help with everyday tasks. Most recently, he received a DaVinci Pro, a reader that magnifies print and offers text-to-speech capability.

When his physical health and eyesight began to weaken, he found himself with time on his hands for the first time in his life. In addition to the physical pain, he struggled with concerns about how to keep busy and productive. "I've been busy my entire life," he says.

In addition to taking up beekeeping, he converted more than 14 of his 40 acres of his land near Excelsior Springs to pollinator habitat with the help of the Bee and Butterfly Habitat Fund. He also hopes to expand his elderberry operation to support his belief in the many health benefits of elderberries.

Smith credits Funkenbusch with helping him to find purpose through programs such as Missouri AgrAbility, Heroes to Hives and Armed to Farm. He serves as a Missouri AgrAbility ambassador and attended the 2023 AgrAbility national convention.

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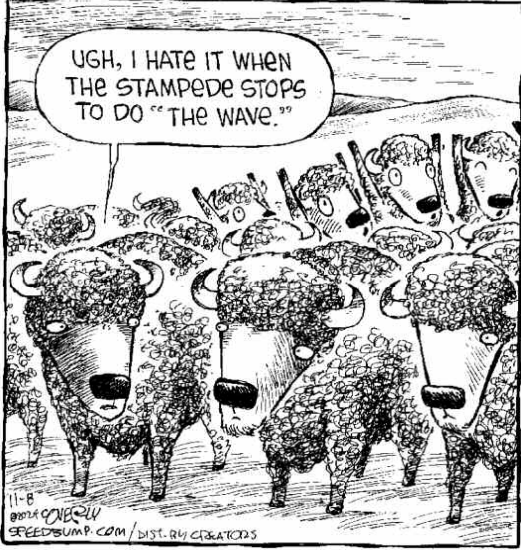
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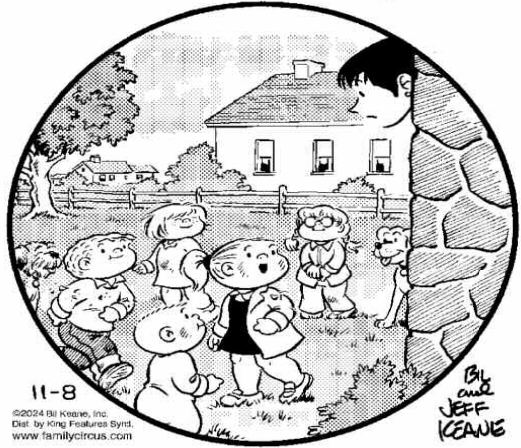
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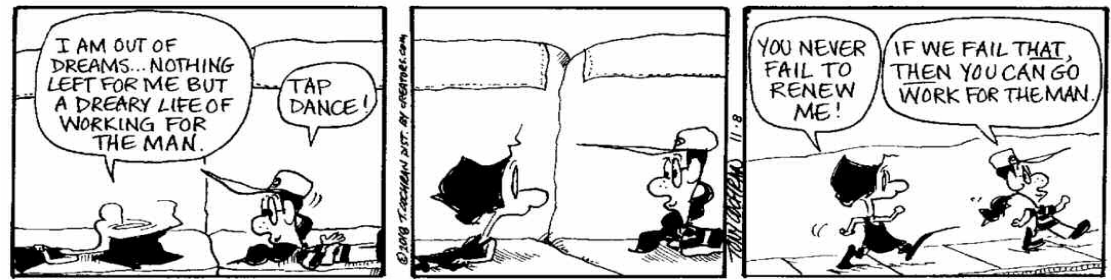
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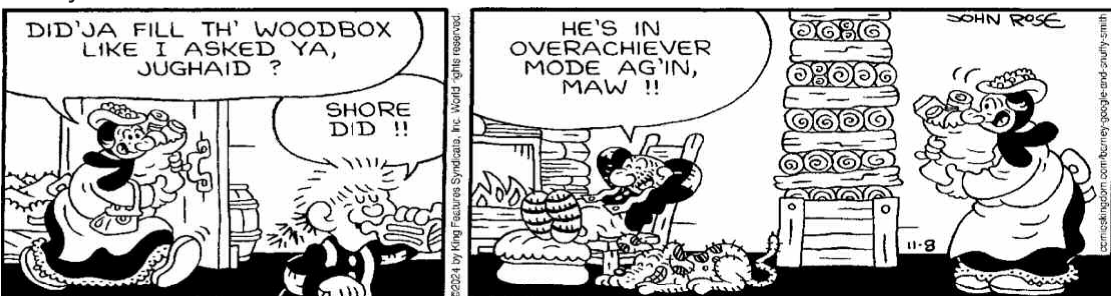
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South and have the following hand: ♠AQ953 ♥10 ♦K6 ♣AQJ72. 1. The bidding has gone: North East South West 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass 3 NT Pass ? What would you bid now? 2. The bidding has gone: North East South West 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass 4 ♣ Pass ? What would you bid now? 3. The bidding has gone: North East South West 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass 3 ♣ Pass 4 ♣ Pass ? What would you bid now? *

notrump would be relatively safe, while a slam would be well against the odds. 2. Six clubs. You can't very well settle for less than either six clubs or six spades opposite an opening 15- to 17-point notrump bid — even though partner does not seem enthusiastic about a slam. However, since he may easily have better clubs than spades in this sequence, you should offer him a choice of suits by jumping to six clubs. Partner may have as little as ♠K8 ♥K972 ♣AQ94 ♦K103, in which case six clubs would be an excellent contract. 3. Six spades. Partner's two-spade bid indicated a minimum opening bid with three- or four-card spade support. However, his jump to four spades shows that his two-spade bid was on the upper end of the range, and that he also has four spades — which is about all you need to know to undertake a slam. You could use Blackwood first, if you were so minded, but you'd surely bid a slam whether partner showed one or two aces in response. Partner's hand might look something like: ♠KJ64 ♥72 ♦AQ853 ♣K10, in which case slam is a virtual laydown.

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Guggenbiller makes state cut

NOBLESVILLE — The tankers had a strong start to the winter, with multiple divisional cuts in the season opener.

One week later, they made 32 more and a state cut.

The Jay County Winter Swim team competed in the 2024 IN NOB Ice Breaker meet at Noblesville High School over the weekend.

Carsyn Guggenbiller had a strong day, making the state cut in the 100-meter backstroke, while also earning divisional cuts in the 200 individual medley, 100 butterfly, 100 backstroke and 200 freestyle.

Six more swimmers made divisional cuts in the meet. Cooper Glentzer pumped out the most with qualifying times in the 500 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 100 butterfly, 50 freestyle, 1,650 freestyle, 200 butterfly and 100 freestyle.

Addisyn Champ and

Grady Warvel followed with six each. Champ's cuts came in the 200 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 50 butterfly, 100 breaststroke, 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke. Warvel moves on in the 200 freestyle, 100 butterfly, 50 freestyle, 200 IM, 100 breaststroke and 100 freestyle.

Others to make divisional cuts were:

•Grant Glentzer – 500 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 200 backstroke, 50 freestyle and 1,650 freestyle

•Hayden Guggenbiller – 50 butterfly, 50 backstroke and 100 freestyle

•Emme Theurer – 100 breaststroke

Hayden Guggenbiller also found success against her competition, finishing as the 8-and-younger girls high point winner. She won eight of her 10 events, and added in a third-place finish while being disqualified from the other race she didn't win.

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Despite Jason's turmoil, Travis had his back.

"I know it's weighing on you, brother," Travis said. "That [expletive] sucks. You shouldn't feel this much — obviously the scrutiny and media view on it and everybody passing around the videos that are out there. That's going to make it a bigger situation than what I think what it really is.

"But the real situation is you had some [expletive] clown come up to

you and talk about your family, and you reacted in a way that was defending your family. And you might've used some words that you regret using, and that's a situation you just got to kind of learn from and own. And I think you owning it and speaking about it shows how sincere you are to a lot of people on this world, and it shows what you said on Monday night. You do not choose hate. That's just not who you are. I love you, brother, and I think you said that perfectly."



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Driving in

Elizabeth Brunswick, a freshman on the Jay County High School girls basketball team drives to the basket during the scrimmage against Huntington North on Tuesday. Brunswick is one of six freshmen joining the Patriots this year.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Saturday
Jay County — Girls wrestling at New Palestine — 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Girls basketball at South Side (Varsity only) — 6:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today
12 a.m. — Horse racing: Melbourne Cup Carnival (FS1)
6 p.m. — College basketball: IU Indianapolis at Xavier (FS1); UMBC at Penn State (BTN)
7 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Charlotte Hornets (FSDN Indiana)
7 p.m. — College basketball: North Carolina at Kansas (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Phoenix Suns at Dallas

Mavericks (ESPN)
8 p.m. — College basketball: Mount St. Mary's at Maryland (BTN)
8 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Championship (FS1)
9 p.m. — College football: Iowa at UCLA (FOX); Rice at Memphis (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NBA: Philadelphia 76ers at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)
10 p.m. — College basketball: Montana at Oregon (BTN)
10 p.m. — NHL: Vegas Golden Knights at Seattle Kraken (NBC)
10:30 p.m. — College football: New Mexico at San Diego State (FS1)

Saturday
9:30 a.m. — Bundesliga soccer: Bayern Munchen at St. Pauli (ESPN2)
10 a.m. — Premier League: Fulham at Crystal Palace (USA)
12 p.m. — College football: Florida at Texas

(ABC); Purdue at Ohio State (FOX); Miami at Georgia Tech (ESPN); Minnesota at Rutgers (NBC); Navy at South Florida (ESPN2)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Manchester City at Brighton & Hove Albion (USA)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Georgia at Ole Miss (ABC); Michigan at Indiana (CBS); Clemson at Virginia Tech (ESPN); Iowa State at Kansas (FS1); Army at North Texas (ESPN2)
3:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Penn State at Wisconsin (NBC)
4 p.m. — College volleyball: Oregon at Minnesota (BTN)
4 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series Championship (USA)
4 p.m. — College football: Colorado at Texas Tech (FOX)
5:05 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series Championship (USA)
7 p.m. — NHL: Washington Capitals at St. Louis Blues (FSDN Indiana)
7 p.m. — College football: Mississippi State

at Tennessee (ESPN); Maryland at Oregon (BTN); UCF at Arizona State (ESPN2); Oklahoma State at TCU (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Florida State at Notre Dame (NBC); Alabama at LSU (ABC)
7:30 p.m. — College basketball: Northwestern at Dayton (CBS)
9:45 p.m. — College football: Fresno State at Air Force (FOX)
10:15 p.m. — College football: UC Davis at Montana (ESPN2); BYU at Utah (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Nebraska at Washington (BTN)

Local notes

Final race
The final race in the Adams County 5K Challenge is the Rainbow Lake 5K Run/Walk, will take place on Nov. 26.
Preregistration can be done at adamscounty5kchallenge.com.

Turkey Trot sign-up open

Cooper Farms will be hosting its 17th annual Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant in St. Henry, Ohio.
Participation costs \$15. All proceeds benefit EverHeart Hospice.
The race will begin at 10 a.m. There will be splits at each mile of the 3.1-mile course. There will also be chip timing for participants operated by Speedy Feet.
Water will be provided throughout the race, as well as a to-go turkey meal at the end.
You can register by visiting bit.ly/cooperfarmsturkeytrot, or search for "Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5k" on speedyfeet.com.
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To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@theocr.com.

90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR	90 SALE CALENDAR	100 JOBS WANTED	139 MISC. FOR SALE
<p>PUBLIC AUCTION Located: Women's Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 W Votaw St., Portland, IN Saturday Morning November 16th, 2024 9:30 A.M. GUNS-FISHING EQUIPMENT-OLD ITEMS Winchester gun safe; Winchester Model 12-12 gauge pump; Remington Model 770 w/scope; winchester model 1400-12 gauge semi-automatic with vent rib; Smith Wesson 44 caliber pistol; holsters; fiberglass cane pole; fly rod; several bait casters to include open face and closed face; tackle boxes; several old fishing lures; US bayonet; Portland Forge anvils; and other items not listed. MOWER-TOOLS Simplicity ZT1500 zero turn mower with Kawasaki engine and 42" deck; Century 115V arc welder; Craftsman 12" bandsaw; Dewalt 13" thickness planer; Tool Shop air compressor; Craftsman roto zip; Skil plate joiner; bolt cutter; Biscuit joiner; vise grips; several furniture clamps; palm sanders; drop cords; and many other items not listed. 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Several items not to mention. OWNER: Richard L. Manor Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos. SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE AC31800004 AUCTIONEERS Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229</p>	<p>Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587 PUBLIC AUCTION Saturday November 16th, 2024 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 5691 S 600 E (Gas City), Marion, IN LOADER-TRACTORS-TRUCKS-COMBINES Case W14 wheel loader with material bucket, Bobcat MT 52 with Kubota diesel and material bucket, Kubota L35 tractor with loader and backhoe, International 1256 tractor with cab, weights, and duals, 1960 Reo Gold Comet Grain truck with 16' bed, International 6 row corn head with cart. FARM EQUIPMENT-MISC. Steiger 9 shank disc chisel, JD 7000 12 row planter, Great Plains folding drill, International 1190 haybine, New Holland hayliner 68 sq. baler, New Idea single axle PTO manure spreader, Cross double chain elevator, Bench with Ammco 1000 break lathe and grinder, Electric golf cart, Large auction, several items not mentioned. OWNER: Max Kirkwood Estate, by Steve Kirkwood Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos. SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE AC31800004 AUCTIONEERS Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587</p>	<p>PUBLIC AUCTION Saturday November 23rd, 2024 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: 6160 E 100 N Portland, IN OPEN HOUSE Sunday Nov. 10th 1-3p.m. or for private showing phone auctioneers. REAL ESTATE 3 bedroom home containing 1150 sq. ft. finished living area. GFA with Central air. 30 x 40 pole barn. Several recent updates. Nicely situated on 2 acres. ANTIQUES-HOUSEHOLD-MISC Knock down wardrobe, Wall, mantle, & came back clocks, Christmas blow molds, GE Washer & dryer, Frigidaire upright freezer, Howard Miller grandfather clock, Barcalounger lift chair (new), Leather loveseat with matching chair (new), Electric guitar, Line amp., 3pt post hole auger, Roll-away tool box, Portable air compressor. OWNER: Linda Arnold Estate, Michael Slusser PR Note: Check Auctionsoft and AuctionZip for more photos. SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE AC31800004 AUCTIONEERS Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587</p>	<p>PUBLIC AUCTION Located: Woman's Building Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E. Votaw St. Portland, IN Saturday Morning November 9th, 2024 9:30 A.M. HOUSEHOLD GOODS - OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS Samsung refrigerator, like new, GE Profile washer & dryer, like new; Oak 5 place gun shelf (decorative & nice); Lane cedar chest; Hull basket, McCoy; Portland forge anvils; wood sleigh; Star Wars figurines and play-set; Boyds bears; LARGE ASSORTMENT OF HULL OVEN PROOF; Coke glasses; Farmall sign; Elgin clock; Cast iron pot; and many other items not listed. GUNS-TRAILER-BOAT-TOOLS Ruger model 10-.22 long rifle with Simmons scope; Ithaca Model 37-12 gauge shotgun; Sport King 22 long rifle with Simmons scope; Lefever trap gun; Jennings #7006 Special Crossbow with Tasco scope; 8' x 12' trailer, no title; 12' V bottom boat; Toro Power Lite electric start 16" snowblower; Cub Cadet 5 hp chipper/shredder; Toro 22" push mower; and other items not listed. LOUWANA CLINE Loy Auction AC#31600027 Auctioneers Gary Loy AU01031608 Travis Theurer AU11200131 Aaron Loy AU11200112 Kaden Khayyata AU12400069</p>	<p>AMISH CREW LOOKING FOR any work. 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Sports

2024 volleyball All-GPC team



Graphic Printing Company Player of the Year Sophia Beeson Wapahani High School senior

Sophia Beeson was selected as the inaugural Graphic Printing Company Player of the Year for volleyball.

"It means a lot," said the senior. "I've been playing volleyball my whole life so getting recognized for trying so hard and making the most of what I can do with my abilities is really awesome. ...

"Before every single game, I was thinking to myself, 'This is my senior season. I want to savor every moment.' All the girls on the team were best friends and it was just a really good atmosphere. ... So that makes it much easier to play in general."

Beeson led the Raiders to a 28-5 record while earning a Mid-Eastern Conference championship with a perfect 9-0 record. The senior totaled 386 kills, 50 aces, 20 blocks and 298 digs.

"I would summarize her as a leader, a competitor and just passionate about the game she's played her whole life," said WHS coach Valorie Wells. "After hearing her story about what it meant to be a Raider, ... she just wore that heart on her sleeve for the community, her teammates, her coaches and just Wapahani in general."

All-Graphic Printing Company first team

Auden Hummel – MB Winchester sophomore Hummel finished top three for the Golden Falcons in every stat to help lead them to its first semi-state appearance. Her 3.6 kills per set (392 total) only trailed Beeson's 3.8 kps.

Emily Luce – L Wapahani junior Luce's 482 digs and 533 serve receives made her a key piece to the Raiders' back row success on the season, earning her the nod as the All-GPC libero.

Lilyana Mayberry – MB Winchester sophomore Mayberry often picked up where Hummel left off for Winchester, putting down 269 kills, blocking 46 shots and serving 57 aces.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp – DS Fort Recovery senior Muhlenkamp settled in best as a back row player for Tribe during its run to its fourth regional appearance. She led FRHS with 342 digs and 541 receives, while adding 164 kills.

Addie Phillippe – OH Delta senior Phillippe powered the offense of a young Eagles team, notching 259 kills throughout the year. She was the statistical runner-up in digs (200), assists (154) and blocks (16).

Lyndi Whitenack – S Winchester sophomore Whitenack led all setters within the GPC coverage area with 864 assists. She also led with 95 aces while adding 98 kills, 292 digs and 37 blocks.

Honorable mention

Shyan Bennett – Monroe Central
Maddie Grove – Delta
Kayla Heitkamp – Fort Recovery
Mya Kunkler – Jay County
Cameron Muhlenkamp – Fort Recovery
Kyra Murray – Delta
Kami Rivers – Wapahani
Tarissa Wasson – Randolph Southern

Jason Kelce regrets Penn State incident

By GABRIELA CARROLL
The Philadelphia Inquirer
Tribune News Service

PHILADELPHIA — On the latest episode of "New Heights," former Eagles center Jason Kelce said he regretted engaging with a Penn State fan on Saturday who used a homophobic slur toward his brother, Travis.

"I'm not happy about the situation," Kelce said on the podcast. "Me reacting gave him the time of day and it also gave the situation notoriety. That's what I regret. It didn't deserve attention. It's really stupid, and if I just keep walking, it's a nothing burger. Nobody sees it."

Jason Kelce smashes fan's phone, uses slur after provocation

In the video, Kelce is seen grabbing the fan's phone and appearing to smash it, then responding by calling the fan the same homophobic slur, which Kelce said he regretted on Wednesday's show.

"Now it's out there, and it just perpetuates more hate," Kelce said. "The thing that I regret the most is saying that word, to be

honest with you. That word he used, it's just [expletive] ridiculous. It takes it to another level. It's just off the wall, [expletive] over the line. As a human, it got under my skin. And it elicited a reaction. And in the heat of the moment, I thought in my head, 'Hey, what can I say back to him? I'm gonna throw that [expletive]

right back in his face because [expletive] him.'

"I know now I shouldn't have done that because now there is a video out there with me saying that word, him saying that word, and it's not good for anybody. I think what I do regret is that now there is a video that is very hateful that is now online that has been seen by millions of people, and I share fault in perpetuating it and having it out there."

Penn State police confirmed they are investigating the incident, which went viral on Saturday, prompting a public statement from Kelce on "Monday Night Countdown." According to Penn

State crime logs, an "officer observed a visitor damaging personal property" at the intersection outside Beaver Stadium where the incident was caught on video.

Criminal mischief and disorderly conduct are listed as potential offenses on the report. In Pennsylvania, criminal mischief for damages in excess of \$500 is a third-degree misdemeanor, which could lead to a fine and up to 90 days in jail if convicted. Disorderly conduct often is classified as a summary offense; potential consequences include up to 90 days in jail or a \$300 fine.

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