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Mobile unit target is Dec. 2

By RAY COONEY

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Students displaced by the Sept. 22 tornado will have a new classroom space soon.

Jay Schools superintendent Jeremy Gulley told Jay School Board on Monday that plans are on track for Jay County Junior-Senior High School students to begin using mobile classrooms ior-senior high on the evening dents were shifted to other process of being installed on the Dec. 2.

The board also approved spending related to the tornado recovery and discussed upcoming roof and parking lot maintenance plans.

Students displaced by tornado will begin using temporary classrooms next month

of Sept. 22 caused severe damage to the junior high/IMC (library) wing of the building. Students were out of the building for a week while the dam-The tornado that hit the jun- they returned, junior high stu-

underutilized spaces including the choir room and breezeway.

The school corporation was approved via insurance for last month and have been in the

north side of the school stretching from the sidewalk into the parking lot.

mobile units to serve as tempo- the process of installing com- expensive of the new items aged area was sealed off. When rary classrooms. They arrived puter boards and other equip- approved Monday.

"They look nice," he said. "I think the kids and staff will appreciate them. ...

"Pretty much everything that is in the school is in that build-

Also, board members Ron Phil Ford, Donna Geesaman, Jason Phillips, Vickie Reitz, Chip Phillips and Marcie Vormohr approved expenditures related to the tornado response. The total thus far is \$2.03 million, with a \$789,697 Gulley noted that staff is in roof replacement as the most

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Community carry-in

Judy Alig (left) of rural Bryant chats with rural Portland resident Linda Deaton and others during the Thanksgiving carry-in Tuesday at Jay Community Center.

Financial outlook remains strong

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The school district's finances continue to look

Fort Recovery Local School Board heard its five-year financial forecast Monday.

Projections shared Monday by treasurer Deanna Knapke estimate the school district will finish fiscal year 2025 — it ends June 30 — with a budget surplus of more than \$2.73 million, bringing its year-end cash balance before encumbrances to \$14.7 million. That's up roughly \$900,000 from projections made in

Fort Recovery Local Schools' budget surpluses have become a trend for the school district and are expected to continue throughout the next five years. Surpluses are projected at \$1.75 million, \$1.1 million, \$557,400 and \$149,400 at the end of fiscal years 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029, respectively.

Knapke pointed in the forecast to changes in inflation rates and the potential for a recession in coming years, with inflation expected to continue impacting school districts through fiscal year 2025.

Discussing revenue, explained this year is the first time she has seen local funding account for more of Fort Recovery Local from fiscal year 2023. Knapke also

Budget surpluses projected through 2029

Schools' revenue than state dollars. She pointed out real estate and income tax and other local contributions amount to 51% of the district's annual revenue as opposed to state funding making up 49%.

"We are seeing an increase in our local funding due to our increases in property taxes, and also a large increase in income tax," she explained, noting the 2023 tax year reappraisal in Mercer and Darke counties led to a 44% (\$52.9 million) increase for residential and agricultural assessed values.

Fort Recovery Local Schools' funding from property taxes has increased nearly \$1 million from fiscal year 2023, she continued. It also received significantly more from income taxes, receiving \$3.2 million last year, or a 12% increase said the district received a 23% increase in July payments.

Also Monday, school board heard about a new Ohio School Report Card component for high schools

to meet moving forward. High school principal Ryan Steinbrunner explained the state's College, Career, Workforce and Mil-Readiness Component requires graduating students meet one of 11 requirements demonstrating they are prepared for postsecondary education, the workforce or the military. Steinbrunner noted 62 out of 66 students who graduated from Fort Recovery High School in 2023 met those requirements.

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

•Learned sophomores Tyler Dues, Cameron Muhlenkamp and Carter Fortkamp were selected as finalists for the annual \$1,000 Carson scholarship.

•Approved the following: hiring Casey Steinbrunner as a substitute, Heather Addington as a van driver and Troy Grieshop as a substitute bus driver; hiring Carrie Schoen as high school varsity softball coach, Lauren Day as high school varsity assistant softball coach, Ben Homan as high school

varsity baseball assistant coach and Ben Will as high school reserve baseball coach; several additions and revisions to Fort Recovery Local School's policies, specifically related to Ohio legislative changes, such as Ohio House Bill 250 setting rules on student cell phone usage in schools; transferring \$1 million from the general fund to the permanent improvement fund for building repairs and maintenance and \$100,000 from the general fund to the termination benefits fund for fiscal year 2025; a memorandum of agreement for Fifth Third Bank to serve as the district's public depository from Jan. 1, 2025, to Dec. 31,

 Learned from elementary principal Laura Brandt that students raised \$8,775.67 during the school's Cents for Sawyer fundraiser recently, with the dollars going toward developing Sawyer Overman Ninja Park.

•Rescinded approval from April for Scott Dilworth to serve as a volunteer high school basketball coach and agreed to hire him as high school boys basketball varsity assistant coach.

 Accepted high school boys basketball varsity assistant coach Darien Sheffer's resignation for the current school year.

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Sewer waiver ordinance clears 1st reading

Measure would allow bills to be stopped for up to 6 months

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

The city plans to provide some relief for those who experience a natural disas-

Portland City Council approved an ordinance on first reading Monday to waive sewer fees for users whose property cannot be used following first, floods, wind or other "act of God."

It will need to be approved on second reading before going into effect.

City council members agreed at their Nov. 4 meeting to review the ordinance following a request from rural Portland resident Kyle Love, whose nome was severely damaged in the Sept. 22 tornado. He asked that his sewer bill be waived until he is able to rebuild his home on Indiana 67 near Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

The ordinance would allow the city's board of works to waive monthly sewer fees in such situations. A user would need to apply to the board of works to have its fees waived.

The board would consider the cause and extent of the damage, the intent to rebuild, the time period estimated to rebuild or repair and the extent to which utilities would be unavailable during that time. When granting a waiver, the board could also impose conditions.

Waivers could be made for up to six months, and any extensions would also be considered by the board of works.

City council made one change to the amendment Monday, agreeing to a suggestion from Dave Golden to make the ordinance retroactive to Sept. 1. (The tornado that damaged Love's home occurred on Sept. 22.)

Council members Kent McClung, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker, Ashley Hilfiker, Ron May and Golden approved the ordinance unanimously on first read-

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Deaths

Elwood Huntsman, 98, David Martyne, 63, Port-

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 63 degrees Monday. The low was 52.

Tonight's low will be around 30 with a chance of rain and snow showers and winds gusting up to 30 miles per hour. Skies will be mostly cloudy Thursday with light snow accumulation expected. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Public Library and Jay County Farm Bureau will team to host a Farm-to-Table Thanksgiving Dinner for Children on Thursday. Sessions are available at 4 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. To sign up, call (260) 726-7890 or visit the library at 315 N. Ship St., Port-

Coming up

Thursday — Preview of the Fort Recovery High School girls basketball season.

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

Saturday — Results from the JCHS girls basketball game against Bellmont.



Obituaries

Elwood Huntsman

March 12, 1926-Nov. 17, 2024 Elwood "Woody" Norris Huntsman, age 98, of Redkey passed away on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024, in

Pine Knoll Rehabilitation in Winchester.

He was born in Scottsville, Kentucky, on March 12, 1926, the son of Joseph H. and Florah Ann (Mitchell) Huntsman He was married on Aug. 11, 1950, to Patsy Roberts and



Huntsman

she passed away on May 17, 2021. Elwood worked as a supervisor at Aluminum Foundries in Winchester. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He

bluegrass music. Surviving are three sons, Lattie Huntsman (wife: Deb) of Salamo-

enjoyed hunting, fishing and

and Monte Huntsman (wife: Tina) of Salamonia: three daughters, Virginia Harrison of Redkey, Debbie Briggs (husband: Cris) of Winchester and Cheryl Sill of Portland; sister Bertha Pelton of Winchester; 18 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by a son, Marvin Huntsman; and a daughter, Susan Huntsman.

Funeral services will be Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, at 11 a.m. in the Collett Nazarene Church with Pastors Billy Stanton and Justin Simos presiding. Burial will be in the Mercer Memory Gardens in Celina. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials can be made to Jay County Cancer Society.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed nia, David Huntsman of Portland at bairdfreeman.com.

of rain.

David Martyne

Dec. 7, 1960-Oct. 25, 2024 David Alan Martyne, born on Dec. 7, 1960, in Dayton, Ohio,

passed away with great sorrow on Oct. 25, 2024. He was a cherished husband, father, brother, friend who touched the lives of many.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday,

Nov. 23, at the Portland American Legion Post 211 from 3 to 6 p.m. A meal will be served.

David dedicated several years to serving in the National Guard, showcasing his commitment to duty and service. His easygoing nature and warm heart were the foundation of the comfortable life he shared with his beloved wife,

July 22, 2005. Their bond was notably characterized bv laughter, as David loved to make Cheryl smile. Together, they enjoyed a wonderful life surrounded by their cherished dogs and cats.

Beyond his devotion to his wife, David embraced Cheryl's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is survived by his loving daughter, Angelina Koenig (Darrell); stepdaughter Kathrina Horine; and grandchildren Owen, Olivia, Ebany, Alexander and Kaidynce; and Ivy Rose, his great-granddaughter. He also leaves behind his brother, Matt Martyne (Bonnie); his sister, Christy Campbell; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He loved playing the guitar and enjoyed tinkering around the house. He was also an avid Cheryl, whom he married on fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Cheryl Martyne; his son Isaiah Martyne; his mother, Jean Penrod; stepfather Dean Penrod; brother John Martyne; brother Tony Martyne; and grandmother Genevieve Martyne.

David will be remembered for the love he shared and the laughter he brought into the lives of those around him. His gentle spirit and caring heart will remain in the memories of all who knew him.

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.

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Thursday 11/21	Friday 11/22	Saturday 11/23	Sunday 11/24	Monday 11/25	
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There's an 80% chance of snow mixed with rain under mostly cloudy	to be mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of	cloudy skies with a slight	Mostly sunny skies are expected Sunday with a low in the	Monday's forecast shows most- ly cloudy skies with a	

the 30s

40s

Lotteries

Powerball

Monday 27-31-41-52-69 Power Ball: 26 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$155 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$420 million

Hoosier

Monday Midday Daily Three: 9-7-2 Daily Four: 9-6-8-1 Quick Draw: 3-8-14-17-19-21-25-31-32-38-45-48-54-56-57-64-69-70-72-73

Evening Daily Three: 7-8-3

Daily Four: 8-9-6-0 Quick Draw: 1-13-14-17-21-22-24-26-28-29-36-50-53-54-61-63-72-76-77-78

Cash 5: 10-24-33-34-35 Estimated jackpot: \$202,500

Ohio

Monday Midday Pick 3: 7-4-5 Pick 4: 4-7-1-5 Pick 5: 5-3-0-2-0 Evening Pick 3: 8-3-2 Pick 4: 1-3-4-9 Pick 5: 9-4-7-3-6 Rolling Cash: 9-26-28-30-34

Estimated jackpot: \$100,000

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Wheat

Mobile

Continued from page 1 Gulley also reported that insurance firm The Chubb Corporation has approved the scope of damage related to the tornado. The 44-page document details all of the including damage masonry, windows, doors, walls, the roof and other items.

The next step in the process is to determine a 40% chance cost estimate for the dam-

> The insurance firm is also having a mechanical, electrical and plumbing assessment done. It will be shared with architectural firm Barton Coe Vilamaa.

Facilities director Gary Cagle updated the board on capital project plans unrelated to the tornado. They call for replacing sections of the roof at the junior-senior high, Bloomfield Elementary School and East Jay Elementary School in 2025. Bloomfield, East and East Jay elementary schools are slated for parking lot work next year.

The board also approved the purchase of five buses at a cost of \$739,625. Business manager Shannon Current noted that delivery of the buses could take 12 to 18 months.

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In other business:

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Meridian Street (U.S. 27) construction

project that involves paving, new traf-

fic signals, Americans with Disabili-

ties Act compliant sidewalks and

bump outs at some intersections.

Mayor Jeff Westlake noted that he

has heard complaints from some

business owners regarding parking

spaces that were lost via the bump

outs and new striping. He said he has

a meeting with Indiana Department

of Transportation (INDOT) officials

federal coronavirus relief funds via

the American Rescue Plan Act have

been spent. (Rules require the money

to be allocated by the end of the year

and spent by the end of 2026.) Clerk-

treasurer Lori Phillips confirmed

that the funds were used for the

Meridian Street storm sewer project.

The mayor provided updates,

•Golden asked if all of the city's

Thursday to discuss the issues.

•Council discussed the ongoing

In other business, the

Martyne

board: •During the Patriot Pride Moment, learned about

Clean Freaks Car Service. The business is a branch of the Jay County Junior-Senior High School LifeSkills classes. It offers interior car cleaning services for \$20 for faculty and staff at the junior-senior high school and will begin cleaning the school corporation's vehicles as well. Money raised will go toward an annual LifeSkills

•Approved a resolution in support of pursuing Indiana Purple Star School Designations for schools in the corporation. The designation from the Indiana Department of Education honors schools that have displayed a significant commitment to service members, veterans, and students and families connected to the military

•Approved the following: field trips for junior-senior high German students to Chicago to visit the German Christmas Market and to Germany, Switzerland and Italy; implementing the option of a supplemental payment of up to \$5,000 to help attract special education teachers; allowing

make year-end transfers as necessary to ensure no funds end the year with a negative balance; the transfer of up to 15% of money from the education fund to the operations fund; enrollment in the Indiana Bond Bank's fuel budget program; updates to the school bus driver contract to reflect raises that were approved last month; an updated transportation agreement with Jay County Christian Academy at a cost of \$5,710.78; a facility use agreement with Jay Community Center; an agreement with Fear Powersports to provide a vehicle for use by the school's athletic trainer exchange for advertising;

 Accepted several resignations, including for football coach Grant Zgunda, Redkey Elementary School secretary Erin Bailey and high business iunior teacher Jenna Winger.

·Reviewed a proposed update to family medical leave that would shift the timeline to a rolling 12 months rather than a calendar year.

 Approved a facility use agreement with Jay Community Center. It includes a provision that the commu-

the business manager to nity center must designate an individual to serve in a supervisory capacity. Ford asked that the requirement be more specific to require that the supervisor be a paid community center employee. The board approved the agreement as presented on a 6-1 vote, with Ford dissenting.

·Accepted various donations: \$2,065 from multiple entities for picnic tables and benches around the new locker room/concession/restroom building at the junior-senior high football field, \$1,000 from FCC for shirts to be thrown out at football games and \$500 from Dunkirk Kiwanis for tornado relief.

•Approved the 2025-26 school calendar. The first day of school will be Aug. 7, with fall break from Oct. 22 through 24, winter break from Dec. 22 through Jan. 2, spring break from March 20 through 27 and the last day of school May 22.

 Reviewed proposed new Indiana Department of Education high school diploma requirements. The IDOE is expected to vote to approve the new requirements next month.

·Heard Laux wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving

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loday in history

In 1789, New Jersey ratified the Bill of Rights for the United States. It was the first state to pass the measure.

In 1805, "Fidelio," Ludwig van Beethoven's opera, premiered at Theater an der Wien in Vien-

released Windows 1.0, its first operating system.

In 2015, Portland celebrated the opening of

Indiana 26 (Water Street) with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of East Jay Middle School after a \$4.2 million construction project started in May. At completion, the road featured 11-foot wide lanes, grass buffer strips and 4foot wide sidewalks on In 1985, Microsoft both sides of the road, as well as adding new water and sewer lines and 16 LED street lights.

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Strong ...

including:

serve as volunteer coaches: assistant softball coaches Valerie Stammen, Haley Knapke, Kasey Froning and Ryan Thien, and assistant reserve baseball coach Ethan Schoen.

years.

Dec. 31, 2029.

 Agreed to hold 20 meetings next year and keep board members' pay at \$80

Accepted several dona-

at the fire department beginning Friday. The department is also seeking quotes for a new tanker truck. -Painting the guide railings of

the new Indiana 26 bridge on the east edge of Portland blue in memory of the steel truss bridge that previously stood there would have to go through the Indiana Department of Transportation approval process.

 Council approved a one-year tax abatement for Joyce-Dayton on \$229,000 in new manufacturing equipment. The abatement is projected to save the company \$2,748 in taxes while resulting in \$21,296 in tax payments over a 10-year period.

•May brought up various issues, including:

-The amount of a resident's utility bill. Phillips said rate studies have set the rates at the level required to maintain the utilities.

-Trash pick-up for city sewer customers who live outside of the city limits. Customers in the city

—Christmas trees will be sold pay an additional fee to cover a portion of the cost of trash pick up and recycling. A similar question was raised earlier this year. McClung noted that the city does not offer trash pick-up outside of city limits.

> -His feeling that the city should reach out to the federal government regarding those living in the country illegally following the election of Donald Trump as the next president. Westlake said he has sought advice on the issue and has been advised that current rules must be followed unless or until the administration new changes

-Blighted properties on which structures should be torn down. City attorney Wes Schemenaur advised that the process would start with Jay/Portland Building and Planning deeming the structures unsafe. (In a related conversation, the mayor said he wants to have a code enforcement officer hired by the start of the new year.)

Continued from page 1 •OK'd the following to

·Gave permission to not evaluate full-time teacher Karen Klosterman during the current school year. Klosterman plans to retire from Fort Recovery Local Schools in May after working for the district for 27

•Reappointed Jose Faller as Fort Recovery Local Schools' representative on Fort Recovery Park Board for another five-year term from Jan. 1, 2025, through

per meeting.

tions, including \$1,600 from Fort Recovery Athletic Boosters.

SERVICES

Thursday Howell, Martha: II a.m., Grace Community Church, 5513 Indiana 18, Montpelier.

Friday Huntsman, Elwood: 11 a.m., Collett Nazarene Church, 4525 S. 100 West, Portland.

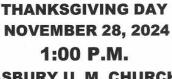
Saturday Wilkins, Riginia: 11 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Martyne, David: 3 p.m., Amercian Legion Post 211, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

Dec. 14 Compton, Gail: 2 p.m., Portland Elk's Lodge, 126 W. High St., Portland.

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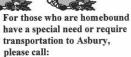
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Citizen's calendar Commissioners and Jay **Today** County Redevelopment 4 p.m. — Jay County

Soil and Water Conservation District Board, 1331 W. Indiana 67, Portland.

4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North. 5 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Com-

Redevelopment Com- munity Resource Cenmission, auditorium, ter, 118 S. Meridian St., courthouse, 120 N. Court Portland. St., Portland.

Council, Jay County Mooney St.

sion, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. **Thursday** 6 p.m. — Jay County

Commission joint ses-

t., Portland. 6 p.m. — Redkey Town 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, park cabin, 50

50th anniversary



Lloyd and Sharon Wright - 2024

Sharon and Lloyd Wright

The Wrights are celebrating 50 years of marriage next week.

Lloyd Wright and Sharon Prescott of rural Portland wed Nov. 29, 1974, at Fort Recovery Church of

Their children are Holly (Shane) Pryor of Portland, Andrew (Rita) Wright of Portland and Cathy (Rex) Pinkerton of Portland. They also have seven grandchildren.

Lloyd Wright retired from working in maintenance at US Aggregates. Sharon Wright retired from working as a bank teller at Old National Bank.

Lloyd and Sharon Wright plan to celebrate with a party from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at Bryant Wesleyan Church.



Sharon and Lloyd Wright - 1974

Partner continues to enable son's behavior

DEAR ABBY: I've been living with someone for four years. When we started living together, his son "Byron" was incarcerated. Byron is 33 and has been in trouble since he was 15. His dad keeps bailing him out. I used two of my credit cards to help raise the \$11,000 bail to get him out of jail. In exchange, Byron agreed to put on a new roof for us and help around the house.

Byron has completed none of the tasks that were asked of him, and his dad keeps helping him anyway. We had to pay Byron's rent at the rehab so he wouldn't be kicked out. This has created a rift between me and my boyfriend, who thinks I'm being selfish and greedy.

Am I wrong for no longer wanting to help financially? We got along great until this happened. - DOING TIME, TOO, IN ALA-

is the person he is because his **father has enabled him since** night, instantly offer to pick me

Dear Abby



selfish nor greedy for refusing to give more money. Forgive me if this seems harsh, but unless you want to continue to be emotionally blackmailed by your boyfriend, get out now before you are drained financially.

DEAR ABBY: I have no problem driving at night, but I prefer to stay home rather than go out. Truth be told, I don't like to be out after 4 or 5 p.m. Yes, I miss a lot of social activities, but I don't mind.

The problem is friends and **DEAR DOING TIME: Byron** acquaintances who, when they find out I'm not going out at

I explain that it's not the driving, it's that I prefer not to be out at night, it falls on deaf ears.

I know I'm lucky to have sweet friends who volunteer to drive me, but I'm tired of explaining myself. Because I don't want to insult anyone, can you suggest a polite way to turn these folks down? Nothing I've said so far has worked, including saying, "It's not the driving. I don't go out at night." — HOMEBODY IN at night." **FLORIDA**

DEAR HOMEBODY: Perhaps you should state your message a little more emphatically by saying, "I don't think you UNDERSTAND. It's not the driving, it's that I am uncomfortable going out after dark. PLEASE don't ask me again because my answer isn't going to change."

DEAR ABBY: My wife's family has a history of breast cancer. She has had several MRIs and he was a child. You are neither up because they are kind and gra-biopsies, which have caused a increasing the budget to accom-they aren't invited.

cious. No matter how many times great deal of discomfort and modate family members my stress. She is now going in for a fiance hardly talks to. I wanted a lumpectomy. I'm beginning to think it may be better to have her breasts removed. I didn't marry her boobs; I married the woman behind them. What do you think? – PROACTIVE IN CŎNNECTI-

> **DEAR PROACTIVE: I'm sure** you love her, but I think you should support your wife emotionally and let this decision be something that's decided between her and her doctors. •••••

DEAR ABBY: I recently got engaged, and I am thrilled to be marrying such a wonderful man. We communicate well and have never argued until now. Weddings are expensive, and we agreed on a budget. We will be paying for this on our own. Once we started getting into all the costs, we quickly realized we will have to lower the number of guests or increase the budget.

I am completely against

small wedding anyway. He feels obligated to invite all his extended family members, and I don't understand it. I love him, but why are we obligated to overextend ourselves for people who won't be a major part of our lives going forward? — FRUGAL FUTURE BRIDE IN FLORIDA

DEAR FUTURE BRIDE: Be glad you are having this argument with your fiance early in your engagement. I say this because questions about priorities and how money is spent are among the chief reasons marriages break up. Although this may add to the expenses attached to your wedding, it could head off many problems down the road if the two of you get pre-marital counseling. There may be other ways to cut costs rather than shorten the guest list, particularly if your fiance feels his family members might feel slighted if

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in for Community Calendar as affected by addiction space is available. To sub- meets at 4 p.m. each mit an item, email news@thecr.com.

Today

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

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

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

COMMUNITY REIN-FORCEMENT AND FAM-ILY TRAINING — A nonconfrontational, dence-based intervention

families helping Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Begin- each Thursday in the IU nings, 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 - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy evi- 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. Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

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

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — 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.

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. ORGAN TRANSPLANT

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Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

MISSISSINEWA CHAP-TER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGH-TERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at Jay County Historical Society at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21. Regent Kathy Selman will present program. For more information, call (260) 251-1694 or (260) 726-2678.

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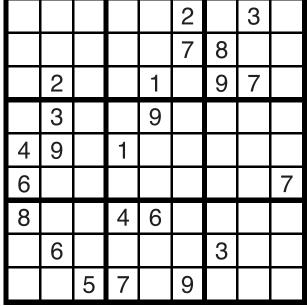
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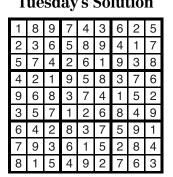
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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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





Company celebrates 75th birthday

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Nov. 18, 2009. With each year that passes, our pages continue to offer more nostalgia. Progress and change continues. After 75 years though, the words in that first editorial still ring true.

By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

Tuesday was a birthday. Sixty years ago, on Nov. 17, 1949, the first edition of a weekly newspaper called The Graphic hit the streets in Jay County.

The paper — launched by my parents, Hugh and Sara Ronald, and a handful of friends — was in direct competition with The Commercial Review. It would be for nine years, until the weekly bought out the daily paper in

Today, for much of Jay County, turning the pages of an old

Back in the Saddle



copy of The Graphic is an exercise in nostalgia, complete with rose-colored glasses, a trip down memory lane when life seemed simpler.

The Jay County Historical Society's book of vintage Graphic photos by Frank Kenyon captures that feeling perfect-

So what was in that first issue of The Graphic? And were times really that much simpler back then?

adopted a magazine-style design completely taken hold in the old Chinese proverb to the effect with a full page photo on most county seat. At least there's that a single picture is more front pages — was a high school basketball action shot with players from Pennville and Redkey battling for control of the ball. That's no surprise. High school sports coverage has always been a staple for community journalism and continues to be today.

But turn the page, and you find not so much has changed.

A murder was in the news; a local man who ran a concession with a carnival had been found beaten to death in Louisiana. So much for nostalgia about the good old days.

The Portland City Council, meanwhile, was trying to pass an ordinance controlling "privies" in town.

That's right, we're talking about outhouses. It seems that The cover — The Graphic in 1949 indoor plumbing hadn't

ALL OF THESE

ARE UPSET ABOUT MY NOMINATION.

been some progress on that front in the past 60 years.

And the changes are indisputable.

Among the advertisers who have since disappeared are names that resonate in the memories of local readers over a certain age: Weilers, Smith's Department Store, Ramsey Men's Shop, Shambarger's Restaurant, the Hines, the Princess, Armstrong Book Store, Haffner Hardware Store, Hart's Music Shop, Mi-Lady's Shoes, and on the back page Aunt Molly's Bread.

On the editorial page, which featured a half-page "photo edi-torial" about a downtown traffic accident, The Graphic attempted to introduce itself to readers.

"Based on the wisdom of the

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effective than ten thousand words, The Graphic will feature pictures and news of Jay County people and places," that first editorial said.

"Editorially your new publication will be pledged to those causes which will assist and promote good schools, good churches, good business and good government here at home. We will be outspoken in our support of these things which will contribute to a better community and a better county, and just as outspoken in our opposition to those things which are contrary to the best interests of the community and county."

Art Graham, the first editor, probably wrote those words. But I detect my father's fingerprints on them as well.

THOSE ARE REPUBLICANS.

Russian withdrawal is the only just way

New York Daily News Tribune News Service

The week after he won Guest the White House, Donald Trump announced his national security advisor. It was 2016 and the pick was Mike Flynn, a man with an oddly pro-Russian worldview who only would last three weeks in the role, having lied to the vice president about talking to the Russians. Flynn was also under investigation for being an unregistered foreign agent. Later convicted of crimes, Flynn was ultipardoned mately Trump.

This time, a week after he won the White House, Donald Trump announced his national security advisor. It's another Mike, Mike Waltz, a Florida congressman. Unlike Flynn, Waltz is no pal of the Kremlin, or the Chinese or the Iranians, all our rivals on the global stage. A serious man, Waltz also has a more sound understanding of America's place in the world and why we must stay engaged and not with-

Waltz knows the value of standing up to bullies and standing in solidarity with friends, even if Trump sometimes doesn't. We mean Russia and Ukraine.

about Trump talks First. hut his adopting the name of a dangerous and discredited isolationist organization of the 1930s and 1940s shows his lack of understanding

of the history. During a March 2016 interview, New York Times reporter David Sanger in asking candidate Trump about his foreign policy, compared it to the America First ideas espoused by Charles Lindbergh that held that both the British and the Germans should be viewed with suspicion in 1940 and 1941, as England fought alone against the Nazis.

From the interview transcript it doesn't seem that Trump knew anything of the historical movement, but liked the catchy name and adopted the phrase.

The isolationism and avoiding foreign commitment of Lindbergh and America First was also the editorial policy of the Daily News in the 1930s and 1940s, having been traumatized by the mass death of the First World

These editorial columns argued to stay out of other people's fights; we opposed FDR's Lend-Lease plan to aid Britain. It was not our business, went the think- a peacemaker.

Editorial

Trump and Waltz both want our NATO partners to increase their military funding, as do we. The U.S. cannot carry the entire

Germany and Italy and Japan to swallow up their neighbors in Europe and Asia as long as we stayed out of the fray. But the tyrants always want more. It wasn't until Pearl Harbor that The News changed course.

WWI, when America withdrew from the world, was not repeated after WWII, when NATO was created. Collective security works.

France and Germany fought three major wars in the 75 years between 1870 and 1945, each more destructive than its predecessor (Franco-Prussian, WWI and WWII). In the 75 years since NATO was founded in 1949, under Washington's sponsorship, France and Germany have been strong allies and no NATO member has been attacked.

Trump and Waltz both want our NATO partners to increase their military funding, as do we. The U.S. cannot carry the entire burden. Ukraine is not in NATO, but it borders on NATO territory and Putin's aggression cannot be rewarded.

Maybe Trump is correct that he can end the war "in 24 hours," but the only just "deal" is a full Russian withdrawal to the lines before the invasion, not a negotiation on how much of Ukraine Russia gets to

That's the right way to be

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burden. ing. It was a terrible mistake. The "pro-peace" position allowed tyrants in

That fatal mistake after

Lack of engagement isn't healthy

By MICHAEL LEPPERT

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There is no substitute for just showing up. Sometimes I wish there was one, but there just isn't.

The relentless polling that exhausted Americans during the last three months of the presidential campaigns never really swung all that much, no matter what the drama of the day was. By the time Labor Day arrived, the persuasion part of the national campaign was largely over.

I was skeptical of every undecided oter this vear The presidential choices were so stark, remaining voter indecisiveness was really about whether they would vote at all, not whether they would choose Harris or Trump.

About nine million fewer Americans voted for president this year than in 2020, according to unofficial results as several states are still counting. Based on the estimated adult population in the country of 271 million, that means about 54% of eligible voters participated in the presidential election. That is down from 60% in 2020 but is an identical participation rate to 2016.

The old adage that Democrats perform better when turnout is better rings true again this year. I believe the adage is true on a macro level, and the swings over the last three elections confirm that. But 2020 was a year like no other, so that likely deserves an asterisk more than a medal.

It is difficult for a civic-minded person like me to accept that nearly half of Americans aren't participating in their inherited gift of self-governance. It is truly a gift. And when I say, "it is difficult" to accept these shameful participation rates, I am editing out the necessary profanity while speaking through grinding teeth. What is truly difficult to me, is forgiving those who don't show up for this most basic civic duty.

That's America. And that data is maddening in and of itself. But then there's Indiana.

Early voting lines seemed to be a good harbinger but didn't last.

Democrats have plenty of things keeping them from competing well here, but no aspect is more important than participation. I've written it

many times before that the party

Michael

Leppert

relevance. And movements require attendance. So, where should the party look for the catalyst to achieve better participation? Always start at the top. In Indiana, the top is Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett. He is the highest ranking Democrat in the state, and he represents the largest number of Democrat voters. Right next to Hogsett sits Indianapolis Rep. Andre Carson, who was actually on the ballot this year. Neither are even trying to get voters to the polls. Their shared

apathy matches the city's numbers. Hayleigh Columbo reported for the Indianapolis Star last month, "There were more than 4.8 million registered voters in Indiana as of this year's Oct. 7 registration deadline, according to the Indiana Secretary of State's office...Comparatively, 4.75 million Hoosiers were registered to vote ahead of the 2020 election." Indiana ranked 39th in the nation in 2020 and dropped to 40th this year.

That's specific to registrations though, which is a subset of participation.

2.799 million Around Hoosiers voted for governor this year, down from 3,020,000 in 2020. But the population has also grown slightly. Therefore, the participation rate reduction is even larger than the "turnout" reduction here.

Turnout stats aren't yet finalized for Indiana — 24 counties had not yet reported — but the average so far is 55%. That is much lower than the 65% for 2020 and even the 58% in

Nowhere is the participation rate more embarrassing in Indiana than in Marion County.

According to World Population

Review, there are 732,685 adults in Marion County. Approximately 350,000 people voted here. So, when the Indianapolis Star reports that the turnout rate in Indianapolis is 53.8%, the participation rate is worse, at

That's right, less than half of the adults living in the state's capital city vote. To me, this is baffling. I can't imagine that voting is easier anywhere in Indiana than in Indianapolis, yet the city is not in the same universe as, say, Hamilton County, directly to the north.

A little over 70% of registered voters showed up in Hamilton County this year, and that turnout percentage is also a slight decline from previous years. Oh, to be as bad as sub-

Indiana's voter turnout is worst in its most urban counties, and best in its suburban. That seems to track with national trends. Why? I don't have a definitive answer, but as you might guess, I certainly have advice.

Campaigns have two primary missions. First, to persuade voters that the candidate is the best one. Second, to inspire voters who agree to participate.

It's tiresome to listen to pundits say that Indiana Democrats need to move right if they want to win. Democrats aren't even showing up well enough to conclude such a thing.

And a funny thing happens when people do show up. They become aware of what is possible. Indiana ranks so poorly in so many ways, the story advocating for the status quo is a hard sell.

It does, however, sell well in a half empty room.

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Ronald retires after 47 years

One of The Graphic Printing Company's longest-serving employees has retired.

Carl Ronald's last day with the

company was Friday. Ronald, who ran the commercial printing department for The Graphic Printing Company, worked for the company in a full-time capacity for just over 47 years. He started with the company in September 1977 as a print press operator and became head of the commercial printing department following the retirement of Quentin Imel just over a decade later.

He also had a paper route during his youth.

"It's been a pleasure serving the community and satisfying their printing needs," said Ronald. "I've had some great customers and appreciate all of them, and thank them for choosing The Graphic Printing Com-

His department earned a certificate of merit in the 2000 Printing Industries of America Premier Print Awards for folders created for Qualtech.

The Graphic Printing Company promoted from within, as Mikayla Shelton will handle commercial printing jobs under the supervision of production manager Brian Dodd.

The company celebrated Ronald's retirement with a carry-in meal, with current and former employees.

Training scheduled

ServSafe training is held at John Jay Center for Learning in

The next session is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 26.

Business roundup

The certification course is open to all food service employees and emphasizes safe foodand beverage-handling practices to minimize the risk of food-borne illnesses.

For more information, or to register, call (260) 729-5525.

Hosting drive

Menards stores are serving as Toy Drive drop sites this year.

Sites will be near the exits of each Menards story. Shoppers can donate unwrapped gifts for children in need through the end of November.

Menards stores in the region include sites in Muncie, Richmond, Anderson and Celina, Ohio.

Roadmap published

Ardagh Group published its sustainability roadmaps Thurs-

The roadmaps update the status of the company's sustainability targets for Ardagh Glass Packaging and Ardagh Metal Packaging. It also includes decarbonization details for the first time.

"We aim to achieve our 2030 emissions targets through a broad range of actions outlined in the roadmaps," said Alex Winters, Chief Sustainability Officer, Ardagh Glass Packaging. "We are quite proud of our progress to date, and we have

commitments.'

For details, visit ardaghgroup.com/pdf/sustainabilityroadmap-2024.html

Ardagh operates glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester.

Consolidating regions

Indiana University Health announced Friday that it will be consolidating its current six regions into four. According to Becker's the change will result in about 100 positions being cut.

In its press release, IU Health did not indicate what regions are being consolidated. IU Health Jay, IU Health Blackford and IU Health Ball (Muncie) currently make up the organization's east central region.

"As the state's largest and only academic health system, IU Health is focused on making Indiana one of the healthiest states in the nation. Investing in our communities is at the center of our approach to improve health," said IU Health president and CEO Dennis Murphy in the release. "We are adjusting our regional structure to strengthen our clinical care models and effectiveness, to improve talent pipelines and career pathways for team members, and to continue making investments in technology — all with the aim of advancing patient care."

Scholarships available

Applications are open for several McDonald's scholarships. The fast food chain is accept-

ing applications for its HACER in a press release. "Fresh For-

confidence in our initiatives National Scholarship, Black & and partnerships to fulfill our Positively Golden Scholarship and APIA Scholarship.

Applications are available at mcdonalds.com.

Lilly sues

Eli Lilly has joined a lawsuit against the U.S. government.

The Indianapolis pharmaceutical firm joined a suit filed by Johnson & Johnson against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Health Resources and Services Administration. The move followed the government's rejection of Lilly's proposed changes to a program that requires discounted drugs to be sold to some medical facilities.

Lilly's proposed changes call for selling drugs at full prices and then providing rebates. The government has rejected the proposal from Lilly as well as one from Johnson & John-

Design unveiled

Subway restaurants last week unveiled a new design for its restaurants.

The "Fresh Forward 2.0" design will be rolled out next year. It focuses on new wall graphics, elevated lighting, wood tones and localized messages and signs.

'When Subway first launched Fresh Forward, it was more than just a remodel—it was a complete refresh and a competitive necessity for attracting guests and building pride among our restaurant teams," said Mike Kehoe, global chief development officer of Subway, news@thecr.com to be included in

ward 2.0 is an exciting evolution of the design, ensuring we continue to future proof our business and deliver on our brand promises of experience and convenience for both our guests and franchisees."

For photos of the new concept, visit newsroom.subway.com.

New EVP named

Dollar Tree last week promoted Steve Schumacher to become its new executive vice president and chief people officer.

Schumacher had served as interim chief people officer for six months. He has been with Dollar Tree since 2018, including as senior vice president of human resources. "Steve has consistently

demonstrated an unwavering commitment to fostering a workplace where our associates feel valued and empowered,' said Mike Creedon, Dollar Tree's interim CEO. "Steve's leadership, deep expertise, and ability to align our people strategy to the ever-changing needs of our business have been instrumental in driving us forward. ... I'm confident that his people-first approach will continue to strengthen our organization and support our more than 200,000 associates in reaching their full potential."

The company also named Jocelyn "Jocy" Konrad as chief of Dollar Tree stores and Enterprise store operations and Jason Nordin as president of Family Dollar stores.

Does your business have news share? Email us at our weekly business roundup.

Taxes lagging, revenue below forecast

By WHITNEY DOWNARD

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Indiana's revenues are down as tax collections continue to lag behind estimates, according to November's state revenue report. Projections are based on analysis from December 2023 and due for an update next month.

Last year, estimates put revenues at nearly \$6.6 billion, or \$243 million more than the actual year-to-date revenues, which totaled under \$6.4 billion. That number is also 3.1% less than what Indiana had in its coffers the year prior.

Collections have fallen nearly across the board, including sales individual taxes, income taxes and corporate taxes.

Sales taxes missed the mark by \$68 million, totaling \$3.5 billion, while individual income taxes came in \$121 million lower than expected at under \$2.2 billion. Corporate taxes totaled \$187 million, or \$124 million less than anticipated.

Sales taxes were still slightly higher — by \$41 million — than the year before while individual and corporate income taxes were below 2023 totals by \$193 million and \$71 million, respectively.

"Year-over-year comparisons impacted by factors such as timing of payments and refunds, the reduction in the state individual income tax rate (effective January 1, 2023), changes in tax requirements associated with the passthrough entity tax, more," and attached revenue com-

mentary said. In Fiscal Year 2023, there were more months with five Fridays, which can boost collections by 10-20% during that month.

California ag faces major losses

By ROBERT RODRIGUEZ

The Fresno Bee

As an outbreak of the avian flu continues to wreak havoc on California agriculture, the number of infected animals and workers is stacking up.

As of Friday, state agriculture officials confirmed 294 dairies – representing a little more than 25% of the state's 1,100 dairies – are now under quarantine due to the H5N1 avian flu.

On the state's poultry ranches, more than 4 million turkeys and chickens have been killed in an attempt to stop the virus from spreading.

"It's a mess," said Bill Mattos, president of the California Poultry Federation. "Everyone is on high alert when it comes to biosecurity measures."

The virus is often fatal to poultry and spreads quickly among an infected flock. Without a cure. the only way to contain the virus is to depopulate all the affected and exposed chickens or turkeys.

Since 2022, the bird flu has been tracked in 48 states and has caused the destruction of 107 million birds.

Hardest hit in California are poultry farmers in the San Joaquin Valley, home to two of the state's largest poultry pro-



Dairy cows feed at Hillcrest Dairy, located in Merced County, California, in 2022. As of Friday, state agriculture officials confirmed 294 dairies are now under guarantine due to ing the rate of this disease's the H5N1 avian flu.

Sanger.

Officials with both companies could not be reached for comment Friday, but industry spokesman Mattos said those who have been hit with the bird flue have suffered significant losses.

One of the largest depopulations recently took place in Kern ducers, Foster Farms in Liv- County where 2.1 million egg lay-

ingston and Pitman Farms in ers were destroyed. On Thursday, state officials confirmed bird flu at a Fresno County turkey ranch with 17,500 birds and in Merced County with 53,200 turkeys.

Mattos said that poultry operators are using multiple bio security steps to prevent the virus from spreading, especially limiting who comes onto their farms, diswearing personal protective equipment. One area that is much more dif-

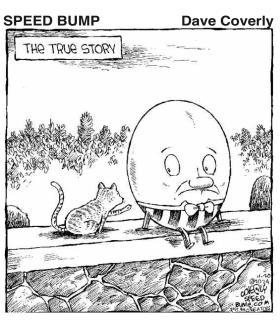
ficult to control is preventing wild birds from congregating near poultry ranches. Migratory birds are common carriers of the bird flu and could be spreading the virus as they migrate from Canada to Central and South America.

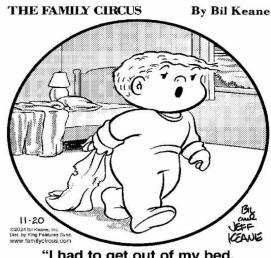
"There are ducks everywhere these days," Mattos said "We had an outbreak at a breeder ranch in Oakdale with nothing around the ranch. You can't go in without showering or leave without showering. That is about as bio secure as you can get and there was still an outbreak.

Dairy experts estimate the number of infections in the industry will likely grow until a majority of the state's dairies are infected.

There are many factors affectspread, foremost of which, certainly, is the high number of dairies in close proximity to one another," said Dr. Michael Payne, a dairy researcher and instructor at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. "Additional challenges include the fact that an infected cow can shed (the) virus two weeks before she even exhibits symptoms. Add to that we have no effective vaccine for the disease, something which hopefulinfecting common areas and ly will change in the future.'







"I had to get out of my bed, Mommy. There wasn't any sleep left in me."

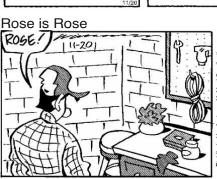
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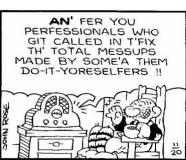




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A matter of priorities

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The bidding:
West North East Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead — king of diamonds.
When declarer is assessing his prospects at the start of play, he often finds that he has more than one option for success. In such a case, declarer must prioritize his

case, declarer must prioritize his choices before he begins to play.

Take this case where South was in four spades and West led the king of diamonds. Without giving the matter much thought, declarer took the diamond ace and led a spade to the ace, the play slightly favored by the percentages.

When West showed out, declarer turned his attention to the heart suit, leading low to dummy's ten. West put up the jack, but East

West put up the jack, but East smartly overtook the jack with the

king, cashed the king of spades and returned a diamond.

South ruffed and ruffed a heart with dummy's last trump, but later lost a club and the queen of hearts to East's ace for down one. In failing to make the contract,

declarer in effect decided at the outset that his top priority was to resolve the spade situation first and then deal with the hearts. As we have seen, this did not meet with

great success.

South should instead have reasoned that his top priority was to make sure he got to rull two hearts in dummy. If he did that, it would not matter whether he lost a trick

not matter whether he lost a trick to the king of spades. The most he could lose would be a spade, a heart and a club.

Accordingly, after winning the opening diamond lead, he should have led a heart from dummy. Regardless of how the opponents defended from that point on, they could not get more than three tricks.

Interestingly, as the cards lie, South could have made his contract by leading a spade from dummy at trick two and taking a "safety" finessee by playing the queen. Even if this lost to the singleton king, he would still get to gleton king, he would still get to ruff two hearts in dummy. But because this approach would jeop-ardize the contract if West started with the K-10 of spades, it cannot be recommended

Tomorrow: It's all in your mind.

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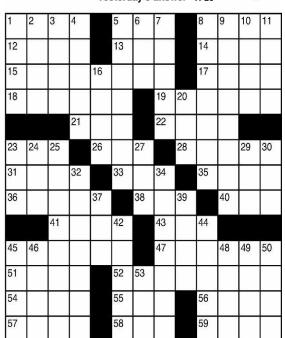
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Emily Franks. Jay County Auditor CR/NS 11-20,27-2024-HSPAXLP

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By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38D01-2405-MF-000007, wherein Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC was Plaintiff, and James Bercaw, was a Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 12th day of December, 2024 at 10:00 AM of said day, at 120 N. Court Street, Ste. 305, Portland, IN 47371, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indi-

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Emily Franks Jay County Auditor CR/NS 11-20,27-2024-HSPAXLP

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR PLACEMENT ON BIDDERS LIST

Notice is hereby given that Jay County, Indiana, is creating a bidder's list for its Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program. Homes within Jay County will be rehabilitated through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Each home may receive up to \$25,000 for improvements. Each home will be bid individually. The work will include roof repair or replacement, ADA accessibility, heating and cooling replacement, water heater replacement,

Persons interested in placement on the bidder's list must submit their name, company name, phone number, address, email, and Federal ID number or Social Security number to Chris Nevels at cnevels@b-l-n.com.

Contractors must meet all county and state licensing requirements. Proof of adequate liability insurance and workmen's compensation coverage must be provided. Contractors are required to maintain liability coverage for work done throughout the construction period. The policy must name the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) as additionally insured.

The Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) has adopted a state goal of 10% participation for minority and female-owned businesses. These businesses are encouraged to participate.

The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3 shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

Bidders on this work shall be required to comply with the provisions of the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. A meeting will be held on November 19th, at 2pm at the auditorium in the courthouse located at 120 N. Court Street, Portland, Indiana 47371. Any contractor interested in bidding on this program is en-

couraged to attend. The first set of homes is available for bid. Bid specifications can be obtained from Chris Nevels at cnevels@b-l-n.com.

Only bids received by Auditor's Office at 120 N. Court Street Suite 202. before 1:30pm (Eastern Time) on November 27th will be considered. The envelope must be marked "Jay County OOR Group 1." Bids may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Auditor's Office at 120 N. Court Street Suite 202. No electronic bids will be accepted. Jay County Commissioners will open bids on November 27th at 2pm in the auditorium.

If there are any questions regarding the program or improvements to the houses, please contact Chris Nevels at 317-558-7540.

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The project proposes replacing the existing bridge with a three-span continuous reinforced concrete slab. It is anticipated the new bridge will have a total length of 70 feet with a 28-foot clear roadway width and no weight or height restrictions. The new roadway design will be based on criteria for a rural local road and provide two 10-foot travel lanes bordered by 4-foot paved shoulders adjacent to guardrail and 2-foot aggregate shoulders in sections without guardrail. The posted speed limit will remain at 55 miles per hour (mph). It is anticipated the approach roadway reconstruction will extend 240 feet on the south side and 265 feet on the north side. No grade raise is anticipated, and full-depth pavement replacement will be necessary. The approach slabs will be replaced, and Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) guardrail and Type OS end treatments will be installed at each corner according to Indiana Design Manual requirements. In addition, backfilling will occur for the previous structure and the new steel piles. Approximately $1.5\,\mathrm{feet}$ of riprap will be placed for scour protection. Grading will occur, resulting in flat bottom ditches with 2:1 or 3:1 side slopes. The field driveway entrance at the northwest corner will be impacted by construction activities, and its reconstruction will occur as a part of the coordination with the property owner. The project limits are approximately 305 feet north and 280 feet south of the centerline of the bridge, and approximately 135 east and 135 feet west of the center of the bridge. The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan will require a full road closure on CR 1100 West with a detour utilizing Division Road, SR 167, and SR 26. The detour will be two miles long and last approximately 6 months. Anticipated construction is in Fall 2026. The project is approximately 0.1 miles in length. Land use surrounding the project area is agricultural fields. Construction of the project will require approximately 0.8 acre of permanent right-of-way (ROW) and 0.3 acre of temporary ROW. Both federal and local funds are to be utilized for the construction of this project.

The construction cost is \$1,841,000. The Federal Highway Administration and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) have agreed that this project within the guidelines of a Categorical Exclusion (CE) Level 2 environmental document with no significant impacts to wetlands. Initially, permanent impacts to Mud Creek were scoped as 260 linear feet and 0.025 acre, however, as the project design progressed, impacts were reduced to approximately 25 linear feet and 0.003 acre due to riprap placement and interior bent construction. This change will be reflected in the final environmental document. In addition, approximately 100 linear feet and 0.055 acre of Mud Creek will be temporarily impacted ${\tt due\ to\ cofferdam\ placement.}\ Approximately\ 264\ linear\ feet\ and\ 0.040\ acre\ of\ Unnamed\ Tributary$ (UNT) to Mud Creek will be permanently impacted due to channel grading and riprap placement. There will be no temporary impacts to UNT to Mud Creek. Lastly, approximately 0.04 acre of tree clearing will occur. Proposed impacts have been minimized to the extent practicable.

Preliminary design plans, along with the CE document, are available for review at the following

. Egis BLN USA, Inc. (Egis), 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46250 Jay County Public Library, 315 North Ship Street, Portland, Indiana 47371

3. Jay County Highway Department, 1035 E 200 N, Portland, Indiana 47371

4. Online at: https://tinyurl.com/Des-No-2101728 All interested persons may request a public hearing be held and/or submit comments to the attention of Grace Gjerde by email at grace.gjerde@egis-group.com, by phone at 317-806-3029, or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250 on or before December 5, 2024. In addition, a

hard copy of the project information, including the environmental document, may be mailed to interested persons upon request. Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed, please contact Grace Gjerde by email at grace.gjerde@egisgroup.com, by phone at 317-806-3029, or by mail at 8320 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250. In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act." with advance notice, INDOT will provide accommodation for persons with disabilities with regards to participation and access to pro-

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UGA students win on 'College Gameday'

By TAYLOR CROFT

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Tribune News Service

University of Georgia football fans had a great day when the Bulldogs beat Tennessee on Saturday, but two UGA students won big before the game even

Belle Sessions, a member of the Class of 2028, won a raffle ticket to participate in Pat McAfee's Kicking Contest on ESPN's "College GameDay," hosted live from Athens ahead of the high-stakes

But Sessions said she didn't think she'd be able to make the kick. So she recruited the student standing next to her, Henry Silver, a soccer player from Fishers, Indiana, to kick for her and split the prize.

He kicked the ball from 33 yards straight through the uprights — a kick that some on social media speculate he would have drilled even if he'd been much farther away.

McAfee, a sports analyst and former Indianapolis Colts player, pays the

entirety of the prize himself each week. It is typically \$150,000, but McAfee increased it to \$400,000 for the students to split, plus \$400,000 to go toward hurri-

cane relief efforts. The first 300 people who show up for "College GameDay" can enter a raffle for the weekly contest. Contestants only have one chance to kick the field goal.

Before Saturday, fans had won \$250,000

this season, according to ESPN. Silver is a Colts fan, and his Instagram profile photo shows a picture of him with McAfee taken at training camp years ago, McAfee said.

"It's like the universe and God kind of bringing it all together," he said on ESPN.

Silver's former soccer team in Indianapolis, Indy Premier, congratulated him on social media with a childhood soccer photo. Some sports fans on social media are now calling for Silver to be recruited to play college or pro football because of how great his kick was.

"They might need to put that kid on a team," McAfee said on ESPN.

Junior high girls split

The Patriots dominated in the opener, but they couldn't repeat in their second game.

The Jay County Junior **roundup** High School girls basketball teams opened the season Nov. 14 with doubledigit victories against Muncie Southside before falling to Norwell on Mon-

The eight graders took down Muncie Southside 40-4, behind a 15-point performance from Karsyn Schwieterman. Claudia Dirksen followed with eight points, while Charlee Peters added Kendall and Schemenaur six. Alyvia Schwieterman and Emmi Clark each had one buck-

The seventh grade team earned a 22-6 victory. Brenna Weitzel led the way with six points followed by Boo Towell and

Leah Steed with four each. Ali Luna, Arabella Link

Local

Alyvia

a bucket.

and Clark each added a bucket as well. The 42-30 loss to Norwell dropped the Patriots to 1-1. Schwieterman Karsyn dominated with 22 points,

while Peters had six.

rounded out the score

Schwieterman

with two. The seventh graders also fell to 1-1 with a 28-10 defeat. Towell's six points led the way, while Bristol Kahlig and Clark each had

Foreman leads

Flipsters of JC Tumbling and Gymnastics opened their season Saturday at the 2024 Princess Classic at Angola High School.

Aubrey Foreman put together the best day, finishing first all around in the Xcel Bronze category with a score of 37.2. To get there, Foreman placed first on the bars with a 9.45, second on the beam (9.4) and the vault (9.25) and her floor routine finished fourth (9.1).

Emma Robinson followed Foreman, finishing third all-around with a total of 36.65. Robinson's best performance came on the bars, where her score of 9.5 earned her the runner-up position.

A third-place finish on the floor (9.2 points) helped propel Paylin Vance to sixth all around (36.45) in the bronze divi-ANGOLA — The JC sion.



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